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Mr. Drury An Autocrat?

The Peterboro Examiner believes premier Drury is becoming somewhat of an autocrat because he advised municipalities not to send deputations to see him about an elective police commission. The government had apparently gone fully into the matter and knew what it was going to do.

Therefore it would be a waste of time and energy to send deputations to present other views on the matter.

It is easy enough to build up a case where the term "autocratic" might be applied to such action.

But there is another side to the matter. People in Ontario have complained that there are too many commissions appointed by the government; they point out that a government should have a policy, and by it stand or fall; that it ought to have a mind of its own.

Well, here's a case. The government heard all the points brought out in the MacBride bill, and it decided in advance what it was going to do. In other words, it formulated a policy, and told the country that it would abide by that policy. It had decided against an elective police commission, and said so bluntly.

Autocratic is hardly the right word. It means decision, and governing bodies have not been famous of late for any extra share of that good quality.

It is much better at times for a government to say what it has in mind than to invite deputations from all over the country and then spoon-feed them with that old milk and water diet of serious consideration.

Time To Stop This.

"Fisheries Treaty Slap at Britain." That is the heading placed on an interview which a Mail and Empire reporter had with Lord Robert Cecil during his visit in Toronto. The very plain intent of that heading is to make it appear that it expresses the sentiments of Lord Robert Cecil, whereas it does no such thing.

In the first place the British visitor stated in his interview that he did not know the exact terms of the treaty. How, then, would he be in a position to see in the treaty a "slap at Britain" when he did not know the terms of the agreement?

The Toronto paper also says that Lord Robert Cecil "said he did not see that Canada would benefit by withdrawing from the empire." Who under the sun suggested this to him? Was it the Mail and Empire reporter?

This distinguished British visitor would not have to spend very much time in Canada to find out that there is very little sentiment in favor of withdrawing from the British Empire. All that Canada is anxious to do is to have reduced to concrete terms and specific understanding all the phrases that have been used in regard to this country being a nation.

The new famous fish treaty concerned Canada and United States, and was signed so that there might be no trouble. If the present procedure means that Canada binds the whole British Empire to the terms of that treaty, then this matter should be taken up along with others so that there might be more simplicity and more directness in the warring out of these purely business and commercial bargains.

It is high time that we had an ending off from these silly headings in Canadian papers that the "Fisheries Treaty is a Slap at Britain." They are written simply for the purpose of making mischief, and embarrassing the very reasonable and moderate efforts of the King government to reach a workable and lasting solution.

The Late James Carmichael.

Three sons stayed with him on the farm, and one went out and established himself as a doctor in Edmonton; first to see the value of a cheese factory and a creamery; early identified as a breeder of good cattle; saw the idea of the silo on the farm, went ahead and built one while others were discussing it.

Just the late James Carmichael, who passed away after a useful life spent in productive and constructive work on a London Township farm. Nothing, perhaps, is particularly spectacular in the whole list; simply the recital of effort in conformity with the laws of nature and of good years spent in the greatest of all places, outdoors.

We mention the case of the late Mr. Carmichael not simply because he was a good farmer and a man of integrity, but also because he represents so many others in our agricultural life, who have worked well, planned wisely, and laid the very foundations for the stability and excellence of this whole district.

There may be something a bit old-fashioned about a man having three out of four sons stay right with him in the business of farming. We're not doing things that way now in

many cases; farm life is not attractive enough, and progress is slow. The answer to this is that Mr. Carmichael and his sons have made it attractive because they looked upon it as the biggest and the best business to which they could devote their lives.

It is men of the James Carmichael type who have made London Township and Middlesex County and Western Ontario what it is today—the finest spot in the world.

It is fitting that we stop and pay tribute to their worth, even as we extend sympathy to those who mourn the passing of the late James Carmichael.

Much To Investigate.

Some of the southern states are starting to investigate conditions in prison labor camps. The investigations follow the death of one farm boy who, it is charged, was beaten to death by the foreman of a contractor who had hired the labor of prisoners.

It is not complimentary that a man should be beaten to death before any state in the year 1923 knows exactly what is going on in its boundaries.

When they are at it they might also take up the matter of child labor. In Georgia 12-year-old children can be worked ten hours a day in cotton and woolen mills. In Utah children of any age can work in factories and canneries. In Minnesota at 14 a boy can work in a mine.

In 1918 U. S. Congress passed a federal child labor law. But in 1922 the supreme court set it aside as unconstitutional.

Investigating prison labor camps and the exploiting of child labor may bring out some conditions that are very much in need of the spotlight.

We're So Democratic.

A few days ago a young man employed in Stratford car shops received word that he was heir to a million or so. Very wisely the young man kept on his overalls and smock and attended to the business of making locomotives behave themselves.

But he became the center of attraction. The reporters were busy looking him up; they wanted to know how it felt to be a millionaire; how he'd feel if he didn't get the money; how it was this relative had picked him out; what his views were on certain subjects, and all the rest of it.

A few days ago he passed along the street, just the usual, wholesome sort of chap usually found in the mechanical field. As soon as it looked as though he were going to be weighed down by a couple of millions, he became the center of interest, and apparently didn't relish the idea very much.

But of course we are a democratic lot of people, and money makes no difference here!

Note and Comment.

The Turk is now allowed to have only one wife. Some of these multiple-divorces in United States can now learn something from the Turk.

Former Northcliffe papers have refused to give space to the quick second marriage of Lady Northcliffe. They gained nothing by this, and lost an item that they should have handled exclusively.

The Eskimos are having a violent time up north, and some of them have been arrested. They used to be a very peaceful tribe, but so many explorers have been up there that the Eskimo is getting civilized.

It is not an uncommon thing to see boys in knee pants sitting in shoe-shine parlors having their boots blacked for them. It's hard to imagine what sort of pie crust some of these youngsters were rolled from.

The Stratford Beacon has a picture of Hon. Jacques Brown, minister of customs. The new owner of the Beacon might take a trip to Ottawa and meet the eloquent Jacques Bureau, the real minister of customs.

Guelph city council has asked the Dominion government to take steps to deal with the coal situation. It is right to expect action from Ottawa. At the same time, municipal and provincial governments should take a hand. It is a big enough question for them all to work on.

Efforts to bring the Asquith and Lloyd George Liberals together have not succeeded, but it seems unbelievable that they will not in the long run. It is a splendid example of strategic folly for a party that has only 120 members in the British Parliament to spend its hours in a form of political civil war.

The total British immigration to the United States allowed under the "quota" law will soon be reached. That will make it easier to turn the tide to Canada.—Halt-Chronicle.

But surely that is not a pleasant doctrine to preach—when the Britishers can't get into United States, perhaps they'll come to Canada.

The Belleville Ontario comments at length on the poor head given to the National Anthem at the close of performances. Quite true, but it is a fact that more heed should be given to the occasions on which the National Anthem is used. If a person will take the trouble to analyze the first verse, which is the only one used, it will be found that it is a prayer.

DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



Your Health

HOW ONE MAN IS HELPING A CITY TO HAVE GOOD TEETH.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D.
United States Senator from New York.
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

On Washington's Birthday I was in Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Harvey J. Burkhardt called for me, and we drove out to visit the Rochester Dental Dispensary, the half million dollar gift of Mr. George Eastman, to relieve human suffering.

Mr. Eastman joined us, and we explored every nook and corner of this unique institution. With the interest from the two million dollar endowment supplied by the founder, \$12,000 a year from the trustees, and \$25,000 annually from the city of Rochester, there need be little dependence upon the small fees charged the patients.

During the past year 67,000 children visited this wonderful place and went away with clean teeth after a single visit. Eighty thousand more were equally fortunate after a second visit. This dispensary is not devoted exclusively to the cure of disease. It is an institution dedicated to the prevention of disease. This fact is proved by the attendance at the lectures on the care of the teeth. Last year 50,000 children took advantage of this privilege.

Dr. Burkhardt places great stress on the importance of giving early attention to the teeth. He strives to educate the mothers to bring their babies to a dispensary just as soon as a single tooth is out. He desires to begin then, and to keep the child under observation until the age of 16.

Many a man is robbed of the privilege of giving useful service, and many a woman is cheated out of a desirable marriage because of the disfigurement of bad teeth. For the sake of the appearance, if there were no other reason, the teeth should be kept clean and perfect in structure.

But it is not alone the perfect teeth add to the attractiveness of a face. Freedom from dental disease gives insurance against mental disease and other physical disease. More and more the medical profession is attaching importance to localized pus-producing conditions. A pocket of pus anywhere in the body is a menace to the whole system.

Chronic ill-health is founded on some obscure defect. The secret of cure is hidden until it is found. In an endless number of cases the experience of every physician the teeth have been found to be the factor responsible for sickness, and, too often, for fatal results.

Many communities are neglecting the attention which should be given their children. Not every place has a man as thoughtful and generous as George Eastman, but every community can do for itself the things essential to a healthy citizenship.

Among such public activities nothing is more important than ample provision for dental work. Those who can afford it can patronize the able dentists found everywhere. Those who are poor should be looked after, because early care of the teeth will lessen the ultimate demands on the public hospitals, and will prove in every way an economic benefit to society.

I congratulate Mr. Eastman because he is doing these things in his own lifetime, so he can see and enjoy the results of his investment in the public welfare. His contribution will bring vast returns in happiness and health for multitudes of people.

Answers to Health Questions.
D. B.: Q.—I find it very difficult to breathe through my nose. Will you kindly tell me the cause of this?

A.—You are probably suffering from nasal catarrh. If you will kindly send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and restate your question, full particulars on the treatment of this condition will be given.

M. S.: Q.—I have nose-bleeds about once a week. Will you kindly tell me what causes this?

A.—This condition may be due to small ulcers on the nasal septum.

A. S.: Q.—I am troubled with my eyes usually when reading. Will you kindly advise me what to do for this condition?

DRURY WILL CONSULT C. N. R. HEAD ON FUEL

Provincial Premier To Discuss Important Question With Thornton.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 10.—Premier Drury left last night for Ottawa and Montreal to consult with the federal government and with Sir Henry Thornton, chief of the National Railways, on fuel questions. At Ottawa Mr. Drury will attend a fuel conference and he will also interview the federal government on water-powers endeavoring to settle definitely the extent of provincial jurisdiction in so-called navigable waters.

At Montreal he will see Sir Henry Thornton and discuss freight rates on coal from Alberta to Ontario. It will be remembered that the premier announced in the Legislature that he thought a solution of the coal problem in Ontario feasible if reasonable freight rates could be secured. It is on this matter he will see Sir Henry.

Premier Drury will return to Toronto Wednesday morning and is expected to speak in the budget debate that afternoon, making several government declarations of policy on such matters as redistribution, hydro and T. & N. O. Railway.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 10.—Misdirection by the trial judge in his charge to the jury is set out as one of the grounds of appeal by Stanley Mills Company, Limited, Hamilton, from the judgment of Mr. Justice Lennox, in which he allowed Miss Edith Emma Garland, a former glue counter clerk in the company's employ, \$1,500 damages for alleged libel contained in an advertisement which suggested that customers should not feel so abused when told to go into a departmental store to match some ribbon, that they should be justified in flirting with the blonde behind the glue counter to cheer themselves up.

It is claimed by the appellants that having regard to the circumstances of the case the words are not capable of a defamatory meaning, and that the defendants were justified by the action of the trial judge in refusing a non-suit and allowing the plaintiff to set up a new innuendo when she had failed to prove the innuendo alleged in the pleadings, the defendants not being prepared at the trial to meet the new innuendo.

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Special to The Advertiser.
Paris, April 10.—France yesterday officially assured Belgium that Louis Loucheur's much-discussed visit to England was no sign this country is weakening in her Ruhr stand.

Political circles continue to puzzle over the action of President Millerand in consulting with Loucheur upon the latter's return, and it is rumored that the French president may be preparing to force Poincaré's hand and bring about an agreement with Germany that will have Great Britain's approval.

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