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EDITORIAL

The United States is evidently very much in favor of good highways, both state and federal. According to an estimate issued by the Bureau of Public Roads, that country will spend almost \$600,000,000 for work on roads during 1919. The various state highway departments plan to spend \$385,000,000, which will pay for building 40,000 miles of road and for maintaining 300,000 miles; and by the terms of the appropriation for the Post Office Department the federal government will contribute \$200,000,000.

The farmers of the country are clearly opposed to the Daylight Saving plan, and they put forth very forcible arguments to show why they cannot favor this much-talked-of scheme. Out of 25 farmers who took their produce to Stratford for sale on Saturday last, only one favored the daylight saving plan. This one man was really not a farmer, but a market gardener, who thought daylight saving was a good plan because the schools were dismissed an hour earlier, and he was able to obtain more work from his two boys.

The value of the effort the past year or so to increase production is seen now, among other things, in the greatly increased quantities of beans now held for home consumption and export. Before the war Canada regularly imported large quantities of beans of all sorts, but owing to the very large production last year there are now some two and a half million bushels available for export. Wheat flour also can just now be supplied in unlimited quantities at prices favorable to purchasers, and there are large stocks of oatmeal and rolled oats as well as desiccated vegetables in cans stored within the Dominion.

The Mayor of Guelph, who is also Secretary of the Horticultural Society, intends to prevent any unnecessary mutilation of shade trees in that city, by wiremen or others. This notice is published: "In unnecessary mutilation of shade trees in that city, from mutilation and destruction, the Secretary requests that all cases of tree cutting or trimming be reported to him, unless the work is being done with the consent of the owner of the property adjoining. Last year this Society secured conviction of linemen, and we intend to carefully guard our trees." A little such supervision by Acton Horticultural Society would have good results here.

Up to a few years ago the great bulk of Canada's gold production was mined in British Columbia and the Yukon. To-day Ontario produces upwards of half of the gold mined in the Dominion. In reviewing the gold mining industry of Canada, as shown in recent Government reports on the mineral output for 1918, it is an interesting fact that the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, at Timmins, Ontario, produced about 67 per cent. of the total gold production of Ontario and close to 40 per cent. of the output for the whole Dominion. This is the mining property visited by members of the Canadian Press Association on one of their last excursions to study the industrial interests of Canada.

The Special Assessment Committee of the Provincial Legislature has adopted a recommendation by the Premier giving municipalities the power to pass by-laws for approval by the ratepayers, granting partial exemption from taxation of the homes of people of moderate means. This proposed exemption will be graded on the following basis: Houses assessed at not more than \$2,000 to be taxed 50 per cent. of their value; not more than \$2,500 on 60 per cent. of value; not more than \$3,000, on 70 per cent. basis; not more than \$3,500, on an 80 per cent. basis; not more than \$4,000, on a 90 per cent. basis; all houses exceeding \$4,000 in value to pay taxes upon the full valuation.

The question of the hours for labor is a live one to-day in all countries where labor organizations are looking after the interests of their members. The Youths' Companion tritely remarks, however, that it is often a serious disadvantage to capable men to have their hours of labor arbitrarily restricted, since that prevents them from using their superior strength to get ahead in the world. Fortunately, no power on earth can prevent a man from using his mind as many hours a day as he pleases. In that circumstance lies a man's power to rise; if he will use his leisure to study his work and to think about it, he can still get ahead. The two great presidents of the Canadian Pacific Railway began among the humblest ranks of employes.

Appearances are often deceptive. The poorly dressed individual we sometimes see on the street may not be a vagrant, nor even a gentleman in hard luck. He may be only careless. Similarly, the house that is badly in need of painting may not be the home of slovenly people, or of a family which is financially embarrassed, but the owner may be a trifle neglectful. Nevertheless, it is true, that the apparel often makes the man. Likewise a man often either makes his own environment or his environment makes him. Painstaking, weather-beaten houses, whether in town or country, have a most depressing effect on those who live in them, or near them. In addition, wood and metal materials rapidly deteriorate if not given a protective covering of some sort. Even whitewash or a coat of good oil and oil is better than nothing, but for better service and a wide variety of artistic effects paints are essential.

Do not demobilize your war garden. It should be put to the strength of the permanent forces of production. Gardening not only increased the food supply during the war, but it also added much to the total of human health and happiness. It is an institution that should be kept on a war footing.

A bill introduced in the Legislature last week makes important additions to the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The principal change is a 50 per cent. increase in pension allowance to widows, so that a widow will now receive under the act a minimum of \$30 a month, with an additional allowance for each child of \$7.50. The allowance was formerly \$20 for the widow and \$5 for each child.

That November 11th be set apart by the Dominion Government as a permanent Thanksgiving Day for Canada is being urged by many Canadian organizations. The world war was ended on the 11th of November. On the 11th of November Right triumphed over Might. What day could be more fittingly set apart on which to rejoice and be exceedingly glad and thankful?

The County Council of Middlesex County has passed a by-law protecting all birds and game in the county for a period of five years. This action was taken on account of the unscrupulous slaughter of birds and game, and the consequent increase of insect pests. This is a commendable action. The scientists, however, say the blackbird should be destroyed, inasmuch as it destroys much more than it saves.

Acton has always been noted for its tidy and sanitary condition. Now that spring has opened there will be a general cleaning up of lawns, back yards, and premises generally. The attention to this matter faithfully is what has given our town such a remarkably clean bill of health and also enhanced the attractiveness of our homes, our home surroundings, as well as our streets and avenues. The corporation is about to engage in cleaning up the streets, let every citizen follow this lead and do their exterior cleaning of boulevards and home surroundings.

Industrially, financially and in commercial circles generally, there does not appear to be much pessimism in Canada. It is true that a few years ago one-tenth of the unrest now evident in Europe would have sent the financial and business worlds into a panic, but people have become used to the worst they believe could befall the human race and are hardened against fresh anxieties. The firm tone generally prevailing both in Canada and the United States these days is taken as belief that all will come out well, and that the world cannot afford not to make peace just now. Unemployment has been much less serious than was expected, and the great business of re-stocking exhausted supplies of essentials has still to be carried on. If only the question of prices could be settled, there would be much progress ahead.

With the idea of stimulating trade within the Dominion by encouraging immediate buying, the Canadian Trade Commission has just secured returns of certain foodstuffs now offering at prices favorable to buyers. It is the belief of the Commission's advisors that no immediate drop in general prices can take place in Canada yet. The Commission is doing everything possible to urge a stabilization of prices to restore confidence in the domestic market, and it suggests that wherever possible it would be wise to undertake buying now. It is known that retail stocks are low, and that large numbers of merchants are "holding-off" in the hope that there will be a general slump. As the peace treaty is not yet signed, and it may be many months before anything approaching normal conditions can be expected in Europe, there is no sign that expectation of this drop is justified.

Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Agriculture in the Hearst Government, seems to have as his pet aversion the United Farmers of Ontario. The organization which the agriculturists of this province are effecting he does not like. He sees in it a Grit scheme. Every office-holder in the U. F. O. is, he declares, a prominent Grit, and he quotes approvingly a wag who interpreted U. F. O. to mean "United for Office." The farmers organized and organizing are, according to Mr. Henry, "camouflaged, dyed-in-the-wool Grits." Mr. R. H. Halbert of Uxbridge, president of the U. F. O., delivered an address in Renfrew the other day, in the course of which he told of having come of Conservative stock and of always having voted that way before being identified with the U. F. O. Mr. Halbert also intimated that if having to choose between the two old parties, he would show a preference for Conservatism. Mr. A. E. White of Wellington, who accompanied Mr. Halbert to Renfrew on Saturday, will scarcely be regarded by anybody in Renfrew County as a Grit in disguise. By certain old cries Hon. Mr. Henry is seeking to stampede the United Farmers of Ontario. They are getting rather too clear a view of protection.—Renfrew Mercury.

The labor men are getting as indignant as the soldiers at the effrontery of the liquor interests in exploiting that hard-working organization to bolster up liquor's dying cause. Here is a striking letter from the editor of the Western Laborer, of Omaha: "This you may depend on—the Western Laborer will never let up until the booze industry of this country stops using organized labor as a badge of respectability and placards it as such in all the windows of all the booze joints in the country. Organized Labor is as good as the Elks, Masons, Woodmen, Knights of Columbus, or the other decent, respectable organizations of this country, and the booze industry would not dare use any of these as a front for their game."

Many towns and cities have experienced a scarcity of manure since the vacant-lot garden movement has become so popular. The St. Thomas Horticultural Society, a very wide-awake institution, has met this difficulty by collecting and storing annually about 400 loads of pavement sweepings, stable manure and leaves. This is stored in a convenient place just outside the city where it decomposes, being frequently turned to hasten rotting and prevent burning. It is afterwards applied to the Society's boulevard beds and to reclaimed waste areas, whilst some is sold to members. It is important that as much leaves and stable manure as possible be mixed with the pavement sweepings. This matter the Council might take up to secure concerted action.

WORK THAT IS ITS OWN REWARD

The reply of Agassiz to the committee which was ready to offer him a large sum for "lecturing a course of lecture," "Gentlemen, I have no time to make money," is deservedly classic. This is the case of Louis Agassiz. He is not the man who would sacrifice the point and suppose that the observation merely expressed the contempt of a man unworriedly suited for money. That is not the case. Louis Agassiz probably realized the value of wealth, but he was worth any amount more than money that he really sacrificed the wealth for his sake.

Now this is not the usual attitude. It is seen, it is felt, that Agassiz's little speech would have been remembered, and quoted numbers of times. But though his words represent a state of mind all too rare, it is the mental attitude which should be the ideal for us all. It is the normal attitude of the high-minded. It is the view of life which makes for happiness and efficiency.

Every worker should feel that he is doing something worth while. This does not mean that he should aim to do the same kind of work. The man who cleans the city's alleys, or paves its highways, or enters into the general welfare, so that he has a right to feel a sense of pride in his occupation. The clerk who in his lives in a most faithful, more beautiful place because of his efforts. And that is more than the writer of many a popular novel can claim.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

There is no other disease quite so contagious as gossip. Somebodies of humor quickly meet the eye of sarcasm. A wise man knows all he tells, but he never tells all he knows. The man who is really good often has a sad look that is discouraging. What a jolly old world this would be if all men practiced what they preached. Some men have a keen sense of humor, judging by the pointless stories they tell. Admiration is far more tolerant than love. A smile is the bud and a laugh is the full bloom. Small ideas and big words make a quaint combination. Seeing isn't believing when a man can't believe his own eyes. Competition is the life of trade and the death of the non-advertiser. A good heart fall is often the result of trying to stand on one's feet. Some men are locked up for safe breaking and some for safe keeping. Every time a man tries to get something for nothing he gets a little additional experience. If a woman is unable to think of anything else to say she repeats what she said to other people. It is truly wonderful how fascinating most things are to people that are none of their business.

A DAINTY FEEDER

The Philadelphia Telegraph says that some time ago an automobile party was visiting a back-country restaurant. The waiter, having a keen eye for a profit, took a note of the party. When the party was about to depart, he called to the waiter and said: "What a jolly old world this would be if all men practiced what they preached." "Some men have a keen sense of humor, judging by the pointless stories they tell." "Admiration is far more tolerant than love." "A smile is the bud and a laugh is the full bloom." "Small ideas and big words make a quaint combination." "Seeing isn't believing when a man can't believe his own eyes." "Competition is the life of trade and the death of the non-advertiser." "A good heart fall is often the result of trying to stand on one's feet." "Some men are locked up for safe breaking and some for safe keeping." "Every time a man tries to get something for nothing he gets a little additional experience." "If a woman is unable to think of anything else to say she repeats what she said to other people." "It is truly wonderful how fascinating most things are to people that are none of their business."

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"WHAT GOOD IS THE ROBIN?"

"Now, what good is the robin? Everybody knows the robin. A boy came along the road with a 22 rifle, saw a robin sitting there, and killed it. I went over and picked the robin up. Two customers were waiting on the ground; the robin had had them in his lock. I held the bird up, and two more fell out of his mouth. He member, one customer will cut down one tomato plant in a night. The cut worm does his work, and the flies under the soil. Mr. Robin comes hopping along, picks in there and pulls him out—and turns him into a robin. If anyone tells you that a robin will destroy one hundred worms in a day, take it from him that he is true." —Jack Stuart at the National Conference on Game and Wild Life.

BOOKS MADE BY SLAVES

Some publishers in recent times could turn out books rapidly and very cheaply. A publisher of the Angus era produced 1,000 copies of the second book of Martial in ten hours and these sold at about 12 cents apiece, giving him a profit of 100 per cent. This was done by employing slaves carefully trained and working at a very short time. As soon as the copies were written they were revised, corrected, proofed up and bound. The slaves were required only maintenance from their master, and thus he could afford to sell their products at a very low rate.

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