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THE ARROGANCE OF SOME MEN.

A royal commission to investigate the power franchisees in connection with Niagara Falls seems to be the next thing in order. Who got them, how they were got, who has them now? There is not all harmony in the camp—freezing-out has been going on, and there are stories to be told. Mr. Whitney can find out in this way how he was unjustly kept in opposition for eight years after he had really secured the votes of the majority of the people of Ontario. If the ring were put in defence, as they ought to be, they would not be so busy attacking the public power scheme.

We give away franchises, and once they get them the recipients turn into public enemies and try to prevent the state or people from exercising rights similar to those that the state or people have conferred on them. They fight in an underhand way the very power that made them.

And the people raise lawyers into a privileged class in order that these same lawyers may attack public rights and sue to prevent the state and the people from exercising their sovereign powers.

And the state in its legal department is cajoled into abandoning the criminal prosecution of trusts and combines, only to have men in these same combines later on institute actions to restrain the state from exercising its sovereign rights.

Where are we going to land?

You'd be surprised at the number of men in Toronto who have grown arrogant on state concessions to think the people are servile, not sovereign.

If Sir James Whitney takes the courageous course he will discipline all these public enemies, these arrogant franchisees and law-breakers in quick order.

But he's got to have the right kind of timber in his cabinet.

SILVER AND ITS FUTURE.

In an article contributed to the September number of The Popular Science Monthly, Mr. Theo. F. Van Wagonen, E.M., of Denver, Col., takes an optimistic view of the future of silver as a precious metal. The subject is interesting, and its discussion timely, now that Canada has in Cobalt what promises to be one of the most important centres of silver production that is yet known, and one that is likely rather to increase than diminish in extent and value. The Dominion does not yet bulk largely as regards its silver output, since of the 6400 tons Mr. Van Wagonen gives as the world's crop of silver for 1907, Canada appears for 400 tons only. This does not compare favorably with Mexico's 2300 tons, the United States 1900 tons, or even Europe's 760 tons. But there is every probability that the Dominion is properly equipped to occupy a position much further up the list than that now accorded.

Mr. Van Wagonen's article is full of matter, and is really a condensed history of silver and the place it has held and holds in the world's economy. Previous to 1870 it was reckoned as a precious metal, and by tacit agreement possessed a definite value in terms of gold of \$1.29 per fine ounce. But when the single gold standard became general among the western nations, silver, of course, became a commodity, and the demand has greatly increased the production has nearly quadrupled, resulting in a steady fall in price to 65c, the average for last year. But thru the centuries until its demonetization, silver, in Mr. Van Wagonen's words, has been intimately associated with the advance of civilization, and the movements of trade and commerce especially between east and west fluctuated with its scarcity or abundance. Spain as the first great silver-mining country of the world had an unrivaled opportunity and prospered prodigiously until her vitality and the independent spirit of her people was sapped thru the exploitation of her American colonies, followed by their revolt and the end of her domination in the west.

Modern scientific methods of treatment have, of course, added materially to the yield of silver. Notwithstanding the enormous output the mines of Mexico and the United States show no signs of exhaustion; and new deposits are continually being found. But in Mr. Van Wagonen's opinion "the demand for the metal is growing, and may be expected to increase markedly in the near future." From 2500 to 3000 tons of silver are required every year to maintain trade with the three largest consumers, who are also the three great backward races—the Hindus, the Malays and the Chinese. When these 800,000,000 are thoroughly aroused there will come, he thinks, at least as large a call for the metal as that which now exists, "for silver is the only money the orient recognizes, or can use."

Practically none of the silver exported to the east of Europe has ever come back, and "this curious process is in progress to-day with nearly five-fold the vigor of the past." And another possible outlet for silver arises from this, that it is the best conductor of

electricity of all known substances. Neither, too, can any metal at present available take its place for small coinage, or for ordinary table wear and decorative purposes. Mr. Van Wagonen concludes that as Asia produces less than 3 per cent. of the total world's crop "there is still a large field for silver in the orient, and its exploitation and development is undoubtedly the next great task of the Caucasian. And in this view the silver miner may take some comfort." Canada, too, may take additional comfort from the fact that no country is better placed for sharing in that exploitation and development.

THE NEW BRITISH PATENT LAW.

Considerable discussion is taking place over the new English Patents Act, which went into effect on Thursday last, one year after the date of its passing. As previously explained, the act is intended to compel patents taken out in the United Kingdom to be worked within the country if they are to escape revocation, and the first effect of the provision has been the erection of many large plants for the manufacture of patented substances and articles hitherto imported only. Other foreign firms, chiefly German and United States, have entered into agreements with British manufacturers for the same purpose, and the measure, who the details of it, on other grounds, is undoubtedly of protective effect, as regards British industries. This is the aspect of the act that has surprised the Germans, who had the decided impression that under the auspices of a free trade government they would remain in possession of the unrestricted British market they had all along enjoyed.

The British patent law, as it previously existed, was certainly imperfect in that it afforded foreign inventors full protection against piracy by British firms, even tho the articles and substances patented were entirely manufactured abroad. In such cases as that of aniline dyes the effect was simply to give "German patentees a monopoly of the British market, the home manufacturers being, of course, unable to obtain licenses to use the protected processes. As the law now stands, tho the free traders are continually holding up Germany as a melancholy example of the evils of protection, they by the new act deny to British consumers the advantages of the cheaper production, which the supposed lower rates of wages in Germany allow.

This will become evident when, as is likely, the prices of the substances affected are raised to meet the increased cost of manufacture. The new act is likely to be followed by the enforcement of a corresponding condition in the case of British inventions protected by foreign patents, but it will not hit the United Kingdom as hard as the alteration of the British law has hit Germany.

KEIR HARDIE ON GERMAN WAR SCARE.

Keir Hardie Deals with the anti-German scare in The Labor Leader. After taboos the idea that Germany is making preparations for an invasion, Mr. Hardie asks, assuming that the danger of such an invasion is real, what is the duty of Socialists? Is the German Socialist movement a fraud, and the Socialist party, with its three-and-a-half million voters, a sham? he asks. "Is our own Labor party, with its million-and-a-half trade union adherents and its magnificent Socialist backing, a thing of no meaning? As surely not. When there was trouble threatened between France and Germany over the Morocco affair, what did Jaures and Bebel do? These representatives of Socialism foisted unhesitatingly not only in the interests of peace, but to convince the governing class in both countries that not only would they oppose war, but that if war broke out there would be industrial developments which would paralyze the whole military system.

GREETINGS TO TOLSTOI.

This is the cablegram to Count Leo Tolstoi from the Single Taxers of America congratulating him on attaining his 80th birthday: "Greetings from American admirers to humanity's foremost friend, the strongest worker for universal brotherhood, whose denunciation of governmental tyranny and tyranny is hastening political and mental freedom, whose advocacy of Henry George's principles is hastening economic freedom and whose dream of peace and justice is advancing towards acceptance."

Civic Improvement

If you are interested in having your surroundings made more attractive, air your views in this column. It may assist the city officials in their efforts to beautify Toronto.

"COURT OF REVISION AND TAX ADJUSTMENT."

Editor World: Will you kindly make the following correction in my letter of yesterday, viz.: "It is forty-two (42) mills in the dollar of my total income, not 24 mills as you have it, and twenty-five (25) mills in the dollar of total income and equity in property combined."

—Robert Cuthbert. Toronto, Aug. 31, 1908.

LIGHT OUT.

Editor World: I wish to make a suggestion that all citizens who have light have them lighted for the next two weeks during the exhibition. The street on which I reside has about twenty-five all fitted with light. It would illuminate the streets and make the city look gay and bright.

M. O. E. Armstrong.

Pianos to Rent.

Heintzman & Co., Limited, 115-117 West King-street, Toronto, make a feature of renting pianos at a small sum per month, and what is paid in this way will, when desired, be allowed on the purchase of a piano. If interested, see them.

LESLIE GETS A REFUND BOND COVERS TOO MUCH

Entitled to Return of \$7.20 According to the Report of the City Auditors.

The report of Special Auditors Barber and Vigon on the exhibition accounts makes a number of minor recommendations in addition to the chief recommendation that the finances be brought under the control of the city treasurer.

The report says that the audit covered the years 1904-5-6-7 and up to July 31, 1908, and that after crediting \$35,726 deposited by Mrs. Leslie, and \$1181 for tickets returned, the condition of the books at present shows an indebtedness to the late treasurer of \$7.20, made up as follows:

"Debit balance per cash book, \$24.470.80.

"Credit balance, per bank as adjusted, \$24,278; petty cash, \$200—\$24,478.

"To late treasurer's credit, \$7.20."

Attention is called to the fact that during the years mentioned prizes amounting to \$1292 have been paid to sundry ticket holders. To John Chambers for Exhibition Park exhibit, \$718; to J. M. Watkins for Allan Gardens exhibit, \$477, and to D. Robertson for Reservoir Park, \$89. The auditors, in calling attention to these items, say: "We are not aware whether these matters are considered or not, but we bring the subjects to your notice for such action as you may deem necessary."

It is stated "that the balance brought forward from 1903 is carried on irregularly part of it not being credited until April 7, 1904, and entered as deposit by treasurer, and that there is a discrepancy between the three sets of figures in regard to ticket receipts for 1907, which, it is said, can be explained, but with regard to which we have not been satisfied, tho we do not think in any case that the error is chargeable to the late treasurer."

These recommendations follow: "That the treasurer be an appointee of the city council, under the supervision of the city treasurer. That the board at its first meeting each year should pass appropriations for the expenditure of the various departments. That the treasurer keep an appropriation ledger in which all expenditures should be charged against the various departments. That the chairman of the executive committee should be formed to act as a financial committee, and that the chairman of this committee be a member of the board of control. That all payments shall be properly and correctly vouched in form satisfactory to the city auditors. That all cheques shall be certified by the chairman of the financial committee. That a general ledger shall be kept by the treasurer. That the treasurer shall at stated meetings of the executive committee submit a statement of the financial affairs of the association, the balance in the bank book being verified by the production of a certificate from the bank manager. That the treasurer's cash book shall be written up and all cash deposited with the city treasurer. That an official receipt consecutively numbered, with countersigned by the treasurer for all moneys received. That the manager shall keep a register of all concessions or contracts sold or made by him, separate from the treasurer's register, and as check on same. That the whole financial conduct of the association be placed under the supervision of the city audit department. The auditors express confidence that with these changes made all occasion for anxiety regarding the finances will be removed. Should these recommendations not be adopted some other method must be used "to ensure closer scrutiny and more direct control of the expenditures of the exhibition by the representative officials than is now the case."

Far Commissioner Wilson says that he does not approve the principle of the city employees taking part in any competition for cash prizes. The reason that park superintendents are exhibiting collections of plants this year is because the exhibition management impressed on the board of control that the prize lists had been made up, and that the withdrawal of the city's entries would spoil some important competitions.

THE QUEBEC BRIDGE.

In connection with the rebuilding of the Quebec bridge, an effort will, it is said, be made to have the structure completed and in shape for use by the time that the transcontinental railway is ready for operation in 1911. It seems to be taken for granted that the bridge will be built where the old one stood, and it will be for the three engineers whom the government has appointed to prepare plans and to say also whether the present design shall be used again, and also whether any portion of the steel made by the Phoenix Bridge Co. for the old bridge shall enter into the construction of the new one.

Negro Fought Policemen.

CHATHAM, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Nelson Parker, a negro with a long police court record, was brought before Mayor Scullard this morning, charged with resisting arrest and assaulting Officer Groves. He pleaded guilty and will be sentenced by Judge Bell on Wednesday. Parker blackened one of Groves' eyes and tried to gouge out the other.

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Vegetable, with rice.

MEAT

Roast loin pork, stuffed, apple sauce.

VEGETABLES

Creamed mashed potatoes, corn on cob or buttered cabbage

DESSERT

Deep apple pie, whipped cream.

Bread and Butter.

Tea. Coffee. Milk

Breakfast served 8 to 11 a.m.

Dinner—11 to 2.30.

Afternoon Lunch—2.30 to 5 p.m.

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Ask for information—Make yourselves at home.

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THANKS

To the Winnipeg Citizens' Band

which serenaded this store yesterday for an hour at noon.

When a large and excellent musical organization from the greatest city in the West desires to honor the parent store and show its appreciation of Eaton business methods, as exemplified by the Eaton store in Winnipeg, there's something about it that appeals to the heart.

Business is business, but incidents like yesterday's serenade puts even a big store in the humor for sentiment.

THANKS BOYS—WE APPRECIATE IT.

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Select a Sewing Machine that will satisfy you in every particular; machine with a bearing stand. Our Eatonian Style 24, Sewing Machine is the best. The most popular style is the five-drawer drop head Eatonian with automatic lift. Ten years' guarantee with each machine. The price... \$24.50 Fourth Floor.

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A glance will show you the big savings on these; they've double stitched seams, cut full, collar attached, medium weight flannel, pocket and pearl buttons, pink or blue stripes, sizes 14 to 19. Each... \$3.7

Rushing Out Bathing Suits, 12½c

Men's and Boys'—The last of the season—a clean-up of left overs; buy for next year and years to come; mostly plain navy combinations; all sizes; write, phone, send or come; while they last. Each... 12½c

MEN'S COLLARS 9c.

Good lines, too; they'll stand the laundry, up-to-date, 2 inches deep, round corners, sizes 14 to 16½; a lot left from recent sales; 3 for 25c, or each... 9 Main Floor—Yonge St.

SCHOOL OPENS

On Thursday every boy should be well dressed. Here are Hard-to-Wear-Out-Suits at Easy-to-Pay Prices.

Norfolk Suits of durable tweeds in dark fall colors and weights, also grey Scotch effects; strong linings. Sizes 24 to 28. Suit \$3.50 and... \$4.00

Three-Piece Suits, strong domestic tweeds, double-breasted style, Italian linings, knee pants. Sizes 28 to 34. Suit... \$4.00

Norfolk Suits, all-wool tweeds, seasonable weights and colorings, single or double-breasted, strong linings. Sizes 24 to 28. Suit \$4.25 to... \$5.00

Suits of all-wool imported tweeds in neat patterns, single or double-breasted, best linings. Per suit... \$5.00

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Two-piece School Suits of navy blue cheviot serge, single breasted semi-Norfolk style, Italian linings; knee pants. Sizes 24 to 28. Suit... \$1.65 Main Floor—Queen St.

At the Exhibition

The making of Eatonian Boots will again be demonstrated in the Process Building at the Exhibition this year. Both men's and women's Eatonians will be made and we wish to invite our friends to carefully investigate the Goodyear Welt Process employed in making them.

The wonderful machines of this system have arrived at the grounds and are now in full operation under the direction of the United Shoe Machinery Company, Montreal, through whose kindness we are permitted to make this remarkable demonstration. Remarkable for every part of the material and the method of putting it together is open for your most critical inspection. You will be surprised at the quality of the materials used and the care taken in their manufacture, but every thing is identically the same that is regularly employed in making Eatonian boots the year round. It tells the whole story of Eatonian popularity and success. No demonstration could be arranged that would be more convincing or interesting. We most cordially invite everybody to inspect it.

Men, Get Ready for the Fall Rains

Buy the Raincoats Now and Save Money

Men's Raincoats, English sewn seams, stitched edges. Dark cravenette cloths with faint colored Oxford grey. Sizes 36 to 46... \$3.95

Rubberized Waterproof Coats, imported English make, dark grey covert cloth with indistinct broken check, checked linings and bottom facings. Seams all sewn. Sizes 36 to 46. Each... \$5.00

EATON'S FOR TROUSERS

See the New Dollar Line And the Two Dollar Line

Our trade in trousers is tremendous, and with good reason. Immense quantities bought for cash and sold for cash enables us to sell closely-bought goods at a close margin, and to-day the verdict is: "Eaton's for Trousers." "Nothing succeeds like success," and the more we sell the better value we can give. See the value we now offer for a dollar, good Tweed Trousers, and for two dollars, imported English Worsteds, new fall patterns, workmanship faultless, the product of our own factory.

Let us emphasize: new goods, new patterns, choice variety, good trimmings, side and hip pockets, and everything as it should be. But the best way to appreciate these values is to see the goods.

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At \$1.—Light, medium, and dark domestic and English tweeds, fall patterns of stripes. Good striped patterns, side and hip pockets. Sizes 32 to 42. Every day at Eaton's, per pair \$5.00

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550 Pair Women's Boots—In high-grade jet black, glossy dongola kid and patent leather, walking boots, with extension edge, goodyear welted soles; choice of several styles; sizes 2 1-2 to 6. "Way down price; 1.95 now save, pair

220 Men's Fine Footwear—Box calf and dongola kid in various styles, also broken lines of patent coltskin boots; goodyear welted soles; all sizes; clearing at reduced price; pair... 2.50 SECOND FLOOR—QUEEN STREET.

Visitors! See These Three Carloads of Sample Furniture Wednesday



These three carloads of "Samples," had the maker accepted our price two months ago, would have gone through our August Furniture Sale. They've come to us now at a much lower price than we originally offered—which means just this:

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