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A TIME FOR ECONOMY.

The City School Trustees must have exercised a sort of hypnotic influence over the city fathers at the recent round table conference, otherwise these latter would surely never have given their sanction to a bond guarantee of \$150,000 to provide a new High School building. No sane person in this city, knowing something of the members of the school board and their extravagant ideas, believes that a building of the kind proposed can be built and equipped for less than \$200,000 and the cost may be even greater than that. Even should \$200,000 be the limit, that is altogether too large a sum for Fredericton to expend on a school building in the face of the prevailing high construction costs, and in the face of the city's financial condition. Fredericton has a population of 3,000 people and a capital expenditure of \$200,000 means \$25 dollars for every man, woman and child of the population. Have the aldermen or school trustees given serious thought to this phase of the question? What would be thought of the Federal government if it were to bring down in Parliament during the present session a proposal to expend \$225,000,000 in providing new public buildings at Ottawa. Such a proposal would surely cause an uprising in the country and it could never be put through the House of Commons. Yet the outlay would only be equal to \$25 a head of the population which is the per capita expenditure which the proposed new high school building would involve. All over the country the people are crying for economy and it is certainly not the time for any municipality to incur large expenditures on capital account. Municipalities as well as individuals these days should cut their garments according to their cloth. Last year, it will be recalled, the School Board tried to get a bill through the Legislature for a bond guarantee for school purposes, but a strong delegation of citizens lobbied against it and succeeded in having the bill killed in committee. If the bill is re-introduced during the coming session even though it should have the endorsement of the City Council, the citizens will be reticent in their duty if they do not strenuously oppose its passage.

AN ONTARIO REFEREDUM.

The new Conservative government of Ontario is promoting legislation to provide for taking a referendum during the present year on the question of prohibition. The Toronto Saturday night is under the impression that their has been a changed public sentiment in Ontario on the temperance question, and in favor of a more liberal law. In this connection is says editorially: "Unquestionably there has been a decided swing in public opinion in respect to the Ontario Temperance Act toward a more liberal law. To all intents and purposes the victory of the present government is attributable to two causes, a general disgust with Farmer government methods combined with a dislike for present prohibition measures. If one is inclined to disagree with this statement, let them count the "drys" that were left at home and the "wets" that were elected. The turnover was all but complete. "There is no reason to believe that the sentiment of the voters of Ontario is materially different from that of British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba. Saskatchewan might, also with no great stretch of imagination be added, as it is a foregone conclusion that the latter province will step out of the "dry" column ere long. Such being the case there is every reason to believe that the "dry" majority of 160,000 given in

1921 would be cut to ribbons if another vote is taken this year. "With the statement that prohibition, as we have it, "has been an enormous gain, morally, materially and socially, to the community," one may honestly differ. This so-called prohibition has brought its own evils and has signally failed to do what its entrustastic backers said it would do, and it is full time that the public pulse was once more felt through the ballot box." While prohibition sentiment in Ontario is not as strong as it was a few years ago, at this distance it looks doubtful if the "wets" will be able to overcome the huge majority rolled up in favor of the act when it was adopted. The province of Quebec did a twenty-million dollar liquor business last year and it would be interesting to know how much dry Ontario contributed to this total.

Brantford Expositor: Mr. Grattan O'Leary, whose articles exposing national extravagance, appearing in MacLean's Magazine, have attracted considerable attention is also an editorial writer on the Ottawa Journal, which newspaper greets threats of wholesome reductions in the civil service with the piteous appeal, "Woodman, spare that tree." The incident shows one of the perplexities of a government when it seeks to apply the pruning knife, and as well shows what a difference it makes whose bovine is being bored.

Premier Ramsay MacDonald contemplates marrying, according to a London report, in order to provide 10 Downing street, with a suitable hostess. Considering the uncertainties of politics we hope the premier has a better reason for marrying. First thing he knows he may find himself minus 10 Downing street and with a hostess on his hands.

The Toronto municipal experts who recently made a survey of the city at a cost to the taxpayers of \$750 declared against the erection of a new High School building at the present time. Does the city council propose to ignore the expert advice obtained at the expense of the taxpayers?

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, in introducing Mr. A. J. Doucet, the new member for Kent in the House of Commons on Thursday last spoke in his (Doucet's) native tongue, says an Ottawa dispatch. This should be joyful news to certain active spirits, male and female, of the Tory party in York.

The reduction of taxation on the instruments of production promised by the federal government in the speech from the throne is interpreted to mean the abolition of the duty on agricultural implements. It rather looks as if the farmer was going to have his turn at last.

Although the Province of Quebec derived a profit of three million dollars last year on the sale of liquor, it has found it necessary to impose a tax of two cents per imperial gallon on gasoline.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

What's the use of telling a man he is a liar? He knows it.

Many a man's veracity is unimpeachable until he acquired the fishing habit.

If spring millinery comes spring cannot be more than three months behind.

Fleas don't seem to care for a dog's breeding, provided he isn't a Mexican hairless.

Winters backbone is weakening but it is not yet flexible enough to tie in a knot.

"With their everlasting arguments" remarked the Man on the Car "the fundamentalists and the Car-nists could make a hell of heaven itself."

You may think the forecaster has an easy job. You forget that he must worry considerable over his failures to make the weather behave according to his predictions.

Your Horoscope

YOUR HROSOCPE kopn.2t ... MARCH 3.

These people, under the governing sign of Sagittarius, are the luckiest on earth, although they frequently do not realize it. The large majority of them never grow wealthy. These are the most fortunate. They are not troubled with income tax reports, professional beggars or most of the other afflictions of the unfortunate well-to do. The women of this birth date remain youthful and the men suffer few birthday atrocities, such as gift egars, etc. Taken all in all, March 3rd is a good birthdate to choose.

TODAY'S FORECAST—The Progressive members of the Dominion House announce that in order to justify their party title they will vote with the King Government on all important questions; this will bring strong protests from Mr. Meighen and the Manufacturer's Association who will complain that the higher interests of Canada are being sacrificed for the common people; the situation is regarded as grave for the Conservatives. The Department of Public Works announces that it will be impossible to give every community a new postoffice this year because of the largely increased estimates for the Justice Department made necessary by the blizzard of theft and grafting that has been sweeping Canada from coast to coast.

THE COMING SESSION.

The Daily Mail will be mailed to any address in the province of New Brunswick during the session of the Legislative assembly which opens on Thursday next for the small sum of twenty-five cents. The session promises to be one of the most important in years and The Mail will publish full and impartial reports of the proceedings. If you are not now receiving The Mail be sure and send in your name and address.

SENATOR PATZ PASSES AWAY

Toronto, March 2—Another of Laurier's stalwarts of a generation ago died in the person of Senator Valentine Ratz (of New Hamburg, Ont., who since 1909 has represented North Middlesex in the Upper Chamber.

Senator Ratz died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Saturday from heart trouble. He had been in ill health at his New Hamburg home for several days, and on Friday morning decided to visit a specialist in Guelph. He travelled to Guelph and collapsed in the depot from which he was conveyed to the hospital. Despite every effort, however, he passed away the following day.

His death makes the third vacancy in the Senate, one each in Ontario, New Brunswick and Quebec.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. W. S. Tompkins, local manager for the Massey-Harris Company will leave tomorrow on a business trip to Moncton and Truro.

Mr. Douglas McDonald and Mr. Horace Britain of St. John, spent the week-end in the city.

SHIN BONES FOR CHINA

Galveston, Tex., March 3—Three carloads of selected shinbones of cows slaughtered at a Chicago packing house were exported from Galveston yesterday on the steamship Patrick Henry for Japan where they will be exported to China for the manufacture of Mah Jongg sets. The popularity of the game in the United States and South America is said to have caused a large demand for the bones.

Grand Opening of Spring Goods

Wednesday and Thursday, March 5th and 6th

Consisting of—

COATS in Bolivia, Tricotine, Plaids and Polo Cloth, etc.

DRESSES in Satin faced Canton, Canton, Flat Crepe, Georgette, etc.

MISSSES' and LADIES' SUITS in Tricotine, Poiret Twill, Polo Cloth, Hopsack Tweed, etc.

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LITTLE STORIES OF THE TOWN

A Mama Doll.

A pair of sheiks were discussing women and things the other evening. One said to the other, "What's become of that Peggy girl? Has she chucked you?" said the other, "I've dropped her. She's nothing but a mama doll, anyway. Every time you squeeze her, she yells "mama."

Gives Them Away.

An observant lady informs us that it is easy to tell whether a bachelor or a married man is holding a baby. A bachelor holds it like a lighted lamp, and the married man like an overcoat.

Confusing To The Boys.

A George street young man says that the female language has him all confused, and when he takes his best girl to make a call, and when she is ready to make her departure, he doesn't know whether to say as he picks up her outer garment to help her into it: "Prmit me to pull your pullover over," or "allow me to wrap your wrap-around around you."

Spring Just Around the Corner.

Yesterday was very spring-like and a down-town merchant said that he could not help thinking of the first robin, his garden, and wasn't it about time to get the lawn mower sharpened."

The Gaiety.

"Thundering Dawn" is the Photo Play at the Gaiety for Monday and Tuesday with J. W. Kerrigan and Anna Q. Nilsson in the leading roles. The scene is laid in Java. The Rain scenes and the interior of the Tropical Houses are exceedingly well done.

Notice of Legislation

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislature by the Board of School Trustees of the City of Fredericton for the passage of an Act authorizing the said Board to issue debentures for a sum not exceeding \$150,000 over and above their present limit of issue, the said issue to be for the purpose of raising moneys to erect a new school building.

Dated the 28th day of February, 1924.

R. D. HANSON, Secretary of School Trustees.

EAT MORE FISH

often so that you can be assured of always getting fresh-from-the-sea Fish from us.

FRESH CAUGHT HALIBUT NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING FRESH SALMON MACKEREL, SHAD, SMELT, PARSNIPS, SQUASH, CABBAGE.

ALLEN'S ENGLISH TOFFEE Arriving Friday. Watch our window for display of this delicious Butter Toffee.

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Queen Street & University Ave.

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WE CLOSE SATURDAY NIGHTS



TO KEEP THE CHAPS AWAY—(COLD CREAM) Probably the girls will not buy cold cream from us after making a statement like this but this sentence has a double meaning. Just to make everything clear we wish to say that COLD CREAM will keep hands from chapping thereby making some chaps take notice, as smooth hands look a heap better than chapped ones, don't they?

Wiley's Pharmacy

CAPITOL

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY

WM. FOX Presents

GENEVIEVE TOBIN

IN

"No Mother to Guide Her"

A Drama of Love and Wealth, Poverty and Retribution, Illumined With Sparkling Comedy.

COMEDY - "OVER THE FENCE"

Coming Thursday:

WM. RUSSELL in "ALIAS THE NIGHT WIND"
CHAS. JONES in "NOT A DRUM WAS HEARD"

AT THE GAIETY NOW SHOWING

J. WARREN KERRIGAN, ANNA Q. NILSSON and TOM SANTSCHI

Supported by a powerful cast including Georgia Woodthorpe, Winifred Bryson, Charles Clary, Winter Hall, Richard Kean, Herbert Fortier, Anna May Wong and many others in

"THUNDERING DAWN"

See the greatest melodramatic thriller of them all! Into this tremendous drama of the conflict between two women, one good, the other evil, for the soul of this man, is packed a series of stupendous and spectacular sensations never before equalled on the screen! The tremendous storm—the devastating typhoon—the awe-inspiring tidal wave will leave you breathless!

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WEDNESDAY — SIR WALTER SCOTT'S — THURSDAY

"THE TALISMAN"

"RICHARD THE LION HEARTED" with WALLACE BERRY as KING RICHARD—The famous role he created in "Robin Hood".