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TRUTH BEFORE FAVOR-
PRINCIPLES, NOT MEN

KNOWLEDGE IS COSTLY

There are some lessons to be learned from the recent floods if we dig down deep enough to discover them. In the past we have been building for the present and not for posterity. We have paid too much attention to the cheapness of the job and not enough to its stability. Through the clearing of our forests the snows of winter are disappearing in a shorter period each year when the spring thaws come, and rushing waters make our old bridges and culverts inadequate to carry them away. It is a matter of build, build, and rebuild again at great cost, as if, when originally built probably ten to twenty per cent. had been added to the cost the necessity for their renewal would not have arisen.

The culvert which broke away at the horseshoe hill near this village is a case in point. When that culvert was constructed it was a matter of getting it done as cheaply as possible and the vent was not made half as large as it should have been. Then when the filling was made over it the old culvert was not renewed—it would cost too much—and about fifteen feet of earth was packed on top of it. With the recent extraordinary freshet something had to give, and the whole twelve hundred dollar filling and culvert were swept away. Had the culvert been made of twice the capacity Artemesia would not now have to dip into its strong box for a big sum.

The lesson is a severe one, but let us all profit by it and in future build substantially for the future as well as for the moment. Europeans laugh at our crudity and penuriousness when it comes to road building and the protection of forests. They have practiced solidity of structure for ages, and the old Romans did so before them, but the instinct of penurious frugality, the penny wise and pound foolish policy, still remains with us in Canada.

THE JOKE THAT RECOILED

Manager Fleming of the Toronto street railway has got a hot box on his hands. Recently he engaged a man to put up a job on a doctor and the courts, just to show that doctors may be deceived and juries convict the innocent. The man claimed to have been injured by the railway and sued for damages. The doctor to whom he described his injury was deceived all right, and when the case came to court the man swore that he had been engaged by Manager Fleming to put up a job on the doctor. Manager Fleming was simply delighted with the success of his joke on the doctor and no doubt paid his tool very liberally. He thought the joke stopped at this point, but it did not. Like Tennyson's Brook, it goes on. Somebody swore out a warrant against the Managing Joker and several others connected with the joke, and last week the Grand jury returned a true bill against the Manager and four other merry gentlemen for "unlawfully conspiring together to obstruct, pervert or defeat the course of justice; for criminal fabrication of evidence and for bringing a court of justice into contempt."

As a practical joker we fear Manager Fleming is not a success. He has been joking and jollying the people of Toronto for a long time, and although they squirm and protest there has been no cessation to it. But now that the little pastime has been extended to include professional integrity and the dignity of courts, the friction will cause a "hot box" of the worst kind, and the jolly Manager will no doubt be more than delighted when his joke reaches the final stage. In the meantime this back-action, two-legged joke is a source of unholy joy to the Toronto strap holder.

THE PIONEER "ENTHUSES."

The Pioneer of Toronto says:

"The Flesherton Advance is one of the few journals which attacks vigorously the new temperance policy of the Liberal party. Some of what it states proves to be incorrect, in view of Mr. Rowell's explanations made in presenting his resolution to the House."

This latter sentence refers to Mr. Rowell's afterthought or after-statement that he would also cut out club licenses. With that resolve we have no quarrel and can heartily commend. But our position is this.

Mr. Rowell takes for his battle cry, "Abolish the bar." How much better, let us ask, would his proposition be than what we now enjoy, total prohibition under local option wherever the people want it? How many temperance men could be found in local option districts who would willingly exchange what they have got for Mr. Rowell's proposed measure, especially at the present juncture when the details of its construction are unknown? We venture to to say not one. That being the case, how can anyone claim that the Rowell proposition is an advance along temperance lines—an improvement on what Mr. Whitney has given us and is still attempting to perfect?

We do not remember that the Dominion Alliance ever asked for an abolishment of the bar or of treating. They have asked for local option and for prohibition. The political parties seem bent on forcing something on them that they have not asked for and which they have always considered impractical and useless from the standpoint of advance.

But because Mr. Whitney did not satisfy the importunities of certain gentlemen to the fullest extent they are willing to accept anything from the other side that will give them an opportunity to display their resentment. This is why the Pioneer waxes so enthusiastic over Mr. Rowell's temperance platform and cries out in big type, "A victory already for the temperance cause."

The Hydro-Electric Commission has quoted several Owen Sound manufacturers a price of $31 per horse-power per annum for a 24-hour service. At the same time they have announced that they will be able to develop a much greater power than was anticipated. This is good news. With such a low rate the county should be able to hold its own as a manufacturing centre and reap advantages in very many ways. The price quoted is estimated at less than one half the cost of steam-produced electricity.

Legislature Prorogued

The Ontario Legislature prorogued on Tuesday after an important session in which much business was transacted. Among the more important measures put through were:

Government authorization to raise five million dollars for the development of Northern Ontario.

Provision for dividing Ontario into ten health districts; notification of all communicable diseases; municipal care of indigent sick.

Compulsory vacination.

Prohibition of storing of liquor in local option districts; cashing or accepting pay-check by hotelkeeper or employe made an offence.

Government authorized to raise one million dollars for county roads; Highways Act enlarged to admit of Federal grants being applied to county systems; co-operation by cities and towns.

Hydro-Electric Commission given wider powers of expropriation, control of rates and municipal surpluses. Commissions provided for municipal systems.

Municipalities given right to expropriate private telephone systems.

Provisions to check operations of "loan sharks."

Restrictions upon irresponsible insurance companies, operating from outside the province.

Provincial museum and provincial college of art established.

WHY HE WAS LATE

"What made you so late?"

"I met Smithson."

"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper."

"I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble."

"Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?"

"Sure, that is what he needs." Sold by all dealers.

A Port Arthur congregation on a recent Sunday had a strange minister. He preached from the text, "Thou shalt not steal." Just afterwards the quartet rose and sang as a voluntary "Steal away." This story is no chestnut; it is vouched for.

Population Is Falling Off

O. S. Sun: The publication of the census returns for the Dominion, which were recently announced, have shown a considerable falling off in the population of the various provinces, since the taking of the previous census in 1901. Studied perusal of the figures given for the county of Grey shows an immense slump in every township, without exception, of at least one hundred and in several of almost one thousand. The net decrease in population in the entire county is according to the figures published, 10,876 and in some cases the reason is not so obvious. The remarkable figure of 926, which is the decrease in Holland township, is due, probably, to the fact of the great exodus to the West, which took place about five years ago, and this is certainly a factor in the resulting differences in every case cited. Sarawak, with a population of 1362 in 1901 has but 708 in 1911, although considerable of the decrease is due to the incorporation of Brooke with Owen Sound in 1909. This gives a reason, as well, for the decrease in Keppel township, the villages of Shallow Lake and Hepworth being taken from the townships during the past ten years. In Sydenham a portion of what was formerly in Owen Sound precincts was taken into the township on the annexation of Brooke to the town, there is still a decrease of 323 in the population. It is without doubt the rural communities which suffer most largely by the ever steady stream of migration to the western provinces, while the tendency of the young men and young women to go to the cities or larger centres is also in a wide measure responsible for the diminished numbers. It is estimated that two-thirds of rural communities formerly numbering two-thirds of their members as between the ages of 20 and 25, is now depleted on these members almost three-quarters.

Below are given the figures for the individual townships of the county:

	1911	1901
Artemesia	3,182	3,923
Collingwood	3,291	3,902
Euphrasia	2,862	3,441
Holland	2,758	3,504
Osprey	2,526	3,065
Proton	2,786	3,378
Derby	1,930	2,146
Keppel	2,730	4,160
St. Vincent	2,708	3,108
Sarawak	708	1,362
Sydenham	3,037	3,460
Bentinck	2,980	3,551
Egremont	3,060	3,607
Glenelg	2,209	2,754
Normandy	3,442	4,360
Sullivan	2,813	3,697

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt has been arrested in Chicago. He will fight extradition.

Mr. R. W. Benett, M. P., of Calgary will enter British politics, according to a report from Ottawa.

The flood has caused a general mixing of wood-piles in Walkerton and a confusion of tongues like unto that of Babel is heard in many a back yard here as the neighbors assemble to claim their wood. As possession is nine points of the law, those on whose land the wood settled, are not in all cases anxious to give the treasure up, and thus many heated conversations are heard in the land. One stick of hard-wood looks so much like another, that it is not always easy for the disputants to distiguish which from what, although some would convince you that they could pick up their hardwood in the dark from any other of the yards in town. Perhaps they can, but we have a sneaking fear that they might get their arithmetic mixed and be needing pardon like the penitent thief. In short, there has been so much lying done in Walkerton over wood that a real Ananias' club might be established here, with, we believe, a shockingly large membership.—Herald.

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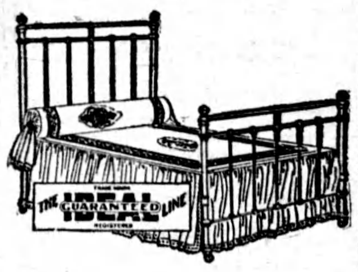

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