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Liberals and Progressives.

THE formation of the King cabi-
net clears the way for work.
There is every reason to expect co-
operation from the Progressives, be-
cause the latter have many things
in common with the government.

Although there is nothing in
black and white in an official way
to indicate that any working under-
standing was arrived at in confer-
ences held between the premier and
the leaders of the Progressives, it is
safe to surmise that the situation
could be fairly well discussed.

There is no reason to believe that
the Progressives stand in any dan-
ger of losing the identity of the Lib-
eral party by giving support to the Lib-
eral government at Ottawa. A coal-
ition with the Conservatives, under
the leadership of Meighen, is not to
be thought of. The whole trend of
the Conservative campaign was an
onslaught against the Progressives
—in fact, the latter stated in his
opening speech in London that the
fiscal policy of his party had been
seriously challenged by the Progres-
sives, and it was to vindicate
the position of the Conserva-
tives that he was appealing to the
country.

The Conservatives sent their
strongest speakers into several of
the rural ridings, and in many of
these the whole tenor of the appeal
was that the farmers were making
money, and at the same time dodg-
ing the payment of their taxes—
that they were paying very little of
the income taxes of the country, and
were therefore entitled to very little
consideration when they kicked
about taxation.

The one big move and bid the
leader of the Conservatives made for
farmer support was when he offered
his grain pool idea to the westerners.
It was so plainly nothing more or
less than an eleventh-hour political
shot thrown out as a vote-catcher
that it was not even seriously con-
sidered.

All through his campaign the Lib-
eral leader made much of the point
that there was a great deal to be
gained by the Progressives giving
support to the Liberal platform
rather than opposing it.

The same ideas are no doubt still
retained by the premier, so it is
quite reasonable to assume that it
will not be a difficult matter for the
Progressives to support the King
administration.

The Late W. B. Burgoyne.

ST. CATHARINES lost a big,
whole-hearted citizen in the
passing of W. B. Burgoyne, editor
of the St. Catharines Standard.

When the word whole-hearted is
used in reference to the late Mr.
Burgoyne, it is with care and knowl-
edge that it is done. He was whole-
hearted. When there was a battle
to be fought Mr. Burgoyne's stand
was whole-hearted. Seldom would
he be found in the ranks of those
who dammed with faint praise.

Mr. Burgoyne loved St. Catharines,
and the success and beautification
of that snug little city was one of
the greatest hobbies he had. Were
one to be asked off-hand for his
greatest love, the answer would
probably be flowers and public
parks. For the outsider who dropped
into the home-like atmosphere of
Mr. Burgoyne's office in the rose
season it meant that after a few
minutes' talk about things in gen-
eral, there would surely come the
suggestion that "we take a little
walk and see the city." Mr. Bur-
goyne knew every person who had
a special kind of rose, knew where
he got it, and what success he had
had with it. Then there was his rose
garden, not planted in his own back-
yard, but right out in one of the
public parks, where every person
could see and enjoy it. For several
years he put up a sum of money to
get this place under way and to im-
prove it. The result is that St. Cath-
arines has a public rose garden,
which, in the right season of the
year, is almost unrivaled in its
beauty as an incentive to the thou-
sands of citizens who pass through
and see it, to develop beautiful and
lovely features around their own
homes.

No gathering of the Canadian
daily newspapers seemed quite
complete until W. B. Burgoyne of
St. Catharines was present. He was
loved, not because he was conduct-
ing a successful newspaper business,
but for the genial, whole-hearted
personality that found room for ac-
tion in so many ways in different
channels.

Up In Wingham.

THE WINGHAM TIMES has dis-
covered a councillor who
takes a very impartial view of his
work during the year. The Times
reports him as follows:

"Perhaps the speech of the even-
ing, because the most candid and
cheerful, was that of Councillor
Sam Bennett, who said he had
done nothing during the year to
be ashamed of, and that he had
done nothing that would justify
him in planning medals on himself.

In short, he had honestly tried to
do his best, and the ratepayers
would have to let it go at that."
Surely it puts the voters in a
queer way to know how to deal with
such a case. On his own admission
he has done nothing of which he has
reason to be ashamed, neither has
he covered himself with glory.

Why should we vote for him? Be-
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he is ashamed.

Why should we vote against him?
Because he has not covered himself
with glory and medals.

The more we think it over, the
more we are forced to conclude that
Sam Bennett of Wingham is a pretty
fair campaigner.

No Strikes in 1922.

IF THE building trades and the
Building Exchange of Toronto
start the year 1922 with a strike
they will be engaged in poor busi-
ness.

The members of these various
unions need work.

There are plenty of concerns that
are considering building plans to be
carried out this year.

A reduction in the price of build-
ing costs will bring more money
into the building market.

Those are the actual conditions.
Against that we have the desire of
some investors to see prices stay
up because they invested their
money at the peak.

Then we have the desire of the
building trades to keep their wages
up as high as possible, quite a
natural inclination, as no man cares
to see his standard of living come
any lower than possible, although
figures show there are some de-
creases being registered in living
costs.

Toronto or any other city cannot
afford to have its 1922 program of
getting down to business tied up
at the very start with a series of
strikes.

It will spoil the year for the men,
and it will spoil the year for the
builders, and it will spoil the year
for a great many industries, the suc-
cess of which depends on the success
of the building program.

There is going to be a settlement
finally—there must be. So, why not
arrive at that "finally" right now?



-THE TREAT-

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ers of Canadian dollars should re-
member that there's lots of use for
them right up here in this fine north
country.

St. Thomas churches are making
a drive to get people to go to church.
It would do a lot of folks a lot of
good to try it for a month. In fact,
the St. Thomas churches, if condi-
tions are normal there, might find it
expedient to prod their own mem-
bership into turning out regularly
for a month.

Hon. Bob Rogers is in the West
again, and from Winnipeg he calls
out that a National Conservative
convention should be called imme-
diately to select a leader, and added
that there were insistent demands
for "a real Conservative organiza-
tion." It will be noticed that he
drops the long "Liberal-Conserva-
tive" title, doing so probably because
the electors at the last election so
forcibly showed their disgust at a
deliberate attempt to mislead voters
as to the true character of the old
Tory party.

Waterford voted this year as to
whether it would raise a necessary
\$14,000 for the completion of its
waterworks by a cash payment or
20-year debentures. The debenture
plan is quite right in this case, be-
cause the benefit of a waterworks
system is something that is going
to be spread over a term of years,
and the citizens of the future will
have just as much benefit as those
of 1922. There is a danger of the
debenture idea getting too much of
a start on the pay-as-you-go plan in
some cases, but the building of a
waterworks system can hardly be
put in that class.

For some years Sarnia has had
a whistle that blew a fine, far-reach-
ing blast every night at 9, which
shooed all the wee residents off to
bed, and acted as a signal to dad to
put on his carpet slippers and get
ready to shake the furnace for the
night, and put the milk bottles out
on the back porch. But of recent
weeks, with elections coming on,
some of the thrifty city fathers have
figured out that each blow was cost-
ing Sarnia about \$7.50, so the blow
is to cease, the final blast taking
place on the last night of 1920. It
will now be necessary for these
whistle-regulated Sarnia homes to
find some other means of keeping
their household affairs straight.

London manufacturers look for-
ward to 1922 as the start of a period
of greater activity. Many of these
firms have been going through times
that have called for their very best
efforts to keep sweet. Canadian
manufacturers, for the most part,
have piloted their businesses
through a period that has seen
prices for labor and material go out
and beyond all previous markets.
Then, following quickly on this, they
have come to the stage where they
had to consider more than ever the
buying power of their consumers,
which, in many cases, was consid-
erably reduced. To plan so that they
could keep their customers from
staying out of the market for too
long a period has called for the exer-
cise of a vast amount of business
sagacity. The lot of the average
manufacturer during the past two
years has not been an enviable one.

From a statement presented by
George Hastings, city manager of
Guelph, that city is securing the best
of co-operation between its various
departments. That is something
worth while, and something that a
good many cities can hardly claim
to be securing. Guelph had a large
number of utilities, such as gas and
electric light, waterworks, street
railway, etc., each of them operating
as a separate unit, some borrowing
from the bank, while another had
a balance in the same institution.
Guelph set out several years ago
with the intention of changing all
this, and apparently has succeeded
to quite an extent in establishing

a better working basis. The founda-
tion for the work was well laid by
the late T. J. Moore, city clerk, and
J. O. Rose, city treasurer, who per-
formed a great service for Guelph
in straightening out a debenture
tangle that went back almost to the
start of civic business in Guelph.

READ YOUR CHARACTER

[By Digby Phillips.]
NO. 77—BULGING BROW AND
SLOPING CHIN.

This is a combination of character in-
dications which is rather rare; also in-
teresting.

It has been shown in previous articles
that the forehead which slants back-
ward indicates quickness and vigor of
thought, combined with varying degrees
of impatience and aggressiveness;
the chin, on the other hand, which is high
and bulges somewhat denotes virtually the
opposite thought tendencies. It indi-
cates slower but deeper and more per-
sistent mental processes, with an intro-
spective rather than an objective trend.

Likewise you have read of the chin
indications, which are illustrative more
of those thought tendencies which are
connected with or result in actions. The
prominent chin indicates a personality
slow to act, even though thoughts may
be racing. The receding chin denotes a
tendency to quick and impulsive action.

It is not hard to understand, there-
fore, that when you find the combina-
tion of the bulging brow and the reced-
ing chin you have found a person who
will be interesting, if nothing else. Slow
and sure of thought—impulsive and
probably inaccurate of action—it's a
combination likely to keep you guessing.

Some people make mistakes, but never
realize they've made them; but these
people always think of the clever or
the appropriate answer a couple of hours
after the opportunity is past. But if you
want to estimate the true worth of them,
don't make the mistake of judging them
by their manner or appearance or hasty
actions. Judge rather by the evidences
of their mature thought.

Tomorrow—Vertical Handwriting.
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It Winter Comes

BY DR. WM. E. BARTON.

WINTER has come and
with it a book "It
Winter Comes."

It is strong in its
character analysis,
and portrays the
tragedy of an in-
expressible soul.

A plan is laid out
for those who have
other people could
not understand. The
author has worked
overtime on his crisis,
and has a plan for
the soul out of his hero.

In the war the hero loses his health,
loses little honor and comes home un-
welcomed.

And after a winter which simply
knocks the bottom out of the tube of
mercury, he has a much belated, and
it must be chilly, spring.

Now, in this world in which we live,
an idea is not much unless sold, a man
expresses it. A plan is hardly worth
forming unless it can be built upon.

In this book, which thousands now
are reading, the blame rests, as it
ought to rest, on an unintelligent group
of neighbors, business associates and
more or less friendly friends, including
the hero's wife, who is not a very good
friend; but some blame must rest, too,
upon the man who, having great
visions, does not invent some way of
revealing them.

Alas for those who, having anything
wherein mankind may benefit, do not
somehow convey to mankind some part
of their vision. The world is very
stupid, and preoccupied, and full of a
number of things; but the singer must
sing, and sing to be heard.

The inarticulate saints must pay a
little less attention to their visions and
a little more to their publicity. Other-
wise it will be a long and cold winter
for them.

A HOUSEHOLD REMEDY.

Grandma! Don't you cut his finger?
Come, grandma'll kiss it and make it
well.

Little Waldo—No thank you, grand-
mother. A kiss not only has no cura-
tive value, but is highly insanitary.

AN ESTIMATE.

Sedan—I hear you got a new car.
What horsepower is your engine?
Henric—It seems to be a scant
one horsepower, but it has a four
donkey-power horn.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY
Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest.
As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1896.

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Miss Annie Connell of this city has
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Miss Maude McIntosh, Buffalo, and
Mrs. James O'Brien, Niagara Falls,
Ont., are spending a few days at Mrs.
Robt. Eggleston's, Fullarton street.

Miss Annie Munson of London is visit-
ing relatives at Paris, Ont.

Misses Beatrice Peters and Agnes
Heppburn are visiting Miss Sweeney, 457
Colborne street.

Mrs. W. S. Sumner, George street,
Ingersoll, is entertaining the Misses
Beares of Dufferin avenue, London, for
a few days.

Mrs. George Davidson and daughter,
Railway street, Woodstock, attended the
golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James
Stevenson of London on Tuesday.

Rev. H. S. Cook, Oxford Center; Mr.
Rufus Mackie, Byron; Miss Maud Mc-
Gorlick, St. Mary's; Mrs. Humphrey and
daughter, Mrs. Near and Master Roy
Near of St. Mary's, are the guests of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Askin
Street Methodist Church has elected the
following officers: President, Mrs. Bart
Cottam; first vice-president, Mrs. Cos-
ford; second vice-president, Mrs. W.
Kelly; secretary, Miss J. Laing; treas-
urer, Mrs. Geo. Bonser.

The following successfully passed the
December examination of the Ontario
Normal College.

First class, public school and high
school interim certificates, Charles H.<