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EDITORIAL

Toronto is having just as unsettled an experience in deciding the form of its war memorial as Acton, Milton, and other leading places throughout the Dominion. The Globe the other day said: "If Toronto is to have any war memorial, such as an arch or column, the fitting place for it is University Avenue. There is no room for any worth-while memorial in front of the City Hall."

There is a very general movement throughout the Province to weed out the scrub sires from the dairy herds. In an address at London last week Wade Toole, professor of Animal Husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College, reported that a recent census showed that nearly fifty per cent. of sires in use in the Province are scrubs. In Halton County we have a much lower percentage, the pure bred bulls being much in the majority. However, Mr. Fleming, the agricultural representative, aims to have the percentage of pure breds even more general, by supplanting the scrubs which are still retained. It will be of interest to the producers of both beef and dairy cattle to introduce generally pure bred sires.

It occasionally occurs that men in public position allege inaccuracies in the reports of their speeches. This is an experience which all newspapers come in contact with. Sometimes the reporters are charged with intentionally garbling the words of speakers for a purpose, when nothing was more remote from their thoughts. The difficulty of making a readable report of the verbose and disconnected utterances of many men in public positions is well-known to all newspaper men. Speaking of a case in point the Daily Globe on Saturday said: "Like 'wholly accurate' public speakers, 'wholly accurate' reporters are somewhat scarce, and if their reports were wholly accurate many a man would have cause to blush for his misuse of the language."

A new measure of reciprocity has just been adopted which will mean much in convenience and comfort to veterans of the late war who may be residing or visiting in either Canada or the United States. The United States Congress having passed the necessary legislation, the provisional agreement entered into between the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the United States Bureau of War Risk Insurance which has been acted on temporarily, has become definitely operative. Under this agreement all ex-members of the United States forces resident in Canada, who require medical attention for disabilities, due to or aggravated by war service, may apply to the medical representative of the Department of examination. Should treatment be considered necessary it will be furnished through institutions and clinics of the Department. A similar privilege is now available to ex-members of the Imperial and Canadian forces resident in the United States.

For a number of years, since electricity has come into general use as a motive power, there has been talk of adopting electric current for the moving of the railway trains, now operated by steam engines, on the central lines of the country. A scheme for electrifying all roads running into Toronto for fifty miles from the city has been under consideration for some time. Now there comes the announcement of the Canadian Pacific railway which appears to be official, to electrify all of its main lines and branches in the Dominion of Canada. This will mark the beginning of a new era in railroading. During the past few years many problems have disturbed the directorates of all railroads on the continent, chief among which have been the cost of coal and labor. Strikes of coal miners paralyzed railroad traffic, not more than a few months ago, and the possibility of many and unexpected recurrences, together with an ever-rising price of coal, have forced the railways, who are among the largest consumers of steam coal, to discover other means of locomotion. Electricity may be the real factor for securing relief.

The liquor interests are deliberately trying to throw a scare into the ranks of the temperance forces in the prohibition provinces, with the ulterior purpose of discrediting provincial prohibitory laws and securing their modification or repeal. They flaringly announced the dire effects that would follow the lifting of the ban which was in force for three years by Dominion Orders-in-Council. What are the facts? Provincial prohibition was in force in every province of Canada and was achieving magnificent results before the Dominion prohibitory Orders-in-Council were passed. None of these laws will be impaired in the slightest degree by the repeal of the orders. By the passing of the Dominion prohibition orders, supplemental as they were to provincial law, better results were secured. But all that will be lost by their appeal is that improvement. All the great good that these provincial laws accomplished, and the results were incalculable, before the Dominion Government acted, and all the provisions for bringing about those good results remain.—Pioneer. And the public generally will do well to remember that the penalties for being in an intoxicated condition in a public place are still in force. In fact, the tendency is to impose fines above the minimum. A police magistrate in Oakville fined a drunk the other week $50.00 and costs.

The bill known in England as the Animals' Anæsthetic Bill has at last become a law. By this measure the majority of operations, from time immemorial performed on farm and other animals without any anæsthetic, will now, legally, be performed only when the animal is rendered unconscious of pain. There is much in this bill to recommend its enactment in all countries.

The annual meeting of Acton Horticultural Society held last week, showed that very effective results had been accomplished as a result of the year's work. Each succeeding year the incentive given to the beautifying of the homes and home surroundings in town shows growing results. Citizens are increasing their efforts to grow flowers and shrubs and it naturally follows that Acton is growing more beautiful and attractive year by year. Nothing enhances the general appearance of a town so much as a profusion of neatly arranged flowers and shrubs, with tidily kept lawns and boulevards. Acton Horticultural Society is a material factor, not only in making the homes of the town tasteful and attractive, but in this very accomplishment is increasing the values of the residential property here.

Premier Drury has developed a large element of esprit de corp in his relation to his new cabinet. He said the other day at Woodstock: "Whether it endures or not, I shall stick to every member of my Cabinet to the last. Patronage does not walk the plank gladly. But our party will have none of it. The value of good roads cannot be over-estimated. Rural education to-day requires improving. We do not want to force consolidated schools on the people. Our idea is to free the school system from bureaucratic regulation and control. We will do a great many original things, on the supposition that we shall last. We have a Minister of Education who is strong enough to do original things," he declared, "and in doing them he will have assistance from the best educationists of Ontario."

At midnight on January 16 nation-wide prohibition by constitutional amendment—the dream for years of those opposed to the sale of intoxicating liquor—became effective in the United States. The Department of Justice and the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the two government agencies entrusted with enforcement of the new basic law, are ready to take drastic action against all violators. Total prohibition is now part of the constitution of the United States, and since it has withstood the legal attacks of the liquor forces it is likely to remain there for all time, because as a vote of three-fourths of the States was necessary to embody it in the constitution, a vote of three-fourths of the States—an impossibility, from the present outlook—will be necessary to repeal it. It is generally believed that before many months Canada will stand beside her neighbor to the south, also as a prohibition country.

The remarkable success of Frank A. Munsey, who commenced his career as a country boy in a small rural store in the State of Maine, gives another splendid illustration of a country boy winning signal success in life. Frank Munsey not only owns the best paying and among the most popular magazines in America, but has just purchased the leading American daily newspaper, the New York Herald. In his boyhood he left the country store to become a telepragh operator, and became an office manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Before he was twenty-one he commenced his career as a publisher by acquiring a juvenile paper called "The Golden Argosy," still published monthly as "The Argosy." Mr. Munsey in a most interesting address at a meeting of the Canadian Press Association a few years ago, gave the story of his career as a publisher.

The Liberal leader of the Province continues his facetious opposition to Mr. Drury. His latest vagary is to open up a Toronto Liberal riding in which Premier Drury could "test his strength" in an election against a Liberal. The Prime Minister himself seems to regard the matter as a joke. He intimated laughingly when it appeared in a daily paper on Saturday that he would give it "serious consideration." The Premier made it plain that it was his opinion that if the offer had been intended seriously it could well have been otherwise than through the newspapers. He also drew attention to the fact that Mr. Dewart's proposal lacked considerably in definiteness. Premier Drury may yet effectively turn the tables on Mr. Dewart by challenging him to try conclusions in his own preserves of South Toronto. It is very evident that Mr. Dewart did not intend to open his own constituency, but, like the bold man in the story, was willing to "sacrifice all his wife's relations," by opening up his followers ridings.

The business outlook is encouraging. Canada started 1920 right. She carried over many millions of dollars worth of orders, and she has markets open to her which would gladly make contracts for many more millions of both raw and manufactured goods. The outlook, as seen by the majority of business men, is very bright. Optimism prevails on every side. Speculators on the stock exchanges are showing their appreciation of the outlook by carrying price levels much higher than they were at the commencement of the past year. There is scarcely a factory or mill throughout the whole Dominion that is in need of orders. On the other hand contracts are being turned down and trade is unfortunately being directed to other channels. This, however, cannot be avoided under the circumstances. If labor and machinery were more efficient a far greater volume of business could be transacted. But modern machinery is hard to procure at any price, and labor is relaxing, instead of improving, with every advance in wages. The exchange situation, however, is bound to cut off many overseas orders. Europeans cannot afford to pay the high prices for Canadian goods which must be asked in order to discount the exchange rate. If there is not an early improvement, and there is little likelihood of it, in the value of European moneys in America, Canada must sooner or later withdraw many of her lines from overseas representatives.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO STOP?

A crowd of boys went out on the lake for a sail in an iceboat. Their venture was a novel one. Impelled some twelve miles distant, and the dozen miles were covered in about as many minutes. Everything went well until, as they neared the shore, it occurred to the boy who was steering that he knew no way of stopping the boat except by letting it run aground. The little craft was moving so rapidly as the swiftest express train, and as it struck land, the entire crew were thrown headlong. All were seriously bruised, and one boy was unconscious for some time.

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In those districts where the oat crop was a partial or total failure last season, farmers are evidently somewhat anxious as to the available supply of seed oats. There is a general tendency on the part of farmers who have seed oats for sale to withhold them until later in the winter. The movement of seed oats is delayed also because transportation has been needed for coal, feed and livestock.

Possibly 400,000 bushels of seed oats may be required in Ontario and Quebec, and a much larger quantity in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Canadian Government Feed Purchasing Commission already has substantial supplies in store in the Interior Terminal Elevators, and large quantities of good quality early-harvested oats are still to come forward. Alberta and Saskatchewan requirements will be given that consideration from the seed oats produced in those provinces.

The shortage in Ontario and Quebec may quite easily be met from the large and excellent oat crops in Prince Edward Island and eastern Nova Scotia. No. 1 quality Island Banner seed oats are now being delivered as far west as Toronto at a price comparable with western seed oats of the same grade. The price of No. 1 seed oats delivered in bulk car lots at any point in Ontario and Quebec should not exceed the current Fort William cash price for No. 2 Canada western oats, by more than 35c per bushel. Registered and other select stocks true to variety may be higher in price.

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GEO. H. CLARK,
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Ottawa, January 17, 1920.

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FALSE ECONOMY HAS NO VALUE

Buying Cheap Goods Just Because They Are Cheap Does Not Pay—Quality Often Overlooked

INSTANCE SEEN IN CASE OF MAIL ORDER HOUSES WHICH MAKE THEIR APPEAL SOLELY ON BASIS OF PRICE

Economy is one of the greatest of virtues, but false economy is no more a virtue than anything else that is false. To be able to economize wisely is one of the greatest blessings that one can have, for it is the prerequisite to thrift and well-being. Too many persons, however, who think they have found the secret of true economy are practicing a false economy which is worse than wilful waste.

For instance, the man who buys a stove from a mail order house for $9 because he thinks he would have to pay $10 for one if he purchased it from his home merchant, is practicing false economy, for the chances are that he would save more than $1 in the end if he purchased the $10 stove from the local hardware dealer.

There are several reasons why this is false economy. The first one is that dollar for dollar, the greater part of the merchandise sold by the mail order houses is of less value than that sold by the retail merchants of the smaller communities. The mail order business, as a whole is built upon cheapness. In order to attract customers the catalogue houses must sell goods cheaply and, in order to do that they must sell cheap goods. Their business is built up on price and not on quality. The retail hardware dealer, like retail dealers in other lines probably can match the prices of the mail order houses. He probably has a $9 stove which he can sell to the man who wants to get a stove for $9. The trouble is that the man who buys from the mail order house does not distinguish between price and quality.

THINKS HE IS ECONOMIZING

The man who buys the $9 stove from the mail order house probably would not buy a $9 stove from his local merchant for in the latter case he would see just what he was buying and might realize that the $9 stove would not meet his needs. He orders a $9 stove from the mail order house, however, just because the price is $9 and not because he has any assurance that the stove will meet his needs. He thinks he is saving a dollar or two by buying this stove instead of paying $10 or $11 to the home merchant for one that he has seen and knows will give him satisfaction. The chances are that when the stove arrives and he has used it for a short time he will realize that he has practiced false economy—that it would have been more economical in the end for him to pay a dollar or two more to his home merchant and get an article that was guaranteed by the dealer.

The patron of the mail order house, also, often fails to take the matter of transportation charges into consideration when making his purchase. He need only the price of the article as listed in the mail order catalogue and does not think of the expense or freight charges, which with the cost of a money order and postage often make the total cost of the article greater than the price at which the same thing could have been purchased at the local store. Another case of false economy.

Buying merchandise of poor quality because the price is low is often false economy when the purchase is made at the home stores, but it is doubly so when the merchandise is bought from a mail order house. When buying at home one can be reasonably sure that the article purchased at a low price, while there is no such assurance when it is bought by mail on the "sight unseen" plan.

IDEA IS EXPLODED

The idea that the mail order houses sell the same quality of goods at lower prices than the home merchants is quickly exploded when one learns of the large profits that are made by the majority of the mail order houses and the large selling expenses to which they are subjected. The large mail order houses spend hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for advertising and the selling expenses of the smaller concerns are proportionately as large. Their other expenses, such as rent, taxes and labor, are also higher than those of the local retail merchants, in proportion to the business which they do. In spite of these heavy expenses, the mail order houses distribute millions of dollars in dividends among the stockholders. In one large mail order concern the profits of the stockholders, in cash and stock dividends, have aggregated as much as 1,000 per cent. on the capital invested in the short period of nine years. This does not indicate that the mail order houses are in business for their health and are giving away merchandise to their customers.

The mail order houses have capitalized the desire to economize that is inherent in almost everyone and, by placing price above quality and making cheapness the fundamental element in their business they have inoculated in the minds of their patrons the idea that they are economizing when they buy cheap goods at cheap prices.

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