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The need of a more extensive sewerage system in Bridgetown is being quite generally discussed nowadays, and no one pretends to deny the pressing needs of the town in this respect.

New houses are going up on every hand and there is evidence of a substantial building boom that will not terminate with the completion of the dozen new houses now under construction.

But, when an increase of houses means an increase of cesspools and a further clogging of our already clogged drainage system, it is time for the sanitary aspects of the case to be considered.

There are portions of the town where a good natural drainage exists, and it is properly turned to advantage by property holders, but a large part of the town slopes towards a central depression from which there is no outlet.

It is necessary to have a drainage system, and it will never do to rely on the present open drains for the purpose.

A modern sewer must be placed in the portion of the town and it should be done at once, as the present thoroughly sanitary condition of the district in question, constitutes a serious condition to the health of the town.

Such a condition is a blot on the enterprise of the town, and we hope to see it remedied as early as possible.

An extensive sewerage system involves a heavy expense for any town to face, and it is the case of our own town, where the civic machinery has been running such a short time, the financial problem will be unduly magnified.

Nevertheless, when a true value is placed on effective sanitation, the cost will be but a trifling consideration.

The Town Council should act in the matter, and they would undoubtedly have the support of the great majority of the taxpayers in any movement to accomplish this.

If there is no lead for the expenditure of the work, there are various ways of raising one.

The expense of property being the section referred to would not be very great, and taxpayers would not grumble at an extra levy for the convenience that would be afforded.

Germany will, after July 1st, cease to extend to Canada the benefits of the most favored nation clause of her commercial treaties.

This is in direct retaliation for the influence Canada is credited with having exerted on the British government in securing the termination of the Berlin and German treaties in exchange for the preferential Canadian tariff of all the British colonies.

As the British colonies are the only ones to be black-listed, and towards Great Britain no retaliation is shown.

As the initiator of an offensive movement, Canada is punished, but her punishment will not be a severe one since Canadian exports to Germany last year, under favorable commercial conditions, have exceeded a million dollars in value.

On the other hand Canada's imports from Germany were valued at only six times this amount.

The German policy is to restrict Canadian exports to arrange preferential trade relations through out the empire, to the detriment of strictly foreign trade.

Germany has actually had the courage to close the channels of an important export trade for the sake of shutting out a much smaller Canadian import.

This wanton destruction of a favorable balance of trade is not generally considered as a good commercial policy for any government, but Germany will be excused in this respect since she has taken care not to hamper her great trade with Great Britain, having apparently overlooked the fact that the real cause for complaint is against the more country rather than the colony.

The Senate and the Commons have amicably arranged their little difficulty over the franchise bill, and have thus once more cleared the field for the legislative process.

The Senate withdrew two amendments to the bill, and the lower house agreed to the other four, and now neither house is saddled with the responsibility of bucking the preliminary work in the great contest between the temperance people and the liquor interests of Canada.

The Senate yielded a bit on the franchise bill, but immediately combated the Commons on another issue, rejecting the bill to pass a majority vote in the lower house providing for the payment of three hundred thousand dollars to the Manitoba government on school fund accounts.

Probably, in the history of the federation, there never was a session when disagreements between the story of her financial interests in Spain and Cuba is told.

A few weeks ago and French lamentations over the loss of invested capital, that must necessarily follow an American victory, made it appear that Franco was the principal backer of Spanish industries, both at home and in her colonies.

The fact is now disclosed that British capital has built nearly all the Spanish railways and a large proportion of the Spanish merchant marine is owned by British shipowners and Spanish company titles.

The longest and most important railway in Cuba is owned and operated by a British company, and yet no complaints have been made. But for the effects of the ever busy seekers of financial news, the facts of the case would not generally be known.

The savings bank rate of interest will not be reduced to 2 per cent. on July 1st.

The finance minister has decided to postpone action in the matter until October, influenced no doubt by the silent, yet forcible objections of the depositors, who began withdrawing their savings monies in advance of the date of the proposed change.

There would seem to be no reasonable grounds for suggesting that a reduction in October will be taken more kindly, but the postponement gives color to the report that the measure will never be enacted.

The prospects for a great fruit crop in the Valley are not so encouraging as they were a few days ago when the orchards were a mass of bloom.

From all quarters of the Valley an unusually heavy dropping of the fruit formation is reported, and it is feared that the crop instead of being a large one, will hardly equal the average, even if favorable conditions prevail for ripening and harvesting.

Domestic parliament prorogued last Monday week, after a session of one hundred and thirty days, one of the longest sittings in the Canadian record.

The members were elected their sessional indemnity.

The bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Blair, minister of railways, to the Canadian Committee, to confer power on the railway committee to prevent discrimination as between a combined railway and assembly company as against a steamship company alone, has passed its third reading in both the Commons and Senate and has become law.

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New Advertisements.

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The Canadian Biscuit team called for England last Saturday.

TEA-MEETING!

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