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## ANSWER THE QUESTION.

The attention of that high-minded and eminently judicial newspaper, the Standard, is directed to the fact that Mr. Borden and Mr. Hazen had not assented to the Gutelius agreement. The Standard's agreement would not have been in force last winter. The more than two columns of space which the Standard this morning devotes to a discussion of this subject does not obscure the fact that Mr. Borden and Mr. Hazen endorsed the Gutelius agreement. Will they endorse it again? That is the question asked by the Times yesterday, and to which the Standard offers no reply but abuse of this paper. Fortunately the attitude of Mr. Hazen cannot long be in doubt. A strong delegation is going to Ottawa, representing the city council, the board of trade, the trades and labor council and Fairville board of trade. The members of this delegation, most of whom are Conservatives, say that the Gutelius agreement must not be renewed. What does the Standard say about it? What does Mr. Hazen say? What does Mr. Borden say? Even if the Times were shown to be utterly unworthy of any consideration as a newspaper the facts concerning the Gutelius agreement remain, and when the test comes Mr. Hazen, Mr. Borden and the Standard must stand up to be counted. They are on trial just now, and not the Times and Telegraph.

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

In some cities of the United States the Chambers of Commerce are a great deal of interest in civic affairs and in matters relating to civic welfare generally, as well as those which relate to trade and industry. For example, the Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco, which was formed in 1911 by the consolidation of several organizations, has an inspection bureau which devotes its attention to public works. The bureau was started some years ago by an organization called the Merchants' Association, and was carried on later by what was called the Civic League of Improvement Clubs, and finally by the Chamber of Commerce. At the time the bureau was first established the city needed many public improvements, but the citizens were somewhat skeptical about bond issues, and it was for the purpose of reassuring the public that an inspection bureau was established. At first it had only one inspector, but since 1911 five have been employed most of the time, with an office staff in addition. All the expenses are paid by the Chamber of Commerce, and its officials inspect all public works in course of construction and report thereon to the Chamber, independent entirely of the civic authorities. The Chamber took the ground that the people should know how the city's money is being expended, and that there should be an independent means of getting the information; hence its inspectors watch the construction of schools and hospital buildings, sewers, the water and fire protection system, garbage disposal, the jail, street railway, etc., and submit reports every month, showing the status of every piece of work under construction, and giving comments and criticisms, as well as an audit of the moneys disbursed. If defects in any work are found, a protest is promptly entered. This appears to be an unnecessary bureau if the people have confidence in their civic rulers, but it would probably not have been established if the members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce had not felt that it was necessary.

Another illustration of activity by a Chamber of Commerce comes from Atlanta, Georgia. The city was in great need of municipal improvements, but there was hesitation about entering upon the work. The Chamber of Commerce collected data, and showed conclusively the need for immediate construction of sewage disposal plants, a water works system, new schoolhouses and other civic improvements. Twenty-five members then investigated the question of a bond issue of three million dollars, and reported to the municipal authorities in favor of the issue. It was necessary, however, to obtain a two-thirds vote, and at the request of the municipal authorities the chamber conducted a campaign of education, with the result that while eighty-four per cent of the registered voters cast their ballots, only sixty-six persons voted against the bond issue. The Chamber of Commerce also assumed the expense of securing two members from the Municipal Research Bureau of New York, to investigate every branch of the city government and report to the municipal authorities, the report being published and distributed throughout the community.

Where the active members of the business community take so much interest in civic affairs, and work in co-operation with the constituted civic authorities, it is much easier to secure needed civic improvements and to better the living conditions in the community. There is too great a tendency, perhaps, to regard the civic government as a thing apart, and to expect it to do very much more than it is capable of doing unless actively supported and encouraged by the business community. Moreover, whatever makes for civic improvement

and better living conditions is better for the business as well as the social interests of the city.

## NEW COMMERCIAL DAILY.

Canada's new daily commercial journal, the Journal of Commerce, made its appearance on Tuesday. Hon. W. S. Fielding is the president and editor-in-chief, and Mr. J. C. Ross, M. A., the managing editor. It is announced that the paper will have its own special correspondents in every important centre in Canada, with leased wires to New York and special cable arrangements with London. In the leading article in the first issue the Journal of Commerce says:—"Up to the present time, Canada has never had a financial-commercial daily. Those back of the new enterprise believe that the time is ripe for the publication of such a paper in Canada. Many countries smaller in population and in resources than the Dominion have their own daily commercial papers. In Australia, the Daily Commercial News and Shipping Lists serves as a barometer for Australian commercial conditions; the Journal do Commercio of Rio de Janeiro is doing a similar work for Brazil; in the United States there are almost a score of daily financial and commercial dailies, while in Great Britain, such papers as the Daily Journal of Commerce, of Liverpool and others of a similar nature have a world-wide reputation. Canada today has a yearly trade in excess of one billion dollars, while hundreds of millions of dollars of British and foreign capital is pouring into the country for investment. The country's banking institutions, her insurance companies, her investment houses, her transportation systems, her manufacturing industries and commercial houses compare favorably with those of any other country in the world. It is with the object of serving these that the present weekly Journal of Commerce is to be turned into a daily financial-commercial newspaper."

The Journal of Commerce is an eight page paper, and the first number is filled with very interesting news for business men. The fact that Mr. Fielding, who has been Canada's finance minister, and is also a trained newspaper man, is at the head of the new daily, is a guarantee of intelligent treatment of all questions relating to industry, trade and commerce, and financial questions in general. The Journal of Commerce will be heartily welcomed both in newspaper and business circles throughout Canada.

Of course the actor men could not do justice to the production on the baseball grounds yesterday. There was no heroine in the cast.

The record of the carriage of transatlantic mails as kept at Ottawa during the past winter shows that Halifax has no justification in that record for claiming an exclusive mail service.

There was a further decline in the revenue of Canada last month. The Borden government, however, does not show any indications of a policy of retrenchment, especially War-lord Hughes.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is not very optimistic in regard to business in Canada. He does not look for any great recovery until the fall, and a change then would be contingent upon a good crop. However, Sir Thomas regards the basic conditions of business as sound.

We are again informed that the Liberal party is anti-British and disloyal, and of course the information comes from friends and allies of the gentleman who boasted that his ancestors "shot holes in the British flag."

Congratulations to Mr. W. E. Hopper, formerly of the Times' staff, who has been promoted to the position of managing editor in Montreal for the McLean trade papers. Ability and industry have received a deserved recognition.

The observance of Mothers' Day is a pretty custom, and will no doubt be honored quite generally in St. John tomorrow. If it were daily honored the burden on many a heart would be much lighter. Unhappily it is too much the common habit of thought on the part of young people to give themselves up to pleasure, without much consideration of the burden so cheerfully borne by toiling mothers. It is also too much the habit of young people away from home to forget the mother who longs for word concerning them and their experience in life. The sweetest of human memories are those associated with mother love, and the home, however humble, of a childhood that knew the care of a good mother.

## WILL TAKE LONG REST

Frederick Gleaner—City Clerk J. W. McCready left on the steamer Victoria for St. John en route to Norton, where he will remain for an indefinite period. He was accompanied by Mrs. McCready. The city clerk's health since his return from Montreal has not shown any improvement and his physicians have considered it advisable that he take a long rest.

## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

SATURDAY, MAY 9.

This is the natal day of President George C. Creelman, head of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and one of the foremost agricultural educationalists in America. He was born in Collingwood, Ont., forty-five years ago and was among the first of the students of the institution over which he now presides. On graduation he went to the United States, where he became a professor in the Mississippi Agricultural College. Returning to Canada in 1897 he was made superintendent of farmers' institutes, a position which he filled most acceptably owing to the geniality of his character. He was appointed to his present position just ten years ago. Big, jovial, whole-souled, he is the life of any party in which he is included, and through his abundant energy he is doing much for the improvement of Canadian agriculture.

Also born to-day:—Hon. W. A. Charlton, Toronto, born New York State, 1861.  
W. S. Dingman, Stratford, born Lambton County, 1859.  
J. J. McArthur, Ottawa, born Aylmer, P. E. 1866.  
D. W. Robb, Amherst, N. S., born Amherst, 1856.

SUNDAY, MAY 10.

James William Tyrell, second of the three Tyrell brothers whose explorations in Northern Canada have been of great value to the country, was born fifty-one years ago today in Weston, Ont. He is by profession a civil engineer and on graduation became topographer of the Geological Survey of Canada. In 1885 he joined the Hudson Bay expedition as hydrographer and since then with his brother, J. B. Tyrell, he has been pretty well all over the interior of Northern Canada. The results of his journeys have been published in a book, the contents of which make exceedingly interesting reading. He now resides in Hamilton, where he carries on the business of a civil engineer.

Also born today:—Mabel K. Cowan, Toronto, born Blythwood, Ont., 1868.  
S. H. Ewing, Montreal, born London-derry, Ireland, 1884.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Well Arranged  
Maud—Mr. Naylor returned much cheaper coffee than she borrowed much. Mistress—Well, Mary, put it in a jar by itself and lend it to her when she sends over again.

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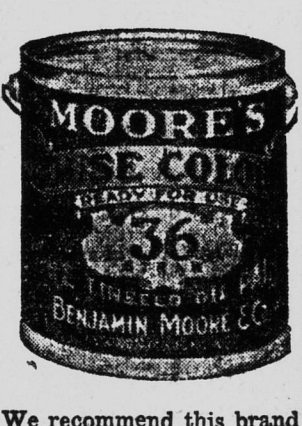
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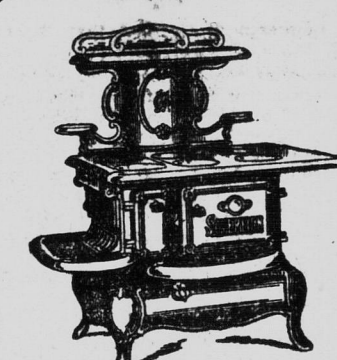
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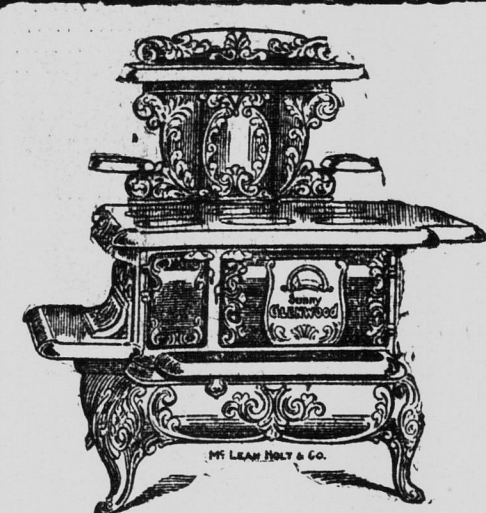
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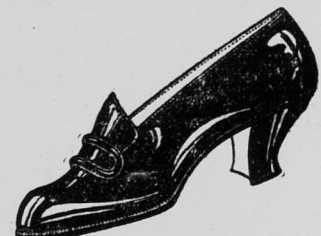
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"O, it's you, is it, Billy?" said the man. "My wife is always afraid I hear a noise here, especially at night, it begins to grow dark. She thinks it's a robber."  
"Well, she needn't change her mind on my account," gloomily responded the grocer's boy, handing over the goods and presenting the bill, which called for \$1.78.

To the Girls They Left, Etc.  
"There's one thing about this Mexican trouble; there aren't likely to be any naval engagements."  
"You're mistaken. I know several of the navy boys who proposed and were accepted just before their ships started south."