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COMMISSIONER McINNES

Signally Honored by Citizens of Yukon--Banquet Most Successful in the History of the Klondike.

There came to the Ledger the other day, along with other mail matter, a large envelope bearing the Dawson City postmark.

Upon opening it the editor found therein a copy of the Dawson Daily News of Nov. 8th, copiously blue pencilled.

It was the issue containing the description of the great banquet tendered our own W. W. B. McInnes by the citizens of the northern capital upon the eve of his departure for Ottawa.

It was distinctly a Billie McInnes edition, nearly the whole paper being taken up with speeches and discriptions of what went on. Of course the greatest speech was that delivered by the guest of the evening, for no one else could make a greater speech when Billie is on the list.

The paper also contained a fine large half-tone portrait of the Commissioner which the Ledger cut out and will place in its sanctum, along with two others, one of Mark Twain at the age of 71, and one of W. J. Bryan. Our own Billie adorns the company he has been placed in by his good looks.

Below will be found a few extracts taken from the News, which are fairly illustrative of what they can do up north in the way of banquetting.

Mr. McInnes is now at Victoria and will start for Ottawa early next week His host of British Columbia friends are proud of his great success as governor of so important a territory as the Yukon, and will warmly welcome him back to his real home where we hope some day to see him at the head of a greater government.

Banzia!
Long live McInnes.
Vive le commissioner!
Three cheers for Billy on the Spot!

Thus did the banqueters shout. Thus did 200 Yukonors proclaim as they rose to their toe tips. They shouted long. It was an ovation for the executive of the Yukon. It was a night of tribute to the vigorous, young tribune of the Yukon people.

It was a magnificent honor that the people of the Yukon bestowed on their chief executive last night in the mammoth Arctic Brotherhood hall. Arctic Brothers all by their heritage in the north, and vigorous representative sons of the empire of the boundless Arctic, the assemblage could not have been more than it was.

It was radiant. It was brilliant. The vast hall blazed with tapestries, flags, banting and myriads of multi-colored lights.

The two hundred hosts blazed with enthusiasm. The guest of honor was no less cheerful. He was himself. He was Billy on the Spot.

It was auspicious.

In speech after speech the success of the administration of William Wallace Burns was testified to glowingly.

The two years of service as chief executive was shown to have been appreciated. Yukoners of all political persuasions were there.

The banquet opened with good fellowship and feast, running from 9.30 o'clock until after midnight. Then came the flow of intellectual streams.

In the mirth of the evening singing was the great vehicle. Accompanied by Prof. Fawcett's orchestra of six pieces, there was no interruption nor delay in the flood of joy. Judge Macaulay, the chairman, knew how to prevent the feast from becoming a quaker session, and he did the work. He got the jolly singers of the assembly going. They had to sing, and they had to sing often, and when they did sing, the throng rang in the choruses, shaking the building.

Then came Charley Barwell, the poet-songster-surveyor, and sang a parody of his own creation, a parody on "You Take the High Road." These are the words that he fitted to suit the Klondikers:

Oh, the winter trail was long and the wind blew strong,
And the grub tasted just like leather,
When me and my partner quarreled on the trail,
And decided that we couldn't live together.

So you'll take the White Pass,
And I'll take the Chilcoot,
And I'll be in Dawson afore ye.
But me and my pardner will never speak again
On the bonnie, bonnie banks of the Yukon.

On the shores of Bennett lake we agreed for old times' sake
To try once more to travel without fighting,
But he burnt a pot of beans, spoilt my only pair of jeans
And spoke about my face in accents slighting.

So, you'll take the bacon, and I'll take the beans,
With one a blanket you can shiver,
We'll saw the boat in two, and the ax don't come to you,
For the Moody ax is in the river.

Once more we had agreed and went on a stampede,
A little of paystreak we were after.
The law was base to base, and I told him face to face
He was nothing but a liar and a grafter.

So, you'll take the creek claim and I'll take the bench claim,
And I'll get recorded afore you.
For eighteen months we fought the case from court to court,
And the claims now belong to the lawyer.

TOASTS.

Chairman—The Hon. Mr. Justice Macaulay.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING."

"God Save the King.....Orchestra

"THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

United States National Anthem..... Orchestra

Song..... Mr. F. Harris

"THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA."

Proposed by Mr. J. P. Girouard; responded to by Dr. Alfred Thompson, M. P.

Song..... Mr. C. S. W. Barwell

"THE YUKON COUNCIL."

Proposed by Mr. T. D. Pattullo; responded to by Messrs. Thos. W. O'Brien, H. C. Macaulay, George Black and Richard Gillespie.

Song..... Mr. Emil Mohr

"OUR GUEST."

Proposed by the Chairman; responded to by Hon. W. W. B. McInnes.

"Here's health to you, Billy McInnes,
May your shadow never diminish,
Diminish or not,
You'll be there on the spot,
Here's luck to you, Billy McInnes."

Song..... Mr. John Diner

"THE MINING AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF YUKON."

Proposed by Mr. A. E. George; responded to by Messrs. C. A. Thomas, Frank Lowe, J. T. Kelly, Charles Reid, S. Duncan Mangum, Stanley Scearce, Mr McCallum and W. P. Lynch

Song..... Mr. George Walton

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

MICHEL.

Little Maggie Carr is in the hospital under treatment for appendicitis.

There have been rumors of the football team establishing a skating rink here, but no start has been made as yet.

Mrs. Dave Morgan and family left on the Bical yesterday for Franklyn, Wash. Mr. Morgan is working in the mines there.

Excellent progress is being made in the mines, and the work is being opened up as rapidly as possible, and soon all the coke ovens will be running full blast.

Some of the boys who went to the Coast during the strike looking for work, have come back, evidently concluding that Michel offers more financial inducements than even the milder and more humid coast.

Mr. Harry Weber, drygoods salesman in Trites-Woods' store, is a man of versatile mind. He now has a class of eighteen or twenty foreigners meeting him at nights for certain instructions as to the mysteries of the English language.

All the youth of Michel, and, indeed many of the adults, are laboring under the throes of tremendous excitement for Christmas is near, and Santa Claus is expected to visit them soon. Not that Santa is expected to fill the little stockings hanging so suggestively by the firesides—that follows, of course—nor that the various Sunday schools will give their usual Christmas treat, but the whole town has taken the matter to heart, and is generously attempting to rejoice the hearts of every little one in town. Sects and creeds are all merged in the one glad thoughts of Christmas cheer. Last year over three hundred children, all that could be found in town, were given a united Christmas tree entertainment in the town hall, when they received somewhere in the neighborhood of [illegible] this year, in spite of the strike, the precedent established last year is being closely followed. Public meetings have been held, and the following committees set to work: Purchasing and Executive Committee—Mrs. D. L. Henderson, Mrs. A. McLeod, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. F. Martin, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Weber, Mr. R. B. Steadman, Mr. H. Weber, Mr. Mark Gaskell, Mr. Thos. Crahan, Rev. Geo. Kinney. Entertainment Committee—Miss Johnson, Mr. H. Weber, Rev. Geo. Kinney, Rev. Hamilton, Rev. Misner, Mr. Mather, Mr. Almond, Mr. Alex. McLeod, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Stewart, manager of Trites-Wood store here, was elected as secretary-treasurer of the general committee. Committees appointed for the purpose have thoroughly canvassed the town, and taken the names, ages and sex of all children from age of 16 and under, gathering a total of nearly 300 names. Already most of the $600 expected is in sight, $100 being donated by Mr. T. Crahan, $100 by Trites-Wood Co., and $25 by Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co; the miners' union is expecting to raise $200, and other donations will be coming in. Instead of sending away for presents, as was done last year, the purchasing committee has made a raid on Triter-Woods' special collection of choice Christmas presents, and for several nights past, after the store had been closed, mysterious conferences have been held by the purchasing committee among the treasure laden counters of the store. Nor is that all. While the old folks are scheming and planning raids on Santa's sack of wonders, the children have been training their youthful voices in song and recitation for the wonderful Christmas Eve. This idea of laying aside differences of sect and creed, and the whole community making common cause of Christmas joys seems a most beneficent one.

TRULY WONDERFUL.

It has been said that the human hand is the most perfect tool ever created. There is indeed no limit, apparently, to its performances; it guides the pen and the plow; moves the lever that controls the greatest battleships, with the lightest touch shapes the lens that makes visible the otherwise unknown states of infinite space. It grasps alike the rough implements of labor, the artist's brush, the surgeon's knife and the delicate engraver's tools, yet in all its employment there is none that shows its adaptability so vividly as the wonderful palming feats of McEwen, the Great. With his left hand he palms at one time four English billiard balls. Holding his hand in plain view he shows you between his fingers one, two, three, four billiard balls at a time, making them appear and disappear at will. Hermann did this trick with three, but McEwen outranks Herman in this, as he does in many of his newer tricks and illusions. While the late Herman was the greatest of his particular style of entertainers, McEwen combines his wonderful control of hypnotic forces with his supernatural ability of mind reading and gives a performance unequalled on the world's stage. It is beyond the power of human endurance for one man to fill an entire evening under the tremendous strain that McEwen works, so he is assisted by a company of high class vaudeville performers, besides being equipped with all new and special scenery. This talented organization comes to Stork's Opera House for two nights and Saturday matinee, beginning Friday, Dec. 7th. Seats on sale at the Palace Drug Store.

WORRY—THE DISEASE OF THE AGE.

A famous English writer, Dr. C. W. Saleeby, recently finished a series of articles written in a popular vein, and entitled "Worry—the Disease of the Age." The first of these appears in the Christmas number of the Canadian Magazine, which has many other attractive and sensonable features. One of the first noticeable things about the magazine this month is the front cover, which is a reproduction of the prize drawing by J. J. Grant. It is entitled "Our Lady of the Snows," and is a new and pleasing conception of this charming personality. Other features of the Christmas Canadian Magazine are "Jerusalem and its Environments" (illustrated; "Old Christmas Customs in England" (illustrated); reproductions of R. Caton Woodville's famous drawings, "The Dawn of Majuba Day," and "Maiwand Saving the Guns," and of Jules Breton's painting "The Communicants." There are several other interesting articles, with short stories by W. A. Fraser, Alice Jones and E. P. Medley.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society was held last Saturday.

The routine business of the year was considered and officers elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Mrs. A. B. Trites, First Vice-President, Mrs. D. V. Mott; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. Wrigleswerth; Secretary, Miss Alexander; Treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Johnson; Investigating Committee—Mrs. F. J. Watson, Mrs. W. W. Tuttle, Mrs. F. C. Lowe and Mrs. Wm. Davis.

The society did a very neat and appropriate thing in voting $25 to the Childrens' Aid Society of Vancouver, the institution of which Mr. C. J. South is secretary, and which has done so much good to homeless children, not only from Fernie, but from all parts of the province.

This society of the ladies of Fernie is one of the most useful institutions in the community, and has earned for itself a most amiable reputation. In connection with the childrens' home it has rescued many little children from surroundings which tend to make criminals, and viewed in that light, there is no way that a full estimate of the value of such work can be arrived at.

The Ledger hopes to see this work grow to much larger proportions.

ELKO ROOSVILLE AND TOBACCO PLAINS

Fred Clement was in town from Elko.

Mr. Martin, of Vancouver, was in town running up the scale business.

Frank Rankin takes a trip to Cranbrook.

Frank Barnes, of Bayne's Lake, was in town Monday.

The Two Macs will show in the coal town this week.

Tommy Youatt was down to Fernie Saturday between trains.

Several new settlers and their families moved into Elko this last week.

Jack Davis arrived in town from the south on a visit to friends.

J. A. Malleur was in Elko from Waldo, near the big pines.

Fred Roo got the contract to supply the harness for the water falls at this point.

Alex. McCuaig, of Macleod, came here Tuesday, and will go to church on south fork.

J. N. Brooks, C. P. R. claims agent, was in town with a bundle of cross-cut saws and the up-to-date stand off's.

Sourdough Sam intends opening up a bakery in Elko, and he is already taking orders for English plum puddings on the half shell.

Mr. Derry, of Maple Creek, brought in a big bunch of horses from Tobacco Plains and shipped them to Maple Creek Sunday night.

The logging camps south still want about seven thousand five hundred men; also four white cooks and a few Newfoundland flunkies.

The beautiful weather we are having holds the tourists, and the three hotels are turning people away every day.

Fred Roo and seventy-five other Indians from Montana, Tobacco Plains and Fort Steele mission held a big pow-wow in Elko Sunday.

Pat Murphy, Mike Maloney and Terrance O'Shane, three Swedes, registered at the Hoffman House this week. They are looking for fruit lands near the town.

It is reported in town today that Jim Bates shot 22 deer on the forks of Lodge Pole and Clothesline creeks and that he is selling hides to the Indians and canning the meat for his host of Cranbrook friends; also Geo. Hoggarth and Vic Rollins.

M. McInnes was in town from Elkmouth on his celebrated pacer, "Can't be Beat." The Great Northern flyer left Elkmouth 7½ minutes ahead of Mr. McInnes, and arrived in Elko 45 minutes after Mr. McInnes had left via the C. P. R. for Cranbrook. That's going some.

FLORENCE HARTLEY
Mezzo-Soprano with
The Great McEwen Co.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the city council was held Wednesday evening at the City Clerk's office. There were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Beck, McIntyre, Quail and Tuttle.

On motion of Quail and McIntyre, the council went into committee of the whole upon the sewer debenture by-law.

After rising and reporting progress, it was moved by Tuttle, seconded by McIntyre, that the Mayor be asked to confer with Manager Lindsey regarding the weighing scales which [illegible]

On motion of McIntyre and Beck, the City Solicitor was instructed to take any and all necessary steps to determine the city's right to collect licenses on water system, electric light and the telephone plant belonging to the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Co.

On motion of Beck and McIntyre, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise and write for applications for the position of fire chief, asking for references as to qualifications and salary expected.

I was also moved by Beck and McIntyre, and carried, that the Fire, Water and Light Committee go into the matter of appliances and bring in a recommendation for the next regular meeting.

On motion the Council adjourned.

LOCAL ITEMS

H. M. Fullerton was in the city yesterday.

Andy Good, of Crow's Nest, was in town Tuesday.

E. B. McDermid, of McDermid and McHardy, of Nelson, was in town Thursday.

W. A. Barter, late cashier of the G. N. station here, has been transferred to Bayne's Lake.

Father De Wilde, of Coleman, was in the city Monday and Tuesday visiting Father Meissner.

A. G. Wilmot, of the Patterson Lumber Company, of Red Deer, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Fred and Gordon Johnson arrived home Tuesday from Vancouver, where they have been attending school.

A. B. Lefever, late station agent of the G. N. at Baynes Lake, has taken the place of cashier at the Fernie station.

Mr. E. Hewitt, of Everett, Washington, was in the city Wednesday auditing the books in the local office of the Great Northern.

The postponed mortgage sale of the Hutchinson property, being lot 7 in block 20, will take place at F. J. Watson's office on Saturday, Dec. 8.

A meeting of the Fernie Conservative Association will be held in the Eagle's Hall next Tuesday evening. All Conservatives are urged to be present.

One of Fernie's well remembered good boys, Charley Fyfe, has swung the circle, and is back again to remain with the C. P. R. staff here as ticket agent in the new station. Everybody, including the Kid, hands out hands of welcome to Charley.

Miss E. L. Craig, a graduate of the Vancouver General Hospital, has arrived in the city to take the position of matron of Dr. Higgins' private hospital. Miss Craig comes well recommended, and has had valuable experience in her chosen profession.

Chief of Police Waller, of Spokane, was in the city last Saturday in connection with the Tuckley case. Mrs. Tuckley and her son, Smith, were allowed to go free upon the restoration of the money brought here and belonging to the plaintiff in the case.

H. H. Ross, of Elkmouth, was in town Wednesday. His company are busy getting out logs for next season's cut, and preparing for the erection of a new double-cut band saw mill a mile or two below the new Baker Timber Company's mill on the Kootenay.

An Italian named Ido Fiorese was so badly crushed between the bunkers of two cars at the Coal Creek mines on Wednesday that he died a few hours later in the Fernie hospital. A coroner's jury has been summoned and will sit tonight upon the case.

Gladstone Local Union, U. M. W. of A., at an election on Monday, elected president pro tem Wm. Moore president of the local for the unexpired term of Wm. Dicken, removed. Balloting for the district officers took place at the same time, but as it occurred all over the district at the same time, the result is not yet known.

Father Cocola, formerly resident here, passed through Calgary on the main line a few days ago enroute to Vancouver, where he expected to catch the boat for Skeena river. Had he not been delayed en route from Ottawa, where he had been consulting with the government upon Indian affairs at Stewart Lake, where he is now stationed, he would have stopped over to visit Fernie friends for a day or two.

Happy Frank, alias Frank Sherff, he of Sheep Mountain mining fame, is in town engaged in a diabolical attempt to Germanize Fernie. Just how such a pickle factory as Frank can turn anything sour, the Kid won't attempt to tell, but Happy Frank is putting cabbage heads into barrels with the heads knocked out, and lo, in a little while the barrel is full of sauerkraut.

And when the kraut is ladled out
It makes the German laugh and shout.

G. H. Ingram, father of E. A. Ingram, of Sheep Mountain ranch, is in town on a visit to his son. He is with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Walker. Mr. G. H. Ingram is 71 years old, and still a kid. He likes this Kootenay country and predicts a great future for those who [illegible] settling in it. Mr. Ingram's home is in Kansas, where he has a son living. He also has a married daughter, living in Kansas City. He paid the Ledger a friendly call and the two kids had a very sociable chat. By the way, Mr. Ingram says Walker really did kill that deer. This disposes of the ugly insinuations that have been floating about that Walker got the buck fever when he saw the deer, and that it was a mere accident caused by his gun going off just as the deer stopped in front of the gun.

LETHBRIDGE STRIKE

The Long Drawn-out Trouble Settled--Men are Commended--Overlook Their Interests to Relieve Situation

Regina, Sask., Dec. 3.—The following telegram has been received by the commissioner of agriculture from Premier Scott, in Indianapolis:

"Hon. W. R. Motherwell, commissioner of agriculture, Regina, Sask.: Lethbridge strike ended and am assured men will resume work on Monday. I am convinced that the men yielded beyond what they would have yielded except for consideration of suffering Saskatchewan, and I want this fact emphasized so the people will understand."

"I am convinced that the men yielded beyond what they would have yielded except for consideration of suffering Saskatchewan, and I want this fact emphasized so people will understand."

That is a tribute to the fairness and humanity of the men composing the organization known as the United Mine Workers of America, and their officers.

Those men and those officers have shown a forbearance and fortitude under the circumstances which would do credit to any body of men.

While a cheap and turbulent press is proclaiming victory over these men by corporations whose directors openly boast that corporations have no souls, the premier of a province, by his dispatch, openly proclaims to the world that these union men have souls of the heroic, honest, upright kind, which can be reached by an appeal on behalf of the needy.

An organization officered by men who can meet and overcome such circumstances as have these men, need not fear their future as an organization.

Trickery, double dealing and bad faith may win a few skirmishes, but at the expense of public good will, and these cheap triumphs will be short lived.

The Crow's Nest and the Lethbridge strikes have brought to light many things with which people were unacquainted, but which will be much better understood hereafter.

The exact terms of the settlement of the Lethbridge strike are not as yet known, but that the men have come out of it in better shape, and with much better credit than has the company opposed to them is made certain by Premier Scott's telegram.

In future the Ledger will be issued regularly on Saturday.

Another vote of $10,000 for the Fernie post office has been brought down. This makes a total of $20,000 appropriated so far for the new office.

There was a joint meeting of the Ladies' Aid trustee board and quarterly board of the Methodist church last Tuesday evening, which was well attended.

Two of the teachers in the city schools, Miss Dolby and Miss Inglis, have tendered their resignations to the school board, to take effect at the holiday vacation.

An Italian was seriously injured yesterday while engaged in the removing of the old No. 1 tipple. It seems a portion of it broke away from the main part and fell upon him before he could get out of the way.

Mr. Karney, government timber inspector, was in town this week on one of his regular trips to the mills in the Pass. He reports a most prosperous year for the lumbermen, with bright prospects for a still more prosperous season just ahead.

The funeral of the Italian named Ido Fiorese, killed at the mines Wednesday, was conducted from the Church of the Holy Family yesterday (Friday) afternoon at 3.30, by Father Meissner. The Miners' Union turned out in large numbers, and headed by the band, escorted the remains to the last resting place in the cemetery. The deceased had no relatives here. He was about 35 years old, and leaves a family in Nova Scotia.

WAS SENSELESS, USELESS AND COSTLY.

Unnecessary Trial of Lawyer Cost Province Thousand Dollars

Is the way the Vancouver World heads a special message from Fernie announcing the result of the Eckstein trial.

Comment unnecessary.

Editor Ledger:

As the fact, connected with the recent prosecution of myself are under advisement, I cannot yield to the solicitations of my many friends to publish anything in the matter.

Without any reference to that case I may say that since coming to Fernie I have had to fight as few any where are compelled to do.

Here a man must, unless he be willing to surrender his independence, as so many have done, fight, die in the gutter or leave the town. I am in the fighting line, and intend to remain there.

L. P. ECKSTEIN.

COMMISSIONER COOMBS.

The announcement that Commissioner Coombs, of the Salvation Army, is coming to Fernie has created great interest in the event, and the head of the Canadian Army will meet with a right royal reception. The Mayor and city council are extending civic honors, and W. R. Ross, M. P. P., will preside at the meeting in Stork's Hall.

Commissioner Coombs has seen active service in almost all parts of the world—Australia, Britain and America—and is now serving his second term at the head of the Canadian organization.

One of the features that will be of interest in this section will be the explanation of the Army immigration plan as it effects this western country.

Victoria, Vancouver and Nelson in fact, all the cities and towns which have been visited during the present trip, have extended to this distinguished visitor right, royally, hearty welcomes, and Fernie will do likewise.

THE FIRE FIEND AGAIN.

Just after midnight last Saturday night fire was discovered in a building belonging to How Foon on Cox street. The building was of wood and occupied in part by a barber shop, the remainder being used as a shoe shop by J. L. Thornley. Mr. Thornley had left the building an hour or so before the fire to visit friends in another part of the town, and it is supposed the fire was started from a small heating stove being overturned.

The fire brigade were promptly on hand, and the fire was confined to the interior of the shop occupied by Thornley.

Mr. Thornley's stock of footwear and his tools and personal effects were totally destroyed.

He carried insurance to the extent of $1,200. The building was also insured, and as it was not entirely consumed, How Foon's loss will be entirely covered by insurance.

The fire brigade boys and those who had ably assisted them in the How Foon fire had hardly recovered from their fatigue resulting from Saturday night's fire, when they were called out again. This time in answer to a call to the residence of Mr. Robert Kerr, on Victorig Avenue. This occurred at 3 a. m. Monday.

The brigade succeeded in extinguishing this fire before it had gained much headway. It seems to have caught from an over-heated flue. Mr. Kerr had been occupying the house a day or two on his return from Cranbrook. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The members of the brigade wish to express, through the columns of the Ledger, their appreciation of the kindly remembrance of Mr. Wm. Ingram for their promptness and efficient work at the Kerr fire. Mr. Ingram's house stands within four feet of Mr. Kerr's residence, and it was on the side next to Ingram's house that the fire broke out in the latter's dwelling. It was a close call, and Mr. Ingram prefers feeling warm towards the brigade to having too much of a house warming.

THE ROSCIANS.

The Roscian Opera Company played here on Wednesday and Thursday nights to reduced houses.

The first night "Martha" was presented, and the "Pirates of Penzance" held the boards the last night.

The Roscians, without Amsden and Davenport, is a great deal like Hamlet with the Gloomy Dane left out.

Claude Amsden is by all odds the best comic opera comedian on the western stage, and with Miss Davenport, made the chief attraction of the Roscians while they were with them.

If the Roscian Company wish to retain their good reputation earned while those two brilliant stars were with them, they will have to improve the present combination.

FIRE AT CRANBROOK.

Fire broke out in McDermott's wholesale liquor store in Cranbrook early Wednesday morning, but quick and efficient work by the fire brigade kept the fire confined to the building. The water pressure gave out at the last, and in consequence an investigation as to the cause of the failure will likely be made.

A telegram received yesterday afternoon announced that Mr. McEwan, the hypnotist could not appear here as announced, on account of illness.

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

There is a strong undercurrent of protest against the activity of American union organizers in the coal strike at Fernie in British Columbia, in that at Lethbridge in Alberta, and in the street railway trouble at Hamilton. Naturally the suspicion arises that employing interests across the border intrigue in order to suspend the operations of enterprises in Canada, and so to benefit American corporations. It has to be remembered, however, that generally strikes are declared by a local union, and that the international officer does not appear until conciliation and negotiation become necessary. Of course a strike cannot be declared without the approval of the chief officers of an international body, but we imagine that very rarely are these officers responsible for labor disturbances except in so far as they direct the general organization over the continent. It may be that in some cases the international officers have handled strikes unwisely and have prolonged disputes, which might have been more easily settled if there had been no outside intervention. On the other hand, more than once international officers have refused to countenance local strikes in Canada, and have forced the unions to submit to the authority of the international body. In Fernie the local union seems arbitrarily to have set aside an agreement with the employers. We have, however, no evidence that the trouble was fomented by any international officer, although it seems to be the fact that most of the union officers at the Crow's Nest mines have come from the United States. We, in Ontario, know little or nothing of the causes which led to the strike at Lethbridge. As for Hamilton, it is difficult to see how any American interest or corporation could benefit by an attack upon the street railway. There may be inconveniences and dangers in the international organization of labor. But we also have international organization of employers, and the one is surely as legitimate as the other. It is impossible to say what the future may develop, but, as yet, we doubt if the international labor leaders have ever contemplated any attack upon the industries of this country.

The above from the Toronto News, a paper that is generally fair and independent in the main, is well worth a study by local readers as an example of how newspapers of the most sincere and unbiased intentions may be led astray by colored reports of events happening in distant districts.

The News is perfectly fair in its article when it sums up the international feature of the labor organizations by off-setting it with the international character of the employers of labor.

But when it states that "In Fernie the local union SEEMS arbitrarily to have set aside an agreement with employers," it betrays the effects of relying upon news sent to the press by an employee of the company, which news must effectually made it SEEM as was desired.

The miners at Fernie were driven to the steps they took by the arbitrary ruling of the manager of the company when he took the ground that the check-off clause he himself had drawn, at the request of the union, did not do what the miners had asked him to make it do when he drew it. In all the tedious negotiations that dragged their weary lengths along, the manager could not be brought to consent to submit that fact to any board of arbitrators.

"So far as the resuming of work and the relieving of the industrial situation is concerned, it was brought about by the international officers surrendering what they deemed a right, in order to harmonize differences, not only between the company and the miners, but to prevent discord in the union itself. It is at the cost of the sacrifice of right to might that peace prevails to the extent it does, and in so far as the country enjoys the benefits of operation of the mines here, the credit is due to the forbearance of the officials of the unions on both sides of the line.

Another SEEMS which has led the Toronto News and other good papers astray, is that, as the News has it, "It seems to be the fact that most of the union officials at the Crow's Nest mines have come from the United States."

This SEEMS is as misleading as the first. The president of district 18 is a native of England, and is a British subject; the international board member for the district is a native of Nova Scotia; the secretary ditto. The president of Gladstone Union, Fernie, was an Englishman; the secretary is an Englishman. In fact, the Ledger knows of only one officer in either local or district organization who is an American, and yet the news dealt out to the press in general makes it SEEM that the officers at Fernie are from the United States.

Will the Toronto News please note this and disabuse the minds of its readers of what is absolutely untrue.

There was one officer of a local union, not the Fernie local, who is said to be an American, though as to this the Ledger is not certain, who opposed the strike, and while in a most exuberant state of mind bought a 32-caliber pop gun with which to punctuate the body of his superior officer because the superior favored the strike. This was the only instance of any tendency to violence throughout the whole trouble, and that seems to have been the result of bad whiskey in a 32-caliber mind.

INSURANCE COMMISSION'S MEMORIAL.

The Ledger reproduces the memorial presented to the insurance commission of Canada by the policyholders association, and recommends every reader of the Ledger to read it carefully. The investment feature of life insurance is doomed to go sooner or later, leaving life insurance upon its own basis.

A memorial to be presented to the royal commission on insurance, as representing the views of the Policyholders' Association of Canada, was yesterday approved by the directors and will be forwarded to Ottawa without delay. The directors also received with regret the resignation of William Christie, who, since the idea was first mooted of organizing the policy holders, has been a diligent worker in the interests of the association, and as secretary has rendered most valuable service. It was decided to secure a new secretary, who will be asked to devote his whole time to the work of the association.

The memorial reads:

May it please your honors:

Your memorialists are a duly incorporated body, having amongst its objects the organization of holders of life insurance policies and benefit certificates, for their mutual protection, and to endeavor to obtain such legislation as may be deemed advisable in the interests of the assured. The association was called into veing as a result of the disclosures in New York State. It has no salaried officials and no active canvass for members has been made on its behalf. At the present date the membership is over 300, representing over 30 different centres in the Dominion. As the recommendations which your honors will make to parliament at the close of your enquiry will form the basis of future legislation affecting life insurance in Canada, your memoralists, after careful deliberation, respectfully submit the following suggestions for your consideration in framing your report:

From mere life insurance contracts the tendency in recent years has been towards a multiplicity of plans and options, in which the provision for death has become secondary to the investment features of the policy. Competition amongst companies has been thereby actuated, and expenses increased. Agents are enabled by the collection of large premiums, to increase their emolutions at the expense of their clients, who, unaware of what proportion of their premium should pertain to real insurance, and what to something else, are induced to insure upon plans not in keeping with their circumstances. Companies are thereby also enabled to secure a larger amount of premium income and give less insurance, and such plans are, therefore, prejudicial to the interests of the widows and orphans, for whose protection the business has been mainly established. Your memoralists believe that the numerous contracts offered by companies are against the principles of sound life insurance, and should be restricted, and urge for the consideration and approval of your honors the restriction recommended by the insurance commissioners of the United States for the standardization of policies.

Alternatively your memorialists submit that no form of policy should be used by any life insurance company in Canada, without having first been approved by the superintendent of insurance.

Your memorialists further suggest that your honors should recommend (a) that all policies should be set forth tersely and in plain terms; (b) that all conditions should be printed on the face of the policy; (c) that a copy of the application should be attached thereto, and (d) that under no consideration should the face value of the policy be reduced.

Further, your memorialists respectfully submit that an amendment should be made to the present act, providing that after payment of the third premium, no policy shall lapse by reason of non-payment of premiums until the value of such policy is exhausted. This concession is already granted by some companies, subject to notification by the assured, but it is believed that such rights should vest automatically.

Your memorialists believe that the acceptance by companies of notes in settlement of premiums is detrimental to the best interests of the business. It enables agents to secure advances from companies and is responsible for the excessive expense and lapses of first year business. Many persons are induced to sign notes unaware of the nature of the obligation into which they are entering, and companies carry extensive risks for which no compensation is received. It is a means whereby agents and companies are enabled to discriminate against certain classes of policy holders, and is against all sound business principles. It encourages improvident contracts against which insurance should be guarded, and instead of being a convenience, in many cases causes a hardship to the granter of the note. Your memorialists suggest that companies should be prohibited from issuing any policy until the first premium has been paid in cash.

Your memorialists suggest that the expenses of life insurance companies should be limited to the loading on premiums. The excesses to which companies have resorted to secure business are well known. A year's insurance for nothing could be had. In-

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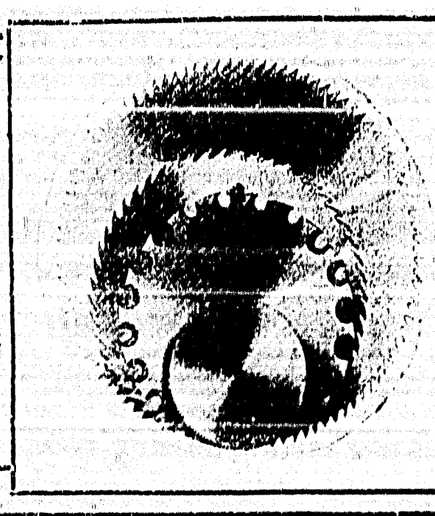

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A CIRCUS IN COURT

Two Crowns, Three Tumblers and Ponies of Beer

The Kid took a few lessons, second hand, in law at the court house last week; in fact, he put in a long day, lasting from 10 a. m. to midnight on Saturday.

The speedy trial of L. P. Eckstein, which, by the way, travelled at a pretty slow gait to be called speedy, upon the charge of conspiring to defeat the ends of justice, was called for 10 o'clock on that day, and the Kid was detailed to go down to court and take notes, which he didn't do, not making a pencil mark all day.

The Kid is lazy, and when he saw the court and all the lawyers, as well as the reporter for the Daily News, all scratching away for dear life, he concluded there would be notes for sale, so he folded his arms and devoted his time to resting and philosophical observations, after the custom of all percocious kids.

First, then, was the reading of a very formidable document of several pages of aforesaids, and hereinafters, mixed up with lots of other terms said to be legal, and among which there were allegations and affirmations as to somebody's belief that Mr. Eckstein had been guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional man, and against the peace and dignity of the crown, all of which was of the most vexacious nature to the representatives of the Crown there present. Mr. Eckstein said he wasn't guilty of all that, and the Crown at once undertook, with the aid of Begg, etal, to prove that he was a liar. After some little technical swearing about the information and preliminary by Magistrate Whimster, Mr. Thomas Begg was made to kiss the Bible and submit to the examination of those two Macdonalds, one R. M. representing the Crown, while the other, W. A., K. C., appearing on behalf of his brother lawyer, Eckstein.

If those letters K. C. at the end of that name were, in this case, reversed and made to stand C. K., the Kid would interpret them as meaning, after W. A.'s name, chief kicker, for he demonstrated an unbounded ability to kick hard where it hurts before that trial was over.

The Kid finds by perusing the notes of one of the lawyers taken during the trial, that Mr. Beggs' memory is of an intermitent nature and misleading, getting its owner into contradictory positions at unexpected times, until he had to specify as to which time he told the truth and which time he didn't.

This was confusing to the witness, if not to the court.

A memory like that is useless except to make the owner's testimony useless, which, in turn, is useful to the cause of justice when properly weighed.

Mr. Beggs swore to a good, long record of convictions in the police court for gambling, and that he was engaged to Winnie Simpson, who was to be his own Winsome Winnie wife. This court record and his engagement now publicly announced, were two points upon which his memory seemed clear, but as will be seen later, he was to be muddled by his Winnie.

After an endeavor to untangle his first evidence by tangling his last evidence, he was let down and out, leaving the Judge to weigh his testimony in a feather-weight balance to discover any weight, if possible, in it.

In short, Begg contradicted his evidence given at the preliminary, and the first part of his evidence in the trial itself by the last of it before he got off the stand.

Winnie Simpson, in her evidence, did not fully corporate Beggs' statement that they were to be married shortly, but qualified the statement by saying it might be so, provided she didn't change her mind. So the Kid is looking forward to a most delicious bit of news for the Night Cap in the shape of a breach of promise suit in high life at the low end of the town. If Winnie won't marry Tom after all this trouble, he is entitled to at least $3.00 damage for lacerated feelings and a blighted future.

Winnie was very positive about anything that was derogatory to the defendant, and wasn't at all sure of anything that would militate against Begg.

She proved, in an indirect way, that at least in one particular she would make an ideal wife.

She stated that when she asked Begg how he had got out of jail, he told her it was none of her business, which went a long way towards establishing her right to be called a wife.

After the Simpson woman came one of those Spokane girls, the oldest one, who had made her fourth trip to Fernie on this shameful business. Her mother was with her, and once more was compelled to sit in that court room while her eighteen-year-old daughter had to tell of the discreditable places she had visited, and how she had drunk beer in dive saloons, knowing it was wrong, in company with a sixteen-year-old girl, now in the house of detention because of bad swearing in a Spokane court, and who had invited her to do so, and how they had been joined by two young men, and afterward by the Simpson woman, and, as she stated, had been drugged and put in a hack and taken to the train, along with the sixteen-year-old, by Simpson, and how they didn't know anything about it until they got to Rexford, how they came on to Fernie and went to the house kept by Simpson, got clothing of her, wore it up town and went to the police to get their aid to get back home, and how the police wired for money and how they told their story and in consequence were not allowed to go back. All this story of degradation had to be retold in the presence of a mother whose heart must soon turn to stone.

After this vile filth had been worked over, only to emphasize the incredibility of such witnesses, the Crown rested. It needed the rest.

Only two witnesses, Mr. Gray, and the accused, Mr. Eckstein, were examined for the defense.

Mr. R. M. Macdonald cross-examined both these witnesses at great length, but the examination was more of an academic examination upon questions of law than as to evidence of fact.

The evidence of these two respectable citizens of Fernie when put in the balance against that of the three principle witnesses for the Crown, brought the defense side of the scales of justice down with what must have been, to the Crown, a sickening thud.

All this was not new to the Kid. He had heard some of it, and read some of it in sensational telegrams sent out to the press of the country by someone deeply interested in having the cause of justice run smoothly—so deeply interested that he couldn't wait for final results.

The Kid had tried, before the preliminary trial, to see the mother of that girl, but the Crown Attorney had bristled up like a porcupine in danger, and would have none of it.

Those women were hedged about by, not a kingly divinity, but by a crowdy vigilance that brooked no trifling.

The Kid has not yet been able to find out how it is that one individual not accused of any crime or detained as a witness, can not see another one in the same condition. But there is lots of nonsense that can't be explained, even by a Crown Attorney.

He had been told that the preliminary hearing would be behind closed doors, but that had to be passed on by the court and came to grief, and that's how the Kid had heard some of this unsavory case before.

The Kid was glad to see, however, that upon this final trial great public interest had been awakened in the case, and he saw many people in the court room last Saturday night, drawn thither by a desire to see just how virtue and justice are defended and maintained in court.

Mr. McIlroy, Mr. Drinnan, Mr. Klauer, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Turney and many others were, in company with the Kid and other representatives of the press, watchful spectators of the proceedings.

They were treated to a very forceful, plain-spoken and strightforward summing up of the case for the defense by W. A. Macdonald, K. C., which was fully appreciated by everyone present. He stated that in all his experience at the bar during a practice of 25 years, he had never experienced such a persistent prosecution, better termed, persecution, than had been manifested in this prosecution of a brother practitioner and respectable citizen of the community.

He could not believe that this prosecution was "off the bat of the representatives of the Crown."

That awful slang phrase, "off the bat," nearly caused the Kid to fall of the bench, but as he saw how it pleased the other reporter, he concluded that it might be passable, and he recovered his equanimity—that's it, isn't it?—which he had so nearly lost in the suddenness of his surprise.

"That a decent, respectable citizen should be dragged from his bed at midnight upon the statement of Begg, who quibbled about having made any statement at all, was an outrageous proceeding.

"If there had been any conspiracy, it looked more like a conspiracy to blacken the name of a fellow practitioner than such an one as had been charged.

"Your Honor, it is evident that the price of Begg's liberty was his evidence against Eckstein."

That was nearly as good as the Kid could have done with his Night Cap on.

That little gem of a sentence summed it all up in a nutshell.

After the best possible speech for the Crown, under the circumstances, had been delivered by R. M. Macdonald, the court told Mr. Eckstein that he was discharged, as there was no evidence of crime upon his part. It looks to the Kid as though the Crown in this case had been pretty badly battered.

In the case of Simpson, it got lost in the woods and came out on the wrong side of the International Boundary line. In this case of Eckstein, after weeks of preparation and the aid of a second lawyer, making, as it were, two Crowns in the case, the court says there is no evidence of crime.

Minister Tatlow will have to do some tall figuring if he is to make his books show a balance on the right side of the accounts for this year, if all the prosecutions in the province are on a par with this one. It will take something like a thousand dollars to pay for all those Spokane trips and for extra lawyers, and all this expense to prove that Mr. Eckstein was not guilty of any crime in his action in a case where it was well known and confessed that other parties were guilty of the offense with which he was charged, and against which parties no action whatever was taken.

But then this action may be justified by the supposition that the love one practitioner at the bar has for another, prompted the Crown Attorney to air the whole thing in the court in such a way as to vindicate him in the most effectual way. Taking this view of the case, the Kid has concluded that, notwithstanding the great cost, the prosecution of Mr. Eckstein was a great success. 6

THE LITTLE ONES.

"Now I lay me down to sleep—
Pray the Lord my soul to keep"—
Sweet the chorus, soft and low,
Of the prayer I once did know.

Tumbling into waiting beds,
Hiding now their little heads;
Older children have their fears
With the darkening of the years.

Little faces by the bed,
Little heads upon the spread,
Little roguish eyes all closed,
Little naked feet exposed.

Mother, lead them in their praise,
Mother, teach them heavenly ways;
Mother, as they go to sleep,
Pray the Lord their soul to keep.

—W. B. C., in New York Times.

It all came out in the wash that the British soap trust must be dissolved—and that's no lye.

—Exchange.

If I had a lyre
I'd set it afire,
With a musical lyric
To the pun man hysteric.

FIDO AND MARY.

Mary, on her pretty arm,
Found a little flea;
Every time she grabbed at it,
It would—23.

Fido saw her acting up
And the cause he knew—
Fido smiled and said, "Ah, ha!
Mary's got 'em, too."

—Milwaukee Sentinel.

When Mary felt that little flea
Inside her little stocking,
She thought there must be 23
And pulled off her hose—how shocking!

Fido skipped and barked with glee
When he that flea did see,
And Mary shouted 23
To Fido as he chased the flea.

HER REDEEMING FEATURE

She wasn't sweet,
Nor very neat,
Yet let this much be said:
When with a broom
She sought a room,
She swept beneath the bed.

She wasn't worth
A pleasant berth;
She never could be led;
She wasn't cheap,
But she would sweep
Each time beneath the bed.

She wasn't smart,
Things flew apart
And shattered at her tread;
But I will say
That every day
She swept beneath the bed.

So when this maid
Away is laid,
I'll carve above her head
These words of cheer,
"One lieth here
Who swept beneath the bed."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

So when she's dead
It can be said,
"Here lies a restful head;
There'll be no dirt
To lie inert,
'Neath her eternal bed."

A lot of vanity,
And lack of sanity,
Makes Annanassanity.

The pretence that Mr. Hyman was totally ignorant of the multiplicity of the ten dollar deals which landed him in a cabinet seat is of the nature of a meteoric kind of compliment to his innocence, which in no sense adds to his reputation for common sense.

"The trusts are going to make shoes out of all kinds of skins."

"Not out of banana skins?"

"Sure. They'll make slippers out of them."

In the virgin forests of that wonderful land, Australia, the ancient natives practised their weird and mysterious rites of healing. Much of their ancient lore will never now be known by modern man. Some of it, however, is known in certain quarters, and even modern science have been amazed at the deep knowledge of medicinal plants possessed by these ancient natives. When discovered by Capt. Cook, the great explorer, he wrote of them:—

"I did not observe amongst them any sign of disease. Old men without hair or teeth were full of life and activity." This wonderful health was found to be due to the fact that they used certain herbal essences as medicine. What stronger proof could be had than this, of the fact that the herbs of the field and the trees of the forest constitute nature's medicine chest for mankind? In Bileans for Biliousness, the great Australian household remedy, you have the finest medicinal essences From coating to kernel they are purely vegetable. They are an absolutely natural remedy for indigestion, headache, biliousness, constipation, piles and all disorders arising from liver and stomach disorders.

It is now well known that liver medicines hitherto in use mostly contain bismuth, mercury, and other harmful products. These mineral constituents are very injurious if taken for long, and produce such effects as that of loosening the teeth, causing the hair to fall out, etc. Bileans are entirely different and are superior. They are purely vegetable and contain no trace of any such harmful ingredients as the above. They cure that which they are taken to cure, and do not leave behind them evils worse than the original ones.

Bileans are mild in their action, and are thus suitable for the most delicate constitution. They never cause griping or pain. Taken at night, they work while you sleep—toning up and stimulating the liver, strengthening the digestive organs, removing the causes of headache—and when you awaken it is to feel "like another person altogether", as the saying goes. Bileans cure headache, constipation, piles, liver trouble, indigestion, all digestive disorders, female ailments, skin eruptions, biliousness, sick headache, bad taste in the mouth, foul breath, dizziness, fainting, buzzing noises in the head feelings of uncomfortable fulness even after a light meal, anaemia, debility, etc. They also act as a general tonic and by improving the tone of the whole system enable it to throw off colds, chills, etc. They improve the general circulation, and are a boon to pale-faced girls and weak women. All druggists sell at 50c. a box, or post free from the Bilean Co., Toronto, on receipt of price.

DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

"Too bad that A. E. Kemp, M. P., should notice a lack of 'constructive criticism' in the work of Toronto's municipal commentators.

Let Mr. Kemp study these questions:—

"Has Toronto cheap gas?"

What gave the city cheap gas but the "Destructive Criticism" of the newspapers and the activity of the men supported by that criticism?

"Has Toronto a water supply good in quality and low in price?"

What gave Toronto the service and rates that the city enjoys but the "Destructive Criticism" of the newspapers and the activity of the men supported by that criticism?

"Is Toronto being supplied with fairly good roadways?"

The "Destructive Criticism" of one newspaper found Toronto with scarcely a mile of honestly-built pavement in the city. The "Destructive Criticism" of that newspaper opened the good roads era in this city, and first gave the property owners value for their money.

Montreal is an example of the municipal ills that come to a city served by newspapers after Mr. Kemp's own heart—newspapers that go in for "Constructive Criticism."

Toronto is still far from perfect, but everything that has been gained for good government, efficiency and public rights at the city hall has been gained in battles led by the newspapers fighting with the sword of "Destructive Criticism" in their hands.

A. E. Kemp, M.P., cannot look around him in this city without seeing evidences of the good wrought in the government of Toronto by the "Destructive Criticism" of the newspapers.

And Mr. Kemp can look until his eyesight fails without catching a glimpse of municipal benefits conferred upon the taxpayers of Toronto by such partisan emptiness as he addresses to the ward associations.

Criticism that don't hurt anybody may be called constructive criticism, and never has, nor ever will, do any good in the line of correcting evils of a public nature. Destructive criticism always hurts something that is wrong, and brings about better conditions. Without the constant hammering of the press at public wrongs, those wrongs would continue to flourish like green bay trees.

Mary saw a little skeeter,
As he sat upon her arm,
Trying his best to eat her
She thought it would be no harm
To kill that wicked skeeter.
So down she brought her other hand
Upon her arm to kill him,
But alas, alas, she didn't land
Upon that bird or still him.
He buzzed away without delay
To come again some other day.
Mary didn't swear a bit,
But watched the skeeter flit and flit
Upon some other arm to sit,
And said it didn't hurt a little bit.
But why did Mary try to swat
That skeeter 'cause he tried to eat her?
As upon her arm he squat?
Oh, that is easy, cried wee Mary,
That's because were all contrary.

CHURCH CENSUS.

The 1900 census returns for the United States gives the membership of churches of all denominations in that country at that time as 24,749,701. This total was divided as follows:

Adventists	89,482
Baptists	4,443,628
Christians	112,414
Christian Scientists	80,000
Church of God	38,000
Congregationalists	628,234
Disciples of Christ	1,118,396
Dunkards	108,694
Evangelical Association	177,443
Friends	118,897
German Evangelical Prot	36,500
German Evangelical Synod	202,415
Jewish Congregations	1,043,500
Latter-Day Saints	343,000
Lutherans	1,575,778
Mennonites	57,948
Methodists	5,809,516
Presbyterians	1,560,847
Protestant Episcopal	709,325
Reformed	365,075
Roman Catholic	8,447,801
Salvation Army	40,000
Spiritualists	45,035
United Brethren	264,981
Unitarians	75,000
Universalists	45,522
All other bodies	171,279
Total	5,371,315

The Canadian census of 1901 gives a total church membership of 5,312,663 out of a total population of 5,371,315. The membership of the different churches was as follows:

Roman Catholics	2,229,600
Presbyterians	842,442
Anglicans	680,620
Methodists	916,886
Baptists	316,447
Lutherans	92,524
Congregationalists	28,293
Miscellaneous Creeds	206,841
No creed stated	8,652

Is it owing to the better administration of laws in Canada that there is less crime, or is it because of the greater percentage of church membership and consequent better moral education and training of the people through the church and its influence?

EASTERN AND WESTERN NEWSPAPERS.

When the plumbers' combine was exposed in Toronto, every one of the six daily newspapers in that city—irrespective of politics or business connections—did everything in their power to further the cause of justice and to discourage any further combinations of the same character by stamping the conduct of the members as infamous.

Contrast this action of the Toronto papers with that of the two party papers of Winnipeg!

What a contrast!

Here the grain combine—the most comprehensive and injurious combine in Canada, one of the greatest and least excusable combines on this continent—has been so thoroughly exposed by the sworn statements of the very men who have combined to break the law, that the exposure of the Toronto plumbers' combine seems absurdly incomplete in comparison. Yet neither of the party papers of Winnipeg has printed one line of comment on those exposures; neither party paper has published a word that would lead five per cent. of its readers to suspect that the grain exchange and the grain dealers' association were not as honorable, upright and properly conducted organizations as any in Winnipeg.

This is a fact of which every man in Winnipeg has reason to feel profoundly ashamed.

It is a reproach to the city that it is possible for such so-called newspapers to flourish and obtain patronage here.

There are no other papers in Canada that have ever been guilty of such conduct. There are no other papers in Canada that ever could be guilty of such conduct.

To engage in a conspiracy of silence, to deceive and betray the very people from whom they receive their means of existence, is perhaps the most contemptible piece of business in which a Canadian newspaper has ever been engaged.

The Telegram and the Free Press can at least congratulate themselves on having caused surprise that even they could be guilty of such treachery to the people without whose support they could not exist.—Winnipeg Tribune.

The Tribune evidently don't get a glimpse at a Free Press that is published up this way. What a suggestive name that "Free Press" is anyway.

AMERICA'S MORAL AWAKENING.

The signs are thickening that all over this continent there is a stirring and a shaking which may mean new life for those things which most deserve to live. The heathen boasting about more bigness, which has marked not a little of the characteristic speech both in the United States and in Canada, has been given some rude checks, and slowly but very clearly the average man is coming to see that alike for the individual and for the State the big things are not the things of most real worth. There is an awakening of the moral sense of the people which is finding significant expression in many ways. In a book, "The Future of America," fresh from the pen of Mr. H. G. Wells, the English author, some very searching and steady lights are thrown on the more distinctive features of life in the United States, and when the ugliest and worst things are uncovered—and in almost every chapter there are things both ugly and bad—a note of hopefulness is struck which makes it seem worth while staying in the game. America is not altogether and irredeemably joined to its idols.

Indeed, sober-thinking Canadians who come close to things as they are in the United States, may return home with the feeling that, in spite of appearances, there are currents at present gaining headway in American life which are even more hopeful than anything of the same sort as yet discoverable in the thought and opinion of Canada. In not a few of the worst features of trade and business and public life things in Canada look better because they are smaller, but in their real quality the difference is not such as to give ground for Canadian self satisfaction. The extreme of badness in social, commercial, and public life is worse because the conditions were more favorable and there has been time for causes to work out to consequences. The features of the situation in the two countries have marked points of similarity.

What strikes observant visitors like Mr. Wells is the present temper of the people of the United States. They have to a degree lost their placid satisfaction with everything that is theirs, and they are in a serious mood of self-criticism. Their newspapers and magazines reflect this spirit of introspection, even the exploiting and commercialized journals that have no care for the causes of reform give evidences of the seriousness of the people. The typical American is not dishonest, even though, as Mr. Wells put it, he may be "ethically confused." The insistent pressure of crass materialism obscures ethical distinctions, and no wonder the past generation in the United States and the present generation in Canada have too often failed to distinguish between things that differ, and have confused right and wrong in business and in politics.

But there is an awakening. The churches, the universities, and the more thoughtful men in business circles are beginning to feel their responsibilities for the present moral confusion, and are rising to their obligations and opportunities. In certain circles in the United States there is a spirit not of interest merely, but of alarm, because of the breakdown of their social and economic safeguards, and men of the finest quality and largest power are turning from narrow self-service to devoted public service. In Canada that note of alarm is not yet distinctly heard, and the man of power in business and professional life has not yet grasped the seriousness of the situation which recent events have uncovered. Here and there signs of interest may be noted, and presently there may be such an arousing and coming together of the forces of social and civic consciousness will mean much for the life and stability of this nation. There never was in Canada's history a time of more real criticalness than now. If all this upheaval in business and financial and political circles, with its suggestiveness of moral dishonesty and paralysis, subsides into easy-going stagnation, the effect of these exposures will be utterly damaging to Canadian life. The officers of justice must do their duty with criminals of all sorts, and the teachers and leaders of the people must turn again and with more earnestness to the moral problems of life.—Toronto Globe, Nov. 24.

In spite of solicitations and orders that United States organizer in Hamilton will not "Pay'd away."

Like Toronto's own "Act Promptly," the west has now a sentence to add to the irritation of the present and the gaiety of the future. When wired the condition of the west, with winter upon them, and no coal, because of the strike, Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, is reported as wiring back: "What do you suggest?" It made the receivers hot enough to do without coal for some time.

TRY THIS FOR YOUR COUGH.

To relieve a cough or break up a cold in twenty-four hours, the following simple formula, the ingredients of which can be obtained of any good prescription druggist at small cost, is all that will be required: Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), one-half ounce; Glycerine, two ounces; Good Whisky, a half pint. Shake well and take in teaspoonful doses every four hours. The desired results can not be obtained unless the ingredients are pure. It is therefore better to purchase the ingredients separately and prepare the mixture yourself. Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) should be purchased in the original half-ounce vials, which druggists buy for dispensing. Each vial is securely sealed in a round wooden case which protects the oil from exposure to light. Around the wooden case is an engraved wrapper with the name—"Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure)"—plainly printed thereon. There are many imitations and cheap productions of Pine, but these only create nausea, and never effect the desired results. —26

CALEB GOT WIDOW

The Oldest Inhabitant in the Home of the M. E. Church

Aunt Rebecca Smith, a widow of a veteran of the war of 1812, and a woman who has passed ninety-six milestones on the road of life, is the oldest inhabitant of the Methodist Episcopal church home in New York City.

Aunt Rebecca, quaint and sweet and with a white frilled cap over the hair of mixed brown and gray, and a sparkle in the blue eyes behind the spectacles, finds life still a good deal of glad, sweet song. She has all the beauties of age, without the disfigurements.

The home is devoted to those whose advancing age makes too much exercise impractical. It has its own special dining room, and of this little coterie Aunt Rebecca is queen. Promptly as the bell rings the little lady, trim and neat of figure as when she captivated Caleb Smith, rises from her rocking chair, ties a spotless apron over her black dress, smoothes her cap strings and settles her shawl before walking across the hall to her meal.

The episode of Caleb's wooing is a specially delightful one. Caleb was a veteran of the war of 1812, who had lost wife and children. He had looked at the comely widow many times, but he was a man of few words, and his manner of coming to the point was characteristic. Aunt Rebecca's version is as follows:

"'Ain't you tired of living alone?' says Saleb.

"'I get along,' says I.

"'When will you tell me?' says Caleb.

"'On Saturday,' says I."

In the few days that intervened Rebecca went to visit her mother. When she returned Caleb was there and she said simply:

"I've made up my mind."

Caleb had several bad years from chills and fever. The method of his cure was a remarkable one, and in the interests of medical science is put on record here. Caleb shook and burned and shook until one day he met a man who listened to hir symptoms and told him to go home and turn his shirt and wear it another week.

He did so and never had the chills and fever again.

In some way he had twisted the disease vibrations so that they were canceled. It is well to know these simple home remedies. They may save your life.—A. J. R., in Minneapolis Journal.

Fine Art Printing.

Fine Art Printing does not alone consist in having all the latest down-to-date wrinkles, dingblats and dinguses for doing the job.

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Remember these things when you want something "real nice," and let us have your order. We print everything, and when we say "print" we don't mean any old thing, thrown together and smeared with ink.

Every job turned out is a sample of Fine Art Printing, and if we are not doing your work, take a look at the stationery used by your neighbor. We did his. Just ask him how he is suited by

The Fernie Ledger, Fernie, B. C.

COAL FAMINE A MENACE TO LIFE IN THE WEST.

All honor to R. L. Borden for suggesting that the safety of a country is a law of greater validity than the statutes which guarantees unrestricted private ownership of coal deposits.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was all but horrified by Mr. Borden's hint to the effect that the government should lay "a high hand on private property" in coal deposits.

Canada is assuredly the only English-speaking nation and perhaps the only civilized country in the world blessed with a premier who could talk weak, shallow nonsense in the presence of a great public calamity.

The interests that own the coal and the interests that own the labor are virtually the only source of Saskatchewan's fuel supply, began a quarrel and have kept it up for months.

The result is that there is no fuel supply in Saskatchewan. Already there is suffering and death may soon come upon the people exposed to the cold of a prairie winter.

The awful possibility of having the government lay a "high hand" upon private property is more appalling to Sir Wilfrid Laurier than the certainty that private property in the supply of coal and the supply of labor has laid its "high hand" upon the victims of fuel famine in the province of Saskatchewan.

Has civilization no inherent power to protect its children against the private ownership of a coal supply that operates in such a way as to destroy the life and comfort which that supply was meant to preserve.

Then civilization must be as big a failure as Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Liberalism.

The reactionary premier who offers corporate privilege to people who want public rights, clericalism in education to people who want freedom, and homilies on the beauties of unrestricted ownership to people who want coal, would not stand the slightest chance of being recognized as a Liberal in any country but Canada.—Toronto Telegram.

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STAND TOGETHER.

Private ownership has no more subtle or effective method of warfare than the policy which divides the inhabitants of a city into classes.

To the property owning class private ownership says:

"Why should you mortgage your property to buy a street railway system to carry people at cost, or less?"

To the rent paying class private ownership says:

"Every time you buy a car ticket you are helping to pay taxes on the property of rich people. Why can't you get car rides at cost and let everybody pay their own taxes?"

The logical effect of this style of argument is to disperse a unity of sentiment and interest in favor of public ownership into a feud between two classes of citizens.

If a city cannot profit as a private owner, would profit by the use of public property for the operation of public franchises the property owners will be alienated from the movement.

The cry that some people are paying high car fares in order to give other people a low tax rate will be answered by the cry that other people are paying high taxes in order to give other people cheap car fares.

Public ownership is the friend of all.

A low rate tax is the friend of all.

No outrage is perpetrated if a fair share of the profits of public ownership is applied toward the reduction of taxes which must be paid by all.

Divide the citizens into classes and start the classes quarrelling among themselves as to how the profits of public ownership are to be divided and there will never be any profits to divide. The whole movement will be killed.—Toronto Telegram.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

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Quebec Man tells how the Great Consumptive Preventative was an all-round Benefit

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There you have the whole matter in a nutshell. La Grippe and colds are among the forerunners of consumption.

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surance at 15 per cent. of the premium is in some centres frequently obtained. For purposes of advertisement, men of local prominence are induced to accept $100,000 policies for the price of $30,000 policies. Schemes whereby policy holders taking such policies secure a perpetual interest in all business written in their district thereafter have been actively transferred. Contracts have been made with agents stipulating for as high a commission as 9 per cent. of the first and 10 per cent. of subsequent premiums. Picnics in summer and turkey at Christmas are not unknown. Such excesses are responsible for the high cost of the business to the companies and loss to policy holders are detrimental to the interests of all parties, and should be prohibited.

The rates charged by life insurance companies on all plans of insurance should be first approved of by the superintendent of insurance.

Subject to the safeguards hereinafter suggested being allowed, your memorialists see no objection to the amendments to the present code recommended by the Life Managers' Association, provided, however, that restrictions shall be made as to the proportion to be invested in any one class of securities.

Your memorialists suggest that for the better security of policy holders, and as a safeguard against unauthorized investments, all mortgages, bonds, debentures and other securities should be deposited in the custody of the superintendent of insurance, together with schedules showing the conditions in full under which such investments have been made. All investments should be taken in the name of the company.

In any event, full reports of all investments, conditions attaching thereto and dates of purchase and sale should be sent to the superintendent of insurance, at least once a month, and such returns should be published regularly in the official gazette.

Policy holders should be represented on every board and on all investment and finance committees.

Such representatives should be elected by the policy holders, and should not be shareholders.

Proxies should not be allowed, either for shareholders or policyholders, and all existing proxies should be cancelled by legislation. Proper and timely notice of all meetings should be given. No business should be transacted unless on the agenda calling the meeting, and shareholders and policy holders alike should have the right to vote by registered mail. Complete lists of policy holders should be furnished to the superintendent of insurance and be accessable at all times to any policy holder.

Your memorialists respectfully urge the adoption of laws similar to those recommended by the Armstrong commission governing the election of officers.

Profits—All policies should participate in the profits earned by the company, and there should be no discrimination between one class and another.

Companies presently writing business of non-participating plans should be compelled to carry each class as a separate branch.

Deferred dividend policies should be prohibited and companies should be compelled to make an annual distribution, and so become directly liable to their policy holders. A statement of profit and loss, showing the basis upon which it is based, and how the distribution has been made up, should be furnished and approved by the superintendent of insurance before such distributions become effective.

Dividends to Shareholders—These should be restricted to an equitable return on the amount of capital actually invested for the establishment of the company. In no case should the gross amount exceed 10 per cent. of the net profits of the company. The issue of bonus stock should be prohibited.

The liability of an insurance company under its contract should be determined by the superintendent of insurance, who should be the sole arbiter. It is a hardship that poor beneficiaries should require to resort to expensive legal process to determine their rights under policies. In some instances even "friendly" suits have absorbed three-fifths of the total amount of insurance. It is desirable that such disputes should be settled expeditiously and with the least possible expense.

Canvassing for applications on estimates should be prohibited. It has been shown that the figures quoted by companies are extravagant, and have not been borne out by actual results. In any event, companies should not be allowed to use estimates unless these have been first approved by the superintendent of insurance. Where used, estimates should be printed on the back of each policy.

Every company should be compelled to employ a duly qualified actuary who has passed the final examinations set by the societies of the Dominion, Great Britain or the United States.

No future charter should be granted to a company until 40 per cent. or not less than $100,000 of its capital stock has been deposited in cash with the Dominion treasury. Such a provision will guard the business against exploitation by adventurers, and at the same time provide a suitable guarantee for the due fulfilment of all obligations and the bona fides of the promoters.

The capital of an insurance company should not be increased unless with the consent of the majority of its policy holders.

Future enactments should provide for the retirement of stock, and for the maintenance of any stock company, should a majority of its policy holders decide for such retirement of stock at a duly convened meeting.

Any contract which provides for a commission or bonus on future business should be declared illegal, and no contract should be made with any officer for a period longer than three years. Existing contracts for a longer period should be terminated by legislation. Pensions to officers and other employees out of the funds of the company should be prohibited. All salaries of managers and others officers of companies should be fixed by the directors.

The duties and powers of the superintendent of insurance should be clearly defined. He should have the right to demand such information as he may consider necessary, and should be entitled to employ such assistance he may see fit. He should have power to take evidence on oath.

A department of state insurance should be established under the jurisdiction of the minister of finance.

The annual report should be set forth in greater detail and should be published in the public press of the city in which the head office of the company is situated, as well as in the government blue books. A copy of such reports should be mailed to each policy holder.

The books of all companies should be audited annually by two duly qualified chartered accountants, who should be appointed by the superintendent of insurance from year to year.

All parties signing reports required by future enactments should be held responsible for the truth of their declarations.

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Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on the Kootenay River, North East Kootenay District.

No. 1.—Commencing at a post planted on the east side of the Kootenay river, about two miles north of the northern boundary of Lot 4596 thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON

October 4th, 1906.

No. 2.—Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Limit No. 1, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 3.—Commencing at a post planted one mile north of Limit No. 2, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 4.—Commencing at a post planted at the north east corner of Limit No. 3, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 5.—Commencing at a post planted at the north west corner of Limit No. 4, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 6.—Commencing at a post planted at the north west corner of Limit No. 5, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, to place of commencement.

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No. 7.—Commencing at a post planted one-half mile east of the north west corner of Limit No. 6, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, to place of commencement.

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October 4th, 1906.

No. 8.—Commencing at a post planted one-half mile east of the north west corner of Limit No. 7, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 9.—Commencing at a post planted one-half mile east of the north west corner of Limit No. 8, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON

October 4th, 1906.

No. 10.—Commencing at a post planted one mile west of the north west corner of Limit No. 9, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 11.—Commencing at a post planted at the north west corner of Limit No. 10, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 12.—Commencing at a post planted at the north west corner of Limit No. 10, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 13.—Commencing at a post planted at the north west corner of Limit No. 10, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, to place of commencement.

G. H. G. BOULTON.

October 4th, 1906.

No. 14.—Commencing at a post planted at the south west corner of Limit No. 10, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, to place of commencement.

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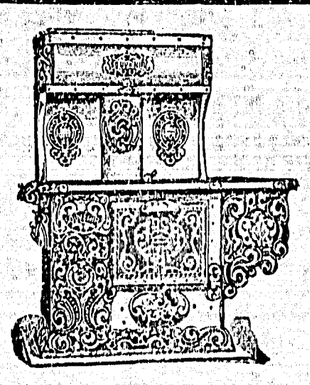

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TIMBER NOTICE.

Take notice that 30 days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of lot 363, in East Kootenay, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, along the west boundary of lot 363 to place of commencement.

JOHN REGAN & P. A. McDERMOTT

Hosmer, B. C., Oct. 19th, 1906.

TIMBER NOTICE.

Take notice that 30 days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of lot 363, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to place of commencement.

JOHN REGAN & P. A. McDERMOTT

Hosmer, B. C., Oct. 19th, 1906.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in East Kootenay district.

Commencing at a post planted on the west line of lot 1898, and about 1½ miles north of the southwest corner of said lot 1898, marked "Elk Lumber Co's northeast corner post," thence running south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to the

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DATED the thirtieth day of November, 1906.

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