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MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

fore you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."-Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

THE NEW ROAD POLICY.

Commenting on Hon. B. Franklin Smith's new road policy, concerning which the graft newspapers have been doing a lot of cackling of late, the St. John Telegraph says:

"When Hon. Mr. Smith introduces a new road policy since this government came into power He is still talking about skirting and ditching roads, which is the oldest form of road work known, as if were something new. The government has charged up \$70,-000 for that work as "special improvements," although there is nothing "special" about it, and that sum should out of the ditches and throwing it into through their sight, touch, taste, hear the middle of the road, creating in ing, smelling and newspapers. many places a soft mass through which farmers have to haul heavy loads each the year, and then the autumn rains made it worse.

means that for the last six years the represented in the government at all. government, through this extra taxation, has collected about \$85,000 a year corresponding improvement in road a now war loan. conditions, he must be a miracle worker.

And now Hon. Mr. Smith is once more to introduce a "new" road policy. It will be in the form of a political road machine, which will mean new taxation and increased partizanship. From a government with such a record nothing better is to be expected."

Any new road policy which the Hon. B. Franklin Smith may formulate will be about as profitable to the province as was the justly celebrated transaction in patriotic potatoes.

THE CAUSE OF POVERTY.

What is the most prolific cause of poverty? The prohibitionist is accustomed to say, unhesitatingly, "alcohol." The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in its report for the past year, gives a different answer. It is illness.

The preponderance of that cause over all others is astonishing. The association says that 96 per cent. of the destitution in the metropolis was caused by the sickness of wage-earners. The other 4 per cent. was divided among alcoholism, wife-desertion and non-support, delinquency, old age and unemployment.

It must be recognized that 1916 was an unusual year, especially in the matter of unemployment. Ordinarily, in New York or any other city, the lack of work would be an important factor It may be admitted, too, that alcohol has probably played a bigger part than the figures indicate. Much of the sick

indirectly to drink. The results of alcoholism, especially as developed in ness may have been due entirely or the children of heavy drinkers, are serious, though hard to trace. But even so, the report is significant and doubtless true on the whole, because it brings out the general truth that the greatest economic evil that individuals and civilized society as a whole have to contend with is simply sick

And against this fact must be set the assertion of modern science, that at least half our sickness is today easily preventable. It merely requires great "After a long life I shall remind you er knowledge and carefulness on the that already many problems rise be- part of individuals, and greater attention on the part of public authorities.

We may recognize, after a few more years, that our greatest public problem-like our greatest private problem-is health. We may recognize that an unfailing light, if you remember no other object furnishes so legitimate that faith is better than doubt, and a field for public interest, or gives such big returns for public effort and ex-

THE SIXTH SENSE.

Rev. Billy Sunday, who says "hell' oftener and louder than any other min ster in the coutry, paid the following compliment to newspapers the other

"If every newspaper were suppressed tomorrow, crime would increase 100 per cent. in 48 hours, and hell would break loose. The situation would be so bad that heaven would petition for the re-establishment of the papers.'

Malefactors are terrorized at the prospect of exposure, and the fear of publicity is no doubt a powerful factor preventing crime.

But fear is not the most potent in new road policy it will be the fourth fluence against crime. The readers of newspapers know the ways of the world. The newspapers bring home the principle cause and effect. The news columns show that acts have their consequences. If many people didn't know what they have learned out of the newspapers they would be tempted to steal, or rig up crooked deals; but being informed as they are, have been charged to ordinary expend. they never let the thought enter their iture instead of being capitalized. That minds. People govern their actions work consists mainly in taking mud according to their information gained

Hon. Charles Marcil, an able French spring and summer. Sometimes this Canadian member, in the course of a work has not been done until late in speech in parliament yesterday, took occasion to point out that it was as a result of Nationalist intrigue that the can afford. "One of the first acts of the Hazen Protestants of Quebec, for the first government was to introduce a road time since Confederation, were not rewithout exception they condemned the Perley is supposed to represent the new act, but at the next session the English speaking people of Quebec in act was carried into effect with some the Borden cabinet, but holds no port- not the fact that every man lies to her, and the property tax from 121/2 to 20 country. The English speaking Procents on the hundred dollars. This testants of Quebec therefore are not

The Borden government has decided from the people for the purpose of im- to accept the suggestion of Sir Wilfrid ion Exp proving the roads. This represents Laurier and adjourn parliament to alsomewhat more than half a million low the Premier to attend the Imper-Barker House. dollars of extra taxation for road pur- ial Conference. An interim supply bill poses; and if anyone can discover a will be passed and provision made for

Knights of Pythias Arrive.

Mr. R. B. Colwell, of Halifax, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces, has been ordered south for the benefit of his health. Mr. R. B. Slipp, Grand Vice-Chancellor, will act as Grand Chancellor. He will visit Marysville on February 8th, accompanied by a staff of officers fro mSt. John. Fred Collings, Keeper of Records and Seals of Marysville Lodge, No. 18, has resigned his office, and A. D. Macpherson has been elected instead.

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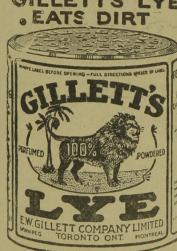
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Union Pac. Mr. R. B. Colwell, of Halifax, Grand elected instead.

The average woman can make as much fuss over another woman's baby as though she really and truly meant it If some men had to work in order to

earn a living they wouldn't live long. The journey of life is tiresome-a

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"Dia Sabhaill im Righ!" Really, we wouldn't like to say that even to a The statistical fellow wants to know

now many inspections the Kilties have Even the aristocratic passenger on a

sleeping car doesn't object to lowly berth. No, Mr. Simp, "Dia Sabhaill im Righ' is not what you say when you foozle your put—it's said to be Gaelic for

God Save the King. That Ohio economist who starved to to death on 10c, a day must have for gotten to reckon the high cost of fu

In Turkey a rich man is known by the number of wives he can afford; in America by the number of divorces he

Just as a small boy stirs up a wasps' nest "to see what will happen," a policy, which was referred to the county councils for judgment. Almost minister holding a portfolio. Sir Geo. -and then howls when she does it!

What hurts a woman's feelings is changes. What it did do was to in folio and since the death of Lord but the fact that he takes so little trou crease the poll tax from \$1.00 to \$1.50 Strathcona has been absent from the pects her to believe him.

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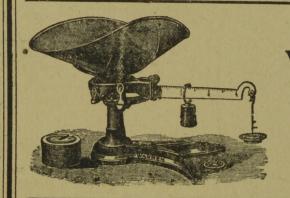
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