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The U. F. O. members who are said to be dissatisfied with the Drury Government should remember that the Government must consider the best interests of all the people, not of one class. Globe.

The date has not been definitely fixed, but it's probable that the Ontario referendum on importation of liquor will be held in October, as has already been decided in the case of three other provinces.

The new Minister of Highways evidently means business in the fulfilment of his proposed good roads scheme. A force of 5,000 men will be employed on Provincial highway construction before June is a week older.

The new Provincial Election Act, which does away with the enumeration system followed at the last election, was passed last week. The bill fixes polling hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., though local election boards are given power to change these hours.

Country weeklies are predominantly the home papers of newspaperdom. They are not hurriedly scanned while men travel to business, then left to brakemen to gather up. They go directly to homes where their reading is a duty as well as a pleasure. Hence their peculiar value as an advertising medium.—Review of Reviews.

It transpires that the five per cent. increase of the tax on incomes above \$5,000 means only five per cent. of the income tax, not an additional five per cent. taken upon the income. The Minister of Finance should have made the point clear at the outset. He has been getting credit for an appreciable increase of the tax, whereas the advance is comparatively trivial.—The Globe.

Another evidence is now given that politics of the brand in effect in the United States, means "nothing doing" in great international activities. Political selflessness reached its climax in the refusal to have anything to do with the mandate for Armenia. Americans may pass resolutions of sympathy with the down-trodden Armenians, but when it comes to aiding the new republic there appears to be no effort for practical activity and helpfulness.

Don't Quit Paying Taxes Yet.

Canada's claim against Germany for reparation for losses sustained by the country by individual citizens during the war has been forwarded to England for presentation at a conference of representatives of all parts of the British Empire, soon to be held in London, and subsequently at an Inter-Allied Conference at Spa. The bill rendered by the Dominion is for a total of \$1,871,000,000. Some of us will be a good deal graver before the two billions Germany owes us will be paid. It will be just as well to go on paying war taxes for a while yet anyway.

Motorists Who Violate the Law

Milton may be a law abiding town in a general sense, but the law applying to motoring continues to be violated with impunity. Not only is the speed limit exceeded, but a hideous racket is kept up day and night by the opening of car doors and the unnecessary tooting of horns merely to make a noise. The speeding endangers life and not only is the noise a common nuisance, but it disturbs the sick and retards their recovery. It is the duty of the town authorities to put a stop to all this. Their apathy is hard to understand.—Milton Champion. Milton is not alone in similar offenses being permitted to go unpunished.

More United States Politics

The Irish question in Ireland is critical. But the Irish question in the United States is scandalous. Here it has been made the sport of intriguing politicians. They do not care a straw for Ireland, subjugated or independent, happy or miserable; but they do care mightily for Irish-American voters. To angle for them both parties have in the past stopped at nothing. Especially in a presidential year is there an ignoble competition to see who can go furthest in fronting England, trampling upon the good understanding which was one of the most hopeful results of the war, and bringing American diplomacy into contempt.—New York Times.

Commercial Importance and Agricultural Progress

The importance to the financial and commercial life of Canada of increasing the agricultural production of the Western Provinces can hardly be overestimated, says the Financial Post. The success which has already attended the appeals of the Western Canada Colonization Association to the business men of both Eastern and Western Canada is therefore a matter for satisfaction. The association, though it only came into existence during the first week of April, has progressed far in organizing an economic movement of great possibilities. The task it has undertaken is that of settling within as short a period as possible the estimated 20,000,000 acres of vacant lands lying within twenty miles of existing towns in the Prairie Provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Everyone who has made a study of Western conditions has realized the serious problems arising from the unutilized and unsettled condition of these lands, facilities for the handling of whose possible production already exists, and which, in their present state, represent national waste. The problem is complicated by the fact that they are held by countless private owners, who for one reason or another are not forming them, and in most instances are non-residents.

Larger Support for Public Libraries

With its numerous other excellent measures the Provincial Legislature, which completed the work of the session last week, gave power to municipalities to levy a per capita tax of 50 cents for public library purposes. This will supersede the present system, of levying one-half mill on the dollar, and is designed to produce a revenue which will be less liable to fluctuation than under the present system.

The Eight-Hour Day and Production

The longer the debate on the question of the adoption of the eight-hour day for Canada the less popular the proposal becomes. Premier Drury has stated in no uncertain terms that he is against the eight-hour day. Increased production, he says, is the essential need of the province, and in order to supply it the principle of the eight-hour day must be fought with unceasing determination. The reduction of the hours for work and the much-needed increase in production are inconsistent.

Not Ready Yet for Military Camps

It is said the proposal to hold military training camps this summer will be abandoned, as it is thought it would be difficult to persuade men to spare the time and re-organization of the volunteers regiments has not advanced very far. The military authorities will act the part of wisdom if they skip a couple of years before re-establishing training camps. Most young men of Canada of military age have been well "fed up" on military tactics and manoeuvres the past few years.

The Price of Wool

It looks very much as if the price of wool is likely to be on a basis considerably lower than has obtained for several years. Speculation is rife these days as to the future of wool prices, everything pointing to lower values on all grades, both East and West. The wool trade as a whole is very dull and listless; there is nothing doing as compared with the activity shown other years at this season, and those in closest touch with the situation are at a loss to know whether to buy at present prices or hold for higher.

Class Legislation Should be Obsolete

The Farmer Government of Ontario is the first fruit of a spirit which is beginning to dominate Canadian politics, and it is well, because the farmers are the only unit of the middle class which possesses any organization, and will remain the only organized unit, unless the middle class unite for self-defence against the selfish interests of other classes. The farmer must adopt "For Canada" as their motto. Class legislation should be obsolete in Canada. The middle classes must continue to stand for liberality and justice in order that excessive riches and extreme poverty will become impossible; that Canadians may indeed become a happy and contented people.—A. McKenzie Forbes, in The Veteran.

The Provincial Government's Excellent Record

The first session of the new Provincial Legislature has ended. It was a protracted session but the Drury Government has stood the test well. On its advent to power as the first Farmer-Labor Administration in Canada there was only the modest declaration that the Ministry recognized it was on trial and would do its best to supply the requirements of the people. There was to be an attempt to exclude party politics as understood in the past, and the welfare of the Province would be the premier consideration. The Government has fully measured up to what it set out to achieve. It has shown a disposition to be fair to the opposing parties in the House, and concludes its first session with a record worthy of high praise. Hon. E. C. Drury has proved a first-class Parliamentary leader, and enjoys in a pre-eminent degree the confidence of his followers. He was surrounded by Ministers practically all of whom have shown to advantage, and it was therefore not surprising that the interest of the people of the Province has received consideration, rather than the effort to maintain the prestige of any party or class.

Young People and Their Life Work

This is the season of the year when formal examinations are over; the department examinations, following the year's work in the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, will soon be undertaken, the entrance examinations, following the Public School course; are at hand; and the young folks at the Business Colleges are being put through their varied tests. Happy will be the young people, if at this important epoch in their life's history they aspire not only to win success at their various examinations, but to be a somebody, to possess strength of character, independence of purpose, ambition, self-respect. What the world thinks about us should matter less than what we know about ourselves. It follows as a matter of course that one who is "Somebody" will do "Something." He will not be satisfied to mark time. He will not be willing to fritter away his energy on non-essentials. He will help those weaker than himself. He will count wins in every contest where it matched against wrong. To be Somebody and do Something; that gives scope for the ambition of the most aspiring. No human being should be content with less than this.

The County to Erect Memorial in Milton?

Both the Milton newspapers have been suggesting the erecting of a county memorial to fallen soldiers in Milton. That would be very fine provided it is accomplished by private subscriptions and not by municipal taxation, through the County Council. Other municipalities in the county are raising funds for memorials to be erected honoring the memory of the men who made the supreme sacrifice, who belonged to their respective localities. It would therefore be manifestly unfair to the other towns and communities of the county to be assessed for a monument to be erected at Milton, merely because some influence succeeds in having it called a county memorial. Milton has just about reached the objective for a very respectable amount—a sum that will ensure a very substantial and handsome monument. The subscriptions are paid and the money is in the treasury. The Committee of Five is at work on the project and it is expected the monument will be placed and unveiled with appropriate ceremonies early in the summer. It, therefore, any county monument is to be considered, Milton must necessarily be believed by any municipal responsibility for the cost of such a memorial.

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