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FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 7.

Conservatives and Public Rights

"One who has faith in his party," as he declares, asks why it is that The World does not find more fault with those papers on its own side of politics which are culpable either in support of the wrong side of questions, or in failure to support the right side. "If the Conservative party does not stand for honesty and integrity in public affairs, but a lot of us don't want to be in it," he honorably remarks. He suggests further that attacks upon the Liberal press for not toiling the line on matters of public policy are not so useful as similar attacks upon papers which support the government and which are equally lacking in public loyalty. He even suggests that The World might go farther than it does in attacking all the evils that assail the state.

We can only say that not only is there a limit to space, but there is a limit to the reader's patience, and even to his intelligence. Very few minds are capable of carrying on more than two or three wars at one time. Two or three big public questions are about as much as the public will interest themselves in simultaneously. Nor is much achieved by scattering one's forces on half a dozen different subjects at the same time.

If we can make a good fight for the people on one or two imminent issues and succeed, we are satisfied to take others up as they come along, we believe more can be done with the public in this way than by spraying them with general information on every subject in vogue in the country. Even in the war high explosives are regarded as more effective than shrapnel.

If there be newspapers on the Conservative side of politics which do not play the game for their party by serving the best interests of the people, but look after the interests of the corporations which are always on both sides of politics, and the grafters who are anywhere and everywhere, then the party will suffer according to the influence of such support. Sooner or later it will lose strength.

If the Darwinian idea of the survival of the fittest applies nowhere else, it certainly has its strongest exhibition in the operation of politics.

That Progressive Province of Quebec

If further evidence were needed that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company engineered the fight against the Beck hydro radial bylaws the snorts of disapproval and disgust with which The Montreal Gazette greets the sweeping majorities in favor of the hydro radials would, in our opinion, be quite sufficient. Under the caption, "Ontario's Socialistic Weakness," The Gazette vehemently denounces the people of Ontario and especially the people of Toronto. They are, we are told, engulfed in the "slough of socialism."

This province, it appears, fell from grace when it built the railroad from North Bay to Cochrane; it sinned even more grievously when it established the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and it has now gone to the demeriton now-vows entirely by sanctioning the construction and operation of radial railways as public utilities under public control.

Ontario, we are told, is losing population. People are fleeing from the province to escape the hydro-electric light and power, and a general depopulation may be expected to follow the opening of the radial railway between Toronto and London, and we read:

In this connection it is worth noting that in Quebec, where socialism has least hold of the people, and where the legislators ignore it, the progress in commerce, in evidence of wealth, in population, is not only greater than in Ontario

but greater than in any part of eastern Canada. The proof of this that may appeal to Ontario readers not altogether thrown out of normal operation by politico-electric currents is to be found in the figures of the representation of the provinces in the house of commons.

The Gazette is sure that Ontario will not gain in population as fast as Quebec during the present decade. This will be accounted for no doubt by the fact that the Ontario boys to the number of 200,000 will risk their lives for the flag and the empire. The Gazette, however, is sure that the electric light and power will be a more important factor in cutting down our showing at the next census.

At present the fortunate citizens of Montreal get their electric light for eight cents per kilowatt, while the unfortunate victims of socialism in Toronto are not allowed to pay as much as four cents a kilowatt for their electric light. The spread, no doubt, will increase, because that arch-socialist, Sir Adam Beck, insists upon giving to Ontario people electric light and power practically at cost. In time we may find Montreal people proudly paying twelve cents per kilowatt, while the benighted Torontonians are only permitted to pay two. When that time comes we may look for a perfect exodus of population from Ontario to Quebec.

But even admitting that the growth of population is stimulated by charging double prices for all services rendered the people, does The Gazette do full justice to the men who adorn the public life of Quebec? Few cities have been fortunate enough to secure a mayor like Medrie Martin, not to mention the gentlemen returned at the municipal election of 1914 to the board of control. Then, too, Quebec has legislators who "ignore" the possibilities of developing the natural resources of their province for the benefit of their people. We remember reading something about these legislators in the Montreal newspapers a year or two ago. Mr. William J. Burns of New York, and his associates, mingled freely with them and had some rather droll stories to tell as the result of their conferences.

Descending from the general to the particular, The Gazette argues that the radial between Toronto and London should not be built, because steam railways already go thru the same territory. But how about the network of radials or interurbans to be found in Ohio, Indiana, and other states, paralleling the steam railways every foot of the way, doing good service and making a lot of money?

The Gazette thinks if the radial road between here and London can pay operating expenses and five or five and a half per cent. interest upon its bonds, that all the railway men on this continent will come to Toronto to learn the secret of its success. The railway construction and operation from Sir Adam Beck. That is as it may be, but if the road were being built by a private corporation it would not only have to earn enough money to pay operating expenses and interest upon its bonds, but also enough to pay dividends upon its stock, common and preferred, watered and bona fide.

But is the real objection of The Gazette not based on a fear that hydro power and hydro traction will make Ontario the great manufacturing province for all Canada?

DRUGGIST VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN HOSPITAL

Dr. A. P. Chown of Kingston Applies for Captaincy at Cairo, Egypt.

Special to The Toronto World.
KINGSTON, Jan. 6.—Dr. A. P. Chown, one of the leading druggists here, has applied for a captaincy with Queen's Stationary Hospital at Cairo, Egypt. He will act as druggist of the hospital corps.

This city has a very serious epidemic of influenza. Several hundred people are laid up and as a result factories, offices and stores are working with small staffs.

RECOVERS A PORTION FROM SISTER'S ESTATE

Mrs. Luella Ridley Awarded Two Hundred and Four Dollars by Court.

By a decision handed out by Mr. Justice Britton, Mrs. Luella Ridley, of Belleville, is entitled to \$204 from the estate of her sister, Mrs. Edith P. Bly, of Trenton. Mrs. Ridley claims Bly, of Trenton, had invited her to come and help her in a grocery store, which she was about to open in 1901. Everything ran smoothly until there was a difference between them about Mr. Ridley, who later became the husband of the plaintiff in this case, and they parted in 1912. Mrs. Bly died intestate recently, leaving an estate of \$1890.

The action was brought against the only son of Mrs. Bly, as administrator of his mother's estate. Mr. Justice Britton holds that the agreement has not been proven, but that the plaintiff is entitled to \$6 a month for her services for the period within the statute of limitations.

BACK ON THE JOB



RICHARD GRIGG CALLED SUDDENLY BY DEATH

Canadian Commissioner of Commerce Drops Dead at Ottawa Central Station.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—Richard Grigg, Canadian Commissioner of Commerce, dropped dead at the Central Station here this morning. He was on his way to Montreal to spend the government holiday with his son, and was awaiting his turn at one of the ticket windows when he was stricken.

Mr. Grigg was born in Plymouth, England, in 1847. Coming to Canada when a boy, he spent the early part of his life on an Ontario farm and afterwards had a successful career as a manufacturer in the old country. Retiring from business in 1905, he accepted a commission from the British Government to investigate and report upon economic conditions in Canada, the subsequent report attracting world-wide attention.

WILSON'S OWN AGENT HAS REACHED LONDON

Col. House Will Visit Paris and Possibly Berlin Later.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, the only alien passenger on the steamer Rotterdam, was permitted to land immediately on the vessel's docking at Falmouth and arrived in London in time to take breakfast with the American ambassador here today. Col. House declined to say more about his mission than to reiterate his announcement that he was looking over the war situation in Europe.

COMMITTED ON PERJURY CHARGE

On a charge of perjury Samuel Shukyn and Benjamin Sunshine were committed for trial by Col. Denison in the police court yesterday. It was alleged that some statements appearing in an affidavit signed by the defendants regarding the exchange of \$2000 at Weston for the Melbourne apartments, were false.

MASTER HOUSE PAINTERS

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A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year

By John Kendrick Bangs.
MERE BLUSTER.

(Copyright, 1916)
FOR all their bluster louder growing,
I know the winds are merely blowing,
And blusters if you do not mind them,
Have really little harm behind them.

BELLEVILLE MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR BIGAMY

Oliver Frank Rose, Alias Oliver Avery, Married Girls in Ottawa and Belleville.

Special to The Toronto World.
Jan. 6.—Oliver Frank Rose, alias Oliver Avery, was sentenced to one year in the provincial reformatory by Judge Desroche today, on a charge of bigamy, to which he pleaded guilty, Aug. 9, 1913, at Ottawa, he married Miss Hattie McDonald, under the name of Oliver F. Rose. The accused contended he did not know whether his name was Rose or Avery, owing to the fact that he was recognized by both names by relatives.

MONEY FOR GREECE ADVANCED BY FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 6.—An Athens despatch to the Havas Agency says the French Government has informed the Greek Government it has placed ten million francs at the disposal of Greece. This sum is an advance on a loan of forty million francs now being negotiated.

CRUISER STRUCK SAY TURKS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 6.—An announcement made today by the war office says that on January 4 there was a fairly heavy artillery duel at the Dardanelles, as well as bomb throwing. The allies directed their fire principally against the Turkish centre and right wing. A hostile cruiser and an armored ship participated. "One of our shots," the statement says, "struck the hostile cruiser, which ceased firing."

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers of Court Hope were installed into office by Rev. C. E. Woodstock, D.C.R., for the ensuing year: Chief, ranger, T. E. Hutchinson; sub. chief ranger, G. F. Bach; treasurer, H. C. Wilson; secretary, W. H. Honeley; senior woodward, J. W. Haynes; junior woodward, W. T. Butcher; senior beadle, A. J. Porter; junior beadle, W. J. Smith; recording secretary, D. H. Fletcher.

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GENERAL ELECTION IN GREAT BRITAIN NEAR?

Conscription Bill Meets With General Disapproval of Newspapers.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Judging by all the editorial opinion expressed today the conscription bill will satisfy nobody. The voluntary papers denounce it almost as much as the conscriptionist press. The Daily News goes so far as to predict a general election in the next few weeks.

It is understood that the new bill was mainly the work of Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, and David Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, and the difficulty of reconciling the strongly opposing views of the virtual leaders of the two opposite parties is regarded as possibly accounting for the unsatisfactory nature of the compromise reached. It looks as though the conscription clause might provide food for acrimonious debates.

The criticism in the lobbies of the House of Commons turns largely upon the question, "what is a conscientious objector?" The onus of proving a conscientious objection will be believed, rest upon the person claiming exemption and will be difficult for anyone except clergymen, ministers of various religious denominations and Quakers to sustain.

\$225 Niagara Falls, Ont., and Return, \$270 Buffalo and Return, from Toronto, Jan. 8.

The Toronto Bowling Club is running an excursion to Niagara Falls and Buffalo on Saturday, Jan. 8, leaving Toronto 8.10 a.m. via Grand Trunk Railway. Return fare to Niagara Falls, Ont., \$2.25, and Buffalo \$2.70. Tickets are valid returning on all regular trains up to and including Monday, Jan. 10, 1916.

Secure your tickets at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4209.

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O'NEILL IS LIKELY TO BE BOARD'S VICE-CHAIRMAN

Two Out of Three Controllers Favor His Reappointment This Year.

MAYOR CHURCH SILENT

Ald. McBride Wants to Be Head of the Committee of the Whole.

City hall gossip believes that Controller O'Neill will enjoy a second term as vice-chairman of the board of control, and it is generally conceded that he is the only member of the new board that should have the position. Mayor Church would not commit himself as to who he will get to see in the position, but Controllers Thompson and Cameron favor Controller O'Neill's appointment, so that it only remains for the controller to vote for himself to land the berth, but this he says he does not care to do. Controller Foster is the next in order, and it may be that he will get the appointment, unless Controller O'Neill changes his mind.

Ald. McBride is to the front again with a suggestion that the legislation and reception committee, abolished two years ago, be restored, the idea being favored by Mayor Church. In this connection Ald. Ramsden, McGuire and Singer are mentioned as likely candidates for the chairmanship.

Rumor has it that Ald. McBride is seeking re-appointment as chairman of the committee of the whole, and it is even said that he has promised to keep very quiet if given the "plum," speaking only on a number of questions, instead of a number of times, as was his practice last year. On the other hand some of the aldermen are in favor of reverting to the old system of allowing all the members to take their turn as chairman, the position going around the board alphabetically.

NO OVERLAPPING NOW DECLARES CHAIRMAN

W. W. Hodgson Does Not Favor Suggestion of Bureau of Municipal Research.

W. W. Hodgson, chairman of the board of education, is opposed to the suggestion made by the Bureau of Municipal Research, that the medical inspection in the schools be placed under the control of the department of public health. He does not think that Dr. Hastings' department could do the work any better or that the cost would be reduced, as in his opinion there is no overlapping in the work. The contention of the educational authorities is that the work done by the school medical department is educational and preventive, while the work of the health department is to tell the people what they shall or shall not do. Dr. Hastings has so far refused to express any opinion, altho it is generally believed that he would like to have control of the school work.

RALLY DAY COLLECTIONS WANTED IN A HURRY

General Treasurer of Methodist Board of Sunday Schools Sends Out Urgent Call.

General Treasurer W. E. Willmott, of the Methodist General Board of Sunday Schools, has issued a hurry up call to the local treasurers who are neglecting to send in their rally day collections. In consequence of their delay the call states that the bank is being paid interest on an overdraft which could be largely overcome. The superintendents of circuits are called upon to discipline local treasurers, who do not make a prompt response.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

HOUSTON IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN NEW BOARD

Unanimously Chosen by School Trustees at First Meeting of Year.

STEELE IN MANAGEMENT

Had Opponent in Dr. Hunter, But Succeeded by One Vote Only.

William Houston was unanimously elected chairman of the 1916 board of education at its first meeting, which was held last night in the council chamber of the city hall. The meeting was of short duration, no business other than the selecting of a chairman, the various committees and their chairmen, being undertaken.

During an adjournment of 15 minutes, a striking committee selected the personnel of the several committees as follows: Management, trustees, Dr. Steele, Shaw, C. A. B. Brown, Fairbairn, McTaggart, Dr. Hunter, Dr. Hopkins and Boland. Dr. Steele was subsequently elected chairman, the vote being four in his favor and three for Dr. Hunter.

Finance: Chairmen of the management and property committees, Dr. Steele and Miles Vokes, respectively. Advisory industrial: Trustees Dr. Steele, McTaggart, Oakley, Dr. Noble, Fairbairn, Dr. Hunter and H. H. Mason, representative of employers, and A. J. Stevenson, representative of employees.

The new chairman spoke briefly, thanking the members for the honor bestowed upon him. Trustee Hodgson asked for the consent of the board to act in its behalf in regard to arrangements for the car of feeble minded children, this was unanimously given.

The following teachers have enlisted for active service and will be given leave of absence: G. E. Macklin, Dewson Street School; R. H. A. West, Shirley Street School; W. H. Rattle, McCaul School, and F. M. Scott, Queen Alexandra School.

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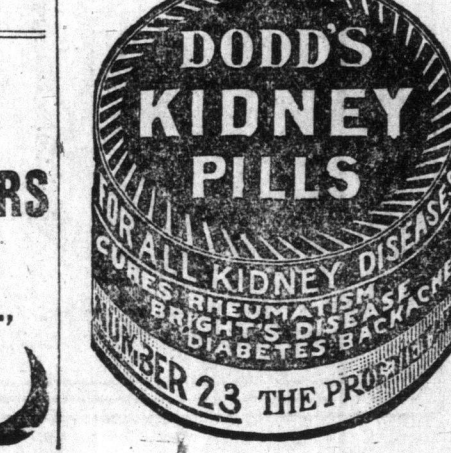
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