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ARE WE ASLEEP?

The Times-Star desires to direct the attention of the provincial government and board of education to the following extracts from the laws of the state of Ohio:

Use of school houses and grounds for certain public meetings—The board of education of any school district shall, upon request and the payment of the proper janitor fees, subject to such regulations as may be adopted by such board permit the use of any school house and rooms therein and the grounds and other property under its control, when not in actual use for school purposes, for any of the following purposes:

1. For giving instruction in any branch of education, learning or the arts.
2. For holding educational, civic, social or recreational meetings and entertainments, and for such other purposes as may make for the welfare of the community. Such meetings and entertainments shall be non-exclusive and open to the general public.

3. For public library purposes, as a station for a public library, or as reading rooms.
4. For polling places, for holding elections and for the registration of voters, for holding groups or similar meetings.

But the state of Ohio goes much further in recognizing the right of the people to use their own property and the law also provides:

Use of school house and grounds for public meetings—Upon the application of a committee representing any candidate for public office or any regularly organized or recognized political party, the board of education having control of any school grounds shall permit the same to be used as a place wherein to hold meetings of electors for the discussion of public questions and issues, provided that no such meeting shall be held during the regular school hours. No charge shall be made for such use, but the candidate or committee so holding a meeting shall be responsible for any damage done or expense incurred by reason thereof.

In St. John it is impossible to get the use once a month of a school assembly hall for a meeting of an Improvement League. The provincial school law should be amended, making it easily possible for the people to get access to their own property for legitimate purposes. The Board of Education should deal with this matter at the earliest opportunity.

THE INDUSTRIAL PROBLEM

In the British house of commons last week Mr. J. R. Clynes, the labor leader, endorsed the government view that there was need of expansion of industry and renewal of trade. He talked very plainly to men of his own class. A report of this speech says:

"He would like," he said, "to expose frankly what he thought was a delusion in the working class mind. It was that, having spent so many thousands of millions in a few years in prosecution of the war, there were unlimited financial means for meeting any demand made on the nation's financial resources. The working classes, in their own interests, should understand that the war had left an enormous debt, and not an enormous collection of wealth. The nation could not afford to live on its indebtedness and escape from difficulties. Prosperity could be found only in the greatly increased value of production. And in this connection he fervently hoped that the crisis of the week would end in a state of industrial peace. Otherwise the great burdens of a severe industrial struggle would fall with the greatest severity on the working classes, and housing and other social reforms would be further delayed. If they were to have the new social order talked of there must be a mingling of sacrifices on the part of all classes of the community."

It will of course be contended on the part of labor that in the past the sacrifice has been somewhat one-sided, and in support of that claim the relative financial position of the heads of great concerns and those whose toil contributes to their wealth will be cited. Nor can the force of this contention be turned aside. Nevertheless were labor to attempt to seize all wealth there would be Bolshevism. The industrial world is passing through a grave transition period. Neither capital nor labor can afford to attempt to exact too much. They must learn to co-operate.

Attorney General Byrne has furnished another reason why the Foster government should be defeated. He actually went outside of his own party and employed a Conservative lawyer to help him with a case. This is dreadful. No Conservative attorney general would for a moment think of giving a job to a political opponent. No wonder the opposition clamors for the political scalp of a man who would thus violate the sacred laws of patronage. If the Foster government goes on at this rate there will soon be no pickings at all for the patriot, and men will be chosen because it is believed they are qualified to do the work. No supporter of the old government would tolerate such a condition for a moment. Their motto is: "No pickings! Nothing doing!"

THE TARIFF ISSUE

The Toronto Globe supports union government, but also demands a downward revision of the tariff. In a recent issue it said:

"Sir Thomas White promises a general revision of the tariff at the session of 1920, after an inquiry to be conducted during the parliamentary recess by eastern and western ministers, and presumably in the west as well as in the east. That promise will not be satisfactory to those who believe that something ought to be done at the present session to lessen the crushing burden of tariff taxes on the necessities of life. Food, clothing, and the materials for house building still cost almost as much as they did during the war. The Minister of Finance may not be able to proceed with a general revision of the tariff while parliament is in session, but he can and should remove the war surtax, which took no less than forty-five million dollars last year out of the pockets of the people in the form of excessive customs taxation. Many of the absolute necessities of life in the humblest household—such as staple woolen goods—pay customs taxes of 42½ per cent. This is an outrageous burden on that part of the population least able to bear it. The people expect something on account. Let Sir Thomas at least wipe out the war surtax now."

The McQueen and Friel reports are the order of the day for Thursday in the legislature, and since the members concerned in the McQueen report are apparently determined to brazen it out, we may anticipate the most bitter debate heard in the house for many years. The people will be watching keenly to see how many are willing to stand up and be counted as champions or apologists for the patriotic poet and Valley Railway transactions.

Hon. A. B. Hudson of Manitoba is suggested as possible leader of the Liberal party in Canada, to be chosen at a convention in Ottawa, in September. Many things may happen before September. Hon. A. B. Hudson is a native of Pembroke, Ont., and is forty-four years old. He was elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1914, and again in 1916, when he was made attorney-general.

A bill is to be introduced in the Nova Scotia legislature to provide for fair rentals for dwelling houses and to restrict the eviction of tenants. This is a very desirable measure. If rents in St. John were based on value and the accommodation provided there are many tenements which would either be closed or made fit to live in.

The Toronto Globe says:—"A cable announces that the Canadian Overseas Ministry has appointed a Board of Survey to be responsible for the inspection of troops before the embarkation of returning soldiers. This reads a good deal like locking the stable door after the horse was stolen."

The exhibition of official war photographs and trophies under the auspices of Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. F., brings very vividly before the people the scenes and incidents of the war. It is of universal interest and great educational value.

Petrograd is suffering from spotted fever, typhoid fever, smallpox and cholera. The last named disease must be cured first—if there are enough left to do it.

WELCOME HOME FOR OUR SOLDIERS

A lively greeting was given the St. John men and sixty other New Brunswick men who arrived in the city last night by special train from Halifax. A large crowd was at the station, so large in fact that it was almost impossible to get through. The first special train of a dozen cars, containing mostly westerners, arrived in the Union Station at 8:45 and they were greeted by the Depot Battalion Band and the citizens reception committee. The train bringing the New Brunswick boys arrived at 9:57 and the cars stopped eastward of the shed. The boys were lined up outside in the railway yard to parade to the Local Battalion Depot, headed by Mayor Hayes, S. H. Hayes, R. E. Armstrong and the Depot Band.

Among those who returned to Canada by way of Portland on the S. S. Annapolis was Major A. R. Spranger of the Canadian Engineers. He enlisted with the 118th Battalion and left here as adjutant, later in command of B Company. He was transferred to the Canadian Engineers and became adjutant of the training depot at Crowborough. He was then made staff captain of fortifications and works in charge of aerodrome construction in England. Major Spranger crossed to France with the second battalion of the Canadian Engineers and served with them at the Amiens and Arras fronts. At Cagnicourt he was wounded on September 7, 1918, and has been in the hospital ever since. He will leave this evening to join Mrs. Spranger at Three Rivers, Que., and it is expected that he will return to St. John.

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THE PIBROCH

(Rev. George Scott.)

In music's art I have no skill, With me 'tis primal instinct merely, Yet when I hear from off the hill The gathering pibroch sounding clearly,

I long to march with armed men To stricken fields where fœmen battle, Where feeble hearts grow strong again, And conquer mid the cannons' rattle.

What fœman has not blenched to hear The battle pibroch's stern defiance? To know the Highland host was near All passed into the bloody slambles, From Badajos, and Fontenoy, Where raged the tide of battle stark.

To Waterloo and St. Elia, When England's fortunes seemed the darkest, They marched up Lucknow's fevered street, Those stalwart men of Highland training.

The pibroch shrieked its music sweet, To hosts all fear of death disdaining, McGregors, Camerons, Gordons, ev'ry, All passed into the bloody slambles, The men from Argyle and Strathpey, From Braes of Appin with the Campbells.

In music's art I have no skill, With me 'tis primal instinct merely, Yet when I hear from off the hill The gathering pibroch sounding clearly,

The spirits of brave men who died, In every clime our right maintaining, In shining hosts all glorified, Pass, rose, and space and time disdaining.

Death and the sea give up their dead, Wherever brave men's bones are bleaching, They pass with their soundless tread, Their silent ranks this lesson teaching:

That while on Highland hills the air Shall hear the pibroch death defying, True Highlandmen shall do and dare, And hie and conquer in their dying.

LIGHTER VEIN

Makes Good.

He borrows money now and then, But friends he doesn't lack; He's looked on as the best of men, He always pays it back.

A miller, noted for his keenness in financial matters, was a boat trying his best to get across the stream which drove his mill.

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"If I'm drowned, Molly, don't forget that flour's gone up 80 cents a sack!"

"You swore off smoking at the first of the year?" "Positively. However, the Christmas cigars must all be consumed by this time. I think I may safely resume."

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Lawyer—Yes, sir. We can settle up this estate for you in about eight months. The Principal Heir—But can you wait that long for the money?—Judge.

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"The first issue of the new paper will make its appearance on Thursday, March 27th."

"The Toronto Daily News will make its last publication on Wednesday next."

THE COME-TRUE WISHES.

(Judd Mortimer Lewis, in Houston Post) When it is rainin' cats an' dogs, an' splashin' on the pane, My father laughs an' says that he does wish that it would rain;

An' then I tell him, "Don't you see it's these accordin' down?" An' then he says, "Why, so it is! There ain't a man in town That's luckier than what I am! I wishes all come true,

An' that there rain will fix the world, An' make it look brand new; I'm glad you noticed that I got my wish," he says to me, An' then he looks out of the door as glad as he kin be.

An' when the day ain't got a cloud, an' it is clear an' fine, An' make it look brand new; My father says to me, "O, dear, I wish the sun would shine! Per I don't like these doomy days, without no sun at all!"

An' then I tell him, "Don't you see the sunshine on the walls?" An' don't you see it out of doors, across the meadow lot? The sun is shinin' all it can, an' that's why it's so hot!"

And then he says, "Well, I declare! I am obliged to you. You'll of rascal, you seem to make ev'ry wish come true!"

An' that's the way my father does. Whatever kind o' day The day is, then he makes a wish that it would be that way; An' ev'ry wish he makes he gets; an' when I grow up tall

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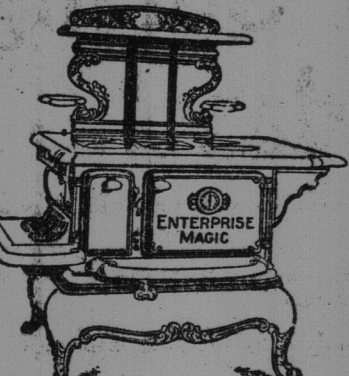
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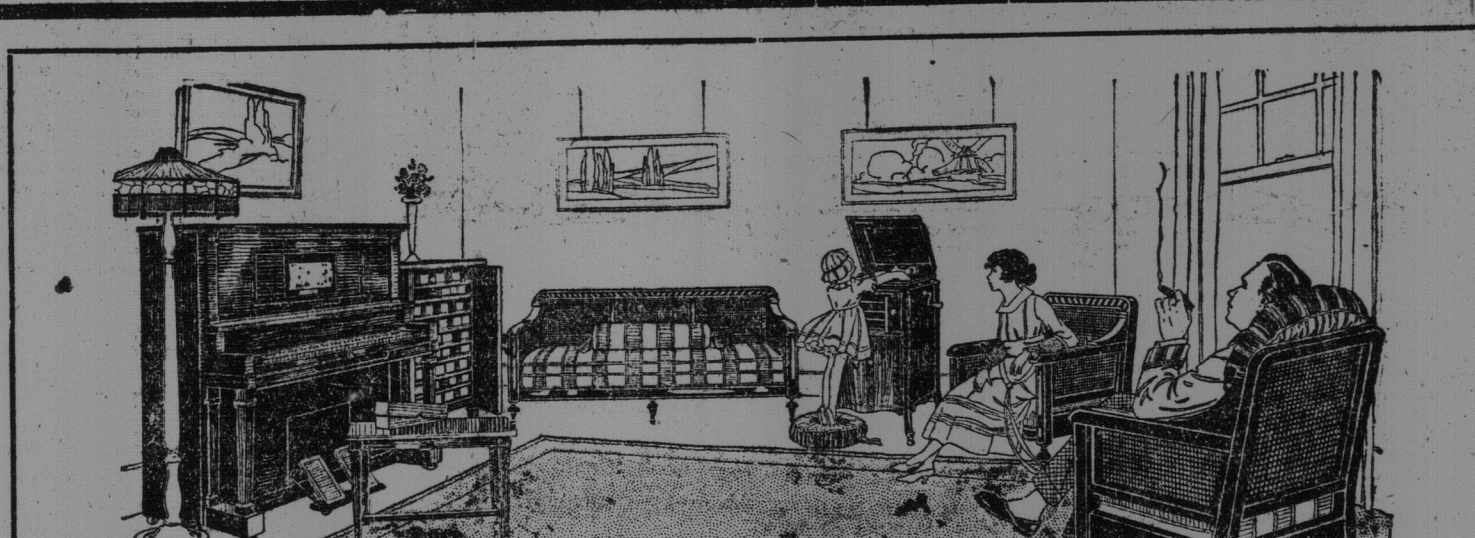
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