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SOCIETY LARGELY

RESPONSIBLE.

Deputy Surveyor-General W. P. Flewelling, who committed suicide on the 5th instant, left a confession stating that he had taken public money to the extent of \$12,000 for private purposes, and was afraid to face exposure. Some journals lay the blame for the tragedy upon the late Government's loose methods of bookkeeping; but with the best possible methods of keeping accounts as for instance, in banks a trusted official often appropriates money that does not belong to him. The true reason must be sought in another direction. It lies in the style of living adopted by the members of Society, so called.

Those who have a little money at once proceed to make all the display they can. Their neighbors follow suit, thinking that to maintain their position in life they also must have fine houses, fine furniture, fine clothing, steam launches, summer cottages, etc. All this is hard on a limited salary. But appearances must be maintained. Other people's money is used, with the intention of repaying, of course; but before pay day more demands are made by Society and more money is taken until the limit is reached, and then comes exposure and disgrace, or flight, or suicide. The needless luxury and extravagance of some who could have used their surplus cash to alleviate rather than intensify human suffering is largely responsible for the untimely deaths of Mr. Flewelling and many others.

A GROSS BREACH OF TRUST.

Nine years ago the city of Fredericton granted the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company the sum of \$10,000, taking a mortgage upon its property, the agreement stipulating that the factory's output must be worth at least \$400,000 a year; that at least 250 people should be employed; and at least \$60,000 (an average of only \$240 per head) be paid each year in wages. If the company failed to observe the above conditions the loan was to be repaid to the city. The company failed to keep the agreement. The output has not, according to the Fredericton Gleaner, exceeded \$250,000 in any one year; and the required number of people have not been employed. Now, instead of compelling the company to live up to its engagements, as they should have done, the city council, last week, without a division and without any discussion, decided to cancel the mortgage in favor of a new and modified agreement by which the company shall be bound to manufacture only \$200,000 worth a year, employ 125 people and pay \$50,000 (an average of \$400) a year in wages; and by which at the end of ten years from date the loan becomes a gift. This is a gross breach of trust on the part of the Fredericton Aldermen, and one which the Legislature should refuse to sanction.

A BENEFICIAL CHECK ON SELFISH CORPORATIONS.

The Railway Commission recently appointed by the Dominion Govern-

ment is giving evidence of usefulness. Its judgment, delivered on the 1st instant, in re the Fredericton Board of Trade freight rates petition, directs that: "An order shall be made, abrogating both the Intercolonial Railway and Grand Trunk Railway Company from the agreement (with the C. P. R.) and directing the Grand Trunk Railway Company to restore to Fredericton the St. John rates upon all traffic as originated west of Montreal." This will also compel the C. P. R. to give Fredericton the same rates as St. John. It appears that hitherto the rates have been so arranged as to discriminate against Fredericton, and hence the appeal of Fredericton to the Commission, which body has decreed that justice shall be done.

The idea of the Railway Commission is a good one. It recognizes that, as the public interests are always greater than those of any individual or Corporation, the Government has the right at all times to interfere with the Railways in the matter of freight rates, train service, etc.

In the Railway Commission we have a weapon which, in proper hands, can be utilized to the great good of the whole community.

CENTRAL RAIL-

WAY EXTENSION.

Hon. Mr. Hazen expressed himself in the Legislature the other day as being of the opinion that it was a mistake not to have completed the Central Railway to Gibson, and that, if it could be shown that 500 tons of coal per day could be raised in the Grand Lake coal fields and transported cheaply to Fredericton he would not hesitate to say that the road should be completed.

The building of this extension of some 25 or 30 miles would not only bring the coal mines much nearer Fredericton, but would, as soon as the G. T. P. is constructed between Chipman and Moncton, greatly lessen the distance between Fredericton and Moncton, Halifax and Sydney. The line should pay as a passenger road as well as for freight.

We trust that the Central will remain the property of the province, unless the Dominion government takes it over, and that the extension whenever built will also be kept out of private hands.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The Old Age Pension plan, as explained by Premier Asquith in the British Commons last Thursday, proposes to start on the first day of 1909 (supposing, as is not at all certain, that the Lords accept the bill) the granting of a pension of about \$1.25 a week to all persons over seventy years of age who are in possession of incomes of less than \$130.00 a year. The whole amount will come directly from the national treasury, no contribution being required from the pensioners themselves. About 500,000 persons will be eligible for the pension, and the cost will, until the grant is increased or the age lowered, be about \$30,000,000 a year.

The further consideration of Canada's Old Age Pension scheme will be postponed till next session, before which there will probably be a general election.

ANOTHER ARBITRA-

TION TREATY.

The United States senate has at last overcome its antipathy to Britain sufficiently to enable it to ratify an Arbitration convention with that country. This will greatly benefit both nations, and should prove a decided gain for humanity. It will tend to still further cement the strong ties of friendship already existing between those two great peoples, and will incidentally strengthen Canada's sense of security. Now, if Ireland had complete local self government—to which England, Scotland and Wales are equally entitled—all reasonable causes of friction between the Empire and the great Republic would be at an end. All well wishers of the race will rejoice at what progress towards permanent peace has already been made.

MUNICIPAL STREET CARS.

The City Council of Moncton has wisely decided to acquire for the city

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a charter empowering the latter to construct and operate a street railway in Moncton and vicinity and also construct a line to Shediac. The council do not want any private company to control such an important franchise.

They also ask power to lease to any company for a period of forty years the right to construct and operate under the city's franchise.

It would have been better had this latter provision been left out. The city should do all the work itself and reap all the profits. Many cities, especially in Britain, manage all such enterprises for themselves and make money out of them. What Europeans have succeeded in accomplishing surely Canadians are capable of doing.

WAR AGAINST OPIUM.

Britain has reversed her opium policy and will henceforth co-operate with China in the latter's war upon the deadly drug. Last Wednesday, by unanimous vote, the House of Commons adopted a resolution urging the Government to immediately abolish the system of licensing opium dens in crown colonies, particularly in Hong Kong, the Straits Settlements and Ceylon. This shows that Britain has made considerable moral progress since 1839 when she made war on China because the latter refused to allow British subjects the privilege of bringing opium into her territory. Slowly, perhaps, but surely the world moves to a higher plane.

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

On the 2nd instant a large Afghan army invaded Northwestern India, and on the next day in Calcutta, hundreds of miles away, a gigantic plot, having for its object the killing of Commander-in-Chief Kitchener and other high officials, was unearthed. The Afghans were repulsed and the murder of Europeans in Calcutta averted, but the maintenance of order in India remains an extremely difficult problem—a problem which is not rendered any less difficult because of the discrimination against Hindus in the leading British colonies.

TEACHER'S POOR REWARD.

One of the most useful men in any nation is the school master. His responsibility is enormous, his task ungrateful, his work most difficult. Yet he is—in every country—one of the worst-paid of all citizens.—Amsterdam Familienode.

PROFIT IN POULTRY

Improved methods of feeding and keeping poultry are shown to have raised the production of hen's eggs from 70 to 90 a year to between 150 and 180—that's double. Mr. A. C. Gilbert, manager of the Government Experimental Farm poultry department, speaking on the subject to the Agricultural committee of the House of Commons, said that was the experience of poultry experts, and he knows, if anyone in Canada does. Increased production should make things cheaper, but in the case of eggs as in some other things eggs are gobbled up by the people who engineer the deals and kept in cold storage until they reach almost famine prices. This seems to be a good thing for the large dealer, but it comes rather hard on the consumer. The Ottawa Journal suggests that if hens could be induced to lay eggs which would not keep in cold storage it would be a good thing. Perhaps it would for when the prices are forced up by the producers are in the poorest possible condition to profit thereby. At a much less price, however, than eggs have commanded the last few years there ought to be good profit for the producer.

Some men think they know enough if they know where they can borrow money.

A woman is never satisfied with herself until she has put it all over her neighbor in some way.

EVERY WORD TRUE.

If you send us the size of your head, we will hat you. Give us the size of your neck, and we will collar you, and shirt you. Give us the size of your hand, and we will glove you with kids. Give us the color you prefer and we will tie you, and suit you, and give you more and take less than anybody you ever dealt with. If you are broken down, we will brace you up for 50c. After being booted you'll be the happiest and best dressed man in town.

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A Cure for Anaemia That is Showing Remarkable Proofs of Cures in Stubborn Cases.

When the body becomes weak and run down, either from overwork, worry or severe illness, an examination of the blood would show it to be weak and watery. This condition is called anaemia, which is the medical term for "bloodlessness." The common symptoms are paleness of the lips, gums and cheeks, shortness of breath and palpitation of the heart after the slightest exertion, dull eyes and loss of appetite. Anaemia itself is a dangerous disease and may gradually pass into consumption. It can only be cured by treating its cause—which is the poor condition of the blood. The blood must be made rich, and red, thereby enabling it to carry the necessary nourishment, to every part of the body.

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Mrs. D. Estabrook, Brooklyn Road, N. B., says:—My daughter, Gertrude, who is now in her sixteenth year, was sickly from early childhood, we were constantly doctoring for her, but it did not seem to help her in the least. In fact as she grew older, she seemed to grow weaker. She was always pale and listless, suffered from headaches, dizziness and palpitation of the heart. She did not rest at night, and would often toss and moan the whole night. Finally she had to discontinue going to school, and as she was continually doctoring, her mother, without benefit, I grew discouraged, and feared we would lose her. Friends urged us to give her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I finally decided to do so. By the time she had taken three boxes there was an improvement, and a little later she was able to return to school. From that on she grew stronger, had an excellent appetite, slept well at night, and is now as healthy a girl as you will see. I believe that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved her life, and as a mother I would recommend these pills to every family in which there are young girls. All medicine dealers sell these pills or you can get them by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PAULINE JOHNSON.

McRAYE ENTERTAINMENT

A report of the entertainment given in the Y. M. C. A. hall Friday night by Miss Pauline Johnson and Mr. Walter McRaye was crowded out of Saturday's Times. There was a large attendance at the recital and every number given by the talented artists was received with marked evidence of the highest appreciation. Miss Johnson as impersonator and elocutionist has few equals on the road to-day and her work Friday evening was of the highest order. She was especially entertaining in her humorous selections, but was equally at home in all her numbers. Mr. McRaye shared the honors of the evening and received great praise. The verses for all present was that Miss Johnson and Mr. McRaye provided entertainment of a rare quality, and an effort will be made by the Y. M. C. A. to meet the wishes of a large number to have them return to Moncton at an early date.—Monday's Moncton Times.

These talented artists will be in Newcastle Opera House to-morrow night.

"LOCKED IN."

The intoxicated individual who, after bumping into the same tree thirteen times, bemoaned the fact that he was lost in an impenetrable forest, is no greater disgrace to modern civilization than the hero of this story:

A citizen of Seattle who had looked upon the wine when he was no longer sure what color it was, in the course of his journey home encountered a tree protected by an iron tree guard. Grasping the bars, he cautiously felt his way round it twice.

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