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A REBUKE TO OTTAWA. The Unionist and Conservative elements will get no satisfaction out of the results of the Manitoba provincial elections held this week. Despite subtle influences that were at work the Norris administration received the largest number of votes accorded to any section or party and has by far the largest single delegation in be made to the party by deferred elections and the support that is likely to be given by some of the other elements, Hon. Mr. Norris should be able to carry on the good work that he has been doing during his first term of office.

It is not so long ago that the Conservative for a generation. The vote there for a few years semed to be at the complete disposal of the party managers, Roblin and Rogers. How weak was the domination of these two party politicians was seen in the downfall of Roblin and the retirement of Rogers. Yet the influence of their party friends for a generation to come. Roblin and Rogers together made politics to stink in Manitoba and the purification process is not yet completed. And this Hon "Bob" Rogers is the man who now stands as the acknowledged leader of those who seek to revive the old Conservative party and he is backed by such a staunch and respectable Conservative paper as the Montreat Gazette.

as much as to the Conservative Opposition in still without a member in the House of Comthe Legislature. Manitoba, and the whole west for that matter, is up in arms against the party that at present hangs so desperately on to power at the federal capital. An election any most the complete wiping out of the Govern-

THE NEED OF A BOARD.

his letter of Feb. 23, Judge Robson expresses the view that he was "out of sympathy with the act" (the combines and fair prices act). If that was why he at first refused the appointment to the chief commissionership on the tion upon him. Could not Sir Robert Borden have found in all Canada a chief commissioner who was in sympathy with the work expected of the Board of Commerce. Was not an efficient board desired?

The need of the board is simply startling and grows daily, as Mr. Murdock eagerly warns, and as the statistics of cost of living prove. and as the statistics of cost of fiving prove. experience in the East. Before the war he was in charge of the gendarmerie in Smyrna. He won to do business here, for it has become too dangerous. The supreme court, in declaring the Volstead act the United States, and the recent investigations of the American economist, W. Jett Lauck, have shown fairly terrifying figures of the vast increase in profits during the last five years, accompanied by decline of wages in actual purchasing power. He has absolutely nailed the chasing power. He has absolutely nailed the went to Egypt, where he held a temporary position lie that high prices are caused by higher wages. That is turning the facts upside down. Take had a great deal to do with the negotiations that shoes as one example. In 1914 profits absorbed Egyptian leaders. General Deedes is one of the nearly one-half of the price paid by the consumer for a pair of shoes. The total labor costs trative office to Delevite the price pair of shoes. were not much over one-third of the profits. In to the Jewish community. 1917 profits had climbed to three-fifths of the retail price, while labor costs fell to less than a fifth of the amount of profits, or only one-ninth of the retail price as compared with one-sixth in 1914. Things have by no means improved sailles as they affect Germany, there will be general complete will be the wreck of the Conservative party since 1917, quite the contrary. As Mr. Murdock approval of the allied refusal to allow Germany to when its candidates go to the polls all tangled up says, the public is "as unorganized as the sands double the number of the troops allowed her by a with the unpopularity of Union Government and by the sea," while the businesses are organized by the sea," while the businesses are organized A year ago there was much better ground for to the teeth. The Canadian people are determined to get a Board of Commerce to alter this

BIBLE-STARVED PEOPLE.

Remembering the almost illimitable copies tion given to Bible study on this continent, one would be inclined from a cursory view to pooh! Inited States, "We are a Bible-starved nation," a writer in the Atlantic Monthly. In the of his thesis on behalf of higher individned but now too lamentably obsolete custom of the reverent family Bible reading aloud after reakfast every morning. For language, litera- it. fountain head. It is true that one day in the schools, but very often in the classes they do about a billion and a half for the same purpose. not hold the book before them during the study hour. What they frequently have is a prepared want to change them. substitute a "gist," a "lesson leaflet," or somebody's "pocket commentary,", and adult classes even, have been piloted by their leader through

in and rode he would never arrive anywhere.

of its poetry and history, nature study and sociology, this Book remains the "Word of the Eternal." to which man turns with assurance, as nowhere else, for direction to the "ultimate value of things" in life and destiny. It does not glaze over failings and sins nor hide the pains and penalties, but discloses plainly the ways of safety and escape. Every police court and jail in the land bear witness to its truth which the success or failure of every life justifies its man-

The persistence of the authorized King phenomenal facts of a change-loving age. Not- Geordie, the work o' God are fair devilish." withstanding the scholarship represented and its textual betterments even this Revised Version has made comparatively little headway, nor has that been due to sheer conservatism. Those who have thought to make the Bible more popular with the general public and better understood, by means of "modernized" versions have evidently labored under serious misapprehensions. President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, in a remarkable insects. They who hold it unlucky to kill a spider to say that proposals to turn the English Bible short shrift. To speak of it as being in a "beautiful but unfamiliar dialect" because beyond the whose reading consisted in "Nich Carter" and vellow newspapers was sufficient, he declared, the Legislature. With the additions that may to upset the equanimity of a saint. Probably the next attempted advance would be upon the

The truth seems to be, not that Biblical teachings are not understood; for they are plain statute for centuries. Under whatever names these enough even for the wayfarer of very restricted practices appear, they all amount to the same thing, intellectual calibre. People may not relish its party thought they had Manitoba made safe high standards and try to dodge, discard or abate them, but its perennial vitality stamps a supernatural origin, else generations ago it such law-breakers, and they will be more or less would have vanished into limbo. Nothing would prove more effectual in calming the wild in jail. The government at Ottawa should not only unrest of these times than a re-saturation of the pass laws if any more are needed to prevent these that they set at work will affect the fortunes public mind with its vocabulary, together with the acceptance and application of its irrevoc- not do, nor will anything be accomplished by pass-

FDITORIAL NOTES.

Every day gives Ontario better reason for having thrown out the Hearst administration

East Elgin vacancy some weeks ago, he replied Manitoba's results sound yet clearer and that he had not been informed of it. Judging stronger the doom of the Unionist party at Ot- by the lack of any action since then he retawa. The vote there is a rebuke to Ottawa mains ignorant of the fact that that riding is

The timber berth investigation grows senpower at the louerar capital. The did bring to an end that time in the next six months would mean al- \$1,000 to a member of the Legislature to secure awful carnage, but peace has also brought problems a desirable timber limit. If the member re- hardly less difficult than those which confronted most the complete wiping out of the Great Lakes. ceived the \$1,000, who was the minister that us during the war. The period of reconstruction ment's support from west of the Great Lakes. granted the limit and what influence was our energies which were devoted to the winning of brought to bear upon him?

A HUMILIATING SPECTACLE. [Brantford Expositor.]

The Borden Government has scuttled its naval policy so completely that nothing is left of it, and is reverting to the Laurier naval scheme which was and if the ministers will just arrange the freight Board of Commerce, as Sir Robert Borden says, agreed to both parties unanimously in 1910. It is interesting that Sir Robert pressed the late to mend and it is better to me late to mend, and it is better to mend than to persist

PALESTINE APPOINTMENT.

[Halifax Chronicle.] The British Government is showing good judgthe D. S. O. for his courage and enterprise in making his way into Smyrna alone in order to persuade the Turkish governor to surrender the place to the Allies. He knows Turkish and the Turks very thoroughly. In the Palestine campaign General Deedes was director of intelligence. After commissioner in Constantinople, and from there he younger men in the war who won a high reputation. trative office in Palestine will be very acceptable

GERMANY WANTS A LARGER ARMY. [Montreal Star.]

Whatever our views may be on the wisdom and mercy of certain provisions of the Treaty of Verclause in the treaty.

that Germany was not to be swept from end to end by the same flames that are scouring Russia. Bolshevistic infection spreads rapidly, and it was almost as much in the interests of France and the other Allies to keep it from spreading into Germany and saving elements into the political domain, it other Allies to keep it from spreading into Germany and saving elements into the political domain, i as it was in the interest of Germany herself. But is because the male creature has kept this as the iron methods of Noske quelled Spartacism to of the Scriptures printed yearly and the atten- the rattle of machine guns and the crash of bursting has yet to produce the sum total of the effect which shells. Germany is by no means settled, and will instructed, it will yet realize, either through existing not be for a long time to come, but it is not at all or new political parties. would be inclined from a cursory view to pooh! clear that she faces any internal danger which pooh! this frank confession, referring to the cannot be met with the military strength allotted to her by the Treaty of Versailles. Polish aggression is the outstanding danger spot in Central Europe today, and the Poles have so far been wise enough to confine their attention to their eastern the civic franchise has been, if not denied, at least frontiers, where the prostration of Russia seems to

offer easy pickings. If Germany has no ambitions to use her army for aggressive purposes, it is not easy to see why marriage, to recover it when she becomes a widow. With an indemnity fixed on the sliding scaleture and life there could be no better begin- sliding upward—and established on the principle of who keeps a gig," but one would not suspect that "all the traffic will bear"-she can have no money the possession or otherwise of property could so ning of the day. Of English literature and laws to spend on the upkeep of an extensive military and of right conduct, it constitutes the very establishment. Indeed, there are plenty of writers the gift or refusal of the civic franchise who have pointed out that whereas Germany will have to put aside only about \$50,000,000 per year week young people wisely flock to Sunday for military expenses, Great Britain has earmarked Certainly the odds in this regard are in Germany's favor. It is difficult to see why she should

WHEN GOLDFINCHES SING. [Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

Speaking about community singing, have you the assignment from a "teacher's quarterly." ever heard the goldfinches at their spring reunions? by a triumph of the farmers in politics, because Not without some truth, it is asserted, it is the You will have heard them, of course, if you are the instrumentalities of political "Helps" are studied and relied upon instead of interested at all in birds and their singing, for include the key to it. The same trouble obtains all their is nothing more beautiful in bird life. These over the world, regardless of such incidentals as the Bible itself, but for which no adequate sub- reunions occur in the spring time. They may have tariff policies and the like. Obviously, the way to stitute has been found. Students may easily be some special significance, or they may be merely the result of acquired habit; nobody knows for associated altogether from the rivalry and revenge certain, unless it be the goldfinches themselves. studies about the books of the Old and New and they are not telling. John Burroughs, who equivocal purpose broad enough to deserve Testaments, their composition and origins and knows as much about birds as anyone, says these general confidence. The frequency with which gatherings are the manifestations of something Premier Drury of Ontario proclaims that his is not be little further ahead in knowledge of the book different from the flocking intinct, and that he a class government demonstrates that no single and its essential purpose. Similarly, a person knows of nothing like them among other birds. class can meet the need.

Many of our birds have the habit of singing in chorus, and breaks down upon two important counts: first, that construction of an automobile, but unless he got a chorus of Wilson thrushes in the evening is it is sectional in inspiration where the cause it something to linger in the memory; but the community singing of the goldfinches is something by remedy by political means a condition upon which Above and beyond the unique Bterary charm itself.

From Here and There

IN SUMMER DAYS.

[Yorkshire Post.1 Our moods vary in June as in other months, and our moods give color to our vision. John Keats was second to no other poet in appreciation of the universal beauty. Yet a wet spring at Teignmouth Men loyal, firm, four-square in strife, prompted him to say of lovely Devonshire: "It is In lusty labor and large life, splashy, rainy, misty, snowy, foggy, haily, floody, nuddy, slipshod county." Keats in Devon would have shared the emotion which prompted the unlettered Scot on the summi James version of the Scriptures is one of the of Ren Lomond to say to his companion: "Man

TILL WE'RE WEARY.

[Ottawa Journal.] Now for pictures of Senator Harding's wife, children, grandchildren, his father, mother and the village school teacher who applied the strap in the good old days when thought and character were directed in that vigorous and painful manner.

LUCK AND SCIENCE

[London Daily Mail.] It is curious that wider modern knowledge has onfirmed the old antipathies and esteems for now know that the spider is the great enemy of the house fly, which takes every year cruel toll of The ladybird, loved of every child, is into so-called "vernacular" should be given the slayer of the aphis which develops into that repulsion of cochroaches which most human beings that this loathsome insect may play an important

[Toronto World.]
No one expects the Dominion Government to bring about a general fall of prices, but they do believe that the government should prevent the old common law crimes of forestalling, engrossing and regrading which have been denounced by that commodities are monopolized by certain persons or corporations, and then sold to consumer at extortionate profit. They mean artificial scarcity and unfair trading upon the necessities of the consumer. The people are right in wouldn't recognize it if they did see looking to the government for the punishment of it." justified in thinking that the government is not in abuses, but they should enforce the laws after they ing the buck to the judicial committee of the privy

GYPSIES ON THE FILM.

Our Romany friends, who are getting themselves talked about, and their nomadic habits criticised, may shortly be able-if they can cultivate a taste Her wild-rose face no more I see, the "pictures"—to see themselves as the think they are. A film version of of preparation, with Welsh local color applied on the spot. There is some doubt as to whether Watts-Dunton ever saw real Romany life, except through the eyes of George Borrow, but "Aylwin" is not without "atmosphere," and assuredly not lacking in the creeps so dear to film spectators.

EFFORT STILL NECESSARY.

[Medicine Hat News.]
During the war people were inclined to the view that the approach of the end would finish much of the world's struggle. It did bring to an end that The period of reconstruction the war are no less necessary for the winning of

[Edmonton Bulletin.]

trary, it is not briqueting that Alberta coal needs, but hauling. Nature has already put it in lumps,

[New Haven Union.]

There are no two ways about it: prohibition is here, and it is the bone-dry kind, and the government will enforce it. For several years to come, anyway, and perhaps for all time, liquor will neither ment in its appointments to Palestine. General be made nor sold in America, and we must endure Deedes, who is going out to Palestine as chief it. Men who must have it will be forced to expatriassistant to Sir Herbert Samuel, has had wide ate themselves. Intoxicants will be absent from experience in the East. Before the war he was in the land. Bootleggers and moonshiners will cease valid, and putting its approval on the prohibition amendment, also approved the punishing clauses of those laws, and the fear of prison and heavy fines will prevent any breaking of the law.

REAL SPORTSMANSHIP. [St. Thomas Times-Journal.]

If anything were needed to show at once both the British love for outdoor sports and the number of young Englishmen who were crippled during the war, it could be found in the action of the British National Lawn Tennis Association in so modifying the rules of the game that a one-armed player, when he serves, may toss the ball from his racket instead of with his hand. Commenting on this, the Youths' Companion says that to put a disabled player on ar equality with competitors who are whole is the very flower of sportsmanship.

HOW IT LOVES BORDEN.

[Toronto Telegram.] The longer the Union Government stays in office the longer the Borden leadership endures, the more the equally great unpopularity of Sir Robert

VOTES FOR WOMEN. [Montreal Gazette.]

In virtually all civilized countries today women

municipal situation, because day by day they are brought into poignant contact with it. The parliamentary franchise has been vouchsafed by the superior male; but, by a grimly humorous anomaly. restricted, by limiting the vote to certain classes. For instance, in Montreal the unmarried female property owner has a vote, but this she loses upon We know property to be a sacred thing; and the definition of respectability used to be, intimately affect the mentality as to determine

TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD

[Montreal Star.] The wasteful processes of political warfare hold ut no hope of either early or ultimate satisfaction for all. In the face of the condition that obtains, not only in Canada, but everywhere else, the highest public good demands co-operation under cirnstances which invite economy and exactness rather than the reverse.

Maintenance of well-balanced growth in the rural and urban parts of the country is not to be achieved

espouses is world-wide; second, that it proposes

Poetry and Jest

THEY SLEEP BUT CANNOT DIE.
[Kate Dunn Ames in New York Times.

To quench the tyrant's thirst, For power and cleave his chain; Their blood poured forth like rain,

But cannot diebrave, the true, the young who

Withstand the force that stood Secure and safe, God wrought Through stormy times they fought, And now they lie In sleep.

MY QUEEN.

My Queen's in London town!

Sing low, ye winds: sing, nightingale, The saddest song you know, Vanish, moon! Ye stars, grow pale!

NOT WISELY CHOSEN. "Help! help!" screamed the man ne water. "I cannot swim!"

Glistening of grateful evening mild; then silent There's a bliss in your grief an' wealth

MORE IRISH WIT.

In lusty labor and large life, Who wrought our spirit's lusty labor and large life.
Who wrought our spirit's wealth
And ashes made of stealth—
Who found the Golden Fleece
And still lead on in peace. Though here they lie

They sleep Their lordly flag we proudly bear For which rich blood was shed and When forth youth bore it first

And here they lie In sleep. They sleep

chose go, to bear the flag of those Who at the bugle call Leaped forth to proudly fall That they might carry on The work of forebears gone. And here they lie In sleep.

But cannot die, For now the world is all their own, And, led by thoughts our brave have

IMPRESSIONISM.

[William Shakespeare.] high, the lark! As high, my heart!

But she beneath the lyric hat. In snowy furbelows Who makes my heart go patapat From 'wildered head to toes!

O Thames, now cease to flow! 'm flying through eternity Upon Ixion's Wheel!

the water. "I cannot swim:
"Well, that is certainly as poor place to demonstrate aquatic inability as any I can imagine," continued the absent-minded professor, continuing to spell in your smile, Pat; absent-minded professor, continuing to stroll along.

[Milton.] Sweet is the breath of Morn, her rising

With this her solemn bird and this fair moon,

Of grateful evening mild; then shent in your dole, Pat;

In your dole, Pat;

An' I'm lovin' ye, dear, for your carin',

An' I'm lovin' ye, dear, for not carin', And these the gems of heaven, her starry train.

averse to an occasional glass, hiled an the font, he turned to his mother and little a man, we declared him to be Earth's wrongs are ended.

ENNY OLE TIME THEY WONT STING YUH ENNY OLE TIME 426 40, the ever

TOMBOY TAYLOR

SHE COULDN'T RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO TRY OUT HER AIR-RIFLE ON THE CITY GENTLEMAN WHO AFTER

MUCH PERSUASION HAD FINALLY BEEN INDUCED TO APPROACH THE BEE-HIVE.

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By FONTAINE FOX

there's one good thing about it—they all had the minister wid 'em whin they

[Francis Rolt-Wheeler.] An' I know well there's roguery in iv'ry wile, Pat; An' it's achin' I am with your laughin', An' it's achin' I am for your laughin'

Pat. sweet charms of earliest birds; pleasant the sun There's a wail in your song an' the keenin' rings high, Pat; the sun the sun
When first on this delightful land he
There's a fear in your joy an' a pang in spreads
His orient beams, on herb, tree, fruit,
An' it's wistful I am with your dreamin',
Faults past denials, traits that give ofand flower, ning with dew: fragrant the fer- An' it's wistful I am for your dreamin' tile earth
After soft showers; and sweet the com-

> WHICH ONE? Little Willie went to the church with his mother to see his baby twin sisters When he saw the water is

Irishman to clean out his cellar. First thing the Irishman brought out was a lot of empty bottles. Thinking these might contain a few drops to allay his light when the clergyman saw him, and called through an open window:

"They're all dead ones, Pat."

"They are, sorr," agreed Pat. "Well, there's one good thing about it—they there's one good thing the treatment of the two will not go any more; even a few midget will not go any more; even a few midget will not go any more; even a few midget spuds are worth a heap of money these spuds are worth I pitied har deep in my utmost soul, That Fate on her had levied such a toll. Then in new radiance the lights upsprang, And with relief my spirit leaped and sang. The scar that lashed my sympathy like

> Oft in the darkness of our clouded ken Good deeds they do; they comfort and We pity or we blame, inquiring: "Why Must others so less perfect be than I?"
> Then comes the clearer light of graver
> years—
> Virtues enlarged, sins shrunken, through our tears— Till that which seemed a fault in

A red rose was, its stem between her

Shines out a glory and compels our praise! TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

blinder days

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Loving it only. And so they never see beside the Children, whose coming is like breath Consoled by subtler loves the angels Through childless hours.

they bless In duties others put off till the mor-Their look is balm, their touch is ten To all in sorrow.

Betimes the world smiles at them, as 'twere shame,
"This maiden guise, long after youth's departed But in God's Book they bear another "The Faithful-Hearted."

Faithful in life, and faithful unto death, Such souls, in sooth, illume with lustre splendid
That blimpsed, glad hand wherein, the ision saitl



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