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EDITORIAL

Representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Portugal, Greece, Poland, China and Japan are in session to discuss the adoption of measures and suggestions for the establishment and functioning of the League of Nations. The conference, which is being held under the patronage of the Belgian Government, was convoked upon the initiative of the French association for the League of Nations.

The Hon. E. C. Drury is certainly making the people of Ontario sit up as he recites day after day the numerous reforms he proposes to introduce. Speaking in Brantford, Hon. Mr. Drury said that the common schools "have been giving a little smattering of this and that, but they have not been teaching the children to read and write properly." Employers generally in the Province will endorse the Premier's criticism and will sincerely hope that the reforms proposed will include the rectifying of the defect in Public and High Schools indicated by the Premier's remarks.

It looks very much as if the cause of prohibition will not suffer materially at the hands of the new Provincial Government. With Premier Drury expressing a determination for more drastic prohibition and an Attorney-General in office who is sure to enforce prohibitory law to the limit, those electors who are alleged to have carried out their threat to "knife" the Healey Government because of its prohibition policy are naturally wondering whether their vengeance was really worth while, or seriously misplaced.

The United States Senate has put itself upon record as opposed to the Peace Treaty of the League of Nations. After a long and bitter fight the Senate has definitely refused to ratify the Peace Treaty. All of President Wilson's influence was used to swing the Senate into line. Whether the Treaty will again be presented to the Senate is uncertain, but there seems to be no reason to anticipate any change in the Senate's attitude. The rejection of the Treaty will mean that the United States' great influence will no longer be looked to in the councils of Europe to help preserve the peace of the world; or at least such influence will not be definitely allied to that of Britain and France and Italy. The friends of peace hoped much from the advent of the United States upon the European arena; they trusted that with Britain and the United States determined upon peace a world war would be forever impossible. It is still to be hoped that the Senate may see its way to allow the United States to take the place which it ought to take in the councils of the nations.

One of the sanest suggestions for a warden's dinner that has been made anywhere in the province comes from Brant county. The Warden will this year hold the annual Warden's dinner at the House of Refuge, and the inmates there will be the guests at the banquet, and afterwards will receive gifts from a Christmas tree. This is a commendable contrast to the method which has been in vogue in this county for many years. Here, the Warden, after a year of strenuous self-sacrificing duties, by an unwritten but inviolate law, is expected to provide a dinner to his fellow members of the Council, the county court officials and the leading politicians, at his own expense. In Wellington County, on the other hand, the members fete the Warden and present him with a gold watch or cane, or some other testimonial. The Brant Warden's plan, however, commends itself as a fitting type of reconstructed methods. With due regard for established precedent the Free Press humbly suggests that the Wardens of Haldon and Peel Counties cease this year and jointly arrange for Warden's dinners at the House of Refuge at Brantford and the Children's Shelter at Milton, with possibly Christmas trees thrown in at both of these jointly maintained county institutions.

The cyclone of Saturday night caused very heavy loss to the shoe factory. This loss falls heavily upon J. B. Mackenzie, the contractor. Mr. Mackenzie takes his loss very philosophically and is at work putting the premises in shape to avert further loss to the building from the elements, and unnecessary loss of time to the shoe manufacturing company who had commenced to move in. Notwithstanding Mr. Mackenzie's cheerful mood in regarding the loss it will be very unfair if this community allows him unaided to bear the total cost of removing the debris, and restoring the building. The contract was almost completed. Had the unforeseen catastrophe, caused by an unusual attack of the elements, been delayed for a single week, the contract would have been completed and the building handed over. In that event the loss must have been borne by the municipality and the manufacturers who occupied it, the latter having already stored there a carload of their equipment. In all fairness, under the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate event, the heavy loss should to some extent be shared with the contractor. The building was erected true to specifications. The walls were built upon the customary factory construction plans; the roof was one of the best ever put on a building in Acton, and the materials were first-class throughout. Surely the position of Contractor Mackenzie deserves generous consideration. We believe the people of this town are very generally of this opinion, or will be when they give the matter reasonable and equitable consideration, and especially as reports show that similar losses were caused to other most substantial buildings over a wide area of the province.

Once more the season comes round when the "prominent citizens" who have been busy criticizing the city's rulers and expressing scorn of their capabilities declare when asked to run as Alderman or Board of Education candidates that they will have nothing to do with the "mess." They are keen to stir it up, but not to disinfect it.—Mail and Empire.

Where the price of that very necessary family commodity, sugar, is to rise to some extent is problematical. The Nashville, Tenn., Advocate, says: "The price-fixing board has agreed that the price of seventeen cents shall be charged by the refiner for the present crop of Louisiana sugar, and Attorney General Palmer has approved it. That means that the retail prices will not be less than eighteen and a half cents. The price of Louisiana sugar has nothing to do with the price of sugar produced elsewhere, but it is likely that efforts will be made to fix the price of all sugars." If the price keeps advancing sugar will become an almost unobtainable luxury.

A feature of the high cost of living, both for man and beast, has developed a new consideration in respect to feeding and keeping over winter some at least of the live stock of the farm. It is stated that owing to the high cost of feed the farmers of some districts are killing off just as much of their live stock as possible and that in some cases they have gone so far even as to kill horses and sell their hides. Several cases of that kind are reported from an eastern Ontario county, the farmers stating that they consider it cheaper, with hay at \$30 per ton, to kill the horses, sell their hides and buy new ones in the spring. This procedure with reference to horses particularly is surely to be greatly regretted.

The high position of Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario has been filled by the Dominion Government, by the appointment of a gentleman who had never been mentioned publicly as being thought of by the powers at Ottawa for the high office. Mr. Lionel H. Clarke, of Toronto, a native of Guelph, has received the appointment. Mr. Clarke, while he has never been in public life so far as public office is concerned, excepting perhaps being a member of the Toronto Harbor Board, is highly spoken of and evidently commands general respect. It is believed he will make an ideal Lieutenant-Governor. Mrs. Clarke is regarded as highly qualified for the position of wife of the occupant of the Government House. She has been an energetic leader in patriotic and philanthropic work, and especially with the returned soldiers who have lost their sight through service at the war.

The labor men and women of the country are perfectly justified in having their organizations for the promotion of their respective interests. The failure of the two largest "strikes" this year that the world has ever known should put industrial workers on their guard, however, when propositions for strikes are made by paid officers. There is such a thing as being sure of success and yet meet with ignominious defeat. In the case of the railway strike in England, the development of the motor service changed the entire aspect of the situation, showing the strikers that the nation was not at their mercy in the matter of transportation of supplies, while in the great steel strike in the United States, the shortage of labor to "carry on" has been the means of inventing machinery to do the work of highly paid men who now find that they are out of a job. No matter how a strike ends, things are not the same as they were before it started. The most satisfactory way to settle disputes is surely by arbitration always.

The attention of the people of Ontario, and indeed, of many outside the limits of the Province, is focused with keen interest upon the doings of the new Provincial Cabinet. Their expressed views and intentions relative to the future administration of Ontario's public affairs is regarded with much speculation. The newspapers are on the alert for particulars of proposed changes, radical or otherwise. The women, too, more than ever before, now that they have been given their true rights in the franchise, will read political news and speeches with possibly the same interest as they do the society events and the fashions.—The latest announcement to be made through the press is that nominations for the Ontario provincial bye-elections made necessary by law for members of the Drury Cabinet, will be held on December 15, and elections one week later, the 22nd. It is to be hoped that every one of the new Ministers will be returned by acclamation, as there seems to be a desire on the part of the best people of all political shades to give the Drury Government a fair trial. It will be graceful too, if the Premier and the other two Cabinet members without seats, will be elected without contests when some U. F. O. seats are relinquished to them.

Advice is generally regarded as a "cheap commodity," but at the meeting of the Open Forum in Toronto the other day W. D. Gregory, who has been intimately associated with the politics of this county for a number of years, gave the Hon. Mr. Drury and the members of his cabinet a series of wholesome suggestions. His address was entitled, "A programme for the New Government." The recommendations presented advocated the rank and file leading the Government and not the Government leading the people. Dealing first with administrative matters, he pointed out that there was a danger of the new Government attempting too much. They were untried men and the Province should expect very much from them in their first session. In fact, in Mr. Gregory's opinion, the less they did until they felt sure of themselves, the better, but nevertheless the people would insist upon their doing something to show it was worth their while putting them into office. Premier Drury should endeavor to dispose of the Government House, and then assume the prerogatives of the head of the Government elected by the people and be the individual to welcome nobles and other similar duties. He would further stamp out profligating, appoint a provincial purchasing agent to secure all supplies of the public institutions, refuse to appoint judges on salary as chairmen of commissions; prepare a non-partisan voters' list; abolish property qualifications for aspirants to municipal councils; consolidate the work of county judges, sheriffs and jailors; consolidate registry office work and simplify records of deeds. Mr. Gregory is quite versatile in his suggestions.

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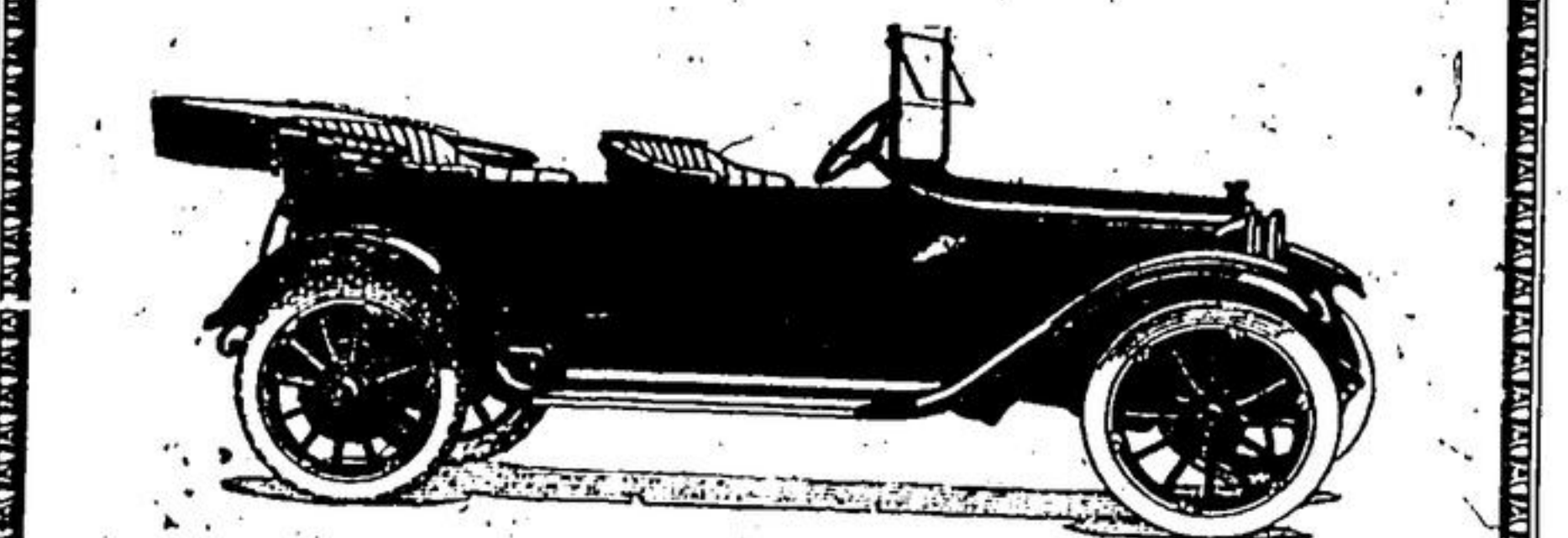
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THE LOCAL MARKETS ARE ESSENTIAL

Equal Responsibility for Their Support Rests Upon the Farmers and Merchants—Must Assist Each Other

PROSPERITY OF COMMUNITY DEPENDS UPON EACH OF THESE TWO CLASSES BUYING PRODUCTS AND GOODS OF EACH OTHER

The first essential in the development of any business is the possession of a market. The manufacturer must have a market for his products or he cannot succeed, no matter how valuable those products may be or how efficiently his plant may be operated. The wholesale merchant and the retail merchant may have the choicest stocks of goods, but if they have not a market where they can dispose of their stocks they might as well be out of business. The farmer may produce bumper crops, but they will not upon the ground if he cannot find a market for them. The wage earner's skill and muscle bring him no returns unless there is a market for his labor.

The question of markets is the big one in every line of business and in every community the question is a vital one. In each community, it is the responsibility of the people who live in the town but the farmers who live in the surrounding country as well, there are two sides to the market question. The business men of the town must have a market for the things which they have to sell. Otherwise they cannot continue in business. At the same time the farmers must have a market for the things which they raise or they may as well go out of business.

WHEN EITHER FAILS BOTH SUFFER
The merchants of the town can provide a market for the products of the farmers and the farmers can provide a market for the goods which the merchants have to sell. As long as each class of citizens provide a market for the other class all is well and the goose hangs high, but when either class fails to provide a market for the other the goose is cooked, not only for the class which is deprived of the market but for the other as well.

The farmer has a right to expect the town which is his natural trading point to provide a market for his products, and the town is not performing its proper function as the trading center of its community if it does not see that such a market is provided. The responsibility of looking after the fulfillment of this obligation rests largely upon the merchants of the town. The farmer is a producer and he must dispose of his products if he is to become a consumer. It is, therefore, the merchant's duty to see that the farmer's products find a market. Otherwise the farmer naturally will have no money to spend in the stores of the town.

OBLIGATION ON FARMERS
On the other hand, the merchants of the town have a right to expect the farmers to provide a market for the merchandise which they have to sell, and the farmers are not doing their duty to their community if they do not provide such a market. In this case, also, it is not only the merchant's duty to see that the farmer's products find a market, but it is necessary to the prosperity of the farmer that they should sell their merchandise in fitting their merchandise into cash. Otherwise it is obvious that the merchants will have no money with which to buy the products of the farmers.

This is a double-barreled proposition and the obligation rests equally upon both the merchants and the farmers to maintain the market which is essential to both classes of citizens. Any town which would import from points hundreds of miles distant the farm products which it could buy at home would be pursuing a very short-sighted policy, for it would be making it impossible for the farmer in its territory to buy the goods of its merchants. As a matter of fact no town does this unless it is forced by unusual conditions to do so. A town may be located in a community which is not producing enough to meet the local demands, and in that case it is forced to import farm products but the town which is compelled to do this is at a disadvantage town, in which case its products are sold to other communities and being in enough cash to offset that which is sent away to purchase farm products.

MUST HAVE OUTSIDE BUSINESS
In the average community, however, the town is dependent for its prosperity upon the money received from the farmers in the ordinary channels of trade, rather than upon that obtained from the sale of its own products. In the average town the merchants cannot make money unless the balance which is obtained from the sale of its products to the town for their business.

No business can last long with "everything going out and nothing coming in," and it is equally true that no business can be operated on the principle of "everything coming in and nothing going out." To maintain the balance which is necessary to the maintenance of prosperity in a community there must be an even trade between the business men of the town.

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