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PRINCIPLES AND MEN

James Whitney has gone to war with the editor of the Conservative. O'Connell over the tax reform question and now he must take on the editor of the Conservative. O'Connell is the Journal's bluntly told Sir James while it would be unfortunate to lose yet "this tax question is of such importance in these days of real estate boom and civic growth that the province is liable to be driven into the necessity of preparing a principle to a man." With two his own party papers already against the taxation question Sir James anticipates a further vigorous agitation throughout the province. If he does yield, the people will presently, in the role of the Journal, prefer a principle to a man, and defeat his government. The Journal puts the case for local opinion with clearness and force. It says: Let the taxpayers in each community take care of themselves. They're no fools when it comes to parting with their money. Somebody in Toronto, Sir James, thinks, suggested that farmers don't pay the taxes. The Dominion Grange says they do. But if they don't, they won't have to, merely because local opinion is granted. They would have the vote. They could vote down all such propositions if they didn't like them.

PENSIONS FOR MOTHERS

It is proposed to form in Canada a country-wide organization to press for pension fund for the mothers of dependent children. The agitation has been begun and will be extended all over the country. The Dominion Grange is the head of the movement, and in a recent interview said: "It is a crying shame, when the government can at once contribute \$30,000,000 for naval defense, that it could not set aside an amount to be used for the protection of the motherhood and childhood of the nation." She has had the matter brought to the attention of several members of the federal government, and of the Trades and Labor Council of Canada. The plan proposed is to grant an annual pension to those mothers who have dependent children, in order that the latter might be kept at home and properly cared for; as it is much better for the small child to be at home and under its mother's care than in a public institution.

The plan is not new. It is in operation in at least half a dozen European countries, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, Norway and Sweden, and Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and several other states of the American union have somewhat similar laws. Mrs. Henderson quotes statistics to show that most of the children who pass through the juvenile courts have been neglected by both parents, 25 have no father living, or he has deserted the home; 30 no mother living; making in all 61 or 65 per cent. In every one of the 25 cases where the father is dead or has deserted the home, the mother has been the breadwinner, and as far as we can learn there are at least six other mothers who turn out to help, making 31 who have to leave the home to work. In the Berthelme Home there is a total of 95 out of 169 children whose parents are either dead or have deserted them.

There is now an agitation in the state of Pennsylvania for a mother's pension law. The Philadelphia Telegraph is carrying on a vigorous campaign in its behalf. From a recent issue of that paper we quote: "In this great, rich state of Pennsylvania there are thousands of needy mothers with one to four or five small children to support. By no fault of their own, their children's incomes of those mothers have been cut off. The father has died, or become an invalid, or, in some cases, abandoned his family. These women have fulfilled their duty to the state and society, they have brought by prayer and piety. They have brought children into the world. Shall the state and society permit those mothers and babies to sink wretchedly into the mire of degrading poverty, without lending a hand to help? Or in the name of a cold charity, shall society wrest these little children from their mothers' arms and place them in a motherless asylum? The Evening Telegraph, encouraged by the success of mother's pension laws in Missouri and Chicago, believes that Pennsylvania should follow the example set in those places and pay a certain sum per child every month to destitute mothers. In its own home with its own mother is the proper place for a child to grow up into a useful citizen. A small sum paid regularly by the state gives the stricken mother assurance and courage to labor in the care of her little ones. Her best incentive in life is always before her. Place the children in an institution and all this is reversed. Emphatically, a mother and child must be kept together in a home of their own, in the name of justice, good citizenship and the economy of all resources, human and financial."

Of course it would be necessary in the administration of such a fund to make some discrimination or to have an oversight of the family affairs. There are mothers who are quite unfit to bring up their children properly, and the latter would be better in an institution; but such cases would not be numerous, and

be of very great benefit. Merely to hand out so many dollars per month to such mothers would be to invite the speedy dissipation of the fund, without proportionate benefit to the family. On the whole, however, it is unquestionably better to hold families together, and the mother's pension is a measure that will steadily grow in favor.

The Standard replies at great length to some criticisms of the provincial government's financial statement which this paper made yesterday. How much reliance may be placed on the Standard's assertions may be judged by this one: "It is not saying too much for the government to state that the roads and bridges of the country are today in better condition than they ever were." What reliance can be placed in the statements of a newspaper which coolly makes such an assertion as that?

In his reply to the address presented to him, Archbishop McNeill, the new archbishop of Toronto, commented on recent changes in the episcopate as follows: "Within the last two years the episcopal appointments indicate something new. A priest has been transferred from Quebec to Saskatchewan; another has been transferred from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia; another from Nova Scotia to New Brunswick. Still another from New Brunswick to British Columbia, and an archbishop from British Columbia to Ontario. This all seems to mean something. It may be accidental; nobody has told me it meant anything, but I think it calls upon us to enlarge our hearts and to widen our horizon. The people of this church in Canada need to know each other better."

The Montreal Witness notes the fact that among the measures adopted at the recent session of the Quebec legislature, there were several that had to do with child welfare. One, introduced by the government, raised the age under which children must not work in factories from 12 to 14 years, so as to make the provincial law the same as the federal. The premier's bill regarding juvenile delinquents gave the judge of the juvenile court wider authority. He can now compel children to attend school when sent there by their parents, and, in general, he can compel obedience to parents, as well as dealing with more serious offenses committed by delinquent boys or girls. The establishment of a board of censors for the moving picture shows is also intended to be a protection to children from the suggestive influence of improper pictures.

Speaking in Ontario last year Mr. Borden, the present premier of Canada, referred to the wretched condition of the roads in this country, and compared them with those of Europe. "It is a remarkable contrast," said Mr. Borden, "to travel on European highways. In France one of the outstanding benefits of the regime of the first Napoleon are the magnificent roads, the construction of which he initiated. His purpose was primarily a military one, but the benefits have extended to this day. In Switzerland, even away up in the rugged mountains, one travels on roads as hard almost, as smooth, and as well rounded and drained as the asphalt roads of our cities. In England, every few miles one comes across a man breaking stones intended for the highway. Country roads are cared for systematically. When ruts form, or holes develop, they are attended to at once. A stitch in time saves nine." Mr. Borden would heartily commend the Good Roads campaign in St. John county.

Frederick Persons (Gleaner, Thursday). Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Sweeney of St. John spent the holiday here. Cortland Robinson was at home from St. John for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Dyer of St. John spent Christmas with ex-adj. John Maxwell.

W. B. Wallace, K. C. of St. John, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Jeffrey, St. Mary's.

Miss Elsie Hurley went to St. John this morning.

W. T. McLeod went to St. John this morning to meet his brother, George McLeod, who is coming from New York.

Rev. John P. O'Regan, C. S. S. R., of St. Peter's church, St. John, is the guest of his cousin, Rev. J. J. Ryan, at St. Mary's.

Mrs. John Black arrived from Vancouver on Tuesday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Allen arrived from Winnipeg on Tuesday to spend the holiday season with Dr. and Mrs. T. Carson Allen, Church street.

Mrs. Dawson Gilmore is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edwards.

The marriage is soon to take place of Miss A. Lyons of this city, to M. J. Shea of New West, P.E.

Parley McLean, of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company's office at Halifax, spent Christmas with friends in this city.

Mrs. M. Jacques left last evening for Montreal to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Rose Harris to B. White, of Montreal, which takes place on the 7th of January, 1913.

John L. Fenney, of St. John, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fenney, Charlotte street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns and child, of Seckville, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Burns.

F. W. Vanwart, of St. John, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Cora G. Staples returned to Sussex today after spending the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Staples, Bruce Smith, of the Bank of New Brunswick.

THE SIGNIFICANT PRESCRIPTION SIGN

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wick, St. John, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Smith.

Prof. Gough, formerly of the University of New Brunswick faculty, is spending the holidays in the city.

Miss Patterson, of Seckville, spent Christmas in the city, the guest of Mrs. F. Burns.

Miss M. J. Doherty is spending the Christmas holidays with her father, William Doherty.

W. J. Southern, a former resident of this city, now located in Regina, has been called here by the serious illness of his wife.

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He was an old merchant and had built up a big business by advertising. "John," said his wife, "what do you want on your tombstone?"

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Doctor—"How many sleeping powders did you take?"

Peterson—"I didn't take any; I gave a couple of them to the baby!"

MISTAKEN.
Pat—"I got a great fright last night."

Pat—"How was that, Pat?"

Pat—"You know the house I stop in is often visited by burglars, and when I go to bed I always put my watch under my pillow. And what do you think, when I woke up in the morning?"

Mike—"Well, your watch was gone."

Pat—"No, it was going!"

THE OLD AND THE NEW.
The teacher asked: "When did Moses live?"

After the silence had become painful she asked when sent to the Testaments. What does it say there?"

A boy answered: Moses, 4000."

"Now," said the teacher, "you have all seen that before. Why didn't you know when Moses lived?"

"Well," replied the boy, "I thought it was his telephone number."

A REMARKABLE FEAT.
A man was brought up on the charge of beating his wife, and biting off a portion of her ear. The woman, however, as no often happens, was anxious to screen her husband, and, if possible, obtain his acquittal.

"Your husband has been treating you very badly, eh?"

"Oh, no, your Worship."

"No! Did he not bite off a piece of your ear?"

"No, your Worship, I did it myself!"

DEPENDS.
"Is a ton of coal very much?"

"It depends on whether you are shovelling it or burning it."

HIS CHOICE.
"You said when you proposed that you'd rather live in eternal torment with me than in bliss by yourself."

"Well, I've had my wish."—London Opinion.

CATTISH.
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MAKING OF THE CRIMINAL

Environment, Not Heredity, Responsible Says Owen Dawson

(Montreal Witness).

Ninety-nine out of every hundred young criminals are made by environment, not heredity. That was the substance of Owen Dawson, clerk of the Montreal Juvenile Court, who addressed the Trinity Church Young Men's Own yesterday on "Crime and its Prevention," from the point of view of the juvenile law-breaker. Boys he said had a remarkable fund of energy, and the great thing was to turn it into the right direction. Many of the boys who came before the Juvenile Court had been born and brought up in the country, and it was not until they came into the cities, and met with bad companions, that they began to go wrong. Home influences, again, were sometimes very bad. That the boys themselves were often made of the right stuff he showed by anecdotes of lads who had "gone wrong" but had been thoroughly reformed by a term at the Boys' Farm at Shawbridge. Many of them were clever youngsters and often made five or six dollars a day by stealing coal and grain receiving most attention in the activity of the juveniles.

Mr. Dawson pointed out that drastic treatment was not of much use in dealing with the lads, nor would lectures on their conduct avail. The best plan, he said, was to be a big brother to them—get them away into the country, interest oneself in them, and gain their confidence, by appealing to them individually. The boys and girls of today were the men and women of tomorrow and being boys and girls something could be done with them if they were left alone they would grow up no better than their parents, and it was

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a public responsibility to see that such a thing did not happen.

In the course of his address, Mr. Dawson mentioned the subject of boys' clubs and emphasized their value by the example of the Griffintown Club, of which he is president. He told of its foundation and subsequent progress from a first meeting of fifteen lads to its present membership of 100. Athletics were specifically cultivated as an outlet for the energy of the lads, and the club now possessed fine premises with all requisites for the boys' welfare.

Cholera Raging in Arabia.
London, Dec. 27.—An Odessa despatch to the Post reports an alarming epidemic of cholera in Mecca, Arabia, where 10,000 pilgrims are now gathered. In the past four days 1,714 deaths have been reported.

Roosevelt on Woman Suffrage
Colonel Roosevelt was entertained by Jane Addams as the honor guest at a luncheon for the women of the National Progressive Conference in Chicago recently. He made an address which, according to the press reports, was devoted chiefly to woman suffrage.

The colonel said that the progressive literature prepared by Frances Kellor had had a tremendous circulation and proved one of the important influences of the movement, while the speech of Miss Addams in according the Roosevelt nomination was the most widely circulated speech of the campaign. And yet, Colonel Roosevelt laughingly pointed out, the two women who could produce these highly important documents were not allowed to vote. It was absurd.

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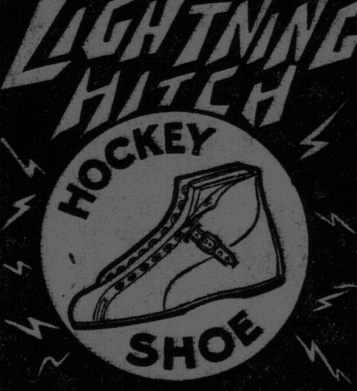
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