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WHY THE DISCRIMINATION

Premier Henry has given notice that there will be a cut of 20 per cent in public school grants, and ten per cent in high school and collegiate institute grants this year. We have not heard any reason given why the discrimination should be made on this basis—why the high salaried institutions should get the 10 per cent and the low salaried 20 per cent cut. Had it been the other way around it seems to us that the new order would be more justifiable. However, we understand that Premier Henry is a Bible student and has probably literally interpreted the parable of the eight talents. See Mathew 25-29. "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

COME ON, SUCKERS!

Quotations on various mining stocks have been rising in leaps and bounds on the Toronto market and the public again appears as though they desired to enter on the ground floor on the upward movement of gold stocks. This upward trend is the result of a visit to the northern gold fields of a number of United States capitalists who displayed enthusiasm at the prospects of a continued growth of gold production. The advance is not a natural trend of the gold market and a drop will most likely come along one of these days, freezing out the small manipulator, while the man in the "know" unloads on an unsuspecting public. We hope that the advance is not just another trap to catch a few more suckers on the stock market fishing line.

WELLINGTON HAS NO DEBENTURE DEBT

There are few municipalities, either urban or rural, in Ontario, which can make the proud boast made by Wellingto county, that it has not one cent of bonded indebtedness. A municipality is to be commended if it finishes its year with a surplus, but when in addition it can show a total lack of debenture debt, surely it has every cause for self-congratulation, says the Guelph Mercury.

Many years ago, Wellington county adopted a policy of "pay as you go," and its success is strikingly emphasized in the present financial state of the municipality. This policy, however, has not lent itself to a too strict economy at the expense of the advancement of the county. A great percentage of county council expenditures are on roads, and this district has as fine a network of paved and improved gravel roads as can be found in a similar area in the province. There has been no stint, but the money has been furnished as it has been needed.

The result is a low tax rate. Interest rates are high, and a municipality with a heavy bonded indebtedness soon finds a large proportion of its revenue swallowed up in interest charges which are quite beyond its control. Therefore, any county which can say that it is absolutely debenture free is in a very fortunate position.

The annual levy which it must impose is made just so much lower, and its citizens reap the benefit. While it may not be practicable in a city, which requires utilities and equipment not needed by a county, for such a corporation as a county the "pay as you go" policy would appear to be the most satisfactory in all respects.

Wellington is indeed in a proud position among the counties of Ontario

We've appreciated the loyalty of subscribers who are renewing their subscriptions these days, and also the new friends who are forming regular acquaintanceships with The Flesherton Advance by having it come to their home every week.

Other Papers' Opinions

RADIO FANS ARE THE GOATS

Simcoe county council, by resolution, has fyled a protest against the annual radio fee of two dollars. Quite reasonable, but were this cut off how is the great extravagance of a Dominion Radio Commission, at an annual cost of many thousand dollars, to be provided for by the Dominion Government. There must be a goat and the radio fans are good subjects.—Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin.

MAKING OWN CLOTHES

Spinning wheels are in active operation in Western Canada, Norwegian settlers setting the example. Wool cannot be sold on the market at a producing price, and so these thrifty people are making their own clothes This statement will cause older citizens to look back to their grandparents' time, and it might be well to revive other operations, which did so much to make contented homes at that period.—Aylmer Express.

HYDRO EXCHANGE

Many municipaliies opposed paying their share of the Hydro exchange bill, but the majority are taking a sensible view of this matter. It was decided at a convention of the Municipal Electric Association by a vote of 2 to 1 for the Hydro Commission pay about 46 per cent. and the remaining 54 per cent. to be paid by the municipalities. This seems like a very fair way out of a serious situation as the drain on the reserves of the Ontario Hydro Commission and also on the rreserves of the various municipalities will not be impaired to such an extent, as if either had to pay the whole amount. It will not locally. Now that this matter has been settled by such a large majority vote all municipalities will likely fall into line —Tara Leader.

NO "BLASTING" HERE

The Russon barter deal is "off" inso far as a successful negotiation by Ottawa is concerned. This may, or may not, mean advantage—just as one is prepared to look at it—but it can scarcely be denied that it is not a help towards the easement of the present economical situation, where trade is held to be primarily responsible for a return of prosperous conditions. This aspect of the whole matter is to be regretted. From what has been given us in an official way concerning the proposal it would seem that a more advantageous step could have been taken in the matter if enquiries were set afoot to ensure the bonifides of the proposal, rather than in finding excuses as to why we should object to trade with a nation whose economic and national ideals are different from ours. Trade is necessary to the life of the world. Intercourse among nations should be promoted rather than denied. The healthiest way to this end is trade—Beeton World.

THE CASTING VOTE

The statutes provide that when two candidates for the wardenship have the same number of votes the reeve of the municipality with the highest assessment shall have the deciding vote. In the case of the tie vote for the wardenship of Bruce the reeve of Brant had the casting vote. Brant with an equalized assessment of $2,582,000 (we are not quoting the hundreds) had already two votes on the wardenship and was, under the existing law, granted a third. Carrick with an assessment of $2,431,000, Huron with $2,327,000, Greenock with $1,884,000, Culross with $1,943,000. Elderslie with $1,802,000 and Arran with $1,791,000 had only one vote. Because these large municipalities fall short of having enough votes to entitle them to a deputy reeve they have only one vote for the wardenship this year. Brant had three times as many. Three votes for $2,582,000 assessment is one for every $860,000 while in the case of the other townships referred to they have only one vote for over twice as much assessment. It would be an improvement on the present law for a tie vote on the wardenship if the statutes were amended to give the casting vote in case of a tie on the wardenship to the most highly assessed township with only one representative. So far as the result is concerned there would not have been any difference but it seems manifestly unfair that in a vote on any question one municipality should have three times the voting strength of others which have nearly as large an assessment.—Chesley Enterprise.

HEALTH

by Frederick Tennyson M.D.

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SUNLIGHT

Light means life. If it were not for the light and heat of the sun, life, as we know it, could not exist on earth. No wonder that the ancients worshipped the sun as a god, for even they recognized the power of this great planet.

Light is made up of a number of different lengths, having different properties. White light can be broken up into different colors, as is seen in the rainbow; red forms a band at one edge, and violet a band at the other edge. Beyond these bands there exist rays of light which we cannot see and which are called infrared and ultra-violet.

The different rays produce different effects upon the body. It is difficult to say what are the effects of sunlight upon the body as distinct from other climatic factors, such as fresh air, wind, temperature and humidity.

Following upon an unusual exposure of the skin to sunlight, reddening occurs quickly as a result of the warmth of the sun's rays. This is followed by an inflammatory reaction, further reddening and subsequent tanning caused by the ultra-violet rays. The extent to which this occurs depends upon the length of the exposure and upon the individual himself. Individuals vary in their response to sunlight. Sunlight is powerful and we cannot all stand the same amount of exposure to its rays.

The effects of sunlight, whether natural or artificial, are not limited to the skin. Light and air influence metabolism, by which is meant the entire functioning of the body. By stimulating metabolism, a general sense of well-being is produced, and in this way, the mind and the body are both affected. We know very little about any definite values of sunlight! what is known is the common experience of a feeling of greater energy after exposure to sunlight and air.

While small doses of light may be good, larger doses may be harmful, if not destructive. What is good for the normal healthy person may be harmful for the sick. Because sunlight is helpful in one form of tuberculosis, it does not follow that its effect is beneficial in all forms of the disease.

Ultra-violet rays are successfully used in the treatment of one form of skin disease; in others they appear helpful, while in others still, they have injurious effects.

As far as normal persons are concerned, there is no conclusive proof of the many specific beneficial effects which are claimed for sunlight. As a treatment for disease, sunlight should be regarded as a powerful agent to be used according to the directions of someone who is qualified to prescribe treatment, this being particularly true as regards any form of artificial light treatment.

Low prices did not bring big crowds on ocean liners in 1932, so the price for 1933 is going up. Low fares on high seas did not work.

Car experts say that 90 years of age is no handicap to a good car driver. But the public would feel surer about it if the boy's father was along.

The Gangster's Warning

Written for The Advance

A ganster lived in a cabin
Way up in a lonely mount
He had no friends but a pony,
And a dog, so lean and gaunt;
He was a curse to the cow-men,
Rustling and stealing their herds,
'Till at last they assembled, one moonlight night
And headed the broncs for the woods.

They aimed to end that rustler
And riddle his hide with shot,
But they little dreamed that someone
With terror had heard the plot.
She saddled her pinto quickly
And galloped away to the right,
Up a short hidden trail, to the gangster's,
On a sombre, death-filled night.

She ran in the open doorway
Straight into the gangster's arms;
"They're coming," she cried and kissed him,
"So you must ride out of harm."
"No!" said he, "I will face them,
But 'tis you who had better ride
Away from the bullets to safety,"
But quickly she stepped by his side.

Up the trail came the pounding of hoof-beats,
Riders streaked out of the woods,
They thought, as they leaped from their saddles,
They'd catch him there with the goods.
Surprised was the rancher to see her,
His daughter, by that rustler's side;
"Dad, if you kill him, my sweet-heart,
There will be two who will have died."

"What does this mean?" aske d the rancher,
"Have you turned against me?" he cried;
"It means that Jack isn't a ganster,
If you kill him I'll suicide."
"If I give you my girl," said the rancher,
"Will you leave my cattle alone?"
"I have never touched your cattle," he answered,
"My heart is as clean as your own."

"But men from out of the dry-gulch
Have driven your cattle through
And I have stayed here as a witness
To prove their guilt to you."
"Then," cried the rancher, "You shall have her,
"Gangster may be wiped from your name;
Daughter, I ask your forgiveness,
Of you, son, I ask the same."

—IRMA SMITH.

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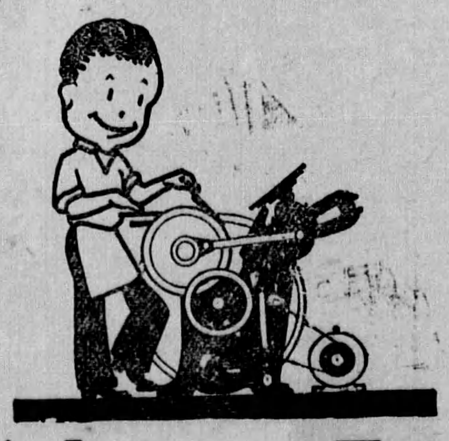

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