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EDITORIAL

The Government's policy on prohibition has at last been announced by the publication of a resolution standing in the name of Sir Thomas White, which will be introduced in the House and on which a measure will be based. The resolution provides for the ratification and confirmation by Parliament of the order in Council of February 24, 1919, prohibiting the importation, manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquor.

The court has declared that Daylight Saving time is standard time. A case in London, Ontario, in which time was an element, required reference to the Observatory at Greenwich, England. The reply was received this week to the effect that the Greenwich Observatory is operating on daylight saving time. The law of this province prescribes that "standard time" is five hours in advance of Greenwich Observatory. It is therefore contended that when England adopted the summer time the province of Ontario was automatically forced to follow suit, if legal time is to prevail.

The business men of Acton should receive some protection against the transient traders coming in, unloading bankrupt stocks upon the community, and then leaving the town without paying taxes or fees of any kind for the privilege. Our merchants pay taxes and are under other heavy expenses in the municipality. They have a just claim for protection. If the existing "Transient Traders' By-law is defective, as is alleged, then it is clearly the duty of the municipal government to enact a by-law which will cover the points at issue. The unfairness of present conditions is very manifest.

The people of Canada are soon to have another opportunity to manifest their loyalty to this country. A domestic loan, similar to the Victory Loan of a year ago, but not so large, will be floated by the Government, probably in September. The loan is in connection with the \$350,000,000 war appropriation to be voted by Parliament this session. Canada has done well with all the war loans. In subscribing for them, as will be the case with the new loan proposed, the loyalty of the people is amply recognized in the splendid investment afforded at a satisfactory rate of interest.

During the past two years the term "War Gardens" has been very current. They were well named, effective in production and helped materially to lessen the world's shortage of food. These special gardens are still needful and should be cultivated, planted and cared for just as assiduously this year of 1919 as during the two previous years when war was raging. But a happier name for them has been introduced. "Victory Gardens" they are now to be and their success will make peace all the more real. The lesson of the war impressed by the time of the time on amateur gardeners is not soon to be forgotten and the home garden and the outside garden plots will no doubt be at least as popular this year as last. In these days of high prices the garden crops will be a factor of no small importance to many of our homes.

The observance of Mothers' Day so generally, as it was last Sunday, is commendable evidence that the hearts of the people are thoughtfully inclined to the important place of Motherhood, and the debt of love and tender consideration due to our Mothers. Verily, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," and more and more the world is coming to acknowledge this and to give the mothers their rightful place. To-day no man need be ashamed to wear a flower on Mothers' Day out of respect and esteem, and love for her who bore him. The influence of the observance of this mother-honoring anniversary must be wide-spread and salutary to many hearts and homes. The wearing of the carnation on this day, typifies Mother-love emphatically, its flower standing for beauty; its lasting qualities for faithfulness, its fragrance for love and its wide growth for charity.

The Peace Treaty was handed to the German emissaries at Versailles, France, last Wednesday. Briefly the terms hold Germany fully responsible for the war's damage; she must pay civilian losses; must restore ships, ton for ton. Germany is shorn of her colonies; loses one-fifth of her territory in Europe and is reduced so that she may never again become a naval or military power. Premier Clemenceau's words, as presiding officer of the Peace Congress, speaking to the German plenipotentiaries will always be preserved as historic. He said: "It is unnecessary to express needless words. You have before you the plenipotentiaries of the small and great powers united in this most cruel war, which was imposed upon them. The hour has arrived for a heavy settlement of the accounts. Count von Brockdorff-Rantau as he received copies of the treaty said: 'We declare that we do not deny the extent of our defeat. We know the power of the German armies is broken.' He was unable to admit that Germany was solely culpable and demanded that the allies make peace according to President Wilson's points. Some of the leaders in the allied countries declare the attitude of the German delegates an intolerable insult to the allies. The treaty is regarded in diplomatic quarters as the most impressive and valuable international expression in the annals of mankind. It is the heaviest and most crushing blow ever delivered to militarism and paves the way for eventual international disarmament.

"It has probably been a surprise to many to recognize that the signing of the armistice did not mean the normal resumption of trade in various European countries, and that instead a period of economic transition should set in which would present its own complex problems."—An apt American statement quoted by the Canadian Trade Commission.

Canada is now recognized as a nation. An immediate result of this status will be the appointment of a permanent ambassador to Washington. The honor will, of course, be an added expense on the public treasury of at least \$50,000, but Canada will gradually come to her own in importance and her interests will be promptly and carefully be conserved in all dealings with the United States.

The market in Europe for Canadian foodstuffs will, to all appearances, be very good for some considerable time to come. H. B. Thompson, late Food Controller, says: "Canada has a great opportunity for getting trade in Canadian bacon developed, as public opinion seems to be against dried salt American bacon. Canadian eggs and poultry are also in high favor. The British Government has decided not to purchase the exportable surplus of Canadian cheese for the season of 1919 and there is an open market for the commodity."

The Free Press has great pleasure in passing on this splendid compliment to our soldiers respecting their thoughtful courtesy and kindness to children and civilians in France. In France the kindness of the Canadians to children will be a tradition for long years to come. None who saw the way in which they gave their food to the starving civilians in Denain, Valenciennes and the surrounding villages will ever forget it. Their gentleness has made them great. It is an innate and natural courtesy that helped, no less than the sterner qualities, to make them heroes in the cause of righteousness against evil in high places.—Y.M.C.A. Manhood.

The present campaign for the sale of Thrift Stamps will undoubtedly accomplish more than the matter of securing funds to aid the government in its abnormal expenditures which have been thrust upon it through the war. It will instill a spirit of thrift and saving upon the rising generation which have very salutary results. One who has not learned to save by the time he has come to the legal age of twenty-one, will never acquire the art except by a strenuous struggle. The habit of living up to the limit of one's wages is hard to shake off. No matter how little a young man or a young woman earns a part of it should be saved. Our banks are safe depositories; our government's Thrift Stamps are easily available; it is of infinite value to our future that we acquire the habit of saving.

The leaders of the Liberal party are moving to effect a strong re-organization. To this end a national Liberal Convention is to be held at Ottawa during the first week in August. The following statement has been sent out: "Pursuant to the announcement made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in November, 1918, and in conformity with a resolution adopted by the Liberal members of the Senate and of the House of Commons of Canada, a convention of the Liberal party is hereby called to take place in the City of Ottawa on August 5, 6 and 7 next. The purpose of the convention will be: (1) to draft, discuss and adopt the platform of the Liberal party of Canada; (2) to deal with the question of party organization; (3) to select a Leader in succession to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

It looks very much as if the ex-Kaiser is soon to be brought to his reckoning. The Allies are demanding that he be handed over to the allied and associated powers that they may decide upon the punishment he is to undergo. The Dutch Government declares they are ready to hand him over. A week of mourning has been decreed by the German Government to express "sorrow and depression" over the announcement of the peace terms. The week began on Sunday. The decree provides that public frivolity must be stopped for eight days. Its provisions affect theatres and cabarets. Dancing, horse racing, and gambling will be suppressed. This unhappy country will probably need another "week of mourning" when the Peace Conference gets through with William Hohenzollern.

A large portion of the Canadian public has not yet realized how important a factor foreign credits have been in continuing good ties. Sir Thomas White recently said in Parliament: "Supposing the Dominion Government had said: 'No money for credit in Canada. What would have happened?' Our wheat, flour, beef, manufactured goods, cheese, and salmon could not have been sold abroad, and the export business of this country would practically come to a standstill." From whom has the Government received the money that has enabled it to grant these credits? From the people who have loaned it. If foreign credits are to be continued, and Sir Thomas says that they must be, for a while, then the people must continue to lend their money to the Government. War Saving and Thrift Stamps make this easy, besides they pay well. To invest in them is good business both for the individual and the country.

Canada is proving a magnet for American immigrants and American dollars. In the East, American dollars are helping to build up manufacturing industries, and in the West, American immigrants are taking up immense tracts of land. This invasion is gaining in strength daily. Reports issued by the various western provinces show a constant increase in the number of American settlers. These people usually come with a fair amount of money and are spoken of as good citizens. Their dollars are welcome and their aggressiveness is a source of inspiration. There is, however, one phase of the American activity that is not healthy from a purely Canadian standpoint. This is where the control of Canadian enterprises passes from Canadians to Americans who reside in the United States. There are many cases of this kind now in existence. During the war it was shown that Canada should have retained control of her ore bodies. It was shown that the products of Canadian mines were shipped in raw state to other countries where the process of refining was carried on instead of in Canada. The Dominion is starting to guard against repetitions of this kind, at least to a certain extent.—Bradstreet's.

THE HABIT OF BEING ON TIME

Punctuality is largely a peculiarity of the individual. We all know that trains may be delayed, that electricity may give out, or cables break, bringing about a standstill, but we cannot help noticing that a certain class of people seem able to avoid these accidents. They do not just jump into a train "because they neglected to look up the new time-table."

The person who is always on time is not any more lucky than most of us. But he has made it a habit to be punctual, and has also formed the habit of overcoming obstacles that would be sure to hinder others.

WAITING FOR CERTAINTIES

The one who refuses to take any risks will not achieve anything of importance. In this world certainties are few. Whatever we undertake, we must recognize the possibility of failure, as well as the probability of success. If we wait for certainties, we are likely to wait till our chances have vanished.

LOGICAL WISH

On the outskirts of Philadelphia is an admirable stock farm. One day last summer, some poor children were permitted to go over this farm, and when their inspection was done, to each of them was given a glass of milk. The milk was excellent.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST TELESCOPE

An interesting list of the world's greatest telescopes recently appeared in the Scientific American, which says that the largest working objective is that of the Yerkes Observatory in Wisconsin. Several great reflectors are under construction for observatories in Hawaii, South Africa, Chile, and the United States. A reflector of seventy-two inches is being made for the Dominion Observatory of Canada.

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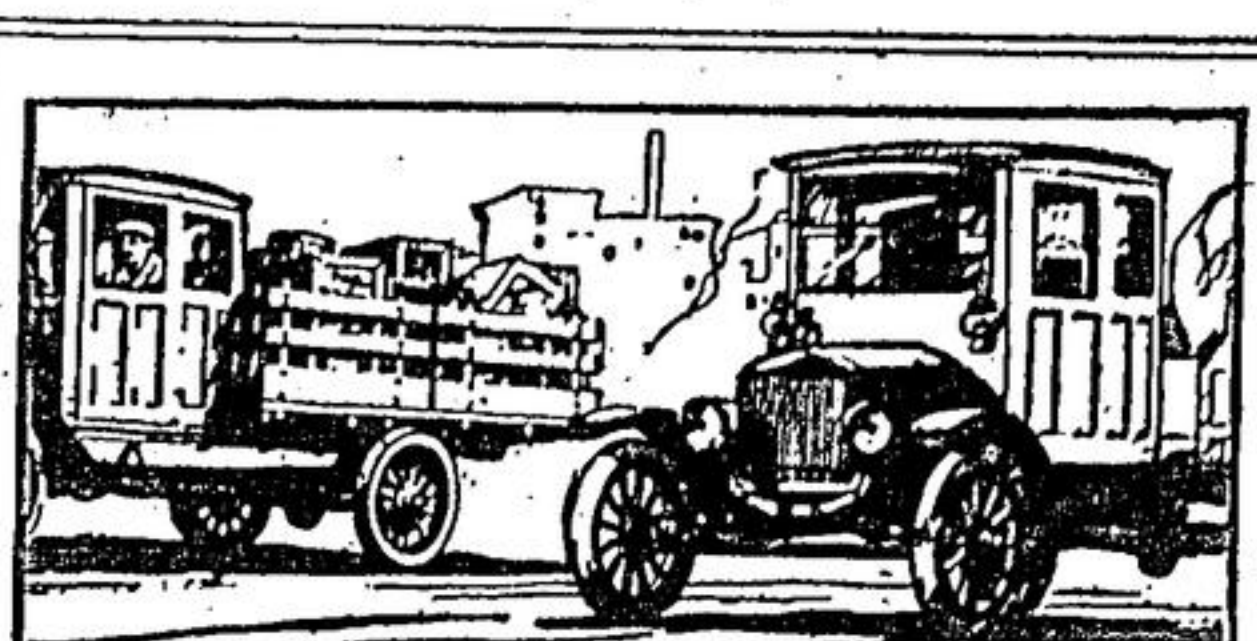
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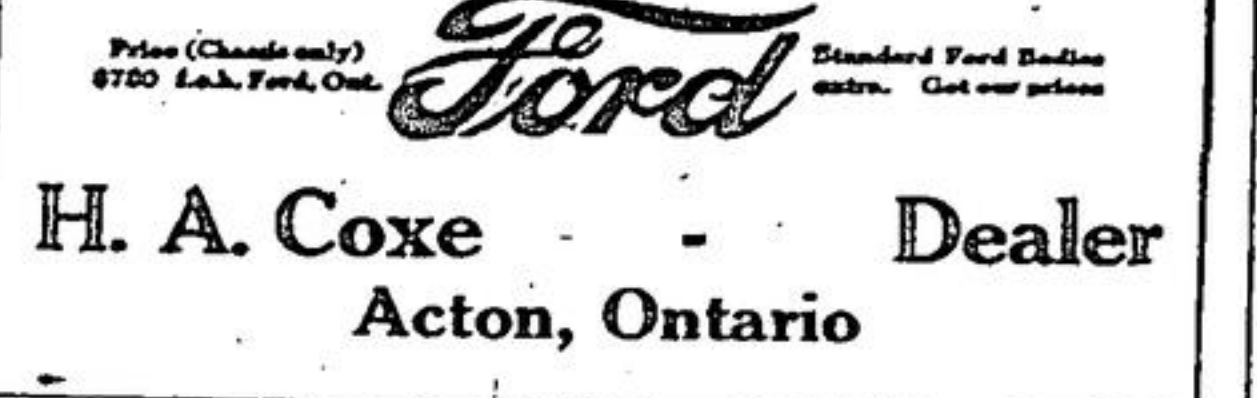
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With a view to presenting to the community facts and figures emphasizing the inequity and often unprofitableness of the mail order scheme the FREE PRESS is entering into a campaign with our leading merchants, manufacturers and business men of Acton, in which a series of wholesome articles appealing for loyalty to the home town will be presented.

There are a thousand good reasons why you should buy every possible article of goods from your home merchants, while there is not one good reason why you should sacrifice your home interests to build up a part of the country that has absolutely no interest in you apart from the cash it is able to extract from your pocket.

No constant patron of a big city catalogue store escapes being sometimes disappointed in one way or another, and it is a peculiar paradox of human nature that people will stand from strangers what they would not tolerate for an instant from the business man of their own community.

The permanent prosperity and progressive development of your home community is, in this instance, the great essential asset which true economy embodies, and lacking which your home community will cut a sorry figure in the country's great onward march.

By being loyal to the business institutions of your home community you are being loyal to yourself and your family.

We all know it is the business men of the community who keep the ball rolling. They lead as the backers of every good movement for the town.

Thousands of people in this country have been helped over the rough places in their lives by the leniency and "accommodation" of the local merchant.

Fortunately for all the cash system is rapidly replacing the credit system, but the cash system, to accomplish its true destiny to growth and economy, must be one that circulates a community's cash within the community to the extent of every possible dollar.

Let us as citizens be loyal to our home enterprises in this important and growing town of Acton.

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