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GALT AND THE COUNTY BUILDINGS

According to a press despatch a number of acquisitive folk in Galt have decided that the county buildings should be removed to that city.
No tenable reason is given as to why they should be removed thither. These agitators resemble the Three Tailors of Tootley Street, who met and passed a resolution, which began: "We the people of England." The grasping Galtians, it may be assumed, will head their resolution, if it be pressed: We the people of Waterloo county, want the County seat removed to Galt.

The whole agitation is a laughable one. The forcible reasons which led to this centre being chosen in preference to Galt remain. In 1850 a bill was introduced into parliament to set off Waterloo, in its present shape, as a separate county, with Galt as the county town. Galt then felt sure of the prize and gave a ball, at which the Hon. Francis Hincks danced with the wife of the chief, citizen. But this bill was withdrawn and when it was carried the following session the plan fell to this community. The main reason for choosing this centre as the county seat was its central position. No other place in the county possessed this geographical convenience. A county seat ought to be within easy distance of all parts of the county and possess numerous lines of communication, whereby it may be readily reached. From North and South, East and West, a journey to this centre is only a matter of an hour's ride or less. So much for its accessibility.

A tree which has been flourishing in one spot for more than 50 years cannot lightly be dug up and transplanted to the other end of the county. The Court houses, the registry office and the jail cannot be picked up and set down there without a heap of effort and expense. Would Galt bear the cost of removal in case the County Council agreed?

For Galt to get the consent of the County Council would be no easy matter. Perhaps, outside of itself, no other municipality could be convinced that the county seat should be removed, since to do so would entail additional expense upon the majority of citizens in the county who require to transact business at the county seat.

This city has the better weekly market and the better stores, as follows in the case of a city having nearly double the population of its southern neighbor.
Galt seems to have forgotten that it is no longer a member of the county council. Therefore the retention or non-retention of the county seat at this centre, were it ever to become an issue, would be decided without the vote of either of the two cities.
What would Waterloo, Preston, Hespeler, Elmira and Welland, Waterloo and Wilmet townships say to such a foolish proposition? Would they not smile and pigeon-hole the request?

In reading a report of the early struggle to have this centre chosen as its location, we find that the then residents who were most energetic in that behalf were Dr. Scott, Charles Ahrens, C. Easlin, George and William Davidson, D. S. Shook, E. J. Snyder and specially Johnathan B. Bowman, ex-governor of Waterloo, who had great influence with the government.

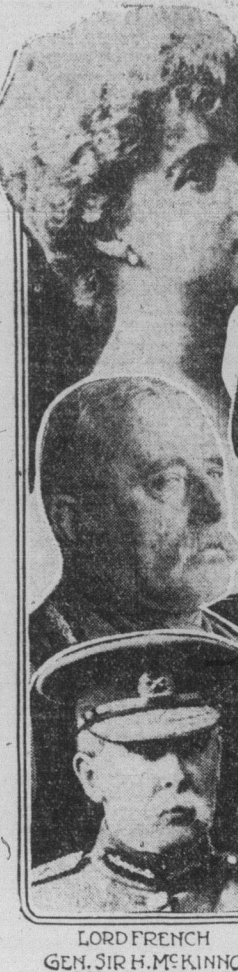
A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION

One of the advantages which city boys and girls of to-day possess in a large measure which their parents did not have is the escape from toothache. Persons of middle age can recall periods in their youth when they lay curled up on a couch with a swollen face and suffering intense pain. Toothache was as common then as the measles. The application of the principle that prevention is better than cure to dentistry has resulted in the preservation of teeth by periodical examination and largely banished the ache which Burns described as "the hell of a disease."
There still may be room for progress in this direction, since among the less well to do the expense of consulting a dentist is considered to be beyond their means. This expense is partly due to the fact that a dentist may not employ an apprentice and hence cannot if he would reduce the cost of examining and saving teeth which have begun to decay. But when the direct importance of sound teeth to good health is better understood, a way will be found whereby the children of poor families will receive dental service either at a lower rate or from the community.

There is wisdom, evidently, in making use of dental science to ameliorate the sufferings and preserve the health of the people. But in another direction, the proper use of the resources of civilization are not made use of. Another instance: We wait until we are sick before we apply to a physician to help us to get well. It would be much more sensible to pay him to help us keep from getting sick.

Large manufacturers who use electric motors employ an expert to inspect them at frequent intervals and keep them up to standard. This is a forethought and true economy. Is the health of the body of less importance than the health of the machine?

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THE CORNWALLIS WESTS AND SOME FIGURES IN THE WAR OFFICE. This splendid layout not only gives good likenesses of all the principals and also gives the genealogical tree of the Cornwallis Wests showing the important position which Mrs. West held in the upper strata of British society.

Letters to News Record

THE GLOBE AND BERLIN

Kitchener, Jan. 5th, 1916.
Editor, News Record.
Kitchener, Ont.

Dear Sir,
Kindly publish the following for the benefit of your readers and the outside press:

It is amusing to the writer to notice in the issue of The Toronto Globe of Jan. 3rd in its Editorials where it states, viz.:
"Kitchener must remain Kitchener now. To change the name of the city again under present conditions would be lunacy."

In the same issue on page Eleven you will notice them advertising in the G.T.R. time table trains for "Berlin." It strikes the writer rather peculiar that the clever scribe in your contemporary misses such things, but sees and publishes only comments from the outside press that slander and try to injure our industrious city.

Imagining the front page story of some of our manufacturers connected with the "Citizens' League" were still advertising "Berlin" the same as our patriotic friend "THE GLOBE."

Kindly see that the Globe gets a marked copy.
Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain,
AN ONLOOKER.

Ex-Premier McBride Deserving of Thanks

SIR CHARLES DAVIDSON DEFENDS SUBMARINE PURCHASES.

Ottawa Jan 4.—Vindication of the action of the Government in purchasing two submarines for the Pacific coast at the outbreak of the war, some general conclusions on the numerous inquiries which have been held, and specific findings in regard to the sale of small arm ammunition are contained in the first installment of the evidence contained in the report made public here to-night.

Sir Charles says: "It is the cause of great pride to me as a Canadian and as commissioner to be able to assert that the results of my labor lead me to a strongly contrary belief of isolated cases of positive wrong doing there is proof. As well as there are examples of official neglect. With these I shall deal in no uncertain fashion but my cumulative impression leads me to applaud the faithful work and day by day the overwork of the military officer, the zealous performance of their duties by public officials and most important of all the honesty of their performance."

Purchase Justified.
The commissioner dealing with the purchase of submarines calls attention to the comparatively undeveloped state of British Columbia on the outbreak of war and the presence of enemy ships in the Pacific and says: "The evidence contains details of official instructions received by the naval authorities to expect an immediate attack." Submarines were highly desirable for defensive purposes. He finds that the vessels purchased were efficient fighting machines. The price of \$1,150,000 paid by Sir Richard McBride and afterwards by the Dominion Government was in excess of the original contract price. The commissioner gives consideration to the general advance in prices after the time the contract price was fixed and this price being in itself a low one and says: "To have refused the two submarines because the cost was high would have meant more than a mistake of judgment. It would have been indefensible."

Blameless Character.
Referring specifically to Sir Richard McBride the commissioner says: "It is cause for congratulation to all Canadians that this much-decided and criticized enterprise was through-out of blameless character. The acquisition of the submarines probably saved so it is believed by many including high naval authorities the cities of Victoria and Vancouver or one or other of them from a lack and enormous tribute. What Sir Richard McBride did in those days of great anxiety and distress and what he accomplished deserves the commendation of his fellow-countrymen for his motives were those of patriotism and his conduct that of an honorable man."

The findings in regard to the sale to the admiralty of three million rounds of ammunition by the military department are: that the price of \$20 per thousand was not an undervaluation; that the personal integrity of Sir Sam Hughes is not assailed.
Had normal conditions existed these impugned sales would have been of advantage to Canada and capable of the merits of vigorous defense. But the conditions were abnormal. They were those of war.

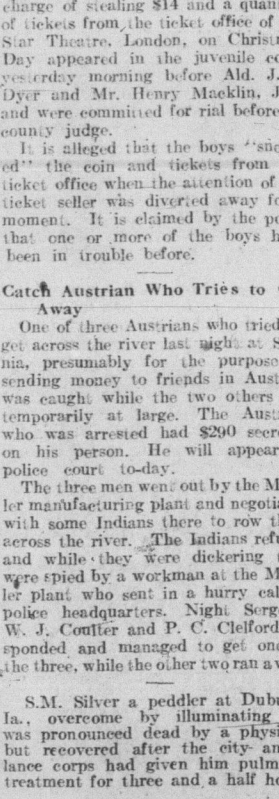
Trio of Boys Committed on Charge of Theft.
Three boys arrested last night on a charge of stealing \$14 and a quantity of tickets from the ticket office of the Star Theatre, London, on Christmas Day appeared in the juvenile court yesterday morning before Ald. J. J. Dyer and Mr. Henry Macklin, J.P., and were committed for trial before a county judge.

It is alleged that the boys "sneaked" the coin and tickets from the ticket office when the attention of the ticket seller was diverted away for a moment. It is claimed by the police that one more of the boys have been in trouble before.

Catch Austrian Who Tries to Get Away.
One of three Austrians who tried to get across the river last night at Star, was caught by the police for the purpose of sending money to friends in Austria, was caught while the two others are temporarily at large. The Austrian who was arrested had \$200 secreted on his person. He will appear in police court today.

The three men went out by the Mueller manufacturing plant and negotiated with some Indians there to row them across the river. The Indians refused and while they were dickering they were spied by a workman at the Mueller plant who sent in a hurry call to police headquarters. Night Sergeant W. J. Conter and P. C. Clefford responded and managed to get one of the three, while the other two ran away.

S.M. Silver a Peddler at Dubuque.
S.M. Silver a peddler at Dubuque, Ia., was pronounced dead by a physician but recovered after the city ambulance corps had given him pulmonary treatment for three and a half hours.



THE RUMANIAN SITUATION.
The arrow on this map points to the battle-line across Moldavia, the northern province of Rumania, and across the north part of Dobruja. The Russians have been retreating towards the Sereth River. The battle-front north along the west boundary of Moldavia practically follows the border (dotted line).

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