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J. P. MOORE, Editor and Publisher.

## EDITORIAL

Ninety grape growers are making contracts for this year's crop at \$100 a ton. They used to get \$20. The increased cost is believed to be due to a scarcity of something—Detroit News.

The Mennonites in Saskatchewan who were resisting the education law have finally decided to send their children to school. The ambition of new-comers should be to bring their children up as Canadians; otherwise this country has no welcome to offer.

Advertising pays. No one is surprised at such an assertion by a newspaper, but the Ottawa government, recognizing this, has inaugurated a publicity department. Like other institutions, governments cannot afford to hide their light under a bushel.

Mr. J. J. Morrison, the U. P. O. dictator of the Government, is critical of press comment, but apparently he sees nothing illogical in indulging in criticism when it pleases himself. His "compepance" is due to arrive one of these fine days.

Various newspapers throughout the country announce increases in subscription price. When every other necessary of life goes up it is only reasonable that the newspaper, more necessary to many folks than their meals, should do likewise. It is inevitable.

Canada is surely in the limelight these days. In his address in Toronto last week Sir Auckland Geddes said: Canada's improved status as a nation is a topic that he confessed interested him mightily, though he had to be careful because of his position not to talk too much about it.

Canada's exports and imports almost balance, as far as is shown by a summary of the trade of Canada for the twelve months ending July 31, as prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The total imports are valued at about a billion and a quarter and exports exceed this amount by a little more than eleven millions.

The importance of the prairie provinces of Canada as a grain-growing territory is realized when it is estimated by expert grain men and bankers, that if the crop of 1921 equals that of 1920, these provinces will yield a sum sufficient to pay the entire national debt of the Dominion. Canada's wheat gives our country national importance.

Canada at this hour is freer and happier than any other nation in the world. Its people, full of common sense, common decency and common concern for a good name, have won its happiness and peace in the midst of upheaval and unrest. While our governments are not all the people could wish they have administered the country's affairs in general with a measurable degree of sane and prudent supervision.

### Tansley's \$110,000 Bridge and Dundas Roadway

The big \$110,000 bridge at Tansley and the section of Dundas Street roadway leading to and from it, don't match, according to the Milton Reformer. The editor took a trip over there the other day to have a look at the surroundings. He says: "Bad as the stone road is from Milton to Palermo, the stretch between Palermo and the bridge on the Dundas Road, is ten times worse and a positive disgrace. And the same might with equal truth be said of the state of the road west of the bridge. A plowed field would be about as easy to drive over as that road, which is almost impassable so deep are the ruts and so hard the clay. Imagine having such a beautiful, well-built structure as the Tansley bridge, erected at a cost of over a hundred thousand dollars, and the road leading to it from either side in such a disgraceful condition that the bridge is not being used to the extent that it otherwise would be." Is this expensive bridge to be of so little utility as the Reformer man's comments would indicate? Surely the ratepayers of the county are not going to see this bridge fall into comparative disuse as has been the case with its sister white elephant on the Middle Road, five miles away. Has \$200,000 of Halton's good money been practically thrown away by injudicious county councillors on two needless bridges?

### Our children Have an Inalienable Right to Education

The schools re-open this week. Of course you are going to send your children to school. In this day of enlightenment every man if he pretends to be civilized must give his sons and daughters the benefit of the training of the schools. In some families this question is a very serious one. Money-making looms large in these days of high cost of living. But there is just one time for the average person to get an education, and that is during early life. Failing then, the after life is dwarfed and will never attain into all its possibilities. This paragraph is written to urge parents to see to it that their children have good school advantages. Better live in poverty and educate your family than to receive their earnings and become more easy in your financial circumstances. It is a false conception of education, however, to suppose that it is a means of saving a man or a woman from work. Education of course fits a person to do many things that an uneducated person cannot do, but the educated person does more successfully even the things that the uneducated person can do. Education qualifies a person to work intelligently and therefore more efficiently. Education makes an equal expenditure of energy accomplish more work and better work. In other words, education enables a person to do more work, to do better work and to do more kinds of work. And since the best and most useful citizen is the one who can do the most and the best work, education is to be highly valued and earnestly sought.

### Sugar Getting out of the Luxury Class

There'll be no popular sympathy for the big sugar speculators who forced sugar to more than twice its normal price and now find they stand to lose large sums. Sugar appears to be tobogganing down to reasonable figures again. Prices have dropped from fifty to eight cents the past week and reports say 15c sugar is within sight. An expert investigator declares sugar should not be sold to-day above 12c. The get-rich-quick speculators are now getting their desserts.

### It was an Unworkable Proposal

The County Council's delegations from Halton, Peel and Dufferin, which met to consider a proposal for the amalgamation of the jail system, with one jail for the three counties, located at Brampton, have decided that it would be inexpedient to enter into such an arrangement. The inconvenience and extra cost of conveying prisoners to and from the respective county court houses and the centralized jail are fatal to the project. Halton jail, under Governor McGibbon, has the distinction of costing less per capita for maintenance than any other jail in the province.

### Prohibition Coming in Great Britain

"Prohibition is inevitable in Great Britain and in my judgment the liquor traffic is doomed," said Rev. Trevor Davies, of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, who last week returned from a ten weeks' visit to the old land. Dr. Davies left England only three years ago and he says the change in sentiment in favor of prohibition is to him almost dramatic. This attitude has come about chiefly through the influence of Canada and the United States. The people in the old land are watching Canada closely. The liquor people are alarmed at the outlook. It is a losing battle for them.

### Lower Prices for Life's Necessities

Evidently there is a widespread influence at work which will mean at least a gradual decline of prices from the high figures now obtaining for nearly all the necessities of life. Speaking at Toronto the other day Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, said: "It is, of course, unthinkable that prices will again return to the pre-war level—at least for many years. While there is chaos in Russia and Poland, and while production has not increased as it should and probably will later on, it cannot be expected that prices will drop very much. But the world is on the way back to stability. Prices are tumbling in certain parts of the world now. There is enough of the world at peace to make this possible."

### A Canadian Edits a Prominent Irish Paper

The Free Press has received half a dozen copies of current issues of the Freeman's Journal, of Dublin, Ireland, in which the stirring events of the past month are rehearsed and strong editorials setting forth Ireland's demands of the Lloyd-George government are written. It is a matter of very peculiar interest that the managing editor of the Freeman's Journal is Mr. Harry N. Moore, only son of Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, and that his great-grandfather left Ireland for Canada eighty-seven years ago, to improve his fortunes under the more beneficent government of this Dominion. This great-grandson hopes to have a share in the effort to successfully place Ireland in a state of peace, with a government which will bring the warring factions into a harmonious co-operation for the benefit of the Emerald Isle and its worthy people.

### The Fall Fair's Opportunities

During this month of September the Fall Fairs flourish. Acton Fall Fair, to be held on the 21st and 22nd insts., will give fine opportunities for exhibiting and comparing notes on the products of the field, farm, garden, the home and sundry other interests. With such excellent crops this year there should be an abundance of entries of all kinds of farm produce, and keen competition in all of the classes. While the management may be energetic, the success of the fair depends, after all, largely upon what the public puts into it. Exhibitors and spectators alike can all do much to make Acton Fall Fair the success it deserves to be, and there should be absolute loyalty to this institution, which brings rural and urban residents into closer relationship. Unlike many other local fairs Acton Fall Fair puts up no barriers. Its prize list is open to the world.

### "Work and Prosper" New Slogan for Canadians

Here is a suggestion of sane and vital import. "Work and Prosper" was the motto which Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, invited Canadians to adopt, during the course of his speech at the opening of the Toronto Exhibition on Saturday. "But remember," he added "that material prosperity alone can never make a nation great. Spiritual fortitude is also required to meet all the joys and shocks that will come before peace is fully established." Particular stress was laid on the opportunity presented to Canada for helping to restore the world to normal conditions. Incidentally he described Canada as the sheet anchor of the British Empire. The distinguished guest dilated eloquently on the ties that bind the British and American people, and emphasized the interdependence existing between Canada and the United States. But "Work and Prosper" was the keynote of his important theme.

### The Labor Interests Want Peace

It is a very hopeful sign when organized British Labor is demanding that the Government take immediate steps to bring about peace between Russia and Poland. In a message sent jointly to Lloyd George, Arthur Balfour, Lord President of the Council, and Leo Kameneff, Bolshevik Trade Commissioner in London, the Executive Council of the British Labor Party declared that they had helped to induce the Reds to withdraw the objectionable terms—thus removing the obstructions to peace—and urged that the British and Russians should simultaneously publish the full terms upon which peace can be obtained at once. When labor men show such solicitude for peace between warring nations they would surely use their best endeavors to cultivate peace between employers of labor and the labor unions. No one thing in the past has disturbed the peace more surely than the unseemly strikes which have been ordered.

### BEAUTY THAT IS SKIN DEEP

It is a poor week that does not bring some strange tale from Paris. The latest is of a woman who, nearly fifty, has recovered the beauty she had when twenty-five by a simple operation. Small incisions were made behind the ears and, out the scalp, it is said, and the skin drawn over and sutured. Only two or three small sutures are left to tell the tale, and their scars are hidden under a wealth of hair.

There are stories on this score, however, and headlines on this score. The woman so audaciously given back her youthful countenance must never smile again, lest through laughter she spoil that finely stretched tegument. She can be happy only as long as she remains as subdued as a mummy swathed in gorgeous garments that give off the odors of secret apoplexy. Is the price worth paying? Life has many compensations at fifty that are unknown at twenty-five. Would it not be better for this Parisienne, anxious possessor of beauty though she is, to take the good with the bad? There is not much use in trying if all hope of laughter is lost.

Of all women, it is agreed the least attractive are those who go farthest to force the ways of youth on bodies that make a mockery of their efforts. A woman who seeks to look and to act her age, assuming that she has taken life with the rich and clean delight in its struggles that it deserves, is always the one whom a world, rejoicing in her dignity, likes to honor. False feathers do not make it to the price worth paying—except at the circus—exchange.

### WHEN AUNT BADIE RECKONED HER COMPENSATIONS

There is a dear old lady who lives her life of sunshine in a little western town. Folks call her "Aunt Badie." Some use the even more apt name of "Auntie Sunshine." When asked what it is that makes her so continually cheerful, in spite of many things that to others would be listed as three sorrows and misfortunes Aunt Badie replied: "I never forget to reckon my compensations!"

Her compensations! How her heart! Why, all her neighbors know Aunt Badie's secret allowance bars her from being a loving. Some would actually stare on the little bit that seems plenty for "Auntie Sunshine." "Oh, yes when I pause to look, I can always find compensations enough to cover every disappointment," she happily explains. "I've had troubles and griefs and worries in my time. And in my younger days I got into the habit of looking these things always to the fore, sort of using them as a means, so I thought, of winning sympathy. But I awoke to the foolishness of this one day when I got to counting my blessings. In counting them I was brought to the truth that many things which had happened to me and which I thought at the time were dire calamities, turned out to be blessings in disguise."

### WHEN THE BATTLE WAS OVER

We abandoned the Allies as soon as the fruits of victory were beginning to show or to dim, as the eagle might prove to be. This was the sort of a tribute we paid to the dead we left behind, and it was as much of a case of desertion after the fact as it would have been before it had "Perishing with our own hands" in the face of the enemy. It shrouds into a unpopulated barb and statement that but for the desertion things might have been entirely different, and the humiliation that we have no right to talk. For further particulars apply to the senator who played a political game with table stakes, the table being the world and the stakes the destinies of mankind.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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