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FRIDAY MORNING, AUG. 19, 1910.

BETTERING CONDITIONS.

The fact that a majority of the board of control, speaking at the banquet of the Police Athletic Association, favored a weekly day off for the police, may be taken by that body as an indication of happier times to come. How many men, even those who have their evenings free, would care to be tied down to their work in such a way as to have only one day in a month that they could call their own?

And some readjustment of the working hours is also due the firemen, who, while they do get one day off in seven, are worse off than their police comrades in that they otherwise have no home life the remaining time. In every branch of labor, the tendency is to reduce as much as possible the working hours, and the eight-hour day is an inestimable boon to hundreds of thousands. But the Toronto fireman who has a home of his own is lucky if he can be there half an hour at meal times. Indeed, this has become one of the biggest difficulties in getting men for the department, several new men having within the past few months dropped out for this reason.

In the larger cities across the line every effort is now being made to give the firemen and police relief in the way of working hours. It will have to be done in Toronto, too.

ALL POLES OR NONE.

Robert Street has added its murmur to those of Sunnyside-avenue in protest about an over-abundance of electric poles. Not a street in the city should be cluttered with these ugly makeshifts. But the private corporations have made the rule, and the city has no option but to follow it.

When the law can be made universal and all parties be compelled to bury their electric wires, the city will be glad to fall in line. The city cannot afford to put such a handicap on its business, however, as the extra expense of an underground system would entail.

When the people generally vote for public ownership the wires will go underground and there will be no poles on residence or any other streets. How many of the people who object to poles on their streets voted for expropriating the Toronto Electric Light Company?

A TRIP ABROAD!

The Montreal Star has a most illuminating article on the railways of the United States and the proposed increase of rates. It says the roads must prove their case; that if they'd been properly and economically managed, things 'd have been different; that Union Pacific is earning nineteen per cent on the huge capital; that the railways have been exploited and manipulated from Wall-street and that there's been much juggling of figures, etc.

WHAT HAS THE MONTREAL STAR TO SAY ABOUT THE OVERCHARGES AND THE ENORMOUS PROFITS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC AND FOR ITS ILLEGAL RETURN TO SHAREHOLDERS OF FOURTEEN PER CENT, INSTEAD OF TEN PER CENT?

THERE ARE SO MANY CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS AIRING GRIEVANCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO THE NEGLECT OF THEIR OWN.

THE HORRORS OF A DILEMMA.
A correspondent protests against the idea that Sir James Whitney could sanction the appointment of a man "totally incapacitated" to a position with a salary of \$1500 a year. He states that Mr. Crawford, so far from being totally incapacitated, never was better in his life, and is in possession of all his faculties and is in the very prime of life.

If this be the case, then it is very much blacker for Mr. Crawford than has been stated. No fair-minded man could claim a pension which is only payable on the ground of total incapacity, if he be not totally incapacitated. And if he declares he is totally incapacitated when he is in the prime of life, then the claim is an unscrupulous claim. In that case, Sir James Whitney will have to explain the presence of an unscrupulous man in the public service, and in what position of responsibility an unscrupulous man can be trusted.

Our correspondent also states what has already transpired, that Chief Thompson of the fire department testified he was quite satisfied with the work done by his subordinate, and he saw no evidence of incapacity.

Mr. Crawford appears to owe himself an explanation, even if he ignores his public reputation in this affair. It is a very grave charge to say that a man

who is not totally incapacitated claims a pension on the ground that he is totally incapacitated, when that is the ground upon which the pension is awarded, especially when the pension fund has real and pressing claims upon it.

If our correspondent clears Sir James Whitney of the charge of having appointed an incapacitated man as a public official, then the official is guilty of utterly unscrupulous conduct. Which horn of the dilemma will Mr. Crawford accept?

It appears to us as bystanders that this is a case where "honesty would be the best policy." Mr. Crawford should disappoint the Grits and resign the pension.

A CENTURY OF PEACE.

Towards the proposal to celebrate the centenary of peace between the United Kingdom and the United States there can be nothing but good will. When it was first mooted, a tendency appeared to limit the celebrants to the two English-speaking peoples of North America. Had this continued the anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent would have lost much of its international significance. The quarrels of relatives are proverbially more bitter than those of strangers in blood, and there have always been factors in the history of the mother country and the American Republic, making for antagonism rather than amity. This was inevitable and it was assisted by a series of incidents, each of which left an element of bitterness. It is, of course, easy to be wise after the event, but still the feeling cannot be avoided that on several occasions, notably the civil war that threatened to disrupt the Union, the course of British statesmanship was too much tinged by the older diplomatic traditions. On the other hand, the methods pursued by the United States have not always been free from reproach.

Whatever regret may arise over the might-have-beens, it is a matter of genuine satisfaction that the better sense of the two great English-speaking peoples has prevailed and for quite a number of years has been steadily removing what causes of difference remained. For this entirely gratifying proof of the victory of reason over unreason, full acknowledgment is due the men on both sides the Atlantic who have labored with tongue and pen to advance the cause of peace. They have been aided by the identity of interest and policy which needs no formal alliance to ensure material support, but the good work they have done was none the less invaluable. No great, certainly no insurmountable, barrier now remains against the entrance by the United Kingdom and the United States into a league of perpetual friendship and united effort to inaugurate a real era of peace and good will among all nations. Together they include close upon one hundred and forty millions of European blood, representing the most advanced stage in free self-government yet reached. Their voluntary determination to apply the great precepts of the Christian religion to the conduct of their international intercourse would be the most signal commemoration possible of the century of peace.

BRITISH LICENSE DUTIES AND GENERAL TAXATION.

When Mr. Lloyd George included in his famous budget large increases in the license duties imposed on hotels and public houses, he probably did not foresee that part of that additional burden on the liquor trade would be transferred to the general body of ratepayers. That, however, will be the result of a decision of the court of appeal in a test case coming before it from the divisional court. A Shore-ditch public house was rated at £260 per annum gross and on the old scale the license duty was £38. Under the new scale the duty payable was raised to £130, and the point was then taken that the licenseholder became entitled to have his premises revalued for assessment purposes. The judges held that the increase on the face of it reduced the value of the premises and therefore that revaluation was necessary. As taxation in Britain is levied on the actual rental received or, if the premises are in the occupation of the proprietor, on the sum which a tenant would give were they offered for rent, the view of the judges appears to be justified, since the higher the license duty, the less rent an intending tenant would be willing to pay. Unless the law is altered, the ruling of the court of appeal will entail in many cases a material reduction in the rateable values, and this again will involve an advance in the general rate. As the tax rates in many British cities and towns run to pretty high figures, the judgment will give the liquor dealers a considerable measure of relief.

Military men declare that the new peep-sight adds ten points to a man's hitting capacity. The Mail and Empire should have one adjusted immediately.

Foreigners have invested \$962,418,502 in Canada, and when Canadians have any money to invest they take it to foreign countries, notably Wall-street.

H. M. S. Rainbow of the Canadian navy is a teetotal ship. Nothing like being up to date. Steam vessels do not need three sheets in the wind. But will the crew never get half seas over on the way out?

Much light is thrown upon the situa-

tion in the United States by the statement that Lloyd Griscom engineered the coup by which Roosevelt was snubbed and Taft's man got the convention chairmanship. Griscom is the eldest son of President Griscom of the International Navigation Co., and evidently represents the millionaire interest in politics. This means that Taft is for the millionaires and Roosevelt for the people.

Charles Dickens and Alfred Tennyson are men among others who left instructions that their funerals should be private and quiet, and whose executors were not prevented by these stipulations from permitting the burial of these illustrious men privately and quietly in Westminster Abbey. It is a pity that Florence Nightingale's executors could not have taken a more liberal view of their instructions. It is another case of the letter killing the spirit. Florence Nightingale never would have been so churlish as to refuse the last tender tribute to the whole nation.

A DELIBERATELY FALSE STATEMENT.

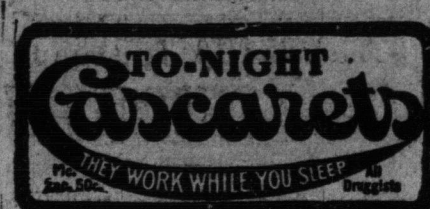
Editor World: In their efforts to stem the tide of emigration to Canada a large number of newspapers in the United States are printing wilfully false and misleading articles intended to carry the impression that thousands of American farmers who went to the Canadian West are returning dissatisfied, and that approximately 75,000 Canadians moved to the States last year. One despatch goes so far as to state that "15,000 settlers have returned to the States from Canada within nine months," which is about as deliberate a lie as was ever invented. It will help to a clearer understanding of the facts to know that every Canadian who visits the United States, whether he returns or not, is apt to be included in their immigration figures, whereas our statistics include only those who come to Canada to really settle.

Auto Speeders Fined.

In afternoon police court yesterday, Alfred B. Coleman was fined \$5 and costs for speeding his auto on Dundas-street, and Joseph Rogers pays the same for an offence on Roncesvalles-avenue. Albert Williams, for going at 24 miles an hour on the Kingston-road, paid \$10 and costs.

May Go Back to Prison.

Frederick Wright, who was to have gone to England with the Q.O.R., but who sold his rifle for \$5 in York-street, and is serving 30 days for the theft, has been identified as Ernest Wright, a parole prisoner from the Nebraska State Penitentiary. He had served one year of a five-year term and was paroled. He violated the parole.



COL. SAM HUGHES DENIES IT

Not Seeking Military Berth From the Liberal Government.

LINDSAY, Aug. 18.—(Special).—Lt.-Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., in a letter to The Watchman-Warde, denies the truth of the report mentioning his name for the position of quarter-master-general for Canada. He adds: "Gen. Macdonald has proven himself a most capable, efficient, obliging and careful officer. May he long be spared to be quarter-master-general is my hearty wish. In the second place, many years ago, when the Conservative party was in power, I was offered, but refused the offer, the position of deputy minister of militia and adjutant-general, then the two highest military positions in Canada. Again I was offered the portfolio of minister of militia, but could not see my way clear to sacrifice my principles for the sake of party or office."

"You may rest assured that there is no likelihood of my retiring from the political game, even though a move might be congenial to political schemers, until the freemen of Victoria and Haliburton or I personally decide upon such a thing being desirable. Just yet the spirit in that direction has not moved either the said freemen or me."

RETIREES AT OWN REQUEST

Colonel W. D. Gordon Leaves the Service on Pension.

KINGSTON, Aug. 18.—"I am availing myself of the clause of the Militia Act which allows an officer after 35 years' service to retire on pension," said Col. W. D. Gordon of the Quebec Command at Montreal, when asked today for his reason for retiring. "I quit the service on Sept. 1," he continued, "leaving at my own request." Col. Gordon will come to Kingston to live. He may take over the management of The Whig, which was owned by the late E. J. B. Fense, a brother-in-law.

ROBBED OF \$45,000 IN JEWELS

Sister of Lady Gilbert Parker Victim of Thieves.

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Daniel Bacon of New York, who is touring in Switzerland with her sister, Lady Gilbert Parker and her daughter, was robbed here today of \$45,000 worth of jewelry. The theft was carried out in a most daring and skillful manner, and has been obtained to the robbers.

AT OSGOOD HALL

Aug. 18, 1910.
Judge's Chambers.
Before Middleton, J.

Re Carr—W. C. Chisholm, K.C., for mother of infant, Application by mother for increased maintenance. J. A. Patterson, K. C., for unborn children of infant. J. A. Macintosh for brothers of infant. E. C. Cattanch for official guardian for infant. Judgment reserved.

Re Broome—A. McL. Macdonell, K. C., for petitioners. Application on petition to have Ann Broome of the Township of Ross declared a lunatic. Order made declaring lunacy and reference to local master at Pembroke.

Re Charlton—J. D. Montgomery for applicant. Motion to confirm a report. No one contra. Order made confirming report.

Re Kurtzman—T. B. McQuesten (Hamilton) for applicant. Application by Jacob Kurtzman to have an order declaring him a lunatic superseded, on the ground of recovery. Order granted.

Re Gilchrist Clothing, Limited—A. McL. Macdonell for petitioners. Application on behalf of A. & S. Henry Company, Limited, for winding-up order. J. S. Fairly for company. Order made to wind up company. Order appointed interim liquidator. Reference to master-in-ordinary.

Re Lalonde—F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for applicant. Application for order to dispense with payment of certain moneys into court and for order to discharge mortgage. Order granted.

Re Meyers—Mr. Bull for administratrix. Application by administratrix to have the sum of \$375, proceeds on sale of certain village lots in Markham, paid out to her. F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for infant. Upon filing consent of mortgagee, order granted. Costs out of estate.

Watson v. Phillips—J. E. Day for applicant. Moved for order of representation and to shorten time for application to ten days. F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for infants. Order made as asked.

Re Pittsburg-Cobalt Company, Ltd.—Featherston Aylesworth for applicant. Application by Sidney F. Holker, a shareholder, for the winding up of the company. No one contra. Order made confirming report.

McPherson v. McGuire—H. S. White for plaintiff. Appeal from decision of G. M. Lee, acting for master-in-ordinary, approving of bond filed by claimant.

W. H. Irving for claimant. H. W. Shapley for sheriff. Order to go, reciting that it appearing that the sheriff has given the goods in question to the claimant and that they are not now within the jurisdiction of the court, but both to all parties reserve their rights against the sheriff in the premises. Costs in the cause. The sheriff to have no costs.

Re Dean—W. A. Henderson for applicant. Application for writ of habeas corpus. Upon signing a condi-

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tion with the sheriff that the production of the body is not to be dispensed with, order granted.

Single Court.

Before Middleton, J.
Markdale v. Norris—T. F. Slattery for plaintiff. Motion to continue injunction. Counsel for plaintiff stating that a settlement is pending. Motion enlarged sine die. Injunction continued meanwhile, to be restored to motion paper if pending settlement is not carried out.

Re N. A. Mining Co. v. Smith—L. G. McCarthy, K.C., for plaintiffs. Motion to continue injunction. No one for defendants, contra. Order made continuing injunction as asked until the trial of action. Costs to be costs in cause, unless otherwise ordered by trial judge.

Re N. A. Mining Co. v. Pigeon River Lumber Co.—L. G. McCarthy, K.C., for plaintiffs. Motion to continue injunction. Featherston Aylesworth, for defendants, contra. Upon request motion enlarged one week. Injunction continued meanwhile.

Torrance v. Saville—Gideon Grant for plaintiffs. Motion for judgment under rule 508. No one for defendant, contra. Judgment as asked, with costs.

Peake v. Canadian Pacific Railway Co.—A. C. Cattanch for plaintiff. Application for judgment in an action to recover damages for injuries received. A. D. Armour for defendant. Judgment for plaintiff for \$1500 and costs of action in full of damages claimed. The apportionment of the sum to be spoken to later.

THE VALUE OF LICENSES

Commissioner Lamb Wonders Why Holders Should Profit So.

When the license commissioners transferred permission yesterday for a transfer of the liquor shop license at 928 West Bloor-street, formerly owned by the late Mrs. Kate Cloney to her nephew, John J. Ryan, they learned that the consideration is \$31,000, and that fifteen years ago the license was bought for \$5000.

"I don't see why these people by a monopoly should make \$26,000 in fifteen years without earning it," said Commissioner Lamb. "It is true that legislation was taken to provide that the unearned increment should go to the people. It is true that the increased population has made the license more valuable, but the liquor dealers are not responsible for the increase in population."

"I agree with Mr. Lamb," said Chairman Coatsworth, "but it must be understood that it is in this case alone that we are referring to, but to the monopoly of the liquor trade in general."

"There is another thing that I would like to mention," Mr. Lamb went on, "and that is the fact that a hotel with six bartenders doing a rushing business only pays the same license fee as one with one bartender, and I think that a graded scale should be introduced that would place them all on an even footing."

Daniel Small got permission to move his liquor store from 54 Elizabeth-street to larger quarters at 57 Elizabeth-street.

AFTER EUROPEAN TRADE.

Slater Company Extending to France and Great Britain.

Charles C. Cummings of the Slater Shoe Co. called for England on the Empress last week, to study the shoe trade of Great Britain on behalf of the company. The Slater Co. have been appealed to by some English correspondents to come over and dust the American shoe from the London shopping centres.

L. P. Deslongchamps has just returned from Paris, where he went as a representative of the Slater Co. He has concluded arrangements to give the Parisians opportunity to secure their wares.

Stole Cash for His Parents.
Robert Shields, a driver for the Western Bakery, was sent to jail for 60 days for theft of \$175 from his employers, to which he pleaded guilty in police court yesterday morning, saying that he had taken it to send to his parents in England.

Garage Destroyed.
William Cottrell's garage at Woodbine-avenue and the Kingston-road was destroyed by fire, caused by a defective forge, yesterday morning. The loss is \$1000. The firemen were hampered by lack of hydrants. An underground tank containing 200 gallons of gasoline was at the rear of the building.

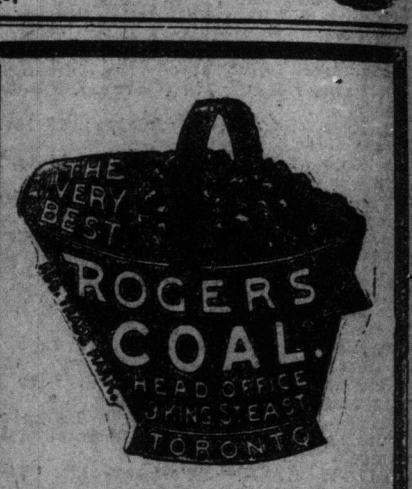
Philip Jamieson's Estate.
The succession dues department yesterday received a cheque for \$13,482 from the estate of the late Philip Jamieson. The net estate totals \$379,000, and has been handed over to the Toronto General Trusts Co. with instructions to pay certain incomes to the children. In the event of their dying without issue, the estate goes to charitable institutions. For this reason the executors are not paying the full amount at present.

Flying Weavers at Scarborough Beach.
Another strong attraction has been booked for the free open-air show at Scarborough Beach next week in the Flying Weavers, who give an act which has been styled the climax of aerial art. Suspended by their teeth, the performers give a thrilling exhibition, which is rendered as picturesque as it is skillful.

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DANISH EXPLORER WRECKED

Mikkelsen Meets With Disaster in the Arctic.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 18.—Capt. Elmar Mikkelsen, with his expedition, which sailed June 20, 1909, on the Danish Arctic ship Albatross, to search for the bodies of the Erikson Greenland expedition, were wrecked during the winter on the coast of East Greenland, according to advices received here today.

Capt. Mikkelsen and the entire party effected a landing on Shannon Island, off the coast of King William Land. From this point they were recently rescued by another ship.

News of the escape of the party and their rescue was brought to Tromsø by a steamer cruising in the Polar Sea.

Mikkelsen hoped to go with two men to Cape Rigsgaard, 82 degrees north, where he expected to find the depot established by the Erikson party.

Another object of the expedition was to determine whether Peary channel to the west were a sound or a branch of a flood system.

LIBERTY SHORT-LIVED

Three Boys Who Left Mimico School Back in Tails Again.

The three boys who got away from Victoria Industrial School Wednesday night, are in quod again.

One was caught during the night in Mimico railway yards. The others reached Long Branch, where they doffed their uniforms, and started east along the lakeshore in bathing suits. They got hold of a rowboat, but lost the oars and were found adrift in Humber Bay.

Some residents having read in The World of the boys' escape, suspected their identity and notified the authorities.

ELECTRICITY CAUSES ILLNESS

Bad for Nerves, Says Dr. Sheard—Typhoid Prevalent.

Fifty-five cases of typhoid fever in this city have been reported to the medical health office for August, as against 28 a year ago, and 45 in August, 1909.

Dr. Sheard stated that there were no cases reported in Toronto of infantile paralysis, which is epidemic in Hamilton, and which one physician attributes to electricity as it is generally found in cities and not in rural districts.

"The disease," said Dr. Sheard, "is paralysis following cerebral spinal meningitis." He is not sure that electricity does not materially predispose people to nerve ailments and neurotic conditions.

They Like the Job.

Fifty prisoners are now at work between Matheson and Hawk Lake, and four miles of the road have been graded. The clearing, which is in charge of free labor, has proceeded for five miles. Several of the prisoners have freed with the free gang on the clearing work after securing their release, and are now drawing government pay.

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