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## Good Roads and Patriotism.

With each returning spring the problem of highway improvement presses itself upon us for solution. The inconvenience of bad roads is felt more severely at this time of the year, when trade is practically at a standstill, owing to the depth of mud incident to bad drainage and poor road materials. Especially is this the case in towns and villages throughout the country, where merchant and farmer are more directly dependent upon each other.

If the matter of road improvement were undertaken by such municipal bodies as the county and the township councils, who would employ skilled roadmakers throughout the spring and summer seasons, it would not be long before our rural thoroughfares would be such as would command the admiration of the entire community. Let the work be so apportioned that the county council would become responsible for, and supervise the improvement of all the main roads, and the township councils those of minor concern.

Good results have been obtained in the United States by what are called road trains. Railway companies who have recognized the importance of the volume of commerce, have permitted the use of special trains manned by expert road engineers. These trains are switched off on sidings at convenient centers, and the actual construction of roadbeds is undertaken in the presence of hundreds or of thousands of interested spectators. Men have an opportunity of seeing the work done, of asking questions and obtaining advice and direction from competent persons.

Millions of dollars have been spent in this country on railways and canals, but if the greatest practical results are to be realized from our railway and canal systems, greater attention must be paid to the smaller feeders—the common roads.

The wear and tear on horse flesh, vehicles and harness in a year, which at present is a serious loss to the agriculturist, might be obviated. Not only this, but the drainage along the front of his farm would easily increase the value of each acre by at least ten dollars; because a proper system of drainage is one of the first essentials in road construction.

But there is another side to the question. The attractiveness of home life is a matter of consideration. There is enough of appreciation for the artistic in Canadians to enable them to properly realize beautiful surroundings, or to turn from those which are uninviting. The youth of our land are schooled in the light of the twentieth century. They are naturally repelled by surroundings that are not in harmony with the progressive condition of the day, and as a result we have the tendency to get away from farming and a general distaste for rural life. Neatly kept farms, with wire or mechanically constructed rail fences, though the former are in reality the cheaper, uniform and well-built roads, shade trees, and as a climax, a cosy home, around which natural beauty in the shape of shrubs and flowers, is much in evidence, will attract even the least aesthetically inclined. A love for home life, inspired by such surroundings, is in the truest sense patriotic.

## Good Sense and Tolerance.

Le Soleil for the 10th of March contains a strong, sober appeal to the people of Quebec and district to avoid a narrow jingo patriotism and "Anglophobia." This journal says it is proverbially true that no country has enjoyed more happiness and freedom during the last fifty years than the Province of Quebec. But there are some people who do not know when they are well off. "Sober people have been asking for some time what is the purpose of this little campaign of Anglophobia, which unfortunately for our reputation seems to have taken its rise in our good town of Quebec." Hitherto, says this article, the burning question of race has been discussed there with moderation and good sense. It appears that one element in this agitation is a demand for more purity of speech. This, as Le Soleil shows, can be carried to ridiculous lengths. "They can 'trek,' if they will, as far as France, where their purism will be still more scandalized, for in the heart of Paris the French language is enriched at the expense of German, English, Italian, Spanish, Arabic and all the dialects of the world, which does not hinder it from being spoken more correctly and more musically than in Quebec. Those who wish to be more French than France have no more chance than the politicians who formerly claimed to be more Catholic than the Pope." Then comes a warning to the editor of Le Evenement against playing with fire, as he has done before. "As Sir Wilfrid Laurier has the audacity to speak English in a chamber where the majority is English, and because Le Soleil now and then publishes English texts in its columns, it is clear that the Liberal party is becoming Anglicized. In this way

our contemporary flatters himself that he is creating the legend of the patriotic Conservative party, opposed to the traitorous Liberal party."

We have often expressed our view that to exploit questions of race and language for party purpose is foolish as well as wrong.

## "Who's Who?" in America.

The English have had their "Who's Who" for fifty years, and three years ago it found an imitator in America; so there is at least one thing in which the Americans have followed English lead. The American book is said to be packed with "solid living facts" concerning 11,551 celebrities. The American celebrity, in reply to editorial inquiry, recounts every achievement that he can place to his credit, and does not trouble much about "recollections," which play such a large part in the English book; small domestic details the American despises. One man wrote to say that he was sorry he could not give his wife's maiden name, as she was traveling on the continent. Of those who have made a name in the United States, 527 were born in Boston, 238 in Germany, and 174 in Canada. This last figure surely shows a pretty good proportion for our contribution. France comes next, but all the other countries have small numbers; 108 distinguished Americans have found refuge in England, and 76 in France, but only one in Scotland, and none in Ireland. The Times reviewer points out that "distinctions of rank, after all, are a picturesque feature one cannot help missing in this stern republican record."

What the American must show is a line of useful effort which will enable him to be tickled off as we take a few descriptions at random—congressman, author, confectioner, benefactor, bishop, astrophysicist, educator. The reader, then, must not look for picturesqueness, or romance, or intentional humor, in this book. He must be content with "solid, living facts," and leave trivialities to the old country. We can quite understand how, in such a development altogether of a personal and biographical character the differences of the two countries would come out in a very striking manner. And it may be that outside of the eleven thousand, there are many men and women at work who are destined to have a very powerful influence on the life of their country and the world.

## Protection in the United States.

[New York Outlook.]

Upon the Republicans in Congress depends also the fate of protection in the near future. That the protective system must be modified to suit the new demands of the new times is evident to all thoughtful men. It can be preserved only by breadth of view and flexibility of legislation during the next few years. The extreme protectionists are allowed to have their way in the face of new conditions creating new demands, there will be a violent end to protection which will not only drive the Republican party out of power, but which may prove very disastrous to the country. History is full of lessons writ large for the benefit of the Republican party at this juncture. It would do well to take a few hints from the policy of the English Conservatives who, whenever they find that they must make concessions to public opinion, instead of standing out and inviting a movement of revolutionary intensity, modify existing conditions in their own fashion. The true policy for the protectionist is to study public sentiment and to make the modifications of the tariff system which are inevitable, instead of allowing them to be made by their enemies.

## The Sanctity of an Oath.

[Montreal Witness.]

A recent article in the London Telegraph comments on the careless and flippant manner in which the oath is sometimes administered in English courts of justice. The evil is even more apparent in Canada, where the oath is still required, on many occasions in which a simple affirmation suffices in the old country. The multiplicity of oaths and the lack of importance of some of the occasions which call for them in our commercial life, have a tendency to weaken their efficacy as a means of obtaining the truth, and incidents are not uncommon where "a coach and four" is driven through them as easily as O'Connell said it could be driven through any act of parliament ever framed, the damage to public morality being a very perceptible one. Even among thoughtful and conscientious people the oath has a more or less prejudicial effect in that it decreases the value of their ordinary statements and creates a temptation to conduct similar to that of Louis XI. of France, who is said to have had one form of oath which he never broke, but felt exasperated thereby from keeping any other. Whether the words "Swear not at all; let your yea be yea and your nay, nay," are supposed to be observed literally or not they certainly demand simplicity of language and call for absolute sincerity and truthfulness in every-day life. Dealers in agricultural machinery speak of the complete dependence which can be placed on the word of the Minnesota and Doukhobors of the Northwest. Whether this is to be attributed to oaths or bonds or not, it should arouse us to the importance of using every means calculated to regain the character of unflinching truthfulness by which the Anglo-Saxon people were once distinguished.

## A STUDIO SECRET.

"Sometimes," sighed the weary papa as he tried in vain to quiet the turbulent infant, "I wish I was a photographer."

"And why?" nonchalantly asked mamma as she turned to another chapter.

"Because a photographer seems to be the only man on earth who can make a baby look pleasant when it doesn't wish to."

## HISTORY ELUCIDATED.

"What did the Puritans come to this country for?" asked a Massachusetts tourist of a class in American history.

"To worship in their own way and make other people do the same thing," was the reply.

## PROROGATION PROCEEDINGS

Legislative Sessions Closed With Little Show.

Chief Justice Armour Acts for Lieutenant-Governor Mowat—The Speech From the Throne.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 17.—Though a ceremonial of no small interest, the prorogation of the legislature, passed off this afternoon, with comparatively little pomp and circumstance. The galleries were filled with visitors, among whom were many ladies, but the floor of the house, in strange contrast to the brilliant opening function on Jan. 8, was not crowded with leaders of society. In fact, the official invitation list included few names owing to the uncertainty which always prevails as to the date of the event.

When the administrator, Chief Justice Armour, who was sworn in some days ago owing to the illness of Sir Oliver Mowat, came to the entrance of the chamber, he was met by the leader of the house, who escorted him to the dais. The assistant clerk read the names of the bills ready for royal assent, and the clerk authorized them in the name of His Majesty. One hundred and sixteen bills have been put through, a number in excess of the average.

The escort was furnished by the Royal Grenadiers.

## Address from the Throne.

The address from the throne was as follows:

I observe with great pleasure that the legislature now about to be dissolved has emulated its predecessors in endeavoring to devise and carry into effect a policy designed to encourage the development of the newer portions of Ontario. It affords me therefore, peculiar satisfaction to be able, in his Majesty's name, to assent to a bill for the construction of the Temiscamague and Northern Ontario Railway under the direct auspices of the government. The careful and systematic exploration of these districts has fully warranted the expectation that the construction of such a railway will add materially to our population and at the same time furnish a substantial outlet for the manufactures of the older part of the province. I trust that the line will be of great benefit to the people, and that the facilities for transportation which it is intended to afford will be available on an equitable basis to all the railway systems of the Dominion.

## PROHIBITION BILL.

I assent with pleasure to the bill respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors, and I am pleased to notice that a measure in regard to which there is necessary much difference of opinion and which is so far-reaching in its influence upon the social customs of the people as well as on the property and civil rights, has been referred to the electors of the province for their approval. Experience has shown that legislation with regard to the liquor traffic, in order to be effective, must be fully sustained by public opinion. Should this opinion be favorable to the measure, it will be able in the present conjuncture to enforce legislation which you have stamped with your approval.

## INCREASED REPRESENTATION.

I cordially approve of the measure for increasing the representation of that portion of the province not yet organized for municipal purposes. With the increase of population, the wants of the people necessarily increase. It was therefore proper in the interests of the whole province that ample facilities should be given to the electors for obtaining the fullest information with regard to the great areas of undeveloped territory still vested in the crown.

## STATUTE CONSOLIDATION.

I am glad to find among the measures submitted for the royal assent a bill respecting the revision and consolidation of the imperial statutes from time to time incorporated in the statute law of the province. It is pleasing to observe the thoroughness with which the commissioners appointed for this purpose have done their work, and I am confident that the consolidation which they have effected will be greatly to the advantage of the legal profession and of the public, as it renders more intelligible many statutes which have become antiquated and obscure, and at the same time removes from the statute book laws which had long ago become obsolete.

## TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

It is gratifying to notice that the legislature is fully alive to the increased transportation facilities required by the agricultural population of the province, as is shown by the numerous charters granted for the construction of electric railways connecting the rural districts with the market towns. I have, therefore, assented with more than ordinary pleasure to the bills dealing with this method of transportation, and to the further measure investing a committee of the executive council with jurisdiction over all electric railway systems.

## ANGIER'S PETROLEUM EMULSION FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS

ANGIER'S PETROLEUM EMULSION is the best thing you ever heard of for children. It does them just as much good as it does the big folks, and is as pleasant to take as can be, agreeing with the weakest stomach. It's the quickest, safest, sweetest cure known for Whooping Cough and Croupy Cough in Children. It cures the most stubborn cough and heals all soreness and inflammation of the throat and lungs. It is splendid for Bronchitis, Swollen Tonsils, Difficult Breathing and Cold in the Chest. It's a remedy for all throat and lung troubles.

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tens subject to the legislature of the province.

I also assent with pleasure to the acts dealing with agriculture, the act respecting the improvement of public highways, and more particularly the act to amend the toll roads expiration act, which renders more workable the important measure on that subject passed last year.

I am confident that the measures providing for the revision of the statute law, the act granting aid to certain railways, the act affecting wills of personal property and marriage, the act reducing the number of expert witnesses in civil cases, and the act for the removal of obstructions in rivers and streams will be found to be in the public interest. Your interest in higher education is shown by the bills dealing with the University of Toronto, University College and high schools.

I thank you for the generous appropriations you have made for the public service, and take pleasure in assuring you that they will be carefully expended.

## ZEAL COMMENDED.

In taking leave of this, the ninth Legislative Assembly of Ontario, I desire to commend your zeal in endeavoring to promote the prosperity and well-being of the whole people. To no legislature have there been confined more important interests than to the one now about to be dissolved. In endeavoring to promote the prosperity and well-being of the whole people, to no legislature have there been confined more important interests than to the one now about to be dissolved.

I venture to hope that your successors will prove to be no less anxious to maintain the honor and credit of the assembly, and that they will in a spirit of the highest patriotism and with equal care and fidelity apply themselves, as I believe you have done, to increase the prosperity and promote the moral well-being of all classes of our subjects.

At the conclusion of the speech, Hon. Mr. Stratton, provincial secretary, pronounced the house prorogued.

A shadow of gloom was cast over the entire ceremony by the death of Mrs. Ross, and interest in the event was rapt rather than lively. The dissolution of the ninth legislature will be announced in a proclamation from the lieutenant-governor at an early date.

## BOY PLAYED BUTCHER WITH A BABY VICTIM

New York Boy Almost Murdered His Little Brother in "Playing Butcher."

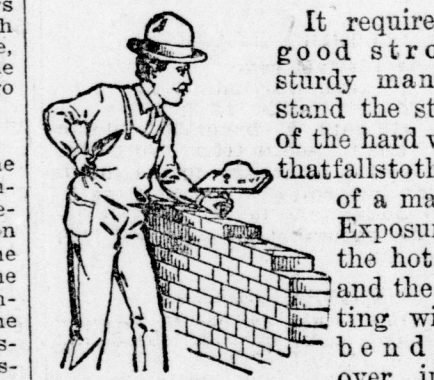
Goshen, N. Y., March 18.—Playing the role of a cruel assassin, a young boy, old brother, ambitious to "be a butcher like papa," told him to, almost cost the life of the 4-year-old son of Chas. Haney, who lives at Marshfield, near Parker's Glen.

When found he was unconscious, strung up by the heels alongside a recently slaughtered animal and just about to be skinned by the enthusiastic young workman, who had asked his mother for a knife.

The boy is a careful observer of his father's methods. He had often watched him throw a rope over a beef, knock it senseless, string it up to a beam in the slaughter house, and prepare it for market.

He was filled with his ambition to emulate his father, and energetically assisted his little brother. When the

## Bricklayer's Backache.



It requires a good strong sturdy man to stand the strain of the hard work that falls to the lot of a mason.

Exposure to the hot sun and the cutting winds, bending over, inhaling the fine dust of the lime, brick or stone, all these things are bound sooner or later to tell on the kidneys and put them out of working order.

The poor old back begins to ache and pain, the urine is scant and scalds when passing.

Any mason who finds his back aching and his kidneys bothering him can have these troubles removed and be put in fit shape for his work by a bottle or two of Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets.

## ACTED LIKE A CHARM.

Mr. Geo. Grass, South Street, Aylmer, Ont., a stone and brickmason, well known in that town and vicinity, says: "For some fifteen years I have had trouble with my back and kidneys. It arose from my attempting to lift a very heavy stone and straining myself. I have tried all sorts of remedies in the hope of being cured, but obtained very little relief. My back would be so bad at times that it was with great pain and difficulty I could straighten up when I arose from my bed in the morning, and I suffered so much that I had to give up my mason work altogether. I read a good deal about Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets and bought a supply from my druggist. They acted like a charm. I took the soreness and stiffness out of my back so that I can now straighten up with ease. The pain is all gone and I feel strong and well." Price 50c. a box, at all druggists or by mail, THE DR. ZINA PITCHER CO., TORONTO.

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Thursday, Friday &amp; Saturday, MARCH 21, 22 &amp; 23

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## COLORED FABRICS.

## NEW BLACKS.

## "Voile."

The most popular weave for the season. Light weight, sheer finish, all wool, and specially adapted for the new style of dresses, in all the new tints shown for the present season—bluet, reseda, pearl gray, bluet, etc. Per yard, 45c, 50c and 75c, 44 inch.

## "Crepeline."

This material is a very new and pretty weave, soft and clinging all wool crepe effect surface, in all pretty light shades for dresses—creme, sky, rose, gray, reseda, bluet, etc. Per yard, 60c and 75c.

## Crepe de Chene.

This popular fabric we have in wool, silk and wool and all silk, by the yard; also in finer class in dress lengths, in all new summer tints and colorings. Per yard, 75c and \$1. Also Patterns at \$11 to \$15.

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48, 50 and 52-inch, "Fricateley's" Black Suitings, price finish, will not spot nor shrink. These lines are thoroughly tested and guaranteed. Every yard stamped. Per yard, 85c, \$1 and \$1.25.

## Cheviots.

52-inch Black Cheviots, all-wool, smooth surface, for spring suits and unlined blouse skirts; very special values in black and navy. Per yard, 75c, 90c, \$1.25.

## "Voile" and "Crepeline."

44-inch Black Voile Crepeline and Crepe de Chene, a great variety of weaves and light-weight goods; all-wool and silk and wool; also the new "Cannon's Voile," open weave. All these lines range in price from 50c, 75c, \$1 to \$2.

## Black Silk Grenadines.

New stripes, spots and floral designs. Per yard, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$2.50.

## HIS BLIZZARD EAR MUFFS.

Bighead—Why are you wearing ear muffs? Jumpuppe—Because this is the anniversary of the blizzard of '88. Bighead—Wheat, are you expecting one like it this year? Jumpuppe—No, but I don't want to hear the same old yarns over again.

## BODY AND MIND OVERWORKED.

"What scared you so? You are all out of breath." "I just crossed the street in front of a cross-eyed bicyclist who was in a hurry."

## FOUND HER LOST FORTUNE

Of health through believing what she read—tested the claim—proved the truth. South American Kidney Cure cured a violent type of Kidney Disease.

Mrs. Norman Cooke, of Delhi, Ont., doctor for Kidney disease until she was tired—tried plasters and a dozen remedies before she tried South American Kidney Cure. When she had used one bottle she had derived great benefit. After taking six bottles she was cured. She was so great a sufferer at times that she could not down—was totally unfit for household duties. South American Kidney Cure gives relief in six hours.

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## CAPSIZED IN A TERRIFIC SEA

Twelve Men Drowned by the Upsetting of a Boat.

Two Fatalities at Welland—Young Man Accidentally Shoots Himself—Other Casualties.

Chatham, Mass., March 18.—Seven men of the crew of the Monomoy life-saving station, and the captain and five men from the barge Wardena, which was in distress on Handkerchief Shoal, were thrown into the sea yesterday by the capsizing of a lifeboat, in a terrific sea. One boatman, Surfman Ellis, escaped. He was unconscious for hours, so that the details of the disaster could not be learned. At first it was thought that only the seven members of the life-saving crew had been lost, and it was not until Ellis began to return to consciousness that it became known that the lifeboat had reached the barge and had taken on board five persons and was returning to shore when it was capsized. These men were drowned, in addition to the crew, making 12 men in all who perished.

The members of the life-saving station who perished are: Capt. Marshall Eldridge, South Chatham; Edgar Small, Harwich; Elijah Kendrick, Harwich; Osborn Choate, Harwich; Arthur Rodgers, North Harwich; Thos. Poye, South Chatham; Valentine Nickerson, Harwich. Capt. Eldridge was a widower. All the others were married and leave families.

## FATALITIES AT WELLAND.

Welland, March 18.—A shocking accident occurred a short distance east of here, by which Charles Pearson, Osborn Choate, Harwich; Arthur Rodgers, North Harwich; Thos. Poye, South Chatham; Valentine Nickerson, Harwich. Capt. Eldridge was a widower. All the others were married and leave families.



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Right in the small of the back. Do you ever get a pain there?

If so, Do you know what it means?

It is a Backache.

A sure sign of Kidney Trouble. Don't neglect it.

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