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TO SAVE THE YOUNG

The province of Ontario has decided to make a more intelligent effort to reclaim young wrong-doers than has prevailed in the past. The Toronto Globe thus tells the story:—

"Acting on instructions from the Provincial Secretary, the Inspector of Prisons has notified all the sheriffs of the province that in future when children under sixteen years of age are sent to jail for any offence they must not be detained a single day without notice being sent to Mr. J. J. Kelso, the Superintendent of Neglected Children, in order that steps may be taken to secure their removal in full they must be kept separate from other prisoners."

"This action has been taken in order to prevent young persons—boys mostly are concerned—who are under arrest for the first time, and usually for trivial offences, associating with hardened criminals, and thus becoming graduates in crime. Mr. Kelso, or an officer from his department, will examine into all cases, or where there are local children's aid societies their officers will be asked to act, in order to decide whether the young offenders should be sent to one of the industrial schools, to their homes, if their parents are living, or whether positions should be found for them, away from their former surroundings, and where they would be under constant supervision."

"This action on the part of the Ontario government is in harmony with modern views regarding the treatment of criminals. Experience has shown that the children of the streets taken by reforming agencies from their squalid and criminal surroundings and set down in a healthy physical and moral environment only at a small percentage lapse into a career of ill-doing. Heretofore does not necessarily dominate the career of a child. Moreover, the more humane spirit of modern life recognizes the fact that the criminal is worthy of strong effort to save him from his vicious ways, and the task of reform is easier if it is begun when he is young. It is but fair that the minor offender should be given a chance under favorable conditions. That some natures are so warped as to render reform a practically hopeless task should not be used as an argument to withhold from all the opportunity to begin again under new conditions. Especially important is it that the potential offender should be kept apart from the hardened criminal. Ontario does well to pursue the course above indicated."

A DANGEROUS AGITATOR

A dispatch from Vancouver, B. C., says:—

"J. H. Hawthornthwaite, member of the British Columbia legislature and leader of the Socialistic party therein, said here the other day that workmen had only two resources open to them, the bullet or ballot and the former was decided on as he was yielding to a shoulder rifle and to bare his breast to capitalistic bullets."

"It is not surprising to learn from the same dispatch that Premier McBride has decided to part political company with a party which has such a man for its leader, and to trust to the good sense of the members of other parties to keep such an agitator in the proper place. The wonder is that in any part of Canada such a man could be elected a member of the legislature."

Conditions in British Columbia do not differ materially from those in this province. We can imagine the reception an agitator would get from workmen who would themselves in New Brunswick who would talk about resorting to bullets."

"It is generally found that the men who are the most violent in their advocacy of the rights of the workmen, and in denunciation of the capitalist are men who cheerfully drop into a government position if they can get it, or a position under salary with very little work attached in connection with labor organizations. They are not looking for work, but for what they can get out of the game. The real friend of the workman is himself a workman, who does all in his power to improve the conditions under which he labors, without that folly of reckless speech which marks the irresponsible and dangerous agitator. He recognizes that present conditions have been slowly developed in the upward struggle of the race toward material and social betterment, and that the same process of social evolution will gradually, through a broader enlightenment and the growth of human sympathy remove many of the irregularities that exist today."

"The workmen do well to have their case fairly stated in the press and in the legislature, and to endeavor by every legitimate means to secure the comforts of life for themselves and families. But if they indulge in excesses of speech or action they simply alienate that general sympathy which is theirs by right under ordinary conditions, and make more difficult the work of those who plead their cause."

"There are brutal capitalists, but all working men are not saints, nor does the one who has acquired some property immediately proceed to divide it among his friends. There is much to condemn in the reckless extravagance of some of the rich. There is also reason to condemn some working men, whose dissolute or intemperate habits cause hunger and want to dwell in the midst of their children."

"It is not by arraying capital and labor as natural enemies, and keeping alive the

spirit of prejudice that the world is to be redeemed. The world needs capital and it needs labor. There will be inequalities as long as there are differences in men. Some working men are better men than some capitalists, and the converse is also true. A capitalist who is generous and sympathetic and gives freely to benefit his fellow men is a far more agreeable picture than an agitator who talks about bullets as a means of securing the rights of the workmen in a country like Canada."

CHANGE OF POLICY

Australia appears to have discovered that it is possible to have too much protection against immigrant labor. The Canadian Associated Press learns that the rigorous restriction laws of 1903 are to be amended and vigorous efforts made to divert a portion of the stream of immigration from the old country toward Australia. In short the colony is to compete with Canada for new settlers. Commenting on the change of attitude the Montreal Gazette, which is somewhat severe on trade unionism, remarks:—"The Australian Parliament, it is proposed, shall amend the restrictive immigration laws and spend money to encourage new comers from Great Britain. It took some time, some humiliation, and some loss to teach the men at the head of affairs that the horizon of a trade union hall could not give view enough for those who have to develop a continent."

When the Presbyterian General Assembly met in St. John, one of the striking figures was the Rev. Mr. McQueen of Edmonton. Many who heard him will experience a feeling of regret in reading the following paragraph from the Winnipeg Free Press:—"Rev. D. G. McQueen, the well known Presbyterian minister of the Presbyterian church in Edmonton, has been compelled to leave his church on a six month's leave of absence owing to ill health. Mr. McQueen has been for eighteen years on continuous duty in Edmonton and the long strain has begun to tell upon him. He is now upon the Pacific coast."

There seems to be the promise of an opportunity in San Domingo for President Roosevelt to wield the Big Stick. The irrepressible people of that republic appear to have gone gunning for their president or somebody in office, and American interests might suffer if another revolution should break out. The subject has been considered at Washington, and it is anticipated that some such action will be taken. Other countries will make no objection. The turbulent islands will be the worse for a wholesome consciousness of what may happen if they continue a career of violence."

Reference was made the other day to the large surplus yielded by the Toronto fair this year. The fair in Ottawa was also a great success. The Journal says:—"For the first time in its history the Central Canada Exhibition Association has a balance on the right side. After the payment of all accounts there is the sum of \$2,106.10 in the Bank of Ottawa to start the New Year with."

MONTREAL IS GROWING

(Montreal Herald.) One of the busiest seasons in the building trade just experienced in Montreal is just drawing to a close. It is estimated by Building Inspector Chausse that by the last day of this year over 1,700 building permits will have been issued, an estimated value of \$6,000,000, while the revenue of his department will exceed \$15,000.

These figures show a really remarkable record for the last six years. During that time the number of permits has increased from 357 in 1899 to 1,690 for only eleven months of the current year, while during the same period the value of the works for which the permits were issued has grown from \$2,370,080 to \$4,477,648, and at the same time the revenue of the city building department has increased from \$307 to \$14,621.

And this of course does not take into the suburbs which would add a couple of millions to the total.

COMPENSATIONS

(Edward S. Martin in the Atlantic.) Our good friend with \$1,000,000 a year cannot eat much more or better food or drink much more or better drinks than we can. If he does he will be sorry. He can have more places to live in and enormously more and handsome apparatus of living, but he can't live in more than one place at once, and too much apparatus is a bother. He can make himself comfortable and live healthily. So can we. He can have all the leisure he wants, can go where he likes and stay as long as he will. He has the better of us."

We have the better of him in having the daily excitement and discipline of making a living. It is a great game—that game of making a living—full of chances and hazards, hopes, surprises, thrills, disappointments and satisfactions. Our million-a-year friend misses that. We may beat him in discipline, too. We are apt to get more than he does—the salutary discipline of steady work, of self-denial, of effort. That is enormously valuable to soul, body and mind. He can't buy it. We get it thrown in with our daily bread."

We are as likely to marry to our taste and live happily in the domesticated state as he is. We have rather better chances than he of raising our children well. We are as likely as he to have good friends, worth having, and to find pleasure in them."

Yesterday electric car No. 35 collided with David B. White's horse and sled on Main street. The horse and sled were upset and the animal was slightly cut. The car was also slightly damaged."

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Our Clothing Sale Continues All This Week.

The sale prices which have created so much sensation during the past week still continue. You can buy Overcoats here for less than the manufacturers' prices. Men's Overcoats, Regular \$5.00 to \$15.00, For \$3.95, \$5.40, \$7.50 and \$11.75

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WOMEN'S FINEST JERSEY BUTTON OVERSHOES 2.25
WOMEN'S HEAVY 1-BUCKLE OVERSHOES 2.20
WOMEN'S BEST CASHMERE 2-BUCKLE OVERSHOES 2.00
OVERSHOE-RUBBERS:
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O'NEIL BROS., City Market. Just One Day Left in which to take advantage of BUSTIN & WITHERS' Christmas Sale of FURNITURE

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M. L. SAVAGE, Winter Footwear, 110 King Street. George A. Slater, maker of Invictus Footwear, has proven that mule hide, specially tanned, makes best and most durable Hockey Boots.

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TO MARRY ON FRIDAY Henry R. Emerson, Jr., Son of Minister of Railways, to Wed Miss Price, of Parrsboro.

MONCTON, Dec. 26.—Henry R. Emerson, Jr., son of the minister of railways, is to be married on Friday to Miss Price, of Parrsboro. Hon. Mr. Emerson, who is at present at his home in Dorchester, spending the holidays, will remain in the province until after the wedding.

CHRISTMAS IN THE ALMS HOUSE Tree and Entertainment Held There Yesterday—A Pleasant Function.

STRATHCONA IS IN GOOD HEALTH J. E. QUINN, CITY MARKET. TELEPHONE 636.

SACKVILLE SACKVILLE, Dec. 26.—The marriage of Miss Ella Copp and G. A. Wilson, of Moncton, is announced for the third of January.

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