

## A Letter From Rev. J. J. Colter.

To the Editor of The Mail:

Dear Sir:—There is a disposition on the part of some persons in this city to treat the detective with contempt. Several years ago a leading business man told me that the people here would not tolerate a detective. I reminded him that he employed one when his logs were stolen. In Young's Light Thoughts we are assured that if all the words in the universe were placed in one scale that a human soul would outweigh them all, but some who call themselves by the name of Christ act as if what logs represent was of greater value than such souls. If the detective does his work in a proper way, he is entitled to as much respect as a government official.

It is objected to Mr. Mitchell that he was too lenient to those convicted of violating the Scott Act and that in one case he saved two of them from prison because they promised to go out of business. He knows by this time how much confidence is to Bishop Richardson has called our attention to the debasing influence of the traffic. A clergyman in this city in his sermon, said the Scott Act was the occasion of perjury. Ought he not rather to condemn the traffic that so debases its victims that they are willing to incur the guilt and shame of perjury rather than convict by their evidence the rum-sellers.

On the other hand, we have a candidate for the mayoralty who has been brought out by the Good Government Association and he is endorsed by the Ministerial Association and the Temperance Societies of the city. His election is of no importance to himself but it will indicate our attitude towards prohibition. His defeat would be heralded all over the province as well as throughout the dominion as a set back for prohibition. Those who vote against him assume a grave responsibility.

A few weeks ago a man was found in the yard of a saloon who had attempted suicide and he died shortly afterwards in great mental agony, despairing of the salvation of his soul. It has been claimed that it was not drink alone that led to his sad end but that he frequented a vile haunt outside the city. But the drink and social evils were bracketed in God's Word several thousand years ago and the union has never been dissolved.

I was told yesterday by a person who was at a place in Quebec where a mission was held, that the parish priest succeeded in getting every man woman and child to take the pledge. From what I see in the papers, it is evident that this is their usual way. They certainly believe that prohibition is an ally in the work to which they have consecrated their lives.

One of the candidates has been supported by the liquor men in the past and they would not support him now if they did not believe that he would do less against their soul and body destroying trade than Mr. Mitchell.

At a time like this when the civilized world is giving so much thought to prohibition Fredericton should not retrograde.

God commands us not to put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in our brother's way.

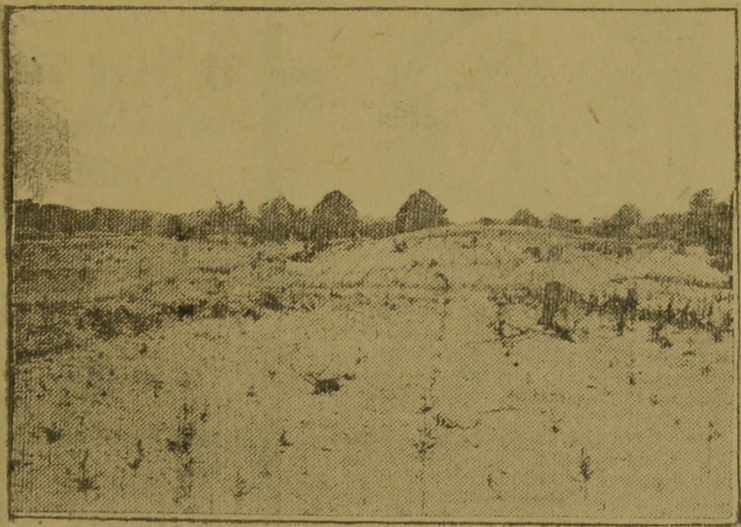
J. J. COLTER.

## G. T. Conductors Are Under Arrest

Toronto March 11.—Conductor E. L. Sinclair of the Grand Trunk Railway, was arrested in the Union Station this morning, charged with the theft of moneys belonging to the company.

Earlier in the morning Conductor W. Neil, of Niagara Falls, was arrested at Hamilton on a similar charge. The accused are two of the best known passenger conductors in Ontario.

If it takes nine tailors to make a man what does it take to break that man? Answer: Just one little woman.



PUTTING USELESS LAND TO WORK.

The Quebec Government is carrying on a valuable undertaking at Lac-chaute, where thousands of acres of drifting sand are being "fixed" by planting small trees. In time the area will be covered with valuable timber.

## 10 CENT "CASCARETS" BEST LAXATIVE FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't Stay Constipated, Headachy, Bilious With Breath Bad or Stomach Sour.

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels' how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from a cold, constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get relief with Cascarets.

Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, bad cold, offensive breath and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and constipated matter which is producing the misery.

A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing, too.

## ROUMANIA TO SUPPORT THE ENTENTE ALLIES

(Continued from page two.)

of Italian shells.

### BRITISH EXPLODE MINES.

London, March 11.—The official report from British headquarters is as follows:

"We exploded three mines east of Vermelles with satisfactory results. The artillery on both sides has been active about Albert, Hulluch and Ypres."

### FRENCH IN AIR BATTLES.

Paris, March 12.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"South of the Somme we directed destructive fires on the enemy works in front of of Maucourt and between the Oise and the Aisne, on the defensive organizations in the region of Nouvron."

"In the Argonne a concentrated fire on the Cheppy wood demolished several enemy observatories."

"In the region north of Verdun there was no infantry action during the course of the day. The bombardment has been quite violent today on the part of the two artilleries on both banks of the Meuse."

"Our heavy artillery took under its fire groups of the enemy in the ravine north of Cote Du Poivre and German batteries in the region west of Daumont."

"In the Ban-De-Sapt we shattered enemy trenches in the region of Senones."

"This morning Sub-Lieut. Guyemer brought down a German aeroplane, which fell in flames inside our lines near Thiescourt. This is the eighth aeroplane brought down by this pilot six having fallen within our lines, and two inside the German lines."

"Another aviator similarly brought down an enemy aeroplane inside our lines near Dombasle, in the Argonne. The passengers of the two destroyed machines were killed. The same day our battle aeroplanes fought eighteen aerial engagements in the region of Etain, in the course of which the adversaries were put to flight."

### NOT OPINIONATED.

"So my daughter has consented to become your wife. Have you fixed the date of the wedding?"

"I will leave that to her."

"Will you have a church or a private wedding?"

"Her mother can decide that."

"What have you to live on?"

"I will leave that entirely to you, sir."

## OPERA HOUSE SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 18th

THE SENSATIONAL SUCCESS OF THE SEASON

## "Bringing Up Father"

A Musical Comedy Girdled with Girls, Adapted from Geo. McManus' Original Cartoons.

The Newest of the New | Delirious Dancing  
| Delicious Music

Millions of People Have Laughed at Geo. McManus' Funny Cartoons.

The Biggest Musical Comedy Hit of a Decade

PRICES—50c, 75c, \$1.00. Seats on sale at Ryan's Drug Store.

## Opposition Platform

The following platform was adopted at the Opposition Convention held in St. John recently: In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge ourselves:—

### NO PARTIZAN CONTROL OF CROWN LANDS.

1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely severed from politics and administered on sound business principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Conservation.

### TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics, giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and the control of the labor, together with the Government appropriations, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial engineer.

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible.

### PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter.

### ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible for members of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and still retain their seats.

(b) To make it possible for young men, when they reach the age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith upon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery of revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall each be represented by one member.

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to make bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impossible.

### PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition of the Province in order that the people may have definite knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay; and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct taxation now confronting us.

### AGRICULTURE.

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm; to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend the educational grant received from the Federal Government without regard for political patronage.

### VALLEY RAILWAY.

7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Trans-continental Railway at or near Grand Falls, to St. John, and insist upon the Dominion Government carrying out the terms of the original legislation and allow the Province forty per cent. of the gross earnings thereof.

### EDUCATION.

8. To always maintain and improve the educational service of the Province and to co-operate with the Federal Government in carrying out the recommendations of the commission upon technical education.

### IMMIGRATION.

9. The inauguration of a vigorous immigration policy to properly place before intending immigrants, whose number will be large after termination of the war, the advantages of the agricultural possibilities of New Brunswick.

# -SEEDS-

JUST RECEIVED

No. 1 Timothy  
Alsike Clover

No. 2 Timothy  
Mammoth Clover

Red Clover

I am offering these goods at close prices.

Sold Wholesale by

**G. W. HODGE**

Fredericton, N. B.

## BUTTER PAPER

Bring your Butter Paper to the Mail office or if you prefer we will supply and print you 500 sheets 1 ream for \$1.75 or 2 reams 1,000 sheets for \$2.75.

We use a Special Blue Butter Paper Ink. It will not run or stain Butter.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAYS ONLY

1000 Butter Papers \$2.50. 500 Butter Papers \$1.50.

We also have in stock a quantity of Butter Paper without your name, just Choice Dairy Butter for 25c per 100.

**The Mail Publishing Co.**

After all—since a Suit is made to wear—the best of all Suits is that which wears the longest.

**MACKINNON'S  
CLOTHING**

not only wears long past the time the average Suit is cast aside, but yet keeps its appearance, and is good looking all the time you wear it.

**J. A. MacKINNON** YORK STREET  
**TAILOR and CLOTHIER**

# Spring Opening

Our First Showing of IMPORTED MODELS will be assembled for your approval on Thursday, March 9th. We extend to you a cordial invitation to visit us in our new location, where we feel assured that an inspection of these productions of the best markets will insure us a repetition of your visit.

**MISS MORGAN 476 Queen St.**

NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

## IMPERIAL COLD CURE

Will check a cold in a few hours. Does not cause ringing in the head. Price 25 cents. Sent by mail to any address on receipt of price.

**C. Fred. Chestnut** The Quality Drug Store  
572 QUEEN STREET.

*Mail Ads Bring Results*