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EDITORIAL

Conferences of Trustees and Ratepayers

conventions will be held on the 20th inst, at Brookwith a view to preparation for the reconstruction over \$12,000,000. which is inevitable. The invitation to attend these conventions is as wide as the educational interest of the inspectorate. Men and women, all ratepayers, and particularly all trustees will be welcome. Among the subjects which will be offered for discussion will be Consolidation of Schools, substitution of Township will be opportunity for freest discussion by all and one. Making the Weekly Sun the official newspaper also for any questions concerning the organization of the farmers' organization will give it an increased initiative powers, which lie dormant, and management of the schools, Legislative Grants, prestige, and will enable it to speak with authority for and other revelant topics. These gatherings will be invaluable to all interested in the progress of education. .The movement is of vital importance.

The Agricultural Representative

-A-review of the Agricultural Representative syspast five or six years, and a description of many phases of the work, is given in a sessional document just issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. For a long time it had been felt that between the farmers and the government institutions, here. maintained for the purpose of advancing his interests, there was no easy or well-established means of communication. Through the Agricultural Representaactivities have been so general and far-reaching as to touch almost every phase of instruction and demonstration necessary for advanced farm methods. As a result farming in many sections has been much improved, rendered more profitable and farm land values enhanced. One of the most important undertakings under the auspices of the representatives has been the effort to encourage the young men on the farms and to give them a clearer insight into agricultural problems. This was shown here last week in the stock judging classes. It was illustrated throughout the county last year in the instructions given in handling farm tractors, hints on drainage the selection of seeds, spraying, and in many other ways. The Agricultural Representative system is one of the most practical means of assisting our farmers that has been adopted in recent years.

Women Qualified to Vote

There is a growing interest in the franchise of women, and information is sought as to how women's names may be placed on the Voters' Lists. The act respecting elections to the Legislative Assembly, passed at the session of 1918, says: "Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained the persons entitled to be entered on the list of voters shall be the following and no others: Every man and every woman who (a) is a British subject by birth or naturalization; (b) is not disqualified under the Ontario Elections Act or otherwise by law prohibited from votnext preceeding the day of nomination; and is in for the three months next preceding the same, a refers to the matter and says: "The Assessment Act advantages of spending the summer months on the purpose of helping blind persons to ed a paper made from asbestos fiber, is amended by adding the following: "The assessor farm. shall mark the letters "L. F." meaning Legislative Franchise, upon the assessment roll opposite the will like the result still less.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Naturally the tariff question will be up for con sideration during the present session of the House of Commons, though little has been mooted respecting the matter as yet. It seems to be the somewhat general feeling that tariff problems should rest in abeyance until the great issues growing out of the war are solved. Few would object, however, to the removal or at least the reduction of some of the oppressive war taxes which the people have been obliged to meet the past four years. V

two and three years.

The Canadian Department of Fisheries and the Unites States Bureau of Pisheries are planting Chinook salmon eggs from the Pacific coast in the Because of this fact they fall. In spite top of the long bill toboggan-coasting. St. Lawrence river system. If this splendid variety of British Columbia salmon can be developed satis- have turned the tide for them, and gan, or even a good, long sled, had factorily in our interior waters the advantage to Ontario. The subscription price is \$1.60 per year, in castern Canada and the United States will be very best possible living. great.

> It will be very welcome news to the general public given the tempted one courage enough ing. to have the assurance that the prices of food stuffs have commenced on the downward movement. At as do not intend to fail. We are cour- them protty deliberately. "Any time the annual convention of the Wholesale Grocers of Ontario in Toronto last-week it was shown that flour discouraged or have a sense of loneli- back the other seronely. "I don't mean foods such as starch, syrup, lard and oatmeal have al been reduced in price. Cereal products are also dropping in price, according to the wholesalers.

British plans for after the war trade seem to have of a struggle to-day than it used to be, that could let her appreciate so fine The suggestion of J. M .Denyes, Inspector of been well laid in advance, judging by recent trade Temptations are greater by far and saying. Public Schools, in his annual report respecting con- returns. Imports in January increased \$85,000,000 sin is vastly more insidious in its ferences of trustees and ratepayers, is about to be over December, while exports gained \$42,000,000. given effect. For the northerly section of the county British commerce and finance have flourished despite the one to whom it is officered. It is bushes and the county by the first tile one to whom it is officered. adverse trade balances. Britain's adverse or import a good thing to remember that this to that -in everything! The fellow ville, and on the 21st at Georgetown. The intention balance for the past six scars was over \$14,000,000,- helpful, always unlitting. I we not is to make these gatherings practical and suggestive 000, while United States had a favorable balance of Christians, we will neek to be like him. thing bonde the weather. He couldn't

The United Farmers of Ontario have done a very wise thing in purchasing the Weekly Sun, instead of establishing a new paper and multiplying papers unnecessarily. The Weekly Sun is essentially a farmers' Boards of Trustees for the present Section system, paper and always has been. It always stood loyally Medical and Dental Inspection and Truancy. There for farmers' interests. Its editorial staff is an able

As hinted in the address at the opening of the "the spotted child" is usually the re-Ontario Legislature the Provincial Treasurer announced last Friday that the Ontario Government's play. No wonder such a child is restwar tax of one mill on the dollar is to be dicontinued. tem which has been in operation in Ontario for the This will be welcome news. There has been a haunt- glos and mentality. ing fear that this tax might not be easily climinated. The discontinuance of this tax will mean a reduction sometimes reversed, and the child tells the horizon at the same time, and of of Acton's taxes for 1919 by at least \$567.00. This will be a salutary start to the return to lower taxes markable, when this is done, what

the farmers of the province.

Interesting figures given in the last number of the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics," issued tives this has been largely changed in Ontario. Their by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, show that the total production of wheat in 1918 in the fifteen countries of the northern hemisphere-Spain, England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherland, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, United States, British India, Japan, Egypt, and Tunis-was ,981,937,000 bushels, as against 1,698,429,000 bushels in 1917, and 1,870,450,000 bushels, the annual average

> Lady Laurier is manifestly not interested in securing public monies for personal profit. It is announced from Ottawa that she has intimated that she does not desire a pension from the Government, as suggested by the Ottawa press, for the reason that she has need of none. Having ample funds to supply ling them and while they are damp or ed a guest, who was being shown the all requirements, she does not wish to draw upon the odors. Cold water is better for bathpublic treasury. A number of years ago friends of ling than warm water after handling the lady's roply. the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier made him a gift of \$100,000, following a precedent set in the life of Sir John Macdonald, and this sum with other funds now passes to Lady Laurier.

Indications point to a continuance of the work of the farmerettes, nothwithstanding the ending of the him to give her the details of the war. The work of the girls on the farms last summer was of such value that their services will again Wipera thep interrupted the be sought during the busy months of the present year. Numbers of young women who have long Wipers"-"Fep," said the Queen summer holidays, such as school teachers and college The next day, the Duke of Connaught ing; (c) has resided in Canada for the twelve months girls, will gladly embrace the opportunity again of asked the V. C. how he liked the healthful outdoor work and the attendant exercise sir, but what a pity she biccoughs so. Scientists saw the voices of Caruso, good faith on the last mentioned day and has been which builds up physical vigor. The Women's Land Army, which is now affligted with the United States' TRANSLATING SIGHT INTO SOUND phonodelk. resident of and domiciled in the electoral district in Department of Labor, is already actively engaged in which the polling subdivision in which he or she efforts to bring before the young women of the country the patriotic duty, as well as the numerous

The Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, readily. This traslation of sight into the intensity of the heat was greatly name of every person entered thereon who is assessed announced last Friday that "a wide open referendum at his place of residence and who appears to be on the Prohibition question will be taken in Ontario, cuita. Through an ordinary telephone mentation is expected to result in a qualified to be entered on the list of voters prepared possibly in September next or possibly sooner, for the under the Ontario Election Act, 1918." It is desirable people to determine what measure they want. I be- eye over the printed page. that every woman chtitled to vote should see that her lieve the people will be able to vote on the question name is on the Voters' List. The women of Canada in a very open fashion. When the boys come home, will have the vote on Federal prohibition and the possibly in September or before, or it may be women of Ontario on Provincial prohibition. The little later, the people will decide the question for liquor interests do not like the prospects, and they themselves, and the reference will be wide upon, as is desired by the Temperance people and the Liquor interests. Whatever the verdict of the people may be, eighteen months, and then from a it will be upheld by the Government. The people Macintyre for the second. will be given every opportunity of expressing in the fullest possible manner their desires on this important question." If the Government means, as "All weet ye see, your name's Mac voiced by Mr. McGarry, that a straight vote on the Intyre." straight issue of Prohibition "Yes or No" will be sultor taken, every citizen of Ontario should be satisfied all my linen's marked 'Macl.'-that's with such a "wide open referendum." There will be why, Donald." little doubt as to the result.

The publisher of a paper must live as well as the clothier, the drygoods man or the grocer. To get the wherewith to live he has one thing to sell and A resolution was passed at the recent convention another thing to rent. He sells his paper and he his half in the middle." of the Rural Municipal Association of Ontario re- rents the space in his columns; these are his principal questing the Provincial Government to amend the sources of income, and can anyone inform us why he Municipal Act by making provision that members of is expected to give either away? He can, of course, Municipal Councils continuo in office for two years. do so if he chooses, and as a matter of fact, he does By this plan elections would be held every two years. furnish a good deal of his space rent free. But it decide against our first impulse. We This suggestion has some practical value. A member does not follow that he ought to be expected to do remember what other people are very of Council, if possessed of any aptitude and ability so as a matter of course, and further, when once he that we are likely to lose something for the transaction of municipal business, would does it ought to be recognized as a contribution just we value, if we do not exercise selfnaturally bo of more value, after a year's experience, as much us the sugar or coffee given by the grocer, action we finally decide on may be far to the community he is elected to serve. Under But it is not generally looked at in that light, yet superior to our earlier impulse, the existing conditions, with annual elections the majority everybody knows that the very existence of a news- it gives us a glimpse of the realities of the members of Councils elected have absolutely paper depends upon the selling of the paper and the of our nature, beneath the conventional no experience. A better plun and one that would en- rent of the space as much as a merchant's success by the sober second thought, we should sure an element of continuity would be to adopt depends upon the sale of his goods. There is just as fall to realize the weakness against the method of election by which School Trustees are much reason for the merchant giving his goods away elected. Guelph's new City Council Act has adopted free as there is for the publisher .-- Simcoo Reformer. this principle and members are elected to serve one, This sane, reasonable presentation of an important whether we are inside or outside. fact will commend itself to all thoughtful readers.

BE CHEERFUL

sympathetic expression, a warm hand- without interfering dangerously, proclasp, and sometimes only a smile, vided there was good skillful steerto fight, and the victory is won. Cheer the tried ones. The most of a toy, who was making his preparaersoun at heart, but sometimes be- fore sunset!" cause we are physically weak or a bit "Don't you worry, Dobbyt" called ness we give up when trouble comes, to start till I'm ready, if you do hurry and as a result of failure we are me. There's a lot in getting headed

Break a good word of cheer. It costs down the bill well abreast of the J. Wilbur Chapman.

THE CHILD-LET IT WORK OUT ITS OWN ENTERTAINMENT

seeming to pay his whole attention Let a child entertain itself, or chiltren entertain themselves most of the welcome that will "start the ball roll-

But let it be only a start. If you wish your child's imagination devel-the goal-stake, and out of the track of the others. But the girl who know ed, prove such an asset in after life. Resourcefulness is another talent nipped in the bud, when a child is continunily entertained, so that play means no effort at all. What is known as suit of childhood's days where no cffort is ever made for itself, in work or less, unmanageable, mischievous, with no outlet whatever for stored-up ener-

more telling factor, if the usual rule is Only half of this number can be above mother a story, instead of always be- this half, many will be so close to the ng told one. And It is indeed, reexquisite little fancies are found to eye can see between fifteen hundred

WORTH REMEMBERING

little brains.

of turpentine will remove paint. When baby falls and gets a bump put butter on the bruise, and it wil not turn black and blue. To drive away red anta, break up fresh cake of yeast and sprinkle the Mildew can be removed by rubbing

with green tomato and salt. wards expose to the sun. If stove blacking is mixed with strong coffee, the blacking will stick clouer and polish last longer. Cranberry poultice is said to be good are. Warm bran and comment will clean

furs. Give them a good, brisk rubbing in the meal, then hang in the air After handling codflah, onlons or any odorous substance, ground mus- play the hostess. tard rubbed on the hands after bath-

THAT SAME OLD NAME

This good story in the N. Y. Times is attributed to the Duke of Connaught. The Queen, is accms, puntillously corrects mispronunciation of ed man in hospital, her Majesty asked "Well, your Majesty, we were and check the advance. After we left

A wonderful little instrument, called the optiphone or phonopticum, has been invented as a mechanical eya. It resembles a telephone and is for the The letters of the alphabet are trans- Iron and cobult, that resisted a red mitted into sounds, and the blind per- heat for two hours, without suffering son, once learning the sounds, can read any damage. No harm resulted until sound is due to highly sensitized selen- increased and the paper was exposed tum bars or crystals in electric cir- in it for ten hours. Further experireceiver, the blind person can hear paper and link that will be practically the sounds as he passes the mechanical

The apparatus comprising the opti phone weighs fifty-five pounds, and the mechanical eye weighs two pounds.

the was concly, and a widow, and "I'm no guid enough for you, dear!"

he widepered. "What for did ye choose

me out o' sae mony?"

HIS HALF

"Mamma," shouted little Lennie from the nursery, "Johnnie wants half "Well," asked the mother, "lan't h entitled to half of it?" "Yes," replied Lennie, "but he wante

THE REVEALING IMPULSE

It is our involuntary acts which re-

Our views of society depend upo-

GETTING HEAD

Multitudes of propie are discouraged. The boys and girls were all out on of training and talent they go down in It was a aptended alide from that high life's struggle. A word of cheer would hilltop. Every boy who had a tobogwould have led them for from the invited some nice girl to go with thim, gloom and into the clear light of the if not half a dozen, and the merry Cheer the tempted. Temptation la and fours, for the country road ways on every aide of us. A kind word at wide enough to go neveral abreast

greatly weakened, when we might have right when it's a race you're going in emerged from the conflict with a new for. The girl on the "slow" toboggan

consciousness of power and be more ready for the next trial when it ap- chapped her hands and her face lit up with aprociation. The girl was his Cheer the young man. Life is more own slater, with a quick, bright wit

she murmured in his car as they sped The boy's cars grew red with some with praise as that was. "Wonder if she meant anything;" he

said to himself, steering skillfully, and

to the way the none of the sled wan veering. "Smoke and nuch-I've only just begun. Believe I'll stop it. She tions and helps from grown-ups are wouldn't call that 'getting headed He looked at her numericiously as they reached the bottom of the hill, first at "Quess not, but you can't tell!" he

THE NUMBER OF STAR

muttered to himself as they turned to

tug the toboggan up hill together.

"Sho's the kind that can drive a nail

without splitting the shingle-girl o

ness of the atmosphere. An average emerge fresh and dewy from fertile and two thousand stars on a clear evening. Lucid stars are those which are visible to the naked eye, in contrast with telescopic stars which can been seen only by the aid of the teles-

An exact estimate of the total number of telescopic stars in impossible. but the general supposition is that between fifty and a hundred million can be seen with a large telescope. In addition to these, the photographic art has made it possible to photograph stars which are fainter than the eye can see in any telescope. The total to know just how many stars there

COULD TAKE IT EASY

"What beautiful chickens!" exclaim-"Yes; they're all prize fowl," was

"Oh, really; do the ylay every day? "Oh, they could, of course," said the purse-proud lady, "but for people in our position it is not necessary for

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