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THE SPECUATIVE CRAZE IN FLORIDA

We shall never know just how many Canadians have journeyed to Florida, with all the money they could raise, that they might join in the speculative craze, which has been prevalent in that state for at least three years. Nor are there reliable statistics of the financial backing given to promote the speculation by Canadians who remained at home. Nevertheless, there is ample evidence that our people, as well as those of the United States, have entered heartily into the craze which is not yet over. How long it will last, no one knows, but that it will end, to the discomfiture of many some time, no one that has had experience of similar crazes in the past can doubt. We, in Ontario, had an experience of a like nature. After the building of the first railway, and at the closing of the Crimean war; we had another such experience in the North West. After the boom that flattened out many speculators in Winnipeg and other Western centres in 1882; and we would probably had another but for the outbreak of the war in 1914 when relief came to many by the expenditure of borrowed money.

Men, cannot live by simply swapping land with one another, any more than can citizens of a country live by swapping jacknives Florida lawmakers however, deliberately undertook to legislate for the start and perpetuation of a boom. They had a constitutional amendment passed providing that neither a state inheritance tax (succession duties. nor a state income tax should be collected. Thus they advertised that Florida was not only a tropical retreat but a sanctuary for the wealthy, and ever since, the milloinaire has been romping into Florida from the north, and have been the most persistent investors in real estate. The wily legislators of Florida knew that once they could get the idle rich into their state it would not be difficult to get them interested in putting their funds into circulation. Thus Florida got what it has lacked since the civil war —capital and plenty of it.

Florida has profited to an enormous extent by this abolition of taxes which have proved onerous in rival states. The State has, however, taxed poor tourists and rich man alike for gasoline consumed. It imposed a tax on this commodity of four cents a gallon and in 1925 will get from this source about four and a half million dollars. And this, if the Florida folk can keep the invested public interested, is but the beginning of it. Even at this late period of the year, the great highways leading to th arena of speculation are covered with automobiles, who are finding huge tracts laid out in building lots—many of them situated near the shore and selling at fabulous prices. Indeed,it is a conservative estimate that in the seventy miles between Miama and Palm Beach, there are now on sale over half a million home site lots. Land for sea view homes is offered at $100,000 an acre, on territory that before the big development started, could have been bought at $30 an acre. That is nothing, say enthusiastic salesmen to be met even on the trains miles away from the scene. In five years it is prophecied, there will be no ocean frontage along the east coast from Jacksonville to Miami, for less than $1000 a foot.

There is such inflation that sane landowners are more anxious to have values stationed than to have sky high prices They know that Florida is a good winter resort but it is not an agricultural country. There are districts where oranges and other tropical fruits grow with profit, but the state is too far from great consuming centres to make it easy to compete in the production of early garden truck with states teo the north This has been found out by many fortune seekers who with small means, journeyed south to look for employment, and who have in recent months been hiking north, sadder but wiser men

The moral for Canadians would seem to be that it is better to stay away from Florida, unless they have means to wisely invest, and they are willing to wait But in no case would it seem wise to buy lots, or groves or other bargains without personal inspection on the most reliable assurance that the real estate offered is what it is represented to be.

IT MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

While it seems imposible to say anything new on the subject of Christmas celebration, the miracle of the season is that the custom of nearly 2,000 years makes practically all things new. The aged become young again through their rejoicing in the delights of the grandchildren with the things that once made their own eyes open wide in wonder—memories of their own chilhood also come back to them.

It is not simply a jest that pana also likes to play—even though he may say it is just to test them—with the toys he buys for the youngsters. Thus, while the holiday is particularly a festival for the children, emphasizing the story of the Babe in the Manger, it also has for the elders its pleasures and the wider significence of the world-inspiring event in Bethlehem.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There are no statues of men who felt sorry for themselves.

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A woman's declining years come before the age of 30. After that she is glad to accept.

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The problem of the son and daughter who go out every evening isn't much more distressing than the same kind of furnace.

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Hanover high school board has installed boxing gloves in the school for the use of the students. No doubt the graduates of the manly art will make the County Council "come across" with the pavement on the main street which was refused them last spring

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In British Columbia wild horses are causing so much trouble that the Legislature is taking steps to have a province-wide round up and destruction of the untamed ones. These animals not only destroy property but inveigle tame nags to join them. Hereabouts, we have no wild horses; but we suffer considerably from wild automobiles!

Souvenir of Old No. 6 Company

Won By Flesherton Comp. Three Years in Succession

An article was on exhibition in W. A. Armstrong's show window recently which takes one back to the days of the old No. 6 Company of the Grey Regiment in the years 1871-72—73, that had its headquarters in Flesherton. This was a cup for the best company marksmanship was was won for three years in succession by the Flesherton Company, and passed permanently into their possession. The cup stands some eight inches high, the bowl being supported by stacked guns and is of sterling silver. Mr. Jos Fields has had possession of it for some years, his father, Capt. John Fields having had it for safe keeping. Just now the cup is on exhibition at the Grey Regiment headquarters at Owen Sound. The ranks of those who competed in the contests during those three years have been gradually depleted and only five, as far as we can ascertain, are now living. These are :- Capt. A. G. Campbell, Toronto, W. J. Bellamy, Flesherton, John Weber and John Warling, Vandeleur, and Harry Hooper who is with the Dominion Regalia Co., in Toronto. This is an interesting souvenir, and is reminiscent of the early days, when Flesherton was headquarters for the best Company in Grey county—the winning of the cup showed that—and will be a valuable possession to be kept in the town for the years to come.

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Report of W.I. Convention Held in Toronto in Nov.

Women's Institutes Praised For Their Work

The 24th annual convention of the Women's Institute of Central Ontario was held at Hygeia House, Elm st. Toronto on Nov. 17th, 18th and 19th. Mrs. Meek of Alton, chairman of the convention committee, presiding and six hundred delegates from all over Central Ontario registered. Miss Davison of Unionville had charge of the music. The convention opened with the singing of community songs, aand the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Horace Parsons of Toronto. She said she really didn't have to tell the ladies that they were welcome, they had been coming for so many years they knew what Toronto was. Mrs. Parsons said the government asked her to visit England last year in the interests of Canada and the Women's Institutes and she spoke at several clubs in England also in Edinborough Scotland. The Institute work is very strong in Great Britain. It is a great thing when we realize that it was the Institutes in Canada who were responsible for the Institutes in Great Britain. They are carried on the same.

Mrs. Banks of Shelburne, replied to the address of welcome, and she thanked Mrs. Parsons for her kind words. She said that in looking back and looking forward, she viewed the progress of the Institutes had been making in the last twenty-five years —better cooking, better sewing, betted homes. She also declared that the Institute was responsible for bringing back the old social time of pioneer days, and if they could only get the hydro to help lighten the work of the farmer, we would successd in keeping the young people at home. She said she had evry faith in the Women of the Institutes that they would stand by prohibtion.

Mr. Putman, superintendent of the Women's Institutes, said in his address, that the woman without any professional training were carrying on valuable educational work in the country through the study of standard works, Government Publications, papers, addresses, discussions, and demonstrations. Through the Institutes, the Department of Agriculture is able to arrange classes for systematic work in home nursing, domestic economy, sewing and millinery. Over six thousand women and girls in the rural districts took advantage of such instructions in the last year. Dr. Margaret Patterson spoke on the problems of the country girls who drift into the city unequipped to earn a satisfactory living. Some fifty per cent of the delinquent girls who come under her supervision are from the country. She made strong appeal for adequate protection. Miss Lois Wilson of the Nordheimer Piano Co., gave a demonstration on teaching and composition of music with three of her pupils. In her address on making music mean more than a parlor trick she said Wagner, the greatest musician ever, could(not play good enough for you and me to hear, he was so busy creating music. She also said that music was not a parlor trick, but a combination of art, biography, travel, life, etc.

In the wing Dr. Margaret Patterson, magistrate of the women's court Toronto gave her report on Board of Health. She told about the school in Brantford for the blind, a cot in the hosptial, supported by Institutes, a child clinic etc. Mr. Cowan, a Scottish entertainer gave a couple of wall rendered selections and Miss Kathleen Gimley of Unionville sang very beautifully Dr. W. J. Karr, director of rural schools, gave a splendid address. He spoke of the needs of the boys and girls in rural schools—a high school education without leaving the home community; a part-time education, similar to that provided in commercial and technical schools in the cities. He spoke of the great benefits and influence of women on school boards.

The Robert Simpson Co entertained the six hundred delegates at a banquet held in the palm room. Sir Joseph Flavelle welcomed the guests. Mrs. Field Robertson of Lanark, President of thhe Federated Women's Institutes, presided,(and after the banquet, a program was given. Mrs. Robertson, in her address, spoke of the lecture of the institute, and how their work would keep pace with the growth of the Dominion. Mrs. Aitken of Beeton, in her pleasing way, spoke on Women in Agriculture. She emphasized how the pioneering grand mothers had left a heritage of honor and straightness in business, and we are now realizing the value of that heritage. Mrs. George Edwards, in behalf of the Women's IInstitutes of Central Ontario, presented Mrs. Putnam with a handsome purse, and Mrs Putnam with a purse of gold. Mr. Duncan McKenzie, director of music in Toronto public schools, assisted by a choir of boys, gave a demonstration of what music might mean in a rural community.

Wednesday morning Dr. . J. Conboy, director of Dental services, gave an address, also Dr. J. W. Bell, Provincial Dept. of Health. Miss Chapman, assistant Sup. of Women's Institues, gave the work of the Junior branches, and a great number of girls gave reports of the work they are doing.

The Hon. John. S Martin, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, addressed the convention, and paid a great tribute to the Women of Central Ontario Institutes, in the part they are taking in world activities.

The Convention closed Thursday afternoon with the passing of resolutions, some of which are:- Training and instruction for home service nurses, Provision for adequate protection, education and training for the mentally deficient, action regarding the possibility of lessening the dangers which now exist on public highways; a resolution requesting the members of the Women's Institute to boost Canadian Industries, a resolution of reforestration. That this convention declare itself as in favor of considering moral issues rather than party lines in municipal, provincial and Dominion elections. A collection was taken up for the boys in Christie St. hospital, amounting to fifty dollars.

Christmas Gifts

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THE EFFECTIVE WAY

(Barrie Examiner)

A number of newspapers went out of the way to explain to their readers in semi-apologetic tone why they accepted advertising from the opposite political party in the recent election. Surely such an explanation is unnecessary in this enlightened day. Any editor who is running a newspaper, not a party organ, will report speeches from both sides. Advertisements are simply the same arguments presented in a striking form, and there is no reason why a newspaper should not publish them provided they contain nothing of an objectionable nature. The amount of space used in the campaign just closed shows that party managers and candidates recognize, more than ever beford, that the newspaper is the easiest and most effective way of getting their arguments before the electors.

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A new barber shop has been opened above the Bank of Toronto, at Feversham. Hair cut 25c.; shave 15c.; ladies' hair cutting a specialty. Hair bob 25c.; shingle bob 25c. Your patronage solicited.

—HOWARD SMITH.

IN MEMORIAM

MORRISON — In loving memory of my dear husband, Marshall, who passed away December 8, 1923.

I, who loved you sadly missed you
As it dawns another year;
In my lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of you are always dear.

You left behind an aching heart
That loved you most sincere;
I never did, nor never shall,
Forget you, husband dear.
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—Sarah Morrison.

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IN MEMORIAM

WALKER—In memory of our dear husband and father, William H. Walker, who passed away December 8, 1923.

We who love you sadly miss you
As it dawns another year
In our lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of you are always dear.
—Wife and son, Will.

The Staff of Life

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