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EDITORIAL

The farmers' movement for parliamentary seats in Ontario is proving an embarrassment to both parties and, alike in the case of Sir Henry Drayton and Mr. Mackenzie King, the possibility of opposition from this source in any rural constituency is rather strong while in the cities labor and soldiers have to be figured on. These considerations promise to loom pretty large when arrangements are made for the by-elections.

Canadians are evidently a patient and long-suffering people. The sugar shortage is being felt in all parts of the country—both in Canada and the United States. In Washington the maximum price of sugar has been fixed at eleven cents per pound. At Ottawa last week wholesale grocers in convention predicted that sugar would soar to twenty cents a pound. Why should there be this unfavorable difference against Canadian consumers? If the powers at Ottawa would take action as has been done at Washington, Canadians would not be bled so freely by the profiteers.

The rapidly increasing number of motor cars and trucks in use on the streets is demanding the more effective enforcement of traffic by-laws. Most of our larger towns and cities have parking restrictions for motor cars, but, as these rules are not closely observed, cars stand for long periods on the streets. This is an extremely dangerous practice, especially if building construction in progress confines the thoroughfare to a narrow limit. When municipalities make by-laws for this, or any other protection of the public, they are responsible for seeing that they are carried out. The best time to secure their enforcement is before an accident.

President Wilson has found he could not have his own way in the matter of Daylight Saving after all. Last week the Senate passed the bill repealing the Daylight Savings law over the President's veto. The vote was 57 to 19. The repeal bill now is law, as the House also passed it over the President's veto. The representatives of the people evidently know better than the President the wishes of the country. This action will mean that Canada will not be harassed again with this troublesome scheme. People will, after this summer, have one standard time and misunderstandings through the Daylight Savings experiments will cease.

At the last session of the Dominion Parliament, amendments to the Criminal Code, dealing with the fire waste, were passed at the recommendation of the Dominion Fire Prevention Committee, and following up the suggestions of the Commission of Conservation as contained in the report "Fire Waste in Canada." The amendments place the responsibility for outbreaks of fire and for failure to provide proper apparatus for the extinguishing of fire or the escape of persons in the buildings in case of fire. Under this act any person upon whose premises fire occurs is deemed to have caused the fire by negligence if he has failed to comply with any regulations designed to prevent fire. Non-compliance is the proof of negligence, and this is a question of fact to be determined by a jury. Notification of a breach of the law is not provided for, as every person is presumed to be familiar with the law. Penalties and imprisonment are both provided for.

Canada's welcome to the Prince of Wales is as sincere as it is enthusiastic and spontaneous. Our Royal guest brings us all into close and living touch with the British Crown which symbolizes so emphatically the union of the colonies, dominions and far-removed lands and races of the empire. The Prince of Wales is especially welcome at this time, following so closely the return home of our brave men who went so willingly in defence of the empire, when their aid and support were so urgently needed. No one appreciates more fully this phase of our relationship to the motherland than Prince Edward, and he has been generous in his expressions of appreciation. Reports everywhere agree that he is a clean, wholesome youth, possessed of courage, industry, a high sense of duty, and a splendid insight into the character and aspirations of the Canadian people. His tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific will give him a more intelligent and comprehensive insight into the importance and versatility of this important star in the British Crown. Prince Edward, Canada welcomes you! Ten million citizens welcome you.

With admirable frankness Premier Hearst, at the meeting at Brantford on Saturday, placed himself on record as unqualifiedly in favor of the Ontario Temperance Act, and a dry Ontario. He said: "The Government of which I am the head were the authors of the Ontario Temperance Act. I have stood by it from its inception and will stand by it until its fate is decided by the free vote of the electors of the province. In our country's hour of peril, when the fate of civilization hung in the balance, the Ontario Temperance Act, in my humble opinion, added to the fighting strength of our province. In the days of unrest, of turmoil and reconstruction through which we are passing, the Act, I believe, is a source of safety and strength, and that its repeal or any weakening of its provisions would be unwise. What proved a source of strength in the days of war and is proving a source of safety in the days of reconstruction will, I believe, prove a boon and a blessing in the days of peace and prosperity to which we are hopefully looking." For this frank, courageous position, Premier Hearst has won great prestige. His position is definite and unequivocal. It will mean much in the securing of an overwhelming majority for prohibition at the Referendum election.

The so-called Liberty League of Toronto is the best example of disloyalty to law and order we have met with for some time. Some of the articles sent out to the press are most absurd and give the whole situation away. If they imagine the staid, sturdy, moral loving folk of Canada are to be caught on their guff they are duller than we think they are.—Brussels Post.

There is no official intimation yet with regard to Dominion prohibition, and anything along that line which is brought in doubtless will be of the tentative character of last season's legislation. Sir Robert Borden's remarks when opposing the Senate's amendment are construed as evidence of intention to introduce the subject anew at the coming session. If the Dominion House takes this question up again in earnest there is no doubt effective legislation will be enacted.

Hon. N. W. Rowell, the Minister who will be in charge of the new Federal Department of Public Health for which provision was made in a bill passed by Parliament at the last session, states that good progress is being made in connection with the organization of the new department. The first step in connection with the bringing of the department into existence will be the taking over of the various departments up to the present time under the control of various Ministers as provided for by the Act. This department should mean much for the future betterment of the health of the people of Canada.

The interest in good roads is growing all over the country, and the new policy of the American Forestry Association to link together the causes of good roads and forestry is certain to be received as good news. The association is advocating the setting out of trees along the public roads as memorials to the soldiers. The trees will be of great benefit to the roads, and that method of honoring the soldiers seems peculiarly appropriate. Just think of a beautiful growing tree by the side of a well-kept highway and a marble slab near the tree giving the name and other information of some soldier who gave his life for the principles of democracy and justice! The trees will also add to the pleasure of driving along the roads. The suggestion should be extensively carried out.—Nashville Advocate.

A new scheme to encourage house building is proposed in Oakville. A group of builders, who plan to erect fifteen or twenty residences in that town at a cost of \$5,000 to \$8,000 each, ask exemption from taxes on these new houses for a year. It is reported that Oakville Town Council looks with favor upon the proposal. That may be all right for Oakville where matters are now valued largely on the basis of Toronto transactions, but most ratepayers in ordinary towns of Oakville's dimensions would think that the people who can afford to erect \$5,000 to \$8,000 houses, could reasonably be expected to pay taxes on them from the outset. If it were to encourage the man getting a workman's wage, or a man of small means, to build much-needed houses of a moderate cost the plan might be considered desirable.

South Wellington on Saturday was added to the list of constituencies nominating farmers for the provincial Legislature. John A. Cockburn was selected to contest the riding at the coming provincial election in the interests of the United Farmers of Ontario. A large proportion of those present were women, and a lively interest was taken in the proceedings. After addresses had been delivered by W. A. Amos, of Palmerston, and R. J. McMillan, of Seaford, the question of the desirability of putting a candidate in the field was considered, and there was but one dissenting voice out of the nearly 600 present. Mr. W. McCrae did not think the time was opportune for the U. F. O. to put a man in the field, pointing out that there would be 9,500 votes in the city against 4,600 in the country, and they had not a chance to win. He suggested waiting until later, when it might be possible to combine with the labor interests and secure a man satisfactory to both. He was voted down, however, and nominations were called for.

The "cost of high living" is the way the Lindsay Warder puts it, touching the worries of everyday life, and there is a good deal of truth in it. It says: "Come easy, go easy, seems to be the rule with all classes of workers—old and young alike. In our boyhood days a young farm hand received from \$6.50 to \$10 a month and the hired man who received \$12 a month was an extraordinary worker or possessed of unusual skill in some department or assumed unusual responsibilities. About the only holidays we farmers got were the Queen's Birthday and Dominion Day after 1867 and a day at the circus if one came. Thousands of boys and girls who are now aged men and women spent not more pocket money than \$1 or \$2 a year. Now-a-days it takes that much a week for the modern young man. The fact of the matter is that the youth of Canada is running too much after sports and to having a good time regardless of cost instead of improving their minds and fitting themselves for a life of usefulness and acquiring a competence for marriage and old age."

While the United States is taking stern and aggressive measures with profiteers and hoarders of food stuffs, seizing and putting upon the market at reasonable prices the abnormal hoardings of sugar, butter, cheese, eggs and meat, and punishing with heavy fines and imprisonment the guilty parties, what are the authorities of Canada doing? Simply talking of what should be done, evidently afraid or unwilling to take effective action against the men who are making it most difficult for the man of ordinary wages to live and provide for his family. Surely it is time for Canada's men who have the power to wake up and accomplish something in the way of needed relief. The Washington authorities are moving vigorously and setting Ottawa an example in the effort to reduce the cost of living which they may very well follow. The whole world is protesting at the high cost of living. People generally could, however, pull down that cost if they would indulge less in reckless expenditures that often keep men poor when their wages are large. Many people are buying far more and often uselessly now than they did before the war, and are spending more on amusements and small luxuries than they did some years ago. It is a habit formed during the lush conditions caused by the war. It is well to recognize that it isn't always what we make, but what we spend that counts. A sincere effort to observe thrift and economy will materially aid the authorities in reducing the cost of living.

NAMING A CIGAR

As he polished his customer's boots a bootblack puffed at the end of a cigar. Thinking to have a little fun at the youth's expense, the customer asked him if he always smoked cigars. "Oh, yes, pretty often," declared the youth. "What brand do you generally smoke?" "Hobinson Cruise, sir," came the reply. The visitor pondered a while. "I never heard of that brand," he said. "It's a name I've given 'em myself," said the youth. "You see, gov'nor, old Cruise was a sea-way!"

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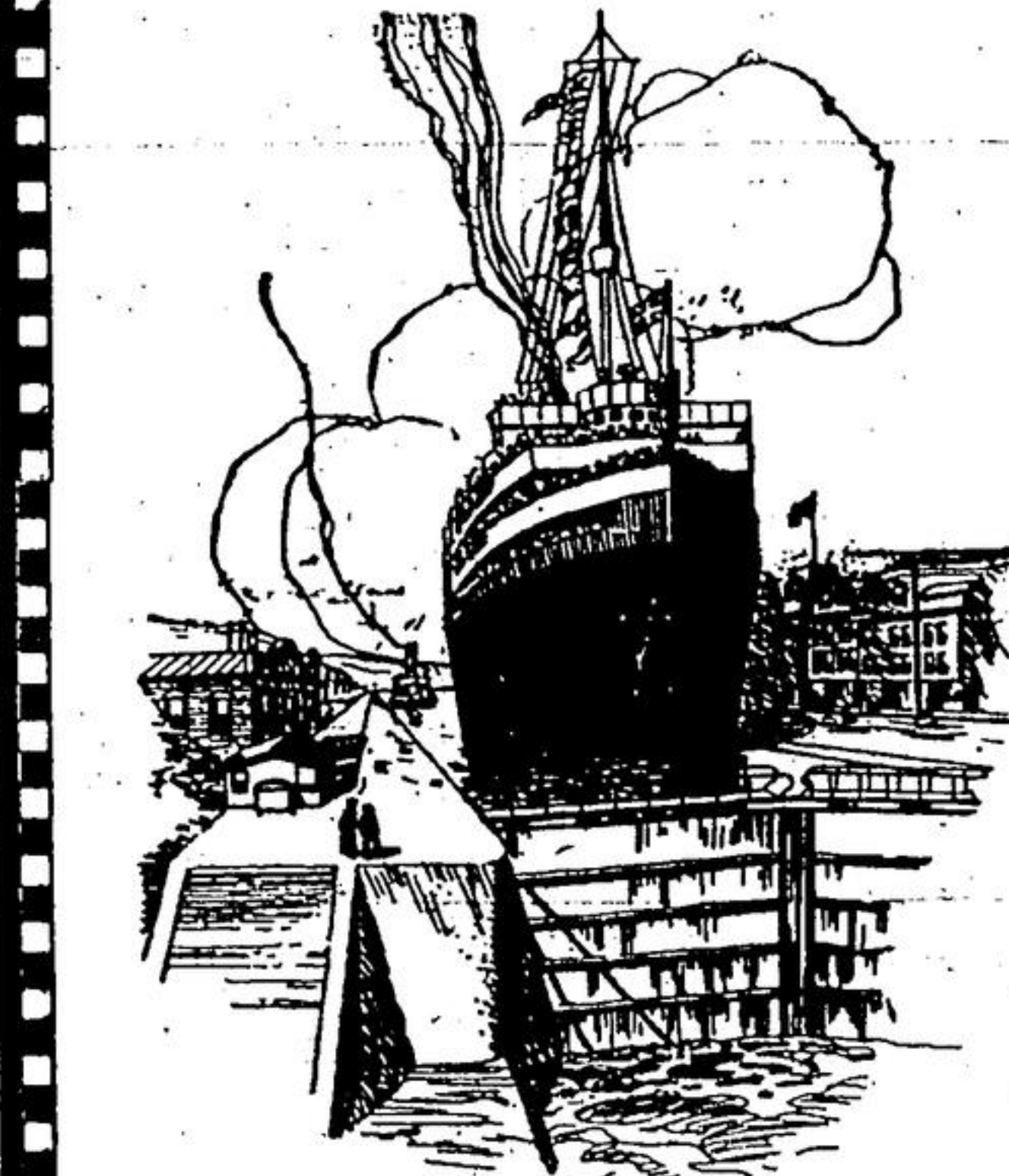
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