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THE ANGLICAN SYNOD.

While the Canadian Anglicans have to be accorded congratulations on their final success, after not too protracted a struggle, in agreeing on a successor to the late Archbishop in his See of Toronto, the proceedings cannot be said to have made for public edification.

In days when the press was not so ubiquitous and so eager to cater to the popular demand for information, the internecine strife of one church party against another did not come to light till the first bitterness had died away. But in this twentieth century dissection is inflamed and backs stiffened because the eyes of the whole community are turned on the anything but alluring spectacle of the election of a shepherd of souls being conducted in the manner and after the style of a political contest.

Probably a democratic country has an atmosphere uncongenial to a church essentially of differing origin and aspirations. Nor is it easy to see how any other method can be devised which will avoid the characteristics that have laid the proceedings at the synod open to reproach.

The best that can be said is that perhaps the mischief is not so bad or fear-reaching as it appears to the outside public. Once the election is effected, loyalty to the church exercises a remedial influence, and the new bishop is himself the best alleviator of ruffled feelings and injured tempers.

The World does not doubt that Bishop Sweeney will prove a worthy successor to the bishopric of Toronto and, if it is possible, lead the contestants of the future to better considered methods of reaching an agreement.

INFLUENCING THE COMMISSIONERS

It is rather amusing to read of the indignation with which police officials discuss the temerity of half a dozen of the men who sought to bring the outside influence upon the police commissioners for an occasional Sunday off.

Influencing the commissioners? Isn't it terrible? One would think that promotion on the force always went on and that such a thing as "pulling wires" was an unheard-of thing.

Toronto is supposed to be as quiet and orderly a city as any on the continent. The Sunday laws are especially well observed, yet it is a fact that there are more policemen on patrol duty on Sunday than on any other day of the week. To rearrange the schedules so as to permit a few men off each Sunday would not affect the adequate protection the citizens are entitled to, nor would it be an added expense. Chief Grasett has been heard before now to lament that it was becoming harder to get good recruits for police duty. Can anyone doubt it, when a modest endeavor to secure a little easement is met with such publicly given abuse from those in authority?

SWISS REGULATION OF WATER POWER.

Switzerland, like other nations, has been seriously concerned itself over the development and control of water powers, of which its mountainous character gives it no lack. This, more especially as regards the production of electricity, and a recent number of the United States consular and trade reports, contains a communication from Vice-Consul Leo J. Frankenthal, stationed at Berne, regarding the use of water-power as controlled by cantonal laws and regulations. The law of the canton of Berne provides that "the canton controls the water-power and grants concessions, and if the public interest demands it, water-power will be utilized direct by the government. No grant may be injurious to the public nor may natural beauties be destroyed. This last requirement is of course due to the bene-

fit derived by Switzerland from its being largely the playground of Europe.

Concessions granted to communes, that is, cities or to companies or associations whose entire stock is owned by communes, are not limited in time, but all other concessions are for fixed periods, after which the concession reverts to the canton which then determines whether it will continue the works or grant a renewal of the concession for a further term. It is noteworthy that care is taken to prevent combinations of corporations using water-power directly or for the generation of electricity for concessions are declared null and void if the works are turned over to third parties contrary to law. The same result follows if the holders do not commence actual work within three years or fail to place their buildings in running order within the time specified in the concession, or if the works remain idle for five consecutive years, or if the stipulations of the concessions are not followed after warning has been given.

It is the policy of the Swiss Government not to permit the exploitation of its natural resources for the purpose of building up large private fortunes. What is aimed at is to encourage their utilization for the public benefit and to ensure the supply of cheap and efficient power for the development of manufacturing enterprise, and for the operation of the railroads which in Switzerland, as generally on the continent of Europe, are owned by the government. Just now a commission is engaged in investigating the matter of the railroad operation by hydro-electric power.

Switzerland, too, is confronted with the question of the transmission of electricity to foreign countries. Its limited area and its wealth of water-power make this very important, and the federal council has now under consideration the proposition of exported power and the nature of the conditions under which it is to be allowed. What has been proposed is that where power is not required in Switzerland, permits may be granted for a period not exceeding twenty years, but subject to revocation if necessitated by the public good. If damage results to the person or corporation holding the grant thru the forfeiture, the amount is to be settled by the supreme court of the confederation. The accumulating profits of the importance attached to water-powers thruout the civilized world should make Canadian authorities all the more alert in conserving them and providing that they shall be made subservient to the general good.

BOSTON'S PROPOSED CHARTER.

In the new charter proposed for the City of Boston there are some novel features. The mayor is to have a four years term and full power over all heads of departments. Instead of the present common council a board of aldermen, consisting of nine members, is proposed, with little legislative power, but authorized to pass upon, not originate, city appropriations.

The new charter provides for an advisory board of five public-spirited citizens, to aid the mayor by advice and suggestion. And the mayorality term is four years, the electors are to say in the second year of his service whether there is to be an election at the next municipal poll. This, of course, is in effect giving them the right of recall. Any candidate can stand for the mayorship who files nomination papers signed by 5000 qualified voters.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

Jacob Wood, charged by the Grand Trunk Railway Company of conspiracy to defraud the company out of money by the sale of bogus tickets was released by Judge Winchester yesterday on his own nominal bail for \$200, and bail furnished by his father, Aaron Wood, for \$1000, his two sisters Katie and Ray Wood each for \$100 and his brother Albie Wood, who presented a marked cheque for \$700.

Lakelhurst Sanatorium Not Sold.

An item appeared in The World of a recent date stating that the property of the Lakelhurst Sanatorium at Oakville had changed hands. This does not mean that the business has been dissolved, as it will be continued in different quarters under the same efficient management. When this change of quarters is made announcement will be made in The World.

China's Progress.

PEKIN, Feb. 19.—An imperial edict is used to-day bring into existence a naval department for China.

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RURAL PHONE COMPANIES

WOULD ENTER ST. THOMAS

New Association is Formed and Negotiations are Promptly Begun With City Council.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 19.—(Special).—Representatives of a number of rural telephone companies, to-day organized the Southern Counties Independent Telephone Association, with President Dr. Doan, Harriestville; first vice-president, Dr. McEwen, Melbourne; second vice-president, Owen Westover, Maitland; secretary, Dr. Crane, Wallacestown. The attendance was large. Provincial and municipal ownership was advocated by several speakers and a resolution was unanimously adopted with this preamble: "Having in view the ultimate government ownership of trunk lines and the municipal ownership of local lines."

The recommendations included one to refuse to link with the Bell Company but to promote independence, one favoring the establishment of trunk lines, bureau rural companies and one to negotiate with the city for entrance to St. Thomas. A committee was appointed and waited upon the city council to ask that a renewal of the exclusive franchise to the Bell Company be not made, but that a committee be appointed to meet the rural phone association on a proposition to bring the rural phones into the city. St. Thomas could by so doing get connection with thousand rural phone users.

The mayor promised that a committee would be formed and negotiations opened.

HAWAII AFTER JAPS, TOO.

HONOLULU, Feb. 19.—A bill to be presented to the legislature prohibits aliens from fishing in Hawaiian waters. Another imposes a heavy tax on fishing sampans of over thirty inches beam. The Japanese practically are the only orientals engaged in the fishing business, and the only ones who can afford to buy the fish.

The only alien fishermen in Hawaii are Japanese. The bills will be introduced by Senator Coelho, a Republican, who is a native Hawaiian. The general sentiment here is unfavorable to the measures.

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