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EDITORIAL ITEMS

Bernard Shaw may talk too much: but it cannot be denied that he has learned one truth well: it pays to advertise.

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Rubber is now cheap enough in Great Britain to warrant dealers in selling odd lots as firewood. It is said to burn well with a pleasant odor, igniting more easily than wood, and leaving no ash behind. Now here we have a use for our leaky "goloshes."

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With hundreds of tons of rails rusting at various divisional points on the National Railway and of miles of unused rails to be found in other places, a correspondent raises the point of propriety in the government railing authorities giving orders for further supplies. Such "management" will not help to reduce the big deficits that now have to be met by the taxpayers.

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Fearful and wonderful are the manipulations of the tax laws by the authorities at Ottawa. Here are two pat examples: First the Minister of National Revenue announced a reduction of one-third in the excise tax on cigarets and alcoholic drinks. Then, in the new tariff law, a new tax of two cents on sugar was announced. Thus they have reduced the tax on luxuries and to more than make up the revenue lost put the heavy tax on a household necessity!

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The Secretary of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce voices the opinion of that commercial organization, in the declaration that government marketing experiences almost always result in colossal loss. Certainly there was good corroboration of this view in the result of the United States Farm Board which lost to the public $450,000,000 in respect of wheat alone. The political adventurers in marketing seem to make as many blunders as do the amateur financiers who pile taxes on us all, regardless of the ability of their victims to pay.

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A remarkable substance is now being marketed. It is known as Cardice or dry ice, and is actually solid carbon dioxide. The remarkable feature of it is that when it "melts" it leaves no moisture whatever, merely evaporating into the atmosphere. Dry ice will be of particular value in the transportation of perishable goods such as fish and dairy produce. Dr. Littler of the British Society of Chemical Industry, gives the product his blessing in the declaration that by using dry ice instead of the natural product it will be possible to freeze fish within a few minutes of their capture so that when they are served at the table the flesh will be as fresh and palatable as that of a trout just caught from a neighboring stream. But perhaps in this neighborhood the old method of freezing will be adhered to until the producers of the substitute are able to market it at a very low price.

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To some government "plum" holders the collection of a small percentage of their salaries to aid in fattening up the tax collections of the Province really has no alarm. There is, for example, the defeated candidate in the last general election who is drawing a salary of $14,000 a year as the Chairman of the Provincial Compensation Act; the Vice-Chairman of the same organization who draws $9,000 per annum; and the two other members of the Board who are each paid $8,000 a year. The duties of anyone of these men could be performed by very many citizens in ordinary business and industrial life, and if the posts were advertised at salaries of less than half the amount provided for them out of the taxes there would be no difficulty whatever in having the places filled with as great or greater efficiency than now prevails. While the ordinary taxpayer is being harrassed by ever-increasing taxes, what is the excuse for all this favoritism among office-holders?

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Isaac Watts writes about ants: "They wear not their time out in sleeping or play . . ." Surely he had no idea of their winter sleep. Burns writes ("The Banks of the Dee"): ". . . and sweetly the nightingale sang from the tree. . . ." His critic, Ige Thompson, points out that a nightingale never sings on a tree, but in a low shrub. The old poet, Thomas Haynes Bayly, wishes himself "to be a butterfly born in a bower . . ." But butterflies are too careful for that; they hide in a crack of a wall.

Spring poets are now preparing to blossom. They will do well to profit by the mistakes of the verse-makers of the past, who are found to have taken "poetic license" to an extent, in many instances, far from warranted by truth, as has recently been well set forth by a correspondent. Drayton (1563-1631) writes:

"This maiden in a morn betime
Went forth when Hay was in the prime—
To get the honeysuckle, the harlock,
The lily and the Lady Smock."

The "Lady Smock" is the Great Convolvulus and blooms only three months later.

William Strode (almost forgotten) writes:

"... places which pale passion loves
Moonlight walks when all the fowls
Are warmly housed save bats and owls!"

Large Camps Are Barred

Generally speaking, the plans of the non-active permanent militia for training this summer are that the number of days for about 30,000 men will be each 10 days, Hon. D. M. Sutherland, Minister of National Defence, told the House of Commons on Thursday. In some cases like signallers the period would be 12 days. There will be no camps in the general sense they were understood some years ago, the minister stated. Similar camps will be used for a few days—for week-ends; but there would be no large camps. A large quota from the artillery would get training to keep them up to efficiency. The vote this year for the non-permanent active militia is $1,994,000, or an increase of $111,000 over last year. The non-permanent force must be kept on an efficient basis and this was the reason for the increase, Mr. Sutherland said.

Young man who was proposing to his girl in a motor car didn't get his answer until the day afterward in the hospital.

Jas. Batty of St. Vincent died last week in Toronto after surgical treatment. He was prominent in Grey County as a breeder of live stock and was an exhibitor at the fall exhibitions.

Fifteen years after the end of the World War the War Graves Commission reports that the remains of soldiers are still being recovered at the rate of 800 per year. Those who seem bent on another war in Europe might make a note of this.

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Eight Brothers Win Fame In Orchestras

It hardly seems fair that genius, so successfully elusive of 99 out of every 100 of the hum-drum, every day people, should lavish her affection upon a whole family at once, and mark the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Large of Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, for her favor. But just to prove that this ineffable "genius", is an utterly irresponsible sort of sprite, it is acknowledged she has bestowed the gift of music upon the seven sons of Mr. and Mrs. Large.

"The Large Brothers", as they are known in the east, are the nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Munshaw, of Edmonton. Although the boys were all born in Grey County, Ontario, the family moved west in 1911 and resided in Edmonton until 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Large, themselves, both have musical accomplishments, and two of the uncles of the boys, Mr. J. Newton Large and Mr. Harold Large, were nationally known as musicians.

During their residence in Edmonton Mr. and Mrs. Large were members of Knox church choir and the boys attended Knox Sunday school, and Queen Alexandra and Oliver schools.

The youngest boy, Douglas, who died when he was quite young, gave promise of great genius. At the age of six, he gave a violin recital in Buffalo and there were great hopes for a brilliant future.

The other six boys have established themselves as professional musicians and have gained recognition in spite of all opposition. Today Fred and Gerald Large may be heard in orchestra programs over the most powerful broadcasting systems, N.B.C., and C.B.C., from Philadelphia, Cleveland, Dayton, Cincinnati, Kansas City and Chicago. They play in the famous Jan Garber's orchestra, of which Fred Large is the leader. They are now playing over W.L.W., Cincinnati, from Netherland Plaza and after Easter they are booked for an engagement to play at the World's Fair in Chicago.

ORGANIZED OWN BAND

Before they joined Jan Garber's musicians, Fred and Gerald, with three of their friends, had organized a band. Fred was the conductor and they were known as "Little Freddie Large's Band." Gaining popularity in western New York, the orchestra became enlarged to fifteen pieces. Jan Garber heard them play in Cincinnati, was immediately interested, and adopted them within his company. They have been heard frequently in vaudeville concert. Fred Large plays the saxophone with just that syncopation and sobbing melody that won fame for the great Guy Lombardo's saxophone player, so that in an eastern press notice it is remarked "A lot of W.G.N. listeners believe that they have been hearing Guy Lombardo between 10.50 and 11:10 p.m. over W.G.N. Jan Garber's orchestra has been mistaken for the Royal Canadians elsewhere too. . ."

Kenneth and Ralph have won their laurels in orchestra work and now play daily for television between Montreal and New York, leaders of the nine-piece orchestra, known as "Ken Large's Canadians." They first gained recognition at Niagara Falls, playing at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Engagements followed at St. Catherine's, Toronto, summer resorts of the Muskoka and finally at Montreal where they have played over the La Presse station and at Place Viger and the Maples.

The other two boys, Jack and Frank, are the younger members of the family, and are beginners in their profession but are engaged in orchestra work and are fast gaining the recognition accorded their brilliant brother musicians.

WERE NOT ENCOURAGED

Depression didn't enter into the "mass career" of the Large brothers at all. In spite of every opposition they were true to the gifts of genius. The parents of the boys, at first, strongly objected to their study of music. They felt that the dependable living of the good, solid, practical business man was safer employment than the more brilliant career of the professional musician, which is, after all, only achieved by those of marked genius. Mr. and Mrs. Large strove to quell the insistent voice of music which would, however, not be silent. They even refused the much demanded music lessons. But the "musical ear" was too strong a destiny. Each of the boys, from earliest years, was able to pick up a tune or a melody and interpret it with ease on any instrument. Each can "double" on whatever instrument he is given to play, reed, string or brass.

What was once the grief of the mother of Fred Large is now her pride. The story is told of how her young son, Fred, would come home from Sunday school in Edmonton and, sitting on the piano stool, with chubby legs dangling high above the pedals and pudgy fingers that couldn't reach the octave, try to play the songs he had heard. But the dull piano would refuse to give forth the proper melody, which he tried to pick out on the keys, whereupon Freddie would kick the stubborn instrument in rage. Such behavior would, of course, call forth parental discipline, but Fred would go right back to try again to play the haunting, tormenting melodies. Today Fred Large has composed several notable songs and the theme song of W.L.W. was written by him.

Recently it was heard that the boys had honored their grandfather on the occasion of his seventy-second birthday, celebrated on Thursday, March 2. It was with great pride that he heard their music over the air with special mention made of him and the songs sung specially for him. —Edmonton Bulletin.

You can't climb the ladder of success with cold feet.

CANADIAN CHEESE EXPORT

Reports to the Department from London, England, state that there is little indication of doubt that the price of Canadian cheese can be fairly held and that stocks will be out of the way before the new season's make arrives.

This statement was based on the fact that at March 1st, approximately 4,000 tons of Canadian cheese was on hand, with further arrivals estimated at 300 tons for March, and 200 tons for April. In 1931 old Canadians finished on September 4th at 70s. per cwt. In 1932 old Canadians finished on July 15th, after a rapid upward swing in price to 84s. per cwt.

In the present year, from January 1st to the beginning of this month the price has continued constant 60s to 68s., being just two points under the corresponding period of last year.

VICTORIA CORNERS

The ladies of the W. M. S. held their annual quilting at the home of Mrs. Chas. Moore on Tuesday.

Milton Bannon spent the week in Toronto.

Miss Cora Richardson and Mr. Carl Bradley, Toronto, spent the week end at Mr. J. H. Richardson's.

Mrs. Earl Walton and Miss Elva Wiltshire spent a day at Will. Acheson's.

Mr. Will. Ludlow of Woodstock visited his brother, George.

Y. P. S. was held at Walter Nichol's last week.

BORN

STEWART — In Toronto to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart, a son.

Spring is here, but it feels as if it sprang too soon.

A woman feigned illness in a store and the storekeeper lost $50. Then the storekeeper felt sick.

Statistician claims after a survey that the country village and small town are coming into their own again.

The number of cattle in Ontario is increasing and that has a direct bearing on the fact that there are one-third less trains running than in 1929.

United States is taking measures to prevent the raiding of her supply of gold. The present heap of gold in United States seems to be about as effective in righting matters as was the golden calf of old.

DANCE—At Eugenia, Friday, April 7th, under L.O.L. auspices. Admission 25c. Ladies with lunch free.

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