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TORONTO'S OPPORTUNITY.

Toronto has long wanted a charter for herself. At present every amendment in the system of civic government involves a change in the general municipal election law of the province.

No other city in Ontario needs this species of franchise quite so much as Toronto does, but other cities might probably be induced to unite in a demand for a charter which would form a precedent of which they might avail themselves whenever it suited them.

Ottawa is almost as peculiarly situated as Toronto, and very much the same remark is true of Hamilton, London and Kingston. Let there be co-operation in the appeal to the legislature.

There is absolutely no ground for refusing a charter to Toronto as Mr. Mowat has always done. He has never been able to give any good reason for his refusal, which is so purely and unreasonably conservative in its character that not the slightest attention should be paid to it.

It may be said that the cities should not ask for changes so often as they do. The obvious answer is that the people of each city must in this democratic country be allowed to judge for themselves what kind of civic machinery they need, and that, as a rule, the men who administer our municipal affairs are more competent to decide what is best than six men whose attention is chiefly taken up with provincial affairs.

The government's extremity is the city's opportunity. If Mr. Mowat had been a wise tactician he would have popularized himself with Toronto by consenting to let her have a charter years ago. He had better take timely warning, and grant one now if the city council demand it.

AN AESTHETIC HOME RULER. A ripple of merriment has been caused by the statement well founded or otherwise that Oscar Wilde will accept a seat in the British parliament as a home ruler.

It is a great mistake to despise a man merely because he wears the badge of dandyism. Clothes, whether fine or coarse, may be the disguise of a man's conscience, but they do not reveal it.

THE POINT ADMITTED.

Yesterday we laid it down that the real issue in the university question was this: if the provincial university needs aid shall it get it from the state that created it?

The V. P. Journal, published at Cobourg by what might be called the advanced wing of Victoria University, in its November issue says:

We have no doubt that the province will, in time, increase the grant, and we hope it will be done, for the work of our university is undervalued by the majority of our population.

The V. P. Journal then goes on to raise the question that provincial university is at present spending money needlessly in its own ways. Now this question of needless expenditure we are prepared to discuss; once the university's right to proper maintenance from the state is admitted it is only fair that a due account of how her present income is expended be given, and no one more than the upholders of the university are prepared to go into this and to advocate reforms, even retrenchments in certain directions.

At least they will have to go back to the sixteenth century for a precedent, and to follow it it will be necessary for the committee on privileges to report on the member's condition, and then for the house to declare the seat vacant. This is a somewhat embarrassing question to the local government at present.

Gratitude is a noble virtue, and to be grateful has been mentioned by one or two poets as a commendable but rare thing. Lord Coleridge has this virtue. He is grateful for the attention he received during his visit to the States, and to express his thanks he has presented the New York state bar association with an elegantly bound folio volume containing a history of the House of Arundel, being an account of the families of Montgomery, Albini, Fitzalan and Howard from the time of the conquest of Normandy by Rollo the Great.

A prominent Roman Catholic clergyman who addressed a number of sermons at the immigrant shed the other day told them that the girls among them could easily get places at \$8 or \$9 a month. Now the girls in question did not happen to know how to set a table or even do ordinary house work, and they could get \$9 a month when trained servants can get for \$7 in what requires a little explanation.

It is alleged that the reform success in Lennox is chiefly due to A. H. Roe's blaspemy. Mr. Alton may therefore be already considered as sworn in.

The V. P. Journal says of the proposal to change from a minister of education to a chief superintendent that the mistake or weakness of a man (Mr. Crooks) have been construed into the fault of a system, and therefore "taken altogether," it is very doubtful if the proposed change would be an improvement, and that it would be advantageous to change, for a comparatively irresponsible superintendent, our minister of education, who, through the government with which he is connected, has to answer to the people at every popular election.

OUR CANADIAN ARMY. To the Editor of The World. Sir: Having learned through the columns of a city paper that the improvements necessary for the occupation of the New Fort by our Canadian regular infantry are about complete, but that the splendid cavalry accommodation of the premises had not been freshened up, as there appeared to be some indication as yet to where the cavalry branch of our army is to be stationed, I write this communication to the national paper of Canada, hoping to see the support Toronto's claims as regards both the cavalry and infantry schools. I may say also that now we are out of the eye of establishing Canadian regulars in Canada a form should be adopted. We shall not always be an appendage to Britain (I hope, indeed, soon see our government's ornamental figurehead—the governor general—

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Mexican manufacturers are making paper from the fibers of the cactus. New York's episcopal journal, the Gasconade, has started to death.

Two of Dr. Schlemmer's children are named respectively "Andrew" and "Agnes." "Lady Jim," the Pinter "house man," died recently. Having refused to fight with his tribe at Fyreside in 1899, he was condemned ever after to wear petticoats.

The Sultan of Turkey has just made a present to the Emperor of Austria of a palanquin valued at \$500,000. The title is somewhat arbitrary one, and it was confiscated from the pasha to whom it belonged.

A grocer in Troy, N. Y., says that speculators have stored away millions of eggs which they will be glad to sell after Thanksgiving Day at less than what they cost. He adds that most of the eggs now for sale are from Germany.

Paris has sixty Roman Catholic churches and some thirty chapels for other denominations. It is estimated that there is a million of worship for every 20,000 of the inhabitants, even this is more than sufficient for the number who go.

A St. Louis clergyman has asked the newspapers to report his sermons, and to name of his congregation absent themselves from the house of worship because they can read the substance of the discourse at their ease at the breakfast table.

Large bears still infest the forests of Pennsylvania. A black bear weighing 380 pounds was killed by Mr. Bruce Ferry at the base of the Allegheny mountains. It was the largest bear ever shot in the state.

The "wishbone" wedding has become the correct thing. The couple stand beneath a floral wishbone. After the ceremony the bride and groom are given the wishbone to pull. The tug results in a break somewhere, and whoever holds the long piece is believed from getting up to build his home in the morning.

How to Make a Girl. An experienced writer says: "Don't kiss all over, like grasshoppers walk. Don't kiss everybody, including small little dogs, male and female. Don't sit down to a Stand up. You need not be anxious to get in a crowd. The persons are plenty to make you catch a kiss. More persons get the spirit. Stand firm. It won't hurt you after you've used it. Don't be in a hurry. Providence will give you strength for the job. The best head of a beautiful girl, as if she were a struggling colt. Don't muss her hair, scratch down her neck, or touch her face. Keep her hair and ribbons and leave her mussed and rumpled. Take a good aim, the lips meet, the eyes close, the head is bent forward, and the work is done—and the art of kissing is learned."

When a California husband runs away from his wife to escape domestic drags it is called the Pacific side.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The stock market yesterday was discouraging all round. Rumors of failure, a limited few, had a depressing effect. There seemed to be a want of confidence, and the figures were the lowest for three years, and the probability is that they will grow lower as stock that has been held for investment is being thrown on the market. The story is that one of our largest and most important interests has had a bad season.

A consignment of 144 bales of English wool, valued at \$100,000, arrived by G. T. R. yesterday for Alderman Hillman. The past season has been fairly active in the lumber trade. The Northern brought into this city 427,460 cubic feet of square timber since navigation opened.

There is nothing doing in wholesale dry goods. The grocers are shipping Christmas goods. Wholesale clothing houses have few travelers out. The open weather has seriously interfered with trade.

The trade in harnessed cattle has picked up a little tone during the past few days. Several large sales were made to American buyers, and it is probable that the demand will further increase next week.

Cable advices from British markets report lire cattle higher in Glasgow, but lower in Liverpool and London. Glasgow quotes \$1 and Liverpool and London 7 1/2. Dressed beef in Liverpool is quoted lower at 9 1/2.

The local money market remains unchanged. Loans are made with freedom when satisfactory security is offered. The cost commercial papers was taken yesterday at 7 per cent.

There is a big demand for apples for the English markets. Several car loads were forwarded yesterday by the Grand Trunk, Hamilton, Montreal and Toronto groups have formed a combination to keep up the price of lumber.

The question of imprisonment for debt is being discussed in the Winnipeg newspapers. A company is being organized in Montreal for the purpose of establishing hog packing on a more extensive scale than has been hitherto attempted. The object of the present scheme is to supply the English market with mess pork and out mess, by importing American live hogs and slaughtering them in this country. It is well known that Canadian packed mess pork is superior to the imported American article, so much so, that it commands a premium of 75c to \$1 per barrel more money.

Mr. Radcliff Keating of Seymour closed up his business of hog capturing and exportation to New York. His greatest catch during one night was 930. Since last reported two tons of frogs, most representing probably more than 8000 frogs. Campbell, Ont. paper.

The Free Press of Nov. 21 says: "The financial situation in Winnipeg offers no new features for comment, except that, if anything, the monetary stringency is more heavily felt. The rate of discount for gilt-edged paper is still 10 per cent. and 10 per cent. on ordinary paper it is quoted at 10 and 12 1/2."

LOCAL MARKETS.

TORONTO, Nov. 28.—The Farmers' Management receipts of grain on the street were small during the week. The receipts of wheat were 2000 bushels of winter wheat, 1000 bushels of spring wheat, and 1000 bushels of barley. The receipts of hay during the week were 175 tons and of straw 100 tons. The market today was quiet, with sales of 300 bushels of wheat at \$1.05 to \$1.10 for fall, at \$1.00 to \$1.05 for spring, and of 1000 bushels of barley at 75c to 80c, the bulk of it bringing 75c. The receipts of 1000 bushels of winter wheat at \$1.05 to \$1.10, and of 1000 bushels of spring wheat at \$1.00 to \$1.05, and of 1000 bushels of barley at 75c to 80c, the bulk of it bringing 75c.

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