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EDITORIAL

The coming visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada will no doubt have a salutary influence. The visits of his father and his grandfather, when they occupied similar positions to the one he now occupies, were of advantage to themselves and to Canada. We will learn of the vast resources of this country, its loyalty to Great Britain, its great territory and its expanding commercial enterprises. The people will realize by more intimate relations with the family of the ruling sovereign a keener interest in the fact that we are really an integral part of the great British Empire.

The Ontario Housing Act is being given a very general trial throughout the province. Seventy-five municipalities have passed by-laws under its provisions; forty municipalities are now actually building houses, and over 400 houses are in course of construction. A commendable feature is the preparation of a variety of plans of houses from which prospective builders may choose to meet their tastes or requirements. The Village of New Toronto has let contracts for over fifty houses. They are six-roomed solid brick and are to cost \$3,000 each. In Halton County Acton, Georgetown and Milton are operating under the Housing Act.

Great preparations are being made for the big Dominion Liberal Convention to be held in Ottawa on August 5, 6 and 7. Each riding is supposed to send six delegates, Members of Parliament and Senators of the Liberal persuasion will also likely be there, and there will be a great gathering. Discussion of plans and policy and the choice of a leader to succeed Sir Wilfrid Laurier will constitute the business. A large enough programme indeed. It is sincerely hoped results will be more satisfactory than those which culminated at the Ontario convention and that this gathering will not make the mistake of antagonizing all Liberals who supported the Union Government.

The enumeration of electors for the coming referendum on prohibition for Ontario is now in progress in this country. The instructions to the enumerators is to visit every house in each municipality. Every person, male or female, who has attained the age of twenty-one years, is a British subject by birth or naturalization, who has resided in Canada for six months, and in the municipality for thirty days, is entitled to vote. The enumerators for Acton are C. C. Henderson for the polling subdivision south of Mill Street, and George Hynds, Jr., for all that portion of the town north of Mill Street. They are making an honest endeavor to enumerate every person entitled to vote and expect their lists will contain nearly a thousand voters for Acton. Of course none of the foreigners who have not been naturalized will be entitled to vote. The work of enumeration commenced last week and is to be completed in ten days. All citizens should satisfy themselves at once that their names appear on the lists.

It is not many years since it was stated that the demand for good roads emanated largely from the drivers of automobiles, and that these were almost entirely owned by people in the towns and cities. The expense of building good roads through the rural districts was, it was contended, borne largely by the farmers, while the benefit derived was mainly by these city and town automobilists. The last report of the motor vehicle branch of the Public Works Department, just issued, shows, however, that last year the farmers and drivers of Ontario owned and registered more than one-third of all the motors of the province. The farmers and drivers registered 37,758 cars, out of the total of 101,845 in Ontario. This is as it should be. No class can use motor cars to better advantage. It is the vehicle of utility for the farmer. It saves his horses and his time. Under existing circumstances there will henceforth be cordial co-operation on the part of the farmers with all Municipal Councils which are endeavoring to construct permanent roadways.

The extremity of the liquor interests and the men who essay to support that cause is very manifest in the character of the propaganda which is being waged. Rev. I. M. Moyer took occasion last Sunday morning to show up the fallacy of some of the arguments presented by the Citizens' Liberty League in a leaflet, entitled: "Prohibition, a recent graft on the Christian Religion." He referred particularly to this pamphlet because it charges the Methodist Church with being responsible for the doctrine of prohibition, and presumes to quote from the holy scriptures to bolster up the drink traffic. The first quotation is from Proverbs 31, v 6-7: "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more." "It is inconceivable," said Mr. Moyer, "that the so-called Liberty League should presume to insult the intelligence of the thinking people of to-day by publishing scripture wrested thus from its setting. It was the Jewish custom to give to criminals, who were condemned to death, liquor to numb their pain, and it was with reference to such this counsel was given by King Lemuel." The two verses immediately preceding were quoted by the Liberty League from Proverbs 31: "It is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink, lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted." And the verse following their quotation says: "Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction."

Rev. Father Minahan, of Toronto, expresses his experience of Temperance Reform in these words: "There is but one opinion amongst all classes with whom I am in contact, concerning the prohibition legislation of the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments, namely, that it has been a blessing of the highest order to our country. Everywhere I go I see conditions which are a welcome contrast to the days of the bar-room, gone, let us hope, never to return."

The people of the United States and the men they elected to transact the public business of the commonwealth evidently mean business in their determination to expel the traffic in intoxicants from that country. When the prohibition bill was up last week it was carried by nearly three to one—287 to 100. The liquor men are hoping for President Wilson's veto. As the veto could only mean a bid for the liquor vote in the next Presidential election, the President is surely too astute to be caught in such a trap. The only question now seems to be one of enforcement. It looks as if this would be fully provided for.

The ruthless destruction of the beautiful shade trees lining our streets and the streets of other towns in Ontario these days by the transmission companies is pitiful. A week or so ago the heart of numbers of trees in Acton was cut away by a gang of Hydro employees. The necessary trimming would not be so bad if the men who do the cutting had any respect for the contour and beauty of these fine maples and other shade trees. It looks as if only the matter of giving the wires unobstructed passage is considered. As the Ontario law now stands the rights of the individual property-owner to the trees on his own property as well as to those on an adjacent highway, have been superseded by the amendments to the Hydro Power Act of Ontario so that at the present time the Hydro people have ample authority to handle shade trees as they see fit. Compensation is allowed where trees are destroyed, but \$10 appears to be the maximum for a single tree. This is not enough and, as the Forestry Journal remarks, "Were the rate of compensation multiplied by five it is altogether probable that the shade tree trimmers would exercise more precaution, for presumably the engineer in charge of construction would be anxious to hold down his initial costs to the minimum."

The officers of the National Patriotic Fund, at Ottawa, have generously invited Halton County to join the National Association, which still has a considerable balance on hand, for the sake of the post-war relief which may be afforded. This is in consideration of Halton having looked after her soldiers' dependents throughout the war and having contributed a large amount to the Canadian Patriotic Fund and drawn nothing from it. The national organization is carrying out a Dominion-wide plan of post-war relief, as were the independent organizations of Manitoba, Kenora, Fort William, Sarnia, Windsor, Orillia, Preston and the County of Lincoln, they to make over to the Fund any unexpended balances. At the meeting of the County Council the invitation was officially accepted. The family of a soldier which may be in need may now be helped from this fund, even though he be discharged. This is a very worthy movement.

The war certainly put Canada on the map so far as the European countries are concerned. This is now being manifestly proven from a commercial standpoint. That business-men in France especially are turning their attention to Canada as a source of supply more than before the war is emphasized in the information reaching the Canadian Trade Commission. It appears that the participation of Canadian troops, many of them with a knowledge of French, has stimulated interest, and has been, so to speak, an advertising force for Dominion trade. A typical instance is quoted by the Commissioner General for Canada in France, who in describing the requirements of a large importing house says: "I sincerely believe that much sentiment exists here in France from the many interviews I have had and continue to have with men of all sorts—business, commercial and professional. I believe that the sentiment exists that purchases would be much preferable from Canada than from the United States. There is a great deal of love for Canada shown and Canada has become known from the many lines of endeavor undertaken by the Canadian army."

The influences of the war are far-reaching and are effecting commercial and manufacturing interests in a manner that would have taken years otherwise to evolve. Many changes are taking place in business of all kinds, but perhaps the manufacturing activities are surpassing other lines in the matter of new methods. Until comparatively recently the essence of business success seemed to lie in secrecy, but now even the cost of manufacture, the saving devices and the commercial fields to be explored, are talked over by competitors with as much ease as women talk over their household tasks. This is a distinct outcome of the war. It originated with the manufacture of munitions and has steadily grown and now promises to be a boon to industry in general. When Canada started to turn out shells she had little or no knowledge of this line of manufacture. The patriotic spirit which pervaded all activities for the hastening of peace was so strong in the munition plants that when a new idea or an improvement was made or costs cut it would soon be known to the entire industry. In munitions there were many hard problems to solve and often when one factory was encountering a difficulty, the manager and perhaps two or three foremen would visit other plants and discuss the situation with those who in one sense were in opposition. In this way better shells were turned out and Canada became so efficient that her munition exports passed the million dollar per day mark. Now this same spirit of co-operation pervades various other activities. To be successful in this way there needs to be co-operation further than in the mere financing of a representative and making collective consignments. Co-operation and standardization are enabling the manufacturers to accomplish much. It is the means of greatly increasing the export trade of the country and placing the community in a more prosperous condition. Where it would be impossible for a small mill to send a representative overseas or make individual shipments, there is little reason why it cannot share in this trade in proportion to the larger concerns. Standardization is doing still more. It is eliminating a great many specialties and unnecessary lines.

SIGN STILL APPROPRIATE

"He sauntered into a barber shop and got shaved. When he had finished the barber handed him a tag for 25 cents. The man regarded it thoughtfully. Then, turning to the barber, he asked: 'Do you happen to know the significance of that red and white striped pole in front of your shop?' 'Yes, sir,' said the barber. 'You see, in olden times, barbers were surgeons as well as tonsorial artists. When a man had to be bled, he came to a barber.' 'And he still gets bled,' retorted the customer as he paid the check, adding, 'Whatever you do, don't take down that pole.'"

EXPLAINED

"That young man doesn't seem to know when to go home!" exclaimed the grouchy father. "It was my car," declared Gwendolyn. "I asked him to explain the league of nations."

"What has that to do with it?" "You know it always takes three or four hours to explain the league of nations, and even then there will probably be a great deal that remains to be said on future occasions."

THOUGHT DEVELOPMENT

"Listen to this, Maria," said Mr. Stubbs as he unfolded his scientific paper. "This article states that in some of the old Roman prisons that have been unearthed they found the petrified remains of the prisoners." "Gracious John!" exclaimed Mrs. Stubbs with a smile, "them's what they call hardened criminals, I expect."

KNEW ITS VALUE

She was both a very knowing and a very pessimistic old lady. "The chair ought to be in a shop where an assistant was selling a clock to a girl."

"I recommend this clock, with its illuminating attachment to switch on!" he said. "It's very good to tell what time your husband comes home you know."

"But I haven't any husband," retorted the girl. "Oh, but you will have, one of these days."

"Maybe, but he won't be that kind of a husband," the girl insisted. "Then it was that the middle-aged woman stepped forward—'Only dear child, they're all that kind!' she said. 'I'll take that clock!'"

MAKING THEM UP

"Now, boys," said the schoolmaster brightly, "I want you to write an essay, of about five hundred words, on some public you know a lot about. Shall we say"—he thought a minute—"your fathers' bicycles. Most of them have one."

The boys licked their pencils and started. The master noticed that little Frank had finished much sooner than the rest, so he went across to see. "My father has a bicycle," he read. "He took it out the other day, and went for a ride. He caught his wheel in the tram line, and had a spill. His bicycle was smashed. I think this is about fifty words. My father used the other four hundred and fifty as he carried the bicycle home."

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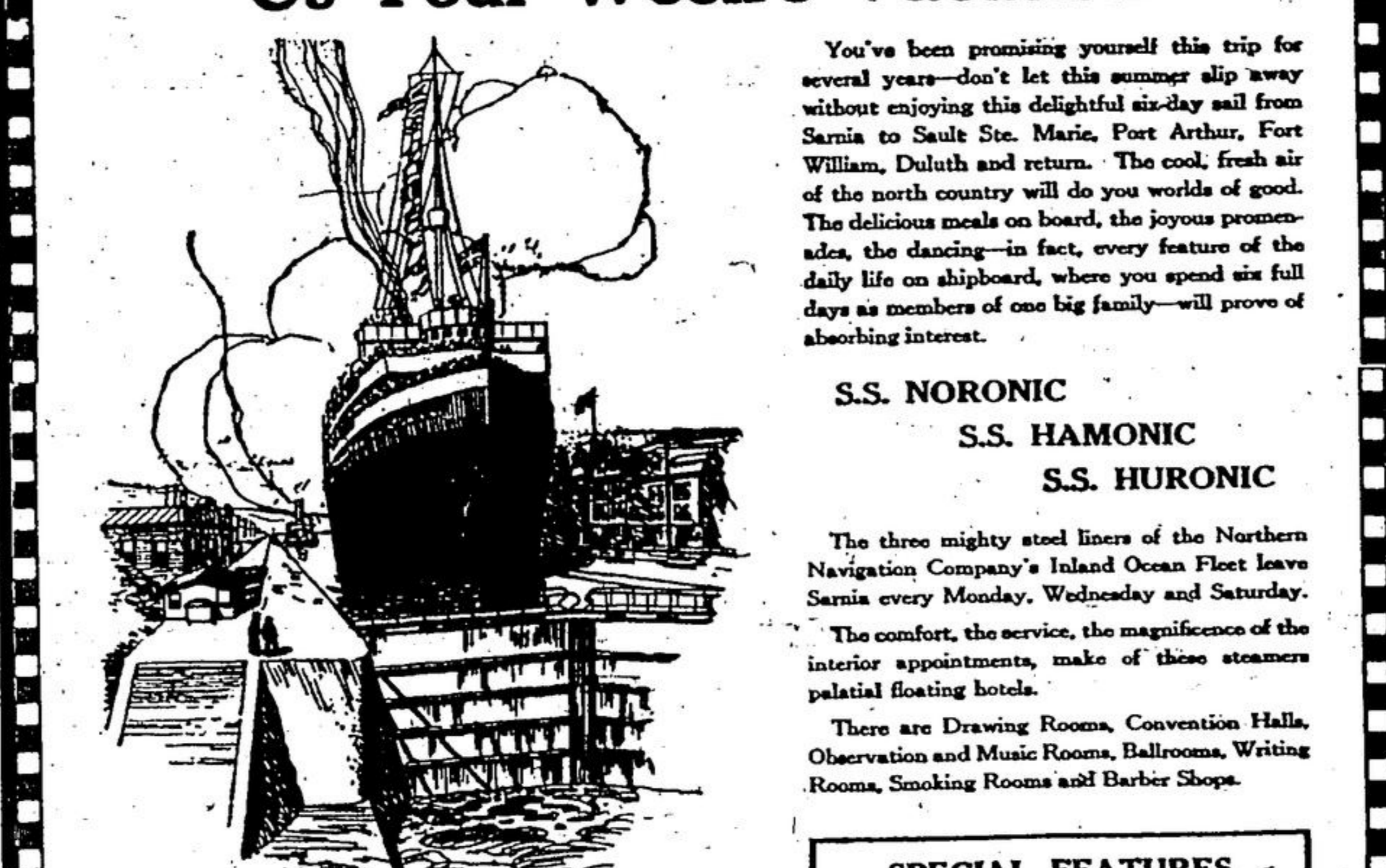
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