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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

"The work of this government will not be finished until this bill is passed next session," was the reply given by Sir James Whitney to the labor deputation, led by Mr. Fred Bancroft, who asked for information regarding the progress of the workmen's compensation legislation.
Mr. Bancroft voiced the fear which has gained expression in The Globe and elsewhere, that the manufacturers and employers might influence the government against the interests of the employed. Mr. Bancroft expressed approval of the recommendations of Sir William Meredith, as compared with those of the legal representative of the Manufacturers' Association, and the fact that Sir William, as the government commissioner, will probably have charge of the preparation of the bill, should augur well for a measure satisfactory to the labor men. Sir James anticipated criticism from both sides on a question involving such complicated details, but hoped that newspaper opinion would not be permitted to induce them to think that the government would not do its duty in the matter. That Sir James is somewhat sanguine of being able to present a satisfactory measure, appeared in his assurance that "we want it said when we go out of power that there will be nothing among the many things that we have done that will be found more to our credit than the workmen's compensation legislation." This is certainly the progressive spirit.

DO NOT TRUST POLICE DISCRETION.

There is great danger of red tape creating a prejudice against the new General Hospital similar to that which undoubtedly existed against the old institution. A blanket order compelling all accident cases, without any room for choice or discretion, to be conveyed to the General, may lead to dangerous and perhaps fatal delay at the hands of men trained in the traditional "their's not to reason why." In cases of excessive bleeding, and others requiring the speediest treatment every minute counts, and the nearest hospital, whichever it be, is the safest. But if a policeman gets an order he will never use any discrimination and is certain to resent the suggestions of plain and peaceable civilians. Mr. Flavelle might well pay some attention to this point. The popularity of the General Hospital should not be sacrificed to routine of any description, and certainly not to the discretion of the police. If they are to do anything they must be told.

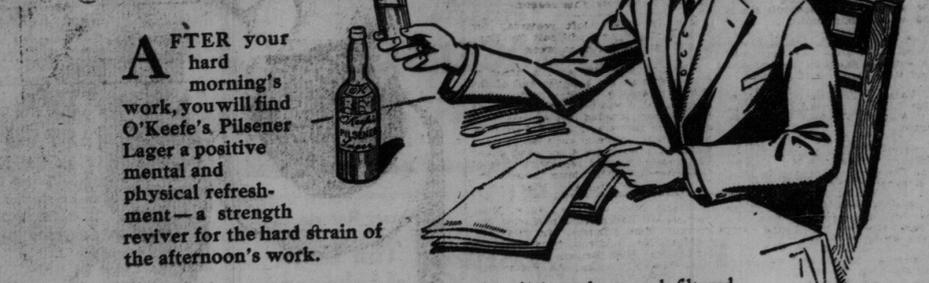
EXHIBITION ATTENDANCE.

If we do not have a million people at the Exhibition it is because we can't carry them to and fro. An eastern entrance for the cars, with the present western facilities, would increase the crowds by 20 or 30 per cent. Last year's Labor Day was not so favorable from a weather point of view as Monday was, and yet there were only 4000 more people out this year. The present transportation system is quite capable of carrying more people than it carries at present, but it does so with inconvenience and discomfort to those carried. This makes a natural limitation to the crowds which must not be overlooked. The double and triple fares which are levied to pay to reach the grounds is another obstacle to the attendance of many thousands that can only be removed by the unification of the city lines.

THE ORIENTAL PROBLEM.

To the August number of The Fortnightly Review Mr. Archibald Hurd of the London, England, Daily Telegraph, contributed an article dealing with the Japanese invasion of Western Canada and of the Pacific Islands. For him the vital issue for the empire today is the Japanese struggle for world supremacy. He quotes from a speech by Mr. F. B. Vrooman of British Columbia, who holds that the Japanese have placed in their political program "the occupation of British Columbia." "Our province," Mr. Vrooman said, "is becoming centralized and one of our important questions is whether it is to remain a British province or become an oriental colony—for we have three races demanding places in our drawing-room as well as seats at our board—the Japanese, Chinese and East Indian." Yet the Japanese refuse to allow a foreigner to own or even work a mine in Japan, or to engage in fisheries, and tolerate no foreign workers other than those skilled laborers needed to teach them how to make goods cheaper than white nations can make them. Japan, too, is squeezing

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every western interest out of Japan, Korea and Manchuria, while demanding equality of rights in the new world. This matter of equality of rights is the whole crux of the trouble between Japan and the white Pacific states. Japan's complaint in reality is that discrimination is exercised against immigrants of her nationality and against Japanese residents from which Europeans are exempt. In short, Japan insists that she shall rank with white nations and that whatever is granted to them shall be granted to her and whatever is banned to her must be banned to them. If Japan excludes foreigners from working and land holding, all foreigners are included and she is within her rights. If Japan discriminated between one white nation and another, trouble would begin. The World is in accord with the demand that race unable or unwilling to be assimilated should not be permitted to create a race problem. But the whole question must be faced squarely, and that it is serious no one can deny.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

How the British Old Age Pension Act has reduced pauperism is very strikingly disclosed in a government return recently issued. As first passed among those disqualified from participating in the benefit were persons in receipt of poor relief other than the form of medical or surgical assistance. This restriction was removed three years ago, and the first clear indication of the working of the act as extended was afforded by the report of January, 1912. As now confirmed by the figures for the year to January of this year the effect of the amended act has been almost revolutionary, especially as regards outdoor pauperism among people over seventy years of age. From 168,099 recipients of outdoor relief in 1906 the figure has fallen to 8862 for this year, a reduction of no less than 94.9 per cent. Indoor pauperism has naturally not fallen in the same proportion, but a reduction roughly equivalent to twenty per cent. is substantial enough to add its quota of justification for the introduction of old age pensions. The diminution of pauperism has come as a boon to municipal and county authorities, all the relief from taxation is unequally distributed, varying from fourpence in the pound in London and various county boroughs to 2s 9d in purely country districts. Of more importance is the removal of the stigma of pauperism from the aged poor, whose lives of humble toil deserve this modicum of state recognition.

CANDIDATE HELD FIRST MEETING

George Henry Welcomed With Cheers by Electors of the Midway Section.

MINISTERS ON STAGE

Hon. James Duff and Hon. Dr. Pyne Endorse Candidature of Mr. Henry.

Midway Conservatives endorsed George S. Henry's candidature in East York by a meeting in the Rhodes avenue Presbyterian Church Hall last night. President J. Reid presided and among those present on the platform to deliver addresses were: Hon. R. A. Pyne, minister of education; Hon. Jas. Duff, minister of agriculture; George S. Henry, Controller of L. Church and President James Thompson of Ward Two Conservative Association. Controller Church said that he had come in contact with Mr. Henry when the latter was warden of York County, and he was sure that in Mr. Henry East York would have a representative well informed regarding the needs of the riding. There were many changes vitally affecting the district in the railway situation, coming up in the legislature, such as the city request for power to expropriate the rails or compel the companies to give more satisfactory service. The city council had asked, he said, that a special committee be appointed to investigate the railway situation. The rails were defying the city, he said, on charter rights granted by the Ross government. Mr. Church dealt at some length with the good work accomplished under the Whitney administration, particularly with the improvement in laws relating to municipal government. President Thompson of Ward Two Conservative Association also eulogized the work of the government and

THE PHILOSOPHER OF FOLLY

By Sherwood Hart

THE COUPON CONTEST.

I race and I fear, I fly here and there, I round up each fast-deciding friend, I cut and fill in my blanks by the bin; I thank beavens I'm nearing the end; I got a good start, and was doing my part to keep myself well in the lead, but I'm very much vexed at the chap who stands next—his tactics are spiteful indeed. My prospects were bright on last Saturday night, for a brace of subscriptions I got, making one million more to add on to my score (each vote helps the total a lot); but woe and alas! he was right on my track—on Monday I woke up to see nine million blank votes by the billion I see which I never can grasp, for they slip from my grasp, and leer and make faces at me! Then I wake with a scream—"It is only a dream, but I'll make it with frenzy and zeal, I must rise with the lark and must burst the till date, and it licks me this time of the year!"

IMPATIENT OVER THE HYDRO DELAY

Residents of York Township Want Quicker Action From the Commission.

THE COUNCIL PROTESTS

And Threatens to Open Negotiations With a Private Company for Service.

Residents in the Township of York, particularly in Swansea and Runnymede, are getting very impatient over the delay in connection with the installation of hydro-electric light in these districts. At the council meeting yesterday a letter was received from Mr. Couzens of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Company stating that the street lamps would be installed at Tomdorden right away at a rate of \$12 per lamp per annum. "We arranged," said Reeve Syms, "that light would be installed at Swansea and Runnymede also, but nothing has been done yet. Now they want to go ahead and put light in Tomdorden, but we want to know what they are going to do about these other districts. We can make an arrangement with another company, but we want the hydro. If they don't go ahead, however, we will have to do something else. I think Mr. Couzens is doing his best, but the people are getting impatient, and if the hydro's not ready to go on with the work in these sections, we can fix it up with the other company, so that the hydro can take it over when they are ready." A committee was appointed to deal with the matter. They will meet the manager of the Toronto Hydro at an early date. A batch of petitions were received opposing the annexation of Runnymede to the city. They were filed and will be presented to the railway board when the case comes up. Mr. Roberts of Franklin avenue appeared on behalf of the residents on that street to ask that a cinder path be put down there before the wet weather. This was referred to the committee. Mr. Roberts also started to talk hydro, but was relieved when told that the Tomdorden district would be lighted right away.

ALL CHANCES FAVOR A BETTER MARKET

The financial undertone shows steady improvement, although the week has been a buoyant one, with the market, monetary improvement is steadily progressing. Considering the good undertone, the chances favor a broader and better market as the Mexican skies are clearing and business is beginning to assume its accustomed autumnal activity. Toward the close of the week the market assumed quite a buoyant tone, with the trend of prices decidedly upward; largely as a result of President Wilson's skillful handling of the Mexican problem.—Henry Cowles.

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