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### AGAINST CORRUPTION.

The Laymen's Association of the Toronto Methodist Conference, in session last week, strongly condemned political corruption and rake-offs. The resolution adopted was as follows:

"Whereas the conduct of public business throughout our Dominion has in the past disclosed instances of greed and dishonesty that are startling in their numbers and extent;

"Whereas, although nearly all this wrong-doing has been individual in its character and without individual excuse, it appears to be largely the expression and outworking of systems which, if not publicly cultivated, have at least been publicly tolerated as part of our national life;

"Whereas, especially at this particular time, when demands for a high plane of living and sacrificial devotion, private and public, social and national, are so emphatic and so insistent, and when any plundering of public resources or crippling of public efficiency seems the more acutely reasonable, a heart-searching of the Christian Church would seem to be in place to discover if possible, how far it may have become responsible for the unwholesome conditions by inadequate conception and distorted exemplification of Christian life and duty;

"And whereas, further, in so far as the present war may be regarded as a chastisement of the so-called Christian nations for their defections, hope for relief must have, as a fundamental requisite, a return to whole-hearted obedience;

"This Laymen's Association hereby requests the conference to consider the setting apart of a day at an early date for humiliation and prayer and such provisions for organizing and directing its exercises that it may be anticipated as a day of great spiritual regeneration."

Some objection was offered to the resolution, as it was argued that the associations should not criticize too freely men in public office, men who gave their whole time to their country. "It is not fair," said one opponent to the adoption of the resolution. "Too often unjust and severe criticism is levelled at the representatives of the public."

The subject of political corruption also engaged attention at the meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist Conference at Summerside last week. The pastoral letter read contained the following paragraphs which presumably voiced the sentiments of the conference:

"The long desired consummation which the temperance movement has always cherished and earnestly sought to realize has now an opportunity that has never hitherto presented itself, and it is hoped that the occasion will be seized in such manner as to secure not only the necessary legislation, but the efficient enforcement of the laws enacted.

"It is deeply humiliating that during quite recent years we have been called to witness so many instances of political corruption in several provinces of the Dominion. That these scandals should occur when the nation is pouring out her resources of men and of means in the most desolating of wars, is nothing less than a national disgrace and a burning shame. We are proud to say that our church has not failed through her pulpits and press to utter its indignant protest against these crying evils and that our well organized departments of social service in charge of most competent and vigilant officials has made its influence felt from one end of Canada to the other.

"The Methodist people in these provinces must accept their own share of responsibility for the continuance of the immoral practices which notoriously characterize the unending struggle for party power. With emphasis, we desire to stigmatize the patronage system as the prime curse of our political life, the inspiration of the whole predatory traffic in contracts, offices and votes. We cannot as a people be clear in this matter unless high and low, rich and poor, we direct our words and our actions to the elimination of the principles of patronage from the fabric of organized government."

The recent by-election in Westmorland which was won by Dr. E. A. Smith, the Opposition candidate, without the expenditure of a single dollar for corrupt purposes, should be very gratifying to those who have for years advocated reform in political methods. In this connection it is passing strange that the Parish of Sackville, wherein are located the Methodist institutions of learning, and which might be described as the citadel of Methodism in the Maritime Provinces, should have declared strongly in favor of the most

corrupt Government which New Brunswick ever had. It goes to show that our Methodist friends must do something more than pass resolutions in conference if they would stamp out the great evil, which they describe as "a national disgrace and a burning shame." In other words, they should see to it that their votes conform to their prayers if they "would eliminate the principles of patronage from the fabric of organized governments."

The Republicans, in convention at Chicago, on Saturday nominated Justice Charles E. Hughes, of New York, for President, and Mr. Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, for Vice-President. The Progressive party nominated Col. Theodore Roosevelt, but it is believed that he will retire and support Hughes, thus uniting the Republican party. Justice Hughes is a former Governor of New York, and is regarded as an exceptionally strong man. In religion he is a Baptist.

The departure of Major Pincombe and the members of C Company of the 104th Battalion from Fredericton will be regretted by all classes of citizens. Major Pincombe is a most capable officer who has seen active service in different parts of the Empire, and has brought his company up to a high state of efficiency. The sojourn of C Company in the city will be remembered with pleasure by the citizens.

The Amherst News, Conservative, speaking editorially, says: "Nova Scotia electors who wish to get rid of a palsied and discredited government, can note in the Westmorland result how easily it is done." "It is pleasing to find," says the Sackville Tribune, "a strong Conservative organ like the News, so outspoken in its agreement with the voters of Westmorland, that the Government of New Brunswick is 'palsied and discredited.'"

Sir Rupert Guinness, M. P., and Lady Gwendolyn Guinness, of London, are now in Canada endeavoring to enlist recruits for the Royal Navy. This couple visited New Brunswick several years ago and spent a month in the Nepisiguit woods.

The Chatham World intimates that the gallant Captain Tilley, M. P., who wore khaki during the last session of the Legislature, is in line for a supreme Court judgeship.

### ON THE SIDE.

The Weather Man—long may he rain.

The Local Government might try that portfolio of public works on a piano.

Just give the weather man rope enough and he will use up all the rain he has.

Lloyds' underwriters think the European war will end during the present year—and Lloyds makes a business of guessing right.

Nearly every man has a plan for making the world better—but he always wants to try it on someone else's piano.

Some optimists expect that gasoline will come down—on the principle that everything that goes up must come down sooner or later!

A man may do just as many queer things when he isn't in love as when he is, but they are not quite so conspicuous.

A philosopher says when a woman reaches the age when she's not worth looking at she's old enough to be worth listening to.

There seem to be just two classes of men in the world—the kind who can't marry and the kind who can't stop marrying.

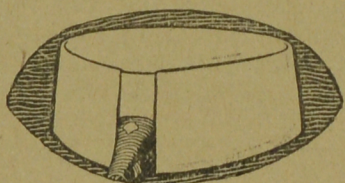
If a husband should treat his wife as politely as he does a stranger, she would probably have a queer feeling that she ought to have a chaperon.

When you see the kind of men some girls marry you wonder whether they attend the movies or just hate to work for a living.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. T. W. R. Ellis of St. John, is in the city.  
His Honor Judge White is at the Barker House.

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## THE RUSSIANS CAPTURE THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS

Petrograd, via London, June 11.—In the fighting yesterday on the front of Volhynia and Galicia, says the official statement issued here today, the Russians took 409 officers and 305,000 men. They also captured thirty guns and an enormous quantity of booty.

Since the present Russian offensive was started the Emperor's troops have taken about 108,000 prisoners.

Having previously captured Lutsk, the Russians have now retaken Dubno, the second of the fortresses in the Volhynian triangle held by the Austrians and are pressing the retreating Austrians westward. In Galicia and Bukowina progress also has been made by the Russians. The official statement follows:

"Our offensive in Volhynia, Galicia and Bukowina obtained fresh successes yesterday. The enemy armies continue to suffer enormous losses in prisoners alone.

"The fierce attacks of our troops are throwing into our hands thousands on thousands of prisoners, and booty of all kinds, the exact estimation of which is as yet impossible.

"For instance, in a single sector of the enemy front we captured twenty-one searchlights, two convoys, twenty-nine field kitchens, forty-seven trains of machine guns, 12,000 rods of barbed wire, 1,000 concrete planks, 7,000,000 cubes of concrete, 10,000 pounds of coal (a pound is equal to 36 pounds), enormous depots of ammunition and quantities of arms and other material.

"In another sector we captured 30,000 rifle cartridges, 300 boxes of machine gun cartridges, 200 boxes of hand grenades, 1,000 useable rifles, four machine guns, two range finders and a Norton portable pump for the extraction of drinking water.

"During yesterday's fighting we took as prisoners one general, 409 officers and 35,100 soldiers. We also captured thirty guns, thirteen machine guns and five bomb throwers. This makes the total trophies in the recent operations one general, 1,649 officers and more than 106,000 soldiers and 124 guns, 180 machine guns and 58 bomb throwers."

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## JOHN KILBURN RETURNS FROM DRIVING OPERATIONS

Mr. John Kilburn has returned to his home in this city after spending several weeks with his drives at English Lake and on the headwaters of the St. John River. Mr. Kilburn was successful in driving between six and seven million feet of logs to corporation limits. He sold two million feet at English Lake to the owner of Howell's Mill, who will saw the lumber there. Murray & Gregory are sawing one million and a half feet at another mill on the lake. This lumber will be shipped by Quebec Central Railway, which passes right by the lake.

Mr. Kilburn is in his seventy-fourth year but still looks after his operations personally. He states that he is in better health now than he has been for some time.

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