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THE P. G. E. REPORT.

Illegality from beginning to end, a continuous betrayal of the public interest and political corruption in its most sinister form, mark the story of the P. G. E. contract as told in the report of the committee of inquiry which was submitted to the Legislature yesterday afternoon.

The contract was awarded illegally, the share capital was divided illegally, millions were paid out of the provincial trust fund illegally; indeed, never were laws and regulations affecting a public contract so persistently spurned.

What is the situation as established by the report? After dividing the share capital of \$25,000,000 which the law stipulated should be used to raise funds to help in defraying the cost of construction; after receiving \$20,000,000 on construction account for the payment of every dollar of which the taxpayers are liable and which now involves an annual interest charge of \$1,000,000; after extracting profits amounting to \$5,100,000, the company, defaulting its interest obligations, declares it is unable to carry out its agreement and leaves the country, unloading upon the people the whole burden not only for what has been done but of raising another \$15,000,000 to complete the road.

Where is the personal guarantee of the contractors Mr. Bowser was wont to tell us about? What is there for the Province to seize that the Province did not give to them? The country will expect some illumination from the members of the late Government under whose auspices this ruinous fiasco became possible.

A portion of the money, illegally distributed among the company was devoted to political purposes. Mr.

Tate admitted that he handled the funds for the Conservative party. To what extent did this condition influence the late Government to permit the contractors to carry on the contract as they saw fit regardless of laws or regulations? To what extent did it influence the ministers to sign certificates for the overpayment of millions, "pro forma" that Mr. Tate's admission is one of the keys to the almost incredible record reviewed in the committee's report there is little room for doubt.

Mr. Brewster and his colleagues have been left with a formidable problem on their hands. Obviously, the present contractors cannot remain on the road. What is best to be done in the public interest will call for careful thought and deliberation. The line cannot be left as it is. It will have to be completed. But whatever is done we may be sure that the present Government, unlike its predecessor, will be faithful to its trust.

STAMP IT OUT.

The disclosures in connection with the P. G. E. contract monstrously call for the most drastic legislation against the receipt of election funds from corporations. It is evident that from the very first the license enjoyed by the contractors under recent investigation sprang from the assistance rendered by them to the party in power in its political campaigns. The transaction thus was tainted and the public interest handicapped from the start, for the overpayments to the contractors began as far back as 1912. The product of a bargain, either actual or tacit, between the company and the managers of the Province's affairs, the illegality was bound to give birth to a multitude of its kind.

But the mere adoption of laws against corrupt arrangements of this sort is not sufficient. The way in which the statutes were over-ridden in regard to the P. G. E. contract shows how valueless the laws can be made when they are administered by parties who are careless of their oaths of office. What is needed is the rigid enforcement of pains and penalties for their violation. Manitoba took this course as the result of revelations of minor consequence alongside of those made in the P. G. E. report. The best means of discouraging corrupt practices is to establish the conviction that the institution which stands at the end of the trail of them is a real penitentiary, not a mirage.

GERMANY'S PROBLEMS.

A Berlin dispatch yesterday declared that the efforts of radical Socialists to celebrate May Day by a holiday in the munitions factories failed and that no cessation of work was reported. As this was the only news of any kind affecting conditions in Germany which had been allowed to percolate through the German censorship for some days the outside world could consider itself just as much in the dark as it would have been if the Berlin announcement had not been made. We are now informed from the same source that the Berlin authorities have offered a reward of 5,000 marks for the prosecution of "agitators in enemy service who are trying to start dissensions, especially in the labor ranks, in Germany." This offer in itself is extremely significant. Since when has it been necessary to adopt such means of putting down agitations in militarist Germany?

The truth is that Germany is seething with agitation, social and political. Whether there was a fresh strike or not throughout the country yesterday we shall not know for some days, but if there was not we may be sure the development was only postponed. Whatever the actual conditions may be, they seem to be sufficiently serious to compel the German Chancellor to defer announcing Germany's peace terms until a "more fitting occasion." It is clear that the cleavage between the Socialists and Junkers on this question has widened into a formidable gap. The former, who by the way have carried every election held in Prussia in the last two years, desire peace without indemnities and territorial gains. The war party, or in other words the Hohenzollern party, hold out for indemnities and territorial concessions. The attitude of each is easily understood. The Socialists are beginning to realize that all the talk of indemnities and territorial loot is just so much bait dangled before the German people to entice them to further sacrifices. The war party on the other hand knows that unless it can beguile the population a little longer with its fatuous promises it must throw up its hands. As the Socialists reduce the stakes of the war the Junkers increase them. The two elements thus are becoming more irreconcilable every day. Hence Bethmann-Hollweg, trying to steer a middle course, decides to postpone his offer until he sees how the situation is going to develop.

Inseparably connected with the ferment over peace terms is the more dangerous agitation over the subject of political reforms. Here again is an issue which is rapidly becoming as acute as it was in Russia when the Duma was struggling with the bureau-

cracy for constitutional privileges. The Hohenzollerns and the reactionary interests around them are bitterly opposed to any concessions now. The mere suggestion of a democratized Germany makes them squirm and they will resist the agitation to the last. On the other hand the Socialists are pressing more vigorously for franchise extension, in fact for the substitution of parliamentary government for the present system of military rule.

Thus Germany's domestic troubles are multiplying from day to day. There can be only one end to them—revolution, either peaceful, like that of Russia, or violent. We often are told that the German people are too docile to revolt. Those who take that view might have said the same thing about the Russian people a few months ago. Strikes and agitations in Germany at this time are not ordinary developments. In their effect upon the fabric erected by the Hohenzollerns they are fraught with greater significance than strikes would be in any other belligerent country. Has it never occurred to those who are so cock-sure that there will be no revolution in Germany that munition employees who will strike during a struggle of such tremendous importance as the Battle of Arras, for instance, will do anything?

U. S. TROOPS AND FRANCE.

The French Mission is anxious to have the United States army represented on the battlefield in the shortest possible time, and Washington is ready to respond, but the obstacle in the way is the shipping problem. The maintenance of an American army corps, not to speak of an army, would impose upon the republic's tonnage a demand, which while comparatively negligible at any other time, would count for a great deal at present. The French recommendation is based mainly upon sentiment, the opinion of the Mission evidently being that the presence of an American contingent across the Atlantic would have a stimulating effect upon the morale of the public. It was with this object in view, it will be recalled, that Russia sent several divisions to France a year ago.

It is gratifying to see that Washington has grasped at once the importance of the submarine situation, and is adopting far-reaching measures to help the Allies clear it. Already a number of ships have been added to the fleet of merchantmen crossing the Atlantic, and as time goes on the reinforcements will be increased on a constantly growing scale. Undoubtedly it will be some months before the shipbuilding facilities of the Empire and the United States can offset the depredations of the enemy's submarines with the production of new tonnage, but there can be no doubt that they will be able to keep the margin of loss within the safety mark, although on the basis of last week's returns it is not within that limit now.

We might as well admit that Victoria cannot keep step with Vancouver. The rainfall of the sister city for April was 2.29, measured in inches, Victoria's precipitation for the same month was but a paltry 2.41. This notwithstanding the fact that during the whole of the period Vancouver's big guns, which are understood to be effective rainmakers, were booming in the Legislature.

Rev. Canon Scott, chaplain of the Canadian forces in France, says reading the sporting pages of the newspapers these days, when he considers what our young men are enduring and doing in France, has an effect on his temper corresponding to what the waving of red rag is supposed to have upon the feelings of a bull. The meaning of the Canon's statement seems to be obvious.

The Sultan of Turkey has just presented his compliments and a brand new sgimtar, doubtless of the finest Damascus steel, to the All-Highest of Germany. The weapon may come in handy some day before long. Also some one may presently bestow upon Mehmed, with assurances of the highest regards, a brand new bowstring.

Certain men now assembled in London, who doubtless mean well, aver that they desire to set the British Empire upon a self-supporting basis. Our impression is that the Empire always has been self-supporting, that it even has been able to lay aside a few pounds in anticipation of a "rainy day."

It is reported that representatives of the B. C. E. R. have asked for the high and unusual privilege of appearing before "the Bar of the House." On the other hand, there are men we wot of who have fled from the country rather than face the ordeal of confronting the Legislature before the said Bar.

Norway says she is being ruined and Sweden complains that she is starving as a result of ruthless submarine warfare. There is only one way of salvation for the two afflicted monarchies. Will they have the courage to set their feet upon it?

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Bethmann-Hollweg to-morrow will outline in the Reichstag new overtures of peace on behalf of Germany. We wonder whether these terms will be "based upon victory," also what other strings will be attached to them.

New York Sun: The curt conciseness of this cable to the office of the American Fund for French wounded carries a certain conviction that the most eloquent news dispatch often lacks: "Terrible condition Noyon. Urgent appeal for condensed milk and rice. Children pitiful. Scurvy. No meat seventeen months. All girls over fifteen carried off. Any food, serviceable clothing or money sent us will be carefully distributed." "All girls over fifteen carried off!" In what other war of the last two centuries outside of Asia Minor has such a statement been made? Against what European nation other than Germany could the charge truthfully be brought?

MORE VARIATIONS IN COWPER STORY

(Continued from page 1)

"Is my friend ready to go on?" asked Mr. Taylor. "If the sixth member for Vancouver is not ready or if he has no charge to make or prove let him say so."

Willing to Change Amount. Mr. Woods mentioned the change of amount from \$25,000 to \$15,000.

His Lordship said he did not propose to hold the complainant to an amount of \$25,000.

Mr. Taylor—"If they want to change the amount we are content. I am instructed by Mr. Macdonald to say that he has no objection to the amount being given as \$25,000 or \$15,000 or \$1, but of course your Lordship has no power to amend the statement as given in the commission. We do insist, though, that the other side must stick to the definite charge and not go wandering."

"I intend to treat this as I would any ordinary charge coming before me, allowing any variation of the charge that I would on a trial, but I do not propose to conduct a roving commission."

Mr. Woods made formal application for the change of the charge to the sum of \$25,000 as having been placed in the safe of the Hotel Vancouver on the night of September 13 or 14 last, and further for a remand to Vancouver on Friday. Meanwhile he would give the names of his witnesses.

Mr. Taylor declined to hear who they were, as he did not desire to have any opening for any future suggestion about witnesses being spirited away. Had the other side any witnesses to offer to open the inquiry?

Opens Case. Mr. Woods said he had none, and Mr. Taylor suggested that he had better open his case.

Counsel for the prosecution premised what he had to say by stating that he would have to mention the names of some of his witnesses, but he would take the chance. At a certain house in Vancouver—St. C. Wade's, he said, when asked to be more specific—there were present one night P. C. Wade, the Attorney-General and R. J. Mackenzie, a director of the Canadian Northern Pacific Ry. Co. and a son of Sir William Mackenzie. The question of providing funds for the conduct of

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THE SOLDIERS' VOTE AND RETURNED MEN

Association Will Hear All and Then Maintain a Discreet Silence

At the regular meeting of the Returned Soldiers' Association, held at the rooms in the Belmont Block last night, Secretary H. W. Hart tendered his report of the meeting of the Provincial Executive held in Vancouver on Saturday last.

Will Take No Sides. In order that it could not be said the Association was in any way prejudiced—or even interested any more than in a casual way—a deputation composed of Dr. Mackay and Dr. Henderson was permitted full speech at the executive meeting on Saturday last.

The members present last night, after a good deal of discussion, came to the unanimous conclusion that they, as soldiers, would hold aloof from anything that was tinged in the faintest degree with political entanglements.

SOLDIERS' GRIEVANCE ON MEDICAL BOARDS

Member of Local Body Avows That Promises Are Not Being Kept

"The press has done us no good so far and there is no reason to believe that we can expect anything from the press until we have our own organ," was the opinion of A. Tait, a member of the Returned Soldiers' Association, expressed at the meeting of that body at its regular meeting held last night.

It had been published broadcast that if any returned man, and Major Buchanan had said so, was not satisfied with his general physical condition after he had been declared as fit for civil life again, he could obtain a doctor's certificate from his private adviser, who is required to furnish a confidential opinion on the particular case to the Medical Board at Ottawa.

A good deal of discussion followed and it was finally decided that there would probably be other cases of a like nature. In view of that possibility matter to the Provincial executive in it was deemed advisable to refer the order that the more representative body could deal with the question on a broader basis.

Church Tennis Club.—The St. Andrew's Church Lawn Tennis Club, of Nanaimo, held a meeting Monday night, to arrange for carrying out during the coming season. W. Fulton was elected president and D. H. Munro, secretary.

GERMAN MUSIC AND THE CANADIAN BANDS

Former Victoria Bandsman Given C. B. for Refusing to Play Enemy Selections

"There is one matter which this Association should discuss and take in hand with a will," said a former Victoria bandsman at the meeting of the Returned Soldiers' Association held at the association rooms last night, "and that is the subject of the music the C. E. F. bands take overseas with them."

German Music. He told of the band in England commencing to play a Hungarian rag when he immediately placed his instrument down and refused to take part. When asked what his object was he protested that he had two boys at the front and while they were fighting for the safety of the British Empire, at the risk of their lives, he did not feel called upon to give vent to his "joyous" feelings in German or Hungarian melody.

Involes I. O. D. E. Aid. It was pointed out by President Tait that this was a matter that would probably be handled better by the I. O. D. E., for in his opinion that magnificent order would be able to effect more in a week than their association would achieve in six months. It was thus resolved to invoke the aid of the Daughters of the Empire and at the same time to make known to the Provincial Executive the complaint of the bandsman.

CONFERENCE FIXED FOR NEXT SATURDAY

City Officials Will Consult With Minister of Education; Other Civic Business

The Minister of Education will receive a deputation from the City Council and School Board on Saturday morning at ten-thirty o'clock to hear the case presented against, appealing the Public School Act with regard to residence and property owning qualification in municipalities. As reported elsewhere, the School Trustees decided at a meeting yesterday to co-operate with the City Council. The intimation was conveyed by Hon. Dr. McLean to Alderman Andros, chairman of the Legislative Committee, this morning.

A further meeting of the special committee investigating the complaints about certain phases of the market was held yesterday afternoon, and practically all the evidence is in which will be required to be presented. The report will certainly show that the allegations of breach of the by-law have been well founded. Some of the admissions made by witnesses are rather astonishing, and will occasion much surprise.

As a result of a visit paid by the Chairman of the Parks Committee to the Gorge bathhouse, to which new piping has to be placed in position before the season, an amended and less expensive proposal will be submitted by Alderman Dilworth to the approval of Council shortly.

With regard to the joint control of beaches, by the adoption in the estimates of Sanich, as well as already by the City, of a sum of \$2,000, the joint committee will have \$4,800 to carry on operations at Cadboro and Cadboro Bay beaches this year. There has been no meeting hitherto, but the matter has not been lost sight of. In view of the early advent of the first warm public holiday, when the beaches are certain to be crowded, the public would welcome some intimation that early construction of the buildings contemplated for shelters will be taken in hand. The usefulness of the buildings largely depends on suitable locations. However, there is sufficient money for the year to have the scheme of improvement started in a proper form.

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LIEUT. MASON WOUNDED

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Mrs. J. Stevenson, of 329 Burdett Avenue, received official intimation yesterday afternoon to the effect that her son, Lieut. Morton Joseph Mason, has been admitted to the 3rd London General Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds in the right arm and leg. He was hit during the operations at Vimy on April 10.

Lieut. Mason joined the Highlanders on the outbreak of war and left Victoria in February, 1915, with a well-known Victoria battalion. He transferred to a Canadian Scottish unit in France and won his commission on the field, since he left here as a private.

Before enlisting for service overseas.

Had Terrible Pains in Kidneys and Back.

Dear Mr. Editor—I was very tired, could hardly be up; I was in bed most of the time. Had terrible pains in my kidneys and back, so much so that I had to scream sometimes when I was sitting down and wanted to get up, the pain was so great. I had tried a well-known kidney medicine but it didn't help me. I heard of Dr. Pierce's Anuria Tablets so I thought I would try them. I took only one box of the Tablets, and my back is now free from pain and I can work and take care of my family. I feel I cannot say enough for this medicine. Sincerely, Mrs. Wm. K. LEE.

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TO RECRUIT IN STATES.

Washington, May 2.—The House bill permitting the Allies to recruit their citizens in the United States was passed by the Senate late yesterday.

If You Want Evidence

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PETITION TO HOUSE BY TRAMWAY COMPANY

Objects to Unrestricted Competition by City of Vancouver

The British Columbia Electric Railway Co., Ltd., through its attorney, George Kidd, in asking that its side of the dispute with the City of Vancouver be heard at the Bar of the House, presented the following petition:

1. That your petitioner is an incorporated company, licensed to do business in British Columbia, and is one of the companies mentioned in sub-sections (4) and (5) of section 125 of the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

2. In the year 1895 the City of Vancouver applied to this Legislature for an amendment to its charter, permitting it to construct, equip, and operate a street railway and electric light system.

3. The Consolidated Railway and Light Company, under the authority of provincial and municipal franchises, was operating an electric railway, light and power system in the said city, and the last-mentioned company, before the Private Bills Committee and on the floor of the House, opposed the suggested amendment on the ground that the railway and power system then operated by the said company had been constructed relying on freedom from municipal competition, and that large sums of money had been spent in permanent improvements on the faith thereof, and that, if municipal competition were allowed, it would be impossible to raise further capital for the enlargement and improvement of such system.

4. The amendment applied for by the City was allowed on condition that, before exercising any of the powers thereby granted so as to compete with the company, the city should by-law offer to purchase the company's property at a price to be arbitrated in case the company should be willing to sell, and the price could not be agreed upon.

5. In the year 1898 your petitioner acquired all the property, franchises, and powers of the Consolidated Railway & Light Company.

6. Between the years 1895 and 1900, on the strength of the protection against municipal competition granted in 1895, your petitioner and its predecessors spent upwards of \$450,000 in permanent improvements to the tramway, light, and power system in the said city.

7. During the ten years preceding 1909, the tramway, light, and power business only paid two dividends of 4 per cent. each, and operated for a number of years at a great loss.

8. In the year 1909 the city applied to the Legislature to amend its charter, and sought to eliminate the conditions then contained therein restricting its rights to construct and operate electric light and tramway works in competition with your petitioner.

9. Your petitioner opposed the said application on the ground that it had spent the moneys aforesaid in permanent improvements on the faith of the rights and privileges and protection from municipal competition contained in the city's charter, and that municipal competition would result in financial ruin to your petitioner.

10. On the hearing of the city's application, the Private Bills Committee was of the opinion that the parties should, if possible, come to some arrangement, and for this purpose the hearing of the application was adjourned.

11. Conferences were held between the representative of the city and your petitioner, which resulted in an agreement between them, which is now embodied in section 125 of the city's charter, passed in 1909 with the unanimous approval of the Private Bills Committee and by a vote of all the members of this Legislature, excepting one.

12. As an inducement to the city to agree to said section 125, your petitioner undertook to expend large sums of money in permanent improvements to its tramway, light and power system, and in improving the operation thereof so as to keep up with, if not ahead of, the development of the city, and then reduced their rates for light and power.

13. In pursuance of said undertaking, and relying on the protection afforded by municipal competition in said section 125, your petitioner has developed and extended its tramway, electric light and power system in the said city, and has since the year 1909 expended for that purpose upwards of \$40,000,000 a great proportion of which was contributed by bona fide investors in England, who bought for income and not for speculation, and who will be grievously injured if their security is impaired.

14. During the present sitting of the Legislature, the city, by an amended application, applied to have its charter amended by giving it unrestricted power to compete with your petitioner in the manufacture and sale of electric light and power notwithstanding the restrictive clauses contained in the charter of 1909.

15. The amended application of the city was dealt with by the Private Bills Committee, and after hearings extending over six days, during which the arguments of the city and your petitioner were presented by counsel and other representatives, and the recommendation of the said committee in amendment of sections 13 and 14 of Bill No. 50 of the present session, being practically in accordance with the first application presented to this Legislature by the city during the present session.

16. Your petitioner has been informed and believes that it is the intention of the city to apply to have sections 13 and 14 struck out in Committee of the Whole House and other sections inserted in lieu thereof, giving the city unrestricted power to compete with your petitioner in the manufacture and sale of electric light and power.

17. Your petitioner shows that, if Bill No. 50 be amended as proposed by the city, such amendment would result:

(a) In the abrogation of the agreement entered into between your petitioner and the city at the time the city's charter was amended in 1909, and on the faith of which your petitioner has obtained British capital and invested the same in the extension and improvement of your petitioner's works;

(b) In ruinous depreciation in your petitioner's property and works and the loss of capital invested therein;

(c) In undermining the confidence of capitalists in British Columbia investments;

(d) In the duplication of existing plants for the supply of electric light and power to the city and unsound and wasteful expenditure of money.

18. Your petitioner further shows that its tramway, electric light and power system is of more than sufficient capacity to meet the needs and requirements of the city for many years to come, and the only object that the city could have for the proposed amendment is to be in a position to compel your petitioner to reduce its rates, and your petitioner suggests that the interests of the citizens of the said city and of your petitioner could be amply and carefully protected by some public service authority constituted for the purpose of regulating charges.

19. Owing to the importance of the questions involved in the said suggested amendment and of the large interests and capital involved, and to the possible effect such legislation would have on industrial securities, your petitioner respectfully requests that it should be heard by counsel at the Bar of the House with regard to such proposed legislation.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that it may be heard at the Bar of the House by counsel upon the consideration of the proposed amendment either on the second reading of Bill No. 50 or when the same is considered in Committee of the Whole House; and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

WOMAN'S INFLUENCE TO BE GREATLY FELT

George McGregor Says Efforts for Reform Will Be Far-Reaching

"It has always been my belief that women should have equal rights with men," stated ex-Reeve George McGregor, addressing the Citizens' Educational League in the Victoria Club Rooms last evening, on the subject of "Civil and Municipal Reform," and the great wonder is that it has taken the majority of our men so long to come to this sensible view of the matter. In this new western country of ours we have some tremendous problems to solve; problems which will need the co-operation of every right thinking man and woman of this province, but I feel assured that with woman now assuming the responsibilities which accompany the ballot these questions will receive the attention which is their due."

In dealing with the subject of "Civil and Municipal Reform" Mr. McGregor said that the first aim of the citizen should be the health of the community and especially the health of the children. Every precaution should be taken to see that the spread of disease is confined to the minimum. Tubercular persons should be forcibly quarantined in order that this most terrible of diseases might be prevented from spreading to the associates of the afflicted individual.

Dairy Inspection.

One of the most effective precautions which municipalities can take against the tubercular menace is to maintain a most rigid inspection of the dairies from which the community derives its milk supply. The speaker referred to the investigation last year of the dairies of Saanich from which Victoria obtains the greater part of its supply, by which it was found that but few of the premises were up to the standard which should be maintained and also that some of them were actually filthy. He cited the case of the Hindu establishment where the refuse from the stables was drained into a well from which water was taken for the purpose of washing the milk pans. The milk which was carried in these receptacles did not escape being affected by germs and the danger to children who drank this milk had been very great.

Class A Certificate.

Mr. McGregor believes that every dairy should be required to hold an A class certificate. It provides that the manure be moved away from the stables, that the stall be kept clean and whitewashed and also that the milk be taken from the barn or milking house to a dairy with a cement floor within a certain time. At present there is a movement on foot to have the requirements of this certificate amended in order that the requirements may not be so strict, but in Mr. McGregor's opinion the present reading of the law is by no means too exacting when it is considered that it is the health of the children of the country, whose food when young is largely milk, is being considered.

An additional precaution which Mr. McGregor believes should be taken against the spread of tuberculosis and other forms of contagious diseases is the inaugurating of a systematic inspection of second-hand clothes and mattresses. Such articles are brought largely by poor people and the spread

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of tubercular troubles is thus greatly facilitated among the lower classes of society.

State Medical Control.

The speaker further pointed out that state control of at least a percentage of the practitioners of the medical profession is much needed. Each course is greatly to be advocated in dealing with the matter of attending to expectant mothers whose financial circumstances do not permit them to secure the care which they frequently require. Besides this every precaution should be taken to see that the health regulations regarding the school children are carried out. Officials cannot be too particular in their inspection of the physical condition of the scholars.

Mr. McGregor would go so far as to suggest that in cases where it is found that the parents do not understand how to care properly for their children that capable nurses should be sent by the Health Department of the city to give instruction to these mothers.

"I know," said the speaker, "that I am encroaching on a very touchy subject in making this suggestion, but it is my firm belief that such a course should be carried out. If parents do not know how to take care of their children, it is the duty of the State to see that they are given instruction in these matters."

In order that young girls might be protected to a greater extent than they are at present Mr. McGregor expressed himself of the opinion that the leading of girls astray or the committing of adultery should be made a crime punishable by the law.

Assume Responsibilities.

In concluding his address the speaker said, "The women of this province are now on an equal footing with the men, and their influence in bringing about many of the reforms which are greatly needed will be widely felt. There is, however, one word of warning which I would give and it is that I hope that women will endeavor to break down the class barriers which stand forth so prominently in our social life. We must become more dem-



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