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PLAN WORKED WELL.

Some of our clergymen who have reason to feel disappointed at the falling off of church attendance during the summer months, might take a leaf from the book Rev. Mr. Korns, pastor of a Methodist church in Pennsylvania. He advertised that money would be given to every person attending services on Sunday, May 12th, and it was the means of crowding the edifice to its utmost capacity. The advertisement was carried out to the letter and everybody received a copper penny. Not a particle of light was shed on the pastor's unique plan until he read from the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew the parable of the man who, travelling in a far country, called his servants to him and delivered unto them his goods, giving to one a single talent, to another five talents and to a third ten talents.

Following the sermon, which had no bearing whatever on the pastor's purpose, Rev Mr Korns explained under what conditions the money would be given away. He said that while engaged in prayer seeking to rid the church from its present debt an idea suggested itself to him, and he decided to follow the example of the man who in the parable distributed his goods. Every person in the church was then handed an envelope containing the smallest possible amount—one cent. On these envelopes were printed, "This is your talent. Don't wrap it up in a napkin, but use. Your love for the success of the cause will be determined by your efforts. Harness up this talent and make it pull in others."

Rev Mr Korns explained that he expected the penny to be so invested that it would bring a return of either \$3, \$5 or \$10 by September next. So far as securing a crowd, Rev Mr Korns' unique plan worked like a charm.

THE TORRENS SYSTEM.

Ever since Hon. Dr. Pugsley entered public life he has at various times in the legislature advocated the adoption of the Torrens system of property registration, but while his effort to introduce the system in New Brunswick has not yet been successful, there is a strong possibility that it will be placed on the statute book next session of the legislature. A bill embodying the system was introduced at the recent session, and printed for the information of members but it was not pressed, the Attorney General preferring that full opportunity for studying its provisions should be given all concerned.

In the meantime Dr. Pugsley and his fellow members who favor the measure will be glad to know that the Torrens system is becoming popular in Chicago. The Chicago Record-Herald of that city says:

"The Chicago Real Estate Board and the three big abstract and title guarantee companies of this city are working in harmony in the interests of the Torrens system. About a month ago the companies entered into an agreement with the Torrens committee of the board, under which abstracts of title and guaranteed policies, when desired by the owners should be issued on registered titles. The effect of this agreement was to do away with the opposition of the private concerns to the Torrens system."

The committee recently reported to the board that the system was all that ever had been claimed for it, and that its permanency was fairly established. Education of the general public to its provisions, the committeemen hold, was the condition most essential to the greater success of the law.

Since the Torrens law became operative more than 400 titles have been registered

under it, the land represented in the titles being valued at almost \$4,000,000. Within the last year most of the titles were registered.

Theodore Sheldon, examiner of titles under the Torrens system in Cook County and one of the authors of the Torrens law, had this to say: "The people are coming under the act right along, and I cannot see anything but the brightest future for the system. The companies wanted legislation authorizing the issuance of guarantee policies. The Supreme Court of Illinois a year or so ago decided that companies organized under the General Corporation act could not do insurance business within the limits of the State without complying with the insurance laws. The Torrens committee of the Real Estate Board, in consideration of the cessation of opposition to the system, helped the companies to pass a law legalizing the outstanding policies of the companies and granting authority to insure titles."

Louis A Seeberger, who was foremost in the fight for the establishment of the Torrens system, said: "The Torrens law has come to stay beyond any question. The only fight that has been made against it has been by those whose own selfish private interests would be affected. The law works inexpensively and quickly, and is bound to come into greater favor."

Said Col. H. S. Dietrich, President of the Real Estate Board: "The logical result of a consolidation of the three big companies would mean a return to former rates. Higher rates would benefit the Torrens system. Anything that will increase the cost of transfers in the way of abstracts or guarantee policies naturally will result in an increasing demand on the Torrens system."

The Halifax Herald declares that Mr. Blair is "wriggling" over the Tory exposure of the steel rail contract. Our information is that Mr. Brock Tory M. P. for Toronto made the greatest exhibition of "wriggling" when the Minister of Railways turned his powerful batteries on the gentleman from the Queen city, the other night in Parliament. Mr. Brock had been courting a castigation for some days, and he got it in Mr. Blair's well known effective style. Nearly all the Tories who have not turned over to the support of the steel rail contract are heartily ashamed of their former criticism of it.

During the Parliamentary discussion on the railway subsidies, the chief opposition came from Ontario members, but it has been shown by a return submitted by Mr. Blair that that province since confederation has received \$6,458,889 in railway subsidies. This sum however is small in comparison with what has been spent on Ontario canals. The members from Ontario, or at least some of them are very narrow, and kick vigorously at any expenditure for the other provinces. They seem to think that Ontario comprises the whole Canadian outfit.

Mr. Robinson, the independent member for West Elgin, is a slasher. He thinks the House of Commons numerically is too large, and apparently he has no use for the Senate. He has given notice of a resolution to ask the imperial government to amend the B. N. A. act to reduce the representation in the commons by one half and, if not to entirely abolish the senate, to reduce it to one-half to be elected by the people; electoral districts to be composed of 50,000 and county boundaries as far as possible respected.

Some of the Tory newspapers are not at all enthusiastic over the suggestion that Mr Foster should be seated in Parliament for one of the Toronto divisions. The Halifax Herald, for instance, says that there does not seem to be any real ground for the statement that such a move is at present seriously contemplated. Perhaps the Herald is fearful that Mr Borden may not be able to retain the Tory leadership if Mr Foster re-enters parliament.

The House of Commons put through in short order, the resolution raising the members indemnity from \$1,000 to \$1500. Mr. Blair was the only minister who spoke against it.

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The Methodist Conference of British Columbia agrees with Mr. Foster that state control of the liquor traffic is a plan worth the consideration of Canadians. To do so not agree with Dr. McLeod's view however. Under the Gothenburg system there would be no royal prohibition commissioners fees.

The promoters of the election petition are still open to a subscription from the York street editor. Times are said to be prosperous in the patent medicine business, and Dr M. L. od sould insist on the editor putting up handsomely. Talk do s not count when there are co-ts to be paid.

The Pan-American exhibition at Buffalo was formally opened Monday with elaborate ceremonies. During the day and evening there were 101,687 paid admission to the show.

KILLED BY A WAVE.

A cablegram received at Maitland Hants Co. N. S. from Montevideo says the ship Savona put in with her captain and three of the crew dead. They were killed by an immense wave which broke over the ship. Captain Hedley Mc Dougall was a native of Maitland, aged 42 years. He had his wife with him en route from Australia to Rotterdam and it was his intention at the end of the present voyage to settle down at Truro.

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