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A GREAT INSTITUTION.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the General Manager, in his address to the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal recently, dealt principally with the operations and results of the banking year. It has been a year of prosperity for all banks, especially for those who carry a large ready reserve in New York, where high rates of interest have prevailed for call funds. The Bank of Montreal has participated in this profitable source, as well as from the trade activity in Canada, reaping an unexampled large earning for its proprietors. A salient point is that the larger profits were not due to higher rates of interest, and no better tribute can be paid the banks of Canada than that during all the years of expanding business and increased credits, the cost of money to the borrower has remained practically unchanged. The General Manager deals in some detail with this subject, citing figures indicative of the aid extended by the bank to its customers in the period of rising prices, and the consideration given them when the trend turned. It is true to say that the commercial and industrial stability of Canada rests upon a sound banking system, and in evidence of how prudently the banks are managed, one needs only to turn to the address of Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor. In that address will be found wise admonition for the early future a concise summary of world-wide monetary conditions, and a hopeful note of the fundamental things that contribute to the welfare of the Canadian people.

The Bank of Montreal is undoubtedly one of the greatest financial institutions in the world today. Its history is really the history of Canada. Founded over one hundred years ago it has played an important part in the development of the country and its record of achievement is a proud one. The two Fredericton branches of this great and worthy institution are under efficient management and have a large and steadily increasing clientele. The managers are ready at all times to meet and advise with those who have banking business to transact and will be pleased to render any assistance consistent with the principles of sound banking.

THE B. C. ELECTIONS.

In commenting editorially on the British Columbia elections the Montreal Journal of Commerce, Hon. W. S. Fielding's paper says:

"The British Columbia election, which took place last Wednesday, has left the Oliver Government in a better position than that of their friends in Manitoba and New Brunswick, for they have apparently a small majority over all other sections, but they are not as comfortably seated as they were before. It was a free-for-all fight in which the 160 candidates for the 47 places represented all shades and conditions of opinion. In such a scramble it would not have been surprising if some of the Ministers had fallen, but Mr. Oliver, besides heading the poll in the capital and winning another seat in Delta, has had the good luck of finding all his Ministers returned. The contest in Vancouver is marked by some striking features. At the head of the poll, far above all others, stands a lady, Mrs. Ralph Smith, widow of one who sat for a term in the House of Commons and later became a Minister in British Columbia. Mrs. Smith sat in the last House as an Independent, having been elected for her late husband's seat, but in the present fight she stood as a supporter of the Government. And while this lady thus heads the poll, at the foot of it stands an Independent, Mr. Joseph Martin, a former Premier and for a while a member of the British House of Commons. The mutations of political fortunes are here illustrated. Mr. Oliver's support in the House is reduced and that of the Opposition leader, Mr. Bowser, is increased. But as Mr. Oliver has 25, a clear majority over all, and Mr. Bowser only 15, the remaining 7 being classed as Independents, the Government may feel that, considering the troublous times, they have not done badly."

The Le Soleil, Quebec: After the successes obtained in Nova Scotia, in New Brunswick and in Manitoba, the triumph now recorded in British Columbia is not one to demonstrate

that our party is becoming more and more unpopular. The Liberals still govern in every Province of Canada except one—Ontario; and even there the Farmers' party is inspired by Liberalism rather than by Toryism. Toryism, of which Mr. Meighen has constituted himself sovereign master, is seeing itself more and more rejected of men and the whole electorate is awaiting the hour of the general elections in order to rid the whole country of it.

Boston Globe: It happens that our century is the first which has ever possessed the machinery of swift and wide publicity. Cable, wireless and rotary press have sped the electric current of public thought into the remotest tissues of the body politic. And to what a dizzying succession of violent positive and negative shocks has the tingling nerve system of the public mind been subjected! It is far from certain whether we are running the machinery of publicity or it is running us.

The American Ambassador in London felicitously endorses the idea, to which Sir Auckland Geddes gave expression at the Canadian Club of New York, when he describes Canada as the "interpreter's house where Great Britain and the United States meet on common ground." May we who are comrades in peace, as we have been brothers in arms, as he hopes, "never be strangers at each other's feasts."

Florida Times-Herald, Dem.: It may be that the Greeks like Constantine because he tried to keep them out of war.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Dropping into slang, a poor excuse has a fat chance.

A statistician is the only person who can make figures lie.

It's the rule that the woman who says "there are just two ways about it," wants her way.

Soon the girl who likes ruffles won't have any skirt left on which to attach them.

A woman may boss her husband but she's afraid to dictate to her dressmaker.

With prices declining a pocketbook soon will begin to have some respect for itself.

A fellow dislikes to enter a coal office to buy his first ton of coal as much as he dislikes to pass a dark corner at night.

When a girl is considering marriage she should not rush things but find out first if her intended husband is hard on socks.

Very young maidens often cherish the belief that all men are Horrid Brutes until they learn that one man is a Wonderful Lover. Then they begin to think better of the sterner sex.

SELECT YOUR FAVORITE LIE

You will readily recognize the following statements—you've heard them often—and duly discounted them:

"I was sixty my last birthday and I don't feel a day older than I did when I was twenty-one."

"I never pay any attention to the prevailing fashions, but dress to suit myself."

"I never make 'company' of anyone. All I do is to lay down an extra plate."

"I simply don't care what other people do or say or think. I have my own standard of thinking and living and other people can have theirs."

"I never worry about anything."

"I am fifty years old and I never was sick one minute in all my life."

"I don't care anything about owning an automobile. I am always nervous in one, and I would rather walk any day."

In Victoria County F. Peacock, Provincial Director of Vocational Education, left this morning for Victoria County where he is to interview the school boards of Aroostook Junction, Perth and Andover. He is expected to return on Wednesday.

A COMMON SENSE VIEW OF THE MATTER

(Journal of Commerce.)

The Canadian citizens who form the "Self Determination for Ireland" associations continue to hold occasional meetings, of which very little would be heard but for the folly of well meaning people who demand that the meetings be prohibited. If these associations become large or important it will not be because their object has any large measure of public sympathy, but because unwise attempts to prevent free discussion arouse a spirit of resistance. The average man does not like the idea of being prohibited from speaking the thought that is in him, and the average Irishman has perhaps less disposition to submit to such restraint than the average citizen of other nationality. Hence every effort to prevent the holding of the meetings gives them importance and probably sends many people to them who, under other circumstances would not go.

Down in St. St. John last week a large number of citizens assembled and passed a resolution calling on the Mayor to take steps to forbid the holding of an Irish Self Determination meeting. The Mayor, who was present, pointed out that he had no lawful authority to forbid the meeting. One would have thought that such a fact, plainly stated, would have led the good citizens, including some prominent men and clergymen, to pause and reflect; but the Mayor was promptly hissed and the resolution was carried, he alone dissenting. Though this meeting of citizens was prepared to ignore the law, the Mayor was not. So the Irish meeting was held in due course; nobody was hurt, but the whole business was telegraphed for the information of a world that would never have heard of it if the promoters of the meeting had been let alone.

It is to be regretted that quite a number of Irish men and women in Canada, influenced no doubt by what they regard as a patriotic feeling, are lending themselves to a movement which can do no possible good to Ireland; but so long as they refrain from seditious utterances they are within the law, and no good end can be served by efforts to prohibit their meetings.

Has Been Promoted. Brydone Millidge has been promoted to the position of Technical Science for the Brompton Pulp and Paper Company at East Angus, Ont. Mr. Millidge is a U. N. B. graduate of 1919 and shortly after graduation was with the New Brunswick Forestry Department. He served overseas and was awarded the Military Cross.

E. J. Smith of St. John is in the city.

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MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 10th December, 1920, for the conveyance of His Majesty's mails on a proposed contract for four years 3 times per week on the Kingsclear Rural Route No. 1, commencing at the pleasure of the Postmaster General.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the post office of Kingsclear and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector.

H. W. WOODS, Post Office Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, St. John, N. B., October 23, 1920.

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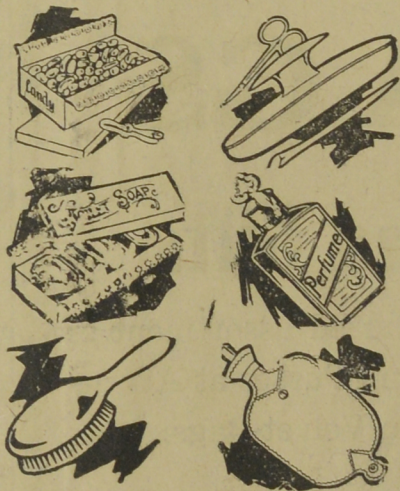
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G. R. PERKINS, City Treasurer.

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