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BRITISH CIVIC RULE.

It appears strange, after considering the advocacy of W. B. Munro, of Harvard, at the Canadian Political Science Convention, in favor of British municipal institutions, that no city on this continent has attempted even by experiment, to work out a municipal system on British lines.

Canadian cities have hitherto followed the examples of those of the United States and these cannot be said to have been entirely successful. Members of municipal councils in England are elected for three years, one-third retiring each year, giving the local taxpayers a chance of influencing the council each year but preventing any violent reaction or reversal of policy.

The popularly elected members are termed councillors and those elected by the councillors, aldermen. While the former are elected for three years, the latter are elected for six, one-half retiring at the end of each three years. These indirectly elected aldermen, with their special privileges, form as it were a miniature house of lords and their existence is as a matter of fact, due to amendments made in that house when the municipal act was passing through.

The work is done through committees, the council meeting once a month in executive session, the administrative work being entrusted to the oversight of the various committees, and the number of committees on which any member can serve is limited by standing order.

The mayor, whose position in England has always been highly important, is elected by the members of the council. Usually their choice falls on one of their own number who has long and good service to his credit, though they sometimes go outside as they are authorized to do. Practically every mayor in England serves a long apprenticeship on the council before reaching the mayoral dignity, and, as a result of full acquaintance with the work in hand, is able to make his year of office an effective and profitable one for the city.

POLICE INFORMATION.

The Guelph Mercury in the following editorial hits it off just right. Brantford has had experiences of which the Mercury complains and it is time that police chiefs appreciated the fact that the press can and will render a great service to them in their work. The Mercury says:

The Mail and Empire has a complaint to make against Chief Randall of Guelph. The Toronto paper phoned the chief for information about James Ray, who had "worked" a local bank. This was refused, the Toronto paper getting neither the name of the man wanted nor a description. The Mail already had the story from Galt, and the Guelph end of the story, as the chief could have given it, would simply have been appended thereto.

This business of keeping information from the press is a common practice, especially in police and railroad circles. How would it work out in this case? Chief Randall would not let the Mail have a description of the man. He sent printed postcards later to the police at nearly every centre. The Mail was circulated the morning after the forger to presumably sixty thousand subscribers. Here a good description could have been circulated of the forger within 12 or 14 hours of the time the crime was committed. Other papers would take the matter up, and the Dominion would soon be flooded with descriptions of the man wanted, and financial institutions would, before the next day's business was well under way, be on their guard against the inroads of the forger. The newspapers have the postcards beaten to a frazzle when it comes to getting there.

There are times when, secrecy is desirable in police circles, and the newspapers, can generally be depended upon not to knowingly spoil an arrest by ill-timed publicity. If the reporters are denied all information in police circles, then there is only one course open, to publish everything.

The same course of suppression is largely followed in railroading. Just why, it is hard to state. The authorities must surely know that the newspapers sooner or later will get word of accidents or wrecks. It would be much better for the company to hand out authentic statements, rather than force papers to leave it to the vivid imagination of passengers.

But that's a large part of the newspaper business—finding out what others are trying to hide.

A TRIUMPHANT POLICY.

Few measures of social reform have had such immediate and drastic effects as those following upon the institution of old age pensions in Great Britain in 1909, and its extension by the removal of the pauper disqualification in 1910. The pensions are payable only to those over 70 years of age who are in receipt of an income from all sources of less than £31 10s per annum, yet the decline in the number of people receiving outdoor pauper relief from the Poor Law Guardians is very striking. In 1906 a return obtained by the Poor Law Commission showed that there were 108,000 persons in receipt of outdoor relief. By January of the present year this number, according to a report issued by the local Government Board, had fallen to 8,563. This is the second year in succession, in which it has been below 10,000 so that it may be fairly said to represent a permanent diminution.

Thus, in a few years, no less than 94 per cent of those who would have been stigmatized as paupers and have lost some of the privileges of citizenship (such for instance as the right to a vote) have been enabled to retain their self respect while local taxation has been relieved by amounts varying from 4d to 2s 0d in the pound. A striking evidence of the manner in which the wealth of Great Britain is distributed is to be found in the fact that out of every 1,000 persons over 70 years of age 600 are, on the average for the whole country, in receipt of the pension.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Jerome says poker isn't a game of chance. There is more subtle meaning than legal grip in Jerome's words. Lawyers, Greenshields of Montreal is wrothy that they forced Thaw out of the country yesterday for the probable reason that with Thaw went the prospect of an extra \$25,000 in fees.

Galt, Brantford, Ingersoll, Guelph, Berlin, Woodstock and Lindsay were the cities on Mr. James Ray's itinerary of bank forgeries. After reading of this coup and the way the bank managers fell for it, the average layman doesn't feel quite so sore at once having had a plugged quarter passed on him—Guelph Mercury.

What the Other Fellow Thinks. Summary Methods (Pittsburgh Dispatch).... In Bavaria they do not forbid the turkey trot by law. They simply call it disorderly conduct and apply the penalties for that offence. Which makes that kind of athletics rather hazardous.

Honk! Honk! (Louisville Courier-Journal) "Did she come to the 3rd when you serenaded her with your mandolin?" "No; but another fellow came along and brought her out with an auto horn."

Intoxicated Bicycle (Newburgh News).... Tommy—Pa, what would you call a motorcycle? Tommy's Pa—A motorcycle, my son, is an ordinary bicycle driven crazy by an overindulgence in gasoline.

The Near-Prizes (Washington Star) "Some men seem to enjoy bad luck," remarked the cynical observer. "I never met any such person." "Oh, yes, you have. Every fisherman you ever knew took more pride in the fish that got away than in those he actually caught."

What He Said (Exchange) "I never was so embarrassed in my life, I came face to face with my first husband in a contest." "What did he say?" "Nothing much. He just looked up and he said: 'Who are you nagging now, Mary?'"

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BRANTFORD LADY IS INTERESTED IN HOSPITAL PROBE ON AT HAMILTON

The Hamilton authorities are having a serious hospital probe. The following from the Spectator last evening refers to a former Brantford lady, whose name was Miss Costella. She is well known in Brantford. The Spectator's story is as follows: Mrs. G. Lane, wife of the Detroit business man who was refused admittance to the Hamilton city hospital because, as the hospital authorities claimed, he was an alcoholic patient. Mrs. Lane was seen by a Spectator reporter at the home of her deceased husband's mother, 46 Main street west, last night, on which occasion she made the following statement:

"I regret deeply that the impression has gone abroad that my husband was suffering from alcoholic poisoning. Up to January of this year my husband was employed as an engineer on the Michigan Central railway, which position he had held for many years, all the time enjoying the highest respect and confidence of the officials of the company. Any one who knows the demands on a railroad engineer must also know that he cannot be a drinking man and retain his position. In January last, Mr. Lane suffered a nervous breakdown, and was obliged to give up his work on the railway. He then went to the city of Hamilton, where he weighed 180 pounds, and except for his nerves, was in perfect health. His condition, however, grew worse until recently, less than a year from the time he was first taken ill, he weighed only 125 pounds. After quitting the railroad he went into the grocery business in Detroit, and as we were about to give up this business, I suggested to him on Saturday last that he get ready, and go to Hamilton for a couple of weeks to visit his mother while we were moving from the store to our new home. I also thought the visit home would do him good, and he was delighted. He was so pleased with the idea of visiting his home, that when some friends mentioned he had better eat something before he left Saturday evening, he said: 'I'm too happy to eat. I am going home to visit my mother and to see my mother. He was in such good spirits and seemed so much better that he would not listen to me accompanying him to the station, and when he bade me good-bye I little realized that it would be the last time I would see him alive.'"

"As to the statements that he had been a drinking man, I might say that for months he has been ill, and during that time he has been under the constant care of Dr. Bryant of Detroit. Dr. Bryant would not say much as to let him have wine during all his illness, and while I know his condition was such that at times he would appear as if he had been drinking, this was caused by his extreme nervousness, and I and all his friends knew that he was not a drinking man. His trouble developed into what is known as 'eating diabetes,' and it was not an uncommon thing for him to eat as many as seven meals in one day, and frequently eating during the night, but he never used strong drink. His brother Oddfellows in Detroit had been visiting him regularly for months, and they as well as his doctor and myself know that he was not a man who drank. I shall secure a certificate as to this from Dr. Bryant of Detroit, in order to clear up this unjust accusation against his character. If the doctors at the Hamilton hospital had taken the trouble to look into his case they would have discovered this for themselves. It is an awful story to go back to his friends in Detroit that he died of alcoholic poisoning, and I hope to clear the matter up before I leave."

Relatives Deny Hospital Story

The charge that Mr. Lane died of alcoholic poisoning is denied by the brother who went with him to the hospital. They point out that he arrived here direct from Detroit Sunday morning. He was alright when he left his wife states, and they know he was suffering greatly from nervous trouble, the trip apparently having upset him considerably. On arrival here he came direct to the home of his mother, and his friends say he was never outside of the house again until taken to the city hospital in a cab on Monday afternoon. During the two days he remained at the home of his mother, local doctors were called in who treated him for nervous trouble, all advising that he be taken to the city hospital. During these two days his condition was so bad that the doctors in attendance ordered that he be given occasional stimulants of liquor, but it is said in no case did he take enough to cause trouble from that source.

Oddfellows Aroused The Oddfellows of this city also resent very much the statement that a brother member was in the condition claimed by the hospital doctors, and are doing all in their power to place the matter right. They claim that an injustice has not only been done to a brother member, but the organization in general. They fear injury will be done his memory in the minds of the Detroit friends should such a story reach that city, and they are doing all in their power to assist the heart-broken wife and mother in their bereavement.

Mrs. Lane was accompanied here by her mother, who will remain and return with her after funeral arrangements have been made. Mrs. Lane is a former resident of Brantford, her maiden name having been Costella, and she is also well known to many Hamilton citizens.

Cab Driver's Story Concerning the story published in yesterday's Spectator, a further statement was made to a Spectator reporter by John McIsaac, the cab driver who was called to take the sick man to the city hospital. Mr. McIsaac is employed by Harry McCamis, the Charles Street liveryman, his statement being as follows:

"I was sent in answer to a telephone call, to take a man from 46 Main Street, west, to the city hospital. I drove the cab to the rear entrance of the hospital and assisted the brother in carrying the patient inside. A nurse, whose name I do not know, said to address the patient and put him to bed, while I assisted in doing. A doctor came along, but

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merely glanced at the patient after he was in bed. Another doctor appeared soon after, and after looking at the patient said, 'We won't have anything to do with him. Take him away.' The brother then said he would pay anything they asked, to which the doctor replied by saying that they were already filled up with typhoid fever patients. He said also that Dr. Langrill would be back in an hour or so and that he (the house doctor) would have nothing to do with the case.

"Where will I take him then?" as "Where will I take him then?" asked the brother. "I don't know and don't care," was the reply of the doctor. "I then suggested that we take him to St. Joseph's hospital, and this the brother agreed to. I assisted in dressing the sick man and helped carry him back to the cab. We drove first to the office of the house doctor, but did not care to handle the case, and we hurried to St. Joseph's, where the patient was taken in. I am positive that while we remained in the city hospital the doctor there did not do one single thing to assist the patient.

A Ground of Hope (Chicago Tribune) We are encouraged to hope that fewer people will be killed by automobiles in the month of September, 1913, than in the month of September, preceding. It has one less day.

"LADDIE"

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To The Editor

TAYLOR NOT INDIAN.

To the Editor of The Courier: Sir: I beg to state through the columns of your worthy paper that the statement made to the effect that Jim Taylor, the murderer, is an Indian, is a base falsehood. I can prove that he has not a drop of Indian blood in him. I have been a Chief in the Six Nation Council for over thirty-five years, therefore positively know there are no Indians belonging to our Reserve by the name of Taylor. I know that the Six Nations do not want the record of one of the cruelest murders to be written against them. Every thinking man so matter what nationality, will uphold me in doing what I can to not have such a disgrace written against the Indians. I know the whole family of Taylors well and I am prepared to prove that he has not a drop of Indian blood in him.

Indians when they kill wouldn't do such horrible butchery as Taylor did. They would simply have taken the scalp and quit. The manner of killing was anything but an Indian characteristic.

Yours Respectfully, CHIEF G. W. HILL, Indian Herbarist, Box 232, Brantford, Ont. Sept. 11, 1913.

Merely a Matter of Custom (Winnipeg Telegram)

There is great heart searching over the subject of woman's dress just now. One thing is noticeable. Women know how to keep cool in hot weather, and men do not. Modesty in dress is all a matter of custom. A man was arrested once in a southwestern town in the United States for wearing kilts on a gala day, and a naked savage returned a petition donated by a missionary's wife with the explanation that she was too modest to wear such a thing.

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Hamilton and G

Mohawk Park was visited yesterday afternoon by one of the bunches that has been ever present in recent years. The Retail Grocers Association annual hump there, about 100 in all, was accompanied by the Ontario and Toronto as well as fully thirty local grocers and clerks. Several local stores were closed.

During the afternoon two games of football were played. The first was between the Mohawk and the Hamilton. The game was a close one, and after a sumptuous number of speeches were given, the Mohawk won. A Welcome Shortly after 3 o'clock, the crowd gathered together, and new acquaintances, head down band which played "Through Georgia," the morning wended its way to the ball. The local trade received hearty welcome. One very old Hamiltonian said to a crowd which was wending into the park: "Come on, got a suffragette band." It stated right here that for the year the Hamilton got off and have a little cutting the fair sex is mill and we entirely the monstony of man relieve upon man, one of it men attired himself in wowing apparel, and needless made quite a hit. The band added a great deal to the party the evening. There were citizens, and if mattered not w clowns were called upon to could do it. Why, they co play, "How Dry I Am!"

Farce Comedies There were two comedies between the Brantford and picnicers was staged in 5 resulted in a win for the City by the score of 23 to 10. edy in which the Hamilton took part, was staged in grocers won by the score of 10 to 5. It was in the game between ton and Brantford that recentered.

In the six innings Hamilton cured 11 runs, and evened up. In the each team scored a run in the third Hamilton blew Brantford secured 13 runs a hit on. The securing 4 runs, although it gave Brantford a lead, it put a bowler out as far as Brantford was concerned from then on. Hamilton runs in the fourth, and Brantford 4 runs. It seemed the Brantford's turn to blow up fifth and last innings, for in nings Brantford did not score a single run, and Hamilton got the game was certainly a ny one, and the grocers w not playing, did not fail to ate the comedy. The line-up was—A. Highmore, Jack Kn M. Sammens 1st, Al. Cum I. M. Brown, G. E. White, Henry Ards, J. Hilton E. F. r. Brantford—K. Cow 2nd, c. R. Welsh p. B. Moore 1b.

What American Press Thinks Kick to T

(Continued from Page 1) tion to know that the imm law of Canada is swift and that it can over-ride the tech interposed by lawyers for their fees, and that the prospect of the return of T custody. But had it not been kindly intervention of the per men, who followed the border, he might still be and helpless in the wilderness mont, the act of the Canadian bias was performed in a way brutal toward their prison neighborly toward the American authorities. Excepting this barbarous exposure, Thaw erto been constantly in the of persons who, at least, lo