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National Railways.

MONTREAL WILL not admit that Toronto is the place for the headquarters of the National Railway system, while Toronto seems to be thoroughly convinced that were the headquarters moved to Montreal that would be the beginning of the end of the whole business.

The Montreal Gazette claims that the proposal of Toronto to bribe the federal government into making their city the headquarters of the National Railway system by gift of a free site is very parochial. It is true that the chief office of the Canadian Northern is in Toronto, but when the facts are known, if they ever should be disclosed, it will be found that the selection of this site was due to personal and not to business reasons. Of all the claimants for headquarters Toronto's pretensions are the least impressive. It is not even a way-station on any one of the great transcontinental lines, to say nothing of a terminus or a gateway for the inflow and outflow of traffic. Toronto is a large, progressive and assertive city, surrounded by a fine agricultural country, dotted with thriving towns, and animated by an intense provincialism that resents the mention of any other city in the same breath. Toronto is admirable in many ways, but it is not the natural site for National Railway headquarters. There are scores of places that will give scores of free sites, and throw a free ride into the bargain, to become headquarters of 22,600 miles of railway.

NOR IS THE Montreal Gazette prepared to admit that the government of Canada is committed, on the basis on the action of the late Conservative administration, to a policy of public ownership of railways, claiming that the roads were taken over because the necessities of the case left no other course open.

"The fault into which ministers are prone to fall," continues the Gazette, "is in confounding a temporary situation with a permanent principle. If public ownership is a good thing in the case of railways, it should be equally a good thing in every class of public business; and as we cannot have too much of a good thing, why limit public ownership to half the lines in Canada? Why not place every mile of the roads under government operation as in Australia, in Germany, and in the United States during the war? To do so is the logical conclusion of the argument of those who favor public ownership. Yet there is not a serious businessman, nor a studious politician, nor an informed economist unaware that wherever public ownership prevails it has produced costly and inefficient results."

"The late government was conscious that public operation meant political operation, and sought to square the circle by endowing a board of directors with arbitrary powers. That was not public operation, nor the plan the public want. It may be said that private railways are managed by boards of directors appointed by the shareholders, and why may not public railways be similarly managed by a board nominated by a government responsible to Parliament, whose members, in turn, are responsible to the electors? There is one obvious answer to this contention. In private corporations capital is supreme, while in public corporations heads alone count. In the case of the Canadian Pacific, for example, the determining power is not the number of shareholders, but the number of shares held by each; in other words, the amount of the investment controls. Government railways, on the other hand, are controlled by a multitude of voters, each exercising equal power, and nearly all animated by selfish, narrow, or crude conceptions. That is what makes the operation of government railways costly, and while, as many politicians contend, the National Railways will, in time, pay their way and produce a profit in operating revenue, the fact remains that in no circumstances will that profit be as large as private operation would yield."

Miners and Wages

DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN mine owners and miners may be adjusted in the Glace Bay district, on the basis of the restoration of the contract system. This was for a number of years the way in which the mines were operated before the day rate became operative. In Western Canada the same system was also followed.

In the east the question of jobs for the boys of many of the contract miners is also being considered. There are places around the mines where boys can be engaged, but there are few places in the underground workings where they should be put to work.

Around the tipples and the breakers there used to be considerable work for boys.

It is but natural that those who never lived in mining districts should know little or nothing about the business, or about the dangers that surround the men who daily go down into the bowels of the earth to



dig out a mineral that is used in practically every home and industrial concern in the country.

Under the day work system that has been followed in the Glace Bay mines, there has been little work for boys, because men, on account of good pay, have been holding down jobs that could just as well be held by boys. The plan is now to place these men at the coal face and put boys on the outside work. That might work out very well were the mines busy, but they are not. Right now the coal trade is depressed, and on top of that the wage business has not been adjusted. These two together make a mighty hard combination to overcome.

More Evidence.

WHEN ONE listens to the protests of men all over the country regarding the working of prohibition in Ontario and elsewhere, it might seem that a case has been made out against the enactment that carries quite a bit of weight.

It is not possible to state that the O. T. A. is perfect legislation, because it is not. Even the framers of the act will not claim that for it.

But here is a bit of evidence that cannot be overlooked, and it comes from B. E. NEAL, president of the once famous Neal Institutes for the treatment of liquor victims. Mr. Neal stated at a recent gathering: "I am president of 65 Neal Institutes that were located in the principal cities of the United States and Canada. During the twelve years before the Volstead Act became effective, we treated more than 125,000 drinking men and women. Chicago and Cleveland institutes treated more than 100 patients a month; Los Angeles and San Francisco average 25 to 30 a month. Today Neal Institutes still operating do not average two patients a month. Nearly all the Neal Institutes have been closed through lack of patronage, and I am devoting all my time to another business."

Commenting on this the Ottawa Citizen adds that Mr. Neal adds that prohibition is prohibiting, and his evidence certainly carries conviction. It is safe to say that the necessity for treating chronic drinkers is gone forever; and that in a few years from now the people will look back upon the existence of such institutions as relics of an unbalanced civilization.

Limber Up Father.

THE LONDON Y.M.C.A. has been staging a father and son week, and it is mighty good business.

A good many fathers need to be joined up once in a while to the fact that they have sons who are growing up, and reaching out for something to do, something to take up their spare time.

Likewise a good many fathers need a little forcible sort of a hint that the lads are young and nimble, while the old boys are rather pudgy, creaky and slow.

After the supper at the London "Y," the boys and their fathers were turned loose on the floor of the gymnasium.

In almost every case where fleetness of foot and hand came into play the new generation had it on the present.

At the supper table was the only place where dad had a chance to hold his own, and even there he had to go home.

Many a man likes to sit back in an easy chair after supper and tell his boy how he used to dive and punt his hair, how he used to run 100 yards in 10 seconds, how he used to be a regular monkey on the gymnasium floor, and all the rest of it. But when it comes right down to performance today, the old boy flounders around like a walrus and is about as nimble as a rhinoceros. Yes, folks, we're all getting old together.

Your Own House.

DO YOU own your house? Perhaps you can't do it—maybe you never had enough to make a start, and then it may be you con-

THE MIDNIGHT HOUR!



sider that it doesn't pay you to do it. Many a man who figures interest on every dollar he carries loose in his pocket can tell you that he can make more money by putting his cash to work elsewhere—he can keep his assets in a more liquid state—he can get up and leave his job and the town quick if he sees something better in sight.

Yes, of course, there are a whole heap of things he can do. He can face the landlady, hat in hand, every time he wants some paper stuck on the wall. He has to have an interview again if he wants to knock out the side of the house to let in some daylight, and he can keep on piling up his monthly rent bills.

But he can't sit down on the steps in the summer time after he has the grass cut and watered, and the vines and flowers climbing and blooming on the porch—and refer to the hut as "his" place.

A home is more than a house. Don't get the habit of charging more interest against your house because you paint the place outside, paper it inside and put in some new lighting fixtures, and otherwise make it a place where you will be proud to take your friends, or where your children will be pleased to stay at night instead of running the streets.

If you can do so, own your home, even if you have to have a mortgage on it. A mortgage has helped a man do many things he could not have done otherwise.

And when you have that home, fix it up. You are not only adding to the comfort you will take out of it, but you are protecting and strengthening your investment at the same time.

Spring's a good time to make a stab at the home-owning business. It seems natural for people's thoughts to turn in that direction about this time of year.

So, then, take a bit of a walk with your wife and see the place you want. Stand back and imagine how you could fix it up and beautify the grounds. First thing you know you'll have made an offer for the place, or determined to build one like it.

New ministers go to Ottawa to get sworn in by the governor, and sworn at by the want-something brigade.

Word to the Rheumatiz Club—February won't be as bad as January because there's not so many days.

Yes, if you go far enough back you've got to give credit to the Germans for starting this scrapping of battleships idea.

Highbrows are asking for a higher standard of living, while most of us are trying to get a toe-hold to keep up to the present standard.

When the bonspiel is on in London there are many suppers put on the back of the kitchen stove until the roarin' game is over for the day.

DRURY is jammed because he doesn't spend enough money, and by others because he spends too much. Being a premier must be a peach of a life.

Look your worries, troubles, debts and disappointments square in the face, and if necessary stick out your tongue at them. A bold front often gets you past a regular puzzler.

The latest murder story from the film colony in California makes it certain that if WILL HAYS is going to get \$100,000 to clean up the industry, he'd better get on his hip boots and wade right in.

The Stratford Beacon tells that there is to be a war on rats staged in that city. Stratford is a big Grand Trunk center, so all the residents are to catch the rats and the

G. T. R. is to provide the engines to run over them with. Quite simple.

One old saying used to have it that uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. Counting the results of the last few years leads to the belief that uneasiness from this score is on the decrease.

The ARBUCKLE case is going on again. Just watch and see if the judge, court and all is not juggled yet for darning to arrest that hunk of fat in the first place.

ANXIOUS READER—Why do girls wear their galoshes unbuckled? We've asked many places as to where this sloppy, untidy, noisy, ugly, unbecoming, shiftless, fierce, uncouth, repulsive habit got its start, but no one has yet given us an answer fit to print.

If reports are correct, Hon. Mr. FIELDING is inclined to the belief that digging up money to meet the expenditure won't do as a financial practice any longer. The old motto about cutting the garment according to the cloth is apt to be nailed on the door post of the finance department.

Liberals of East Middlesex have called a meeting to be held in London on Saturday to name delegates for the convention in Toronto, at which a new leader for the Liberal party in Ontario is to be named. The gathering is assuming such proportions that it bids fair to be one of the historic meetings of Ontario Liberalism.

A Brooklyn school teacher, after 45 years' experience, says children are about the same now as they used to be in spite of jazz music, bobbed hair and short skirts. The strange part is that the teacher should get noticed in print when she didn't predict that the children and the world in general were all headed straight to the bow-wows.

Speaking of the talk about Jewish immigration to Canada, a London resident claims that provision should be made to put these people on the land under decent conditions. After going through the hell that has been waged against them in Russia, the London man is certain they would appreciate a chance in this land. "If they don't stay on the land then," he stated, "send them back to where they came from."

The editor of the Ottawa Journal, having learned how to trim his bunions and make a lined-up poultice, writes on medical matters as follows:

"Dr. O'Neill told the Medical Society of Elk County, Pennsylvania, that the appendix ought to be cut out of all children under school training. The only comment we make, with such information as is available, is that Dr. O'Neill should have his medical education cut off just above the collar button."

The Guelph Junction line is 16 miles from Guelph to the Junction, owned by the city and operated by the C. P. R. The last year's business shows that Guelph made \$80,000 out of an original investment of \$172,000. Most cities would regard that as an investment to be guarded and nursed, as the lease has many years to run yet. The Hydro-Radial line, and Guelph is a big booster for such, will not recognize the C. P. R. It will come in to compete with and take business away from the Guelph Junction line. Is Guelph ready to throw away a good thing, that year in and year out shows its worth, in favor of a venture?

LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

TODAY'S word is CATAFALQUE. It's pronounced — kat-a-falk — with accent on the first syllable. It means—a bier, a structure on which a corpse rests. It comes from—Italian "catafalco," scaffold. It's used like this—"Pope Benedict's body lay in state on a magnificent catafalque."

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest, As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1897.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 1897.

Weather—Mostly fair and much colder.

Mr. W. H. Breithaupt has been elected president of the Berlin and Waterloo Street Railway Company, to succeed the late E. Carl Breithaupt who was recently killed.

John F. Hare, of Windsor, has been appointed local master of the First Baptist Church of Essex, has been appointed clerk of the eighth division court of the county of Essex.

On Wednesday evening a large number of members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Asperburg and Anderson gathered at the residence of their pastor, Rev. A. A. HoN, presenting him with a large quantity of provisions. An address was read by Jas. Naul, to which the pastor ably responded.

The county association of the patrons of industry of West Elgin, held their annual meeting at Dutton recently. D. C. McCall in the chair. The following officers were elected for the current year: President, D. C. McCall; vice-president, P. McCallum; secretary-treasurer, Leonard Elise.

The annual meeting of the Liberal Association of South Middlesex was held yesterday at Delaware, and the various officers for the year were re-elected excepting for the position of convenor for which Ald. Parnell, of South London, was chosen as successor to the late Ald. John Marshall. Every part of the riding was well represented. Mr. Calvert, M.P. for West Middlesex; Dr. Wilson, of St. Thomas and Hon. David Mills, of this city, were announced to address the meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Epworth League of the Hill Street Methodist Church held on Monday evening last, the following program was carried out. Mr. E. Dennis in the chair. Debate, "Resolved, that moral suasion without the law cannot secure the destruction of the liquor traffic," affirmative, Miss Nellie Togg and Mr. Wm. Sloman; negative, Messrs. Harry Winnett and Harry Lewis; judges, F. W. Daly, B.A., Rev. H. J. Uren and Mr. Wm.

Dalton; solo, Miss Court; recitation, Miss Mary Togg; duet, Misses Harpin and Walton.

Mr. James T. Dalton has been appointed leader and instructor of a new choral society recently organized at Ivan.

A concert, under the auspices of the ladies' auxiliary of the First Congregational Church was given last night. Owing to other engagements, Miss Roblyn and Mr. Forsythe, the musical director, were unable to be present as announced.

The program consisted of instrumental and vocal solos, duets, quartets and glee parties. The following ladies and gentlemen participated: The Imperial Quartet, Messrs. Lockhart, Collins, Dalton and Macdonald; Mr. H. R. McDonald, Mr. J. T. Dalton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. A. E. Gauld, Miss Taylor, Miss Walsh, Miss Barnard and Miss Hartson. Rev. J. W. Pedley presided.

It has been decided to hold a grand ball under the auspices of the London Boat Club. At a meeting held at the Teunseh House for the purpose of making arrangements, Friday, Feb. 25, was the date set. Mr. Adam Beck presided. Mr. Ormsby Graydon was elected honorary secretary and the following will com-

MONDAY, FEB. 12, 1897.

By this we do not mean that the greenhouse principle is suitable for human use.

It is not advised that light should be admitted without limit through glass to closed rooms. Air is a necessity also. The most markedly antiseptic rays of radiant energy are the ultra-violet rays, which are invisible to the human eye, but are registered by the photographic plate and are visible to the eyes of ants.

Dr. C. W. Saleeby, F.R.S., well-known British hygienist, contrasted the children of Western Canada and children in Scottish cities, stating that he believed one of the reasons for the superb quality of Canadian children was to be found in sunlight.

He thought that the secret of sunlight as a master hygienist might lie in its stimulating power upon our vital processes in general, including those of resistance to disease.

ple arrangements: F. F. Harper, W. S. Smith, H. W. Marshall, G. A. Macbeth, H. M. Graydon, G. F. Laing, G. H. Gillespie, Dr. G. H. Wilson, H. R. Lyon, A. T. Little, J. B. Smallman, H. K. McCormick, J. A. Little, Thomas Martin, G. C. Gunn, R. J. Fisher.

READ YOUR CHARACTER

[By Digby Phillips.]

NO. 121—HASTY HANDS.

In this article we are not considering the hand as a physical member, but as a product, meaning that we are speaking of handwriting.

While the hasty temperament may not always be revealed in writing, there is a certain kind of writing which inevitably betrays it to you when you see it.

It is writing which is indistinct, but not the kind which is indistinct from ignorance or unfamiliarity with writing. You can easily tell the difference. You can see that the letters are not painfully and slowly made. The stroking of the pen is decided enough, yet the letters are half formed or completely unformed. You have to read it in jumps and starts, recognizing word by word its relation to the rest of the text, and if but a single word were shown to you you'd have difficulty in telling what it was.

You divide this writing into two classes. The first is the kind in which the writer only forms the first letter and then trails the rest of the word off in a number of unformed strokes. In the other you can count the number of letters intended easily enough, but they all look pretty much alike, and you have

COMMON SENSE WAYS TO KEEP WELL

SUNLIGHT

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.

OME scientists to the contrary, man could not long exist without the sun, nor can any of our artificial substitutes replace daylight for general purposes.

Direct sunlight is one of the greatest of life-giving agents. Though light is quite necessary for all life, direct sunlight is the greatest enemy of low forms of life, as germs.

Experiments have proved the bacilli of tuberculosis are readily killed by exposure to direct rays. It is easy to understand, then, why we should admit as much light as possible into our homes and places of work.

to guess at their identity. These handwritings denote the same thing, up to a certain point. They reveal a writer who is impatient, vivacious and more than usually alert mentally. Nearly always you'll find him or her accomplished in some way or another. Ability to talk well and interestingly also is indicated. Such a person is always original, and too impatient to follow rules and conventions very closely.

Here you split your judgment. The first mentioned writing indicates a certain degree of diplomacy and artfulness, in many cases reaching the extreme of dissimulation; the ability and tendency to make things seem what they are not. The other writing does not indicate these things.

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In the Arctic regions there are 762 different species of flowers.

GLASS OF SALTS

CLEANS KIDNEYS

If Your Back Aches or Bladder Bothers You, Drink Lots of Water.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which remove the body's urinous waste and stimulate them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from 400 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weaknesses.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this, also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache. Adv.

Everyone Loves Flowers

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Last week's price on Carnations \$3.00 dozen, now\$2.00
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Last week's price on Tulips \$2.00 doz., now\$1.25 and \$1.50
Last week's price on Violets 75c bunch, now50c

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SAVES LABOR—You never have to strike a match, handle fuel or ashes, cope with dust and fumes, or rub on stove blacking. The electric range gives you whatever intensity of heat you need at the touch of a button. Its polished surfaces always wipe clean with a cloth.

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Only a couple of these Moffat Ranges are now available for this week's sale. We do not know that we will ever be able to offer this model at so low a price again. Its large oven, high-speed burners and compact size appeal to small families in flats and cottages where space is valuable. Come in to-day. Pay if you like, in easy installments with your monthly hydro bills. Buy To-Day