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Suggestions For Consideration by The Ontario Government.

1. The abolition of all tolls.

2. The repeal of the law under which county councils are now elected, and the substitution therefor of a law by which each township shall be represented and the number increased. Each reeve to be a member of the fighter, a modest winner and a manly county council.

3. The reservation of the shores and banks of all lakes and rivers for public ase except when necessary to be used for wharfs.

4. A grant of 160 acres of land in New Ontario to the veterans of 1866 and 1885, as well as those of 1899.

5. The appointment of an official guardian of infants, etc., in each county, or else that the judge be empowered in each case to appoint such guardian as he thinks right. And the appointment of an official in each county whose duty it would be to transact all necessary business in connection with the Succession Duties Act.

6. The repeal of the Surrogate Court Act and the substitution of an act giving that court unlimited jurisdiction in all matters relating to testators' or intestates' estates.

7. The amendment of the law relating to magistrates, so that investigations or trials will be conducted only by those who are qualified by experi-

8. The appointment of a qualified officer whose duty it will be to determine beforehand whether an arrest shall be made or not. 9. The desirablity of empowering

municipalities to appoint mounted police similar to those in the Northwest Territories. 10. The abolition of the system of

magistrate or official connected with the administration of justice. 11. The passing of an act making the law relating to loan corporations similar to the act passed by the Dominion

the payment by fees of any judge,

Parliament. 12. The passing of an act giving loan

The Coming Aldermanic Election.

We are asked whether each elector in the city can put his or her cross opposite the name of twelve aldermanic moved to Toronto, where his shrewdrandidates, and if it is advisable to do so. As to the first question-ves: the elector can vote for twelve names. if desired. As to whether it is best to do so, we think not. Assuming there might be twenty candidates, and the electors generally voted for twelve of them, there would inevitably be a early days, he said his first ambition vaste of force growing out of the tattering nature of the vote. The number of aldermen in the next year's council will be twelve, instead of eighteen, as formerly. If the election results in securing seven or eight seally good men the city will have what is practically a good council, and will have done fairly well. The wisest course, then, it seems to us, for the well-intentioned voter, would be to concentrate on say seven or eight names only, rather than vote for

A Grave Problem.

It is evident that the Transvaal business is far from settled. Naturally people are sick of the miserable affair and anxious for a real event. But events follow their own laws and do not consult our feelings or convenience. It may be that we have never mg on the war over such a wide tretch of country and under such peculiar circumstances. This war is way to accept the stubborn, unpleas- and too much governing of the church ant fact, and make the best of it. by small conventional rules instead of They would have driven the British by broad Christian principles. &

must face the sad results. Let us hope that they will soon see that peace means for them real liberty and prosperity.

Sir Frank Smith.

The Globe has the following kindly

editorial on Sir Frank Smith: "We should hope that at this Christmas time the thoughts of many among us would turn to the sick room of Sir Frank Smith. He has lain for many months upon a bed of pain and weakness, and they say he has borne the hard decree with that cheerful patience and serene fortitude which reyeal a good and reverent heart and courage equal to any fortune. Sir Frank Smith has been the central figure in many a stout battle, and but few of those who concended against him will now deny that he was a good loser. We are far from admitting that his was always the sound cause, but each battled from his own standpoint, and only time and history will determine the merits of those past debates. Old age rests upon some men like a benediction, and as the years grew upon Frank Smith we all saw his face soften and his sympathies widen, and to the old statesman party seemed to become less and the state more and more. We think the word statesman is well used in this connection. In two or three crises of grave moment his was the clear vision and the strong hand, and his courageous loyalty to great undertakings to which the nation has set its hand, counted much for his party and something for the country. But we need not forestall history, and the story will be better told later.

"Frank Smith has been successful beyond most of his fellows, and we are sure he never held his head a whit the higher nor lost in any degree his plain simplicity of character because of the great measure of success which he has achieved. It is true he seems to delight in the look backward, but he is so gracious and so ingenuous that the rest of us have even greater delight in his reminiscent excursions to the scenes of earlier plans and early labors. He has always loved sport, not on its mercenary side, but in the spirit of Englishmen who race for the Derby and follow the hounds, and that phase of his character gives him many friends in this community. There are in Canada few more zealous champions of local self-government for Ireland, but he conceals no separatist notions, and even the most strenuous opponents of home rule know that his zeal for that cause is a conviction, and not a profession pursued as a means to party ends or personal advertise-ment. His years have been long, his life strenuous and his work fruitful in the upbuilding of great private and public enterprises. He enjoys in an unusual degree the esteem of all sections of the country, he has outlived the asperities born of the conflicts of other times, and he has today the good-will, the sympathy and the re-

ens all over the Dominion." London has a kindly interest in Sir citizens. He commenced business on matrimony on the prairies. his own account in this city in 1849. continuing here until 1887, when he reness and reliability made themselves manifest in the larger operations upon which he then entered. "Frank Smith." as Londoners used affectionately to know him, was mayor of this city, and foremost in all matters of civic interest. An old resident relates that in a speech at the fire hall in the was to own a horse.

Sir Frank Smith is a type of the good and worthy citizen, and Londoners of all classes and creeds send good wishes to his bedside.

The Twentieth Century Ideal Congregation.

Dr. W. De Witt Hyde gives a sympathetic sketch in The Outlook of Dec. 8. It is addressed primarily to Congregationalists, but has in it hints for all. This writer is a student of philosophy of the idealist school, who takes a deep interest in the broadening of theology and the purifying of cord with sorrow the death of Lieut.social life. His first warning is against the evil of sectarianism, and points out the kind of sectarianism to which the Congregational Churches are most liable. As in his book on "Outlines Jully realized the difficulty of carry- of Social Theology," he gives what he considers to be the characteristics of the various churches. How will the Presbyterians relish this: "In its dealan illustration of how much easier it ing with laymen the Presbyterian s to be wise after the event. If Presi- church comes very close to being truly lent Kruger could have foreseen the catholic; but the repressive and dogresult, it is likely that he would have matic theological education it imposes beld back, and if British statesmen on its clergy dwarfs and stunts the bould have realized the magnitude of majority of them into most divishe task, they would probably have ive of sectarians." However, we are nade greater efforts to avoid it. But not concerned with the negative part In both sides there was a lack of of the paper, but with its positive knowledge and of wise imagination, contribution. Dr. Hyde gives five The result is that the Boers who ruled points, not the five points of Calvinthe Transvaal and the Orange Free isms or any other "ism," but we may State are ruined, and that Britain call them the five points of a practihas a big task on its hands which is cal churchman. 1. He demands a likely to tax its resources for some simple and searching confession and time to come. It is a struggle of two covenant. Under this head he sketches races that are near akin and equally a simple creed, which he regards .s stubborn. For ourselves we have al- conforming to this condition. "There ways wished that the war could have must be nothing in it to which the seen avoided, and we believe that en ightened mind of every man who such is the feeling of the great body has the Christian spirit cannot heartf Britishers. But when we remem- ily assent." 2. Next the e must be her how it actually began, we cannot systematic instruction, and the pastor see that the Boers have now any great must pay special attention to the laim to independence. They have young. 3. Then there must be "the taused the death by wounds or dis- open door." Young people are frighttase of a number of men equal almost ened from entering the church by to their whole male population, and so needless formalities, and by the "air ar as mere justice is concerned they of awful solemnity and mystery which have forfeited their political inde- hangs about the entrance to many pendence. But it is not the desire of churches." 4. Reasonable and broad Britain to make either a Poland or an requirements of members. There has Ireland of South Africa, and so we been, according to this authority, too trust that the Dutch will soon see their much damning of specific amusements

into the sea if they could. The life of Each member must be given a specific Grocery and an Englishman in Africa would have work to do. The pastor must be a been intolerable if there had been a leader and guide into ways of practi- Crockery Dept. final Boer victory. If they were deal- cal usefulness, These things deserve in Basement. ing with any other nation, they would consideration, and should not be know what military rule means, a pushed aside with the statement that thing that with all Mr. Stead's outcries it means the abolition of theology, they do not understand. War is war, religion made easy, and the conformand we hate it, but we cannot shut ing of the church to the world. We our eyes to the fact that the Boers are glad to think that in our own rushed deliberately into it, and they country in the various churches there are many who, while they would not express it exactly in this way, are seeking to live up to this ideal of pastoral usefulness.

Novel Punishment for Sunday LADIES' JACKETS, \$1.95.

Drinkers. It is not often that there is much humor in a crusade against illicit liquor drinking, but the chief of police of St. Joseph, Mo., hit upon an expedient to meet the criticism of those who charge him with lack of zeal in preventing Sunday drinking in saloons, that was decidedly novel, and caused much hilarity in that city. The police, acting under his instructions, last Sunday evening, rounded up the persons of both sexes found in the bar-rooms, divided them into convenient squads, and marched each squad to one of the churches presided over by a clergyman prominent There the prisoners were forced to sit through the services, at the conclusion of which they were permitted to go, but with the warning that if they FLANNELETTES, 6c. were caught in a saloon on the following Sunday they would be forced to listen to another sermon. The chief's explanation of his course is that he wishes to let the clergymen experiment with a problem which he FLANNELETTES, IIC. is unable to solve. This is one way for the chief of police to get out of performing a difficult duty, for it could not be contended that an officer who could collect the inmates of a saloon on Sunday and take them to church, could not also cause the saloon-keeper to close his doors, and appear for punishment before the magistrate on Monday. In Canada, where Sunday drinking has been alleged to prevail, the difficulty has been for the officers of the law to get sufficiently into touch with it to secure a conviction, and there has been an antipathy on the part of the ordinary citizen either to appear as a witness against transgressors or to countenance the using of professional informers in that task.

The ex-Minister of War in France, who has been asserting that, if given the chance, he could easily land French soldiers in Great Britain away again.

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Of the Hospital Trust-Resolutions of Condolence Passed—Applications Received.

At a meeting of the Hospital Trust held yesterday, at which Mr. James H. Gilmour, M.P., presided, Mr. Thos. McCormick was unanimously elected insole. to the chairmanship recently made vacant by the death of the late lamented Lieut.-Col. Robert Lewis.

The following resolution, which is its own interpreter, was passed, on motion of Mr. Gilmour, and seconded by Mr. T. H. Purdom: "That the trustees of the Victoria General Hospital re-Col. Robert Lewis, which occurred on the 15th inst."

"Col. Lewis had been a member of the board of trustees of the hospital since its formation in 1888, and continously its chairman from the year 1889 until

"He was deeply interested in the welfare of the hospital, and was ever anxious to give it the benefit of his matured judgment and experience. The trustees feel that by his death the hospital has lost a zealous and capable trustee, and they have lost a personal

friend, leal and true. "They desire to extend to Mrs.Lewis their heartfelt sympathy with her in generous gift in furnishing one of the her great affliction."

A second resolution to the following effect was carried upon motion of Mayor Rumball and Mr. Gilmour: the trustees of the Victoria General Hospital extend to Mr. Thomas McCormick their heartfelt sympathy with him in the affliction he has suf-



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