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EDITORIAL

Modern interurban electric roads have come to stay. The people want them. They need them. Though opposition has been raised in some quarters hydro radial roads will be built and operated. They are a necessity, not a luxury, and will serve a vast proportion of the population who cannot afford motor cars.

If young people in country places only realize the real value to them of a training in practical journalism such as every news editor in a community receives, many more would apply for the privilege. Next to public speaking, writing for the newspapers affords a practical opportunity for correct expression and facility in writing.—Canadian Statesman.

Milton memorial committee is at last getting stirred into action. Generous objectives are mentioned, up as high as \$10,000. But this amount includes proposed "open subscriptions, or, if they prefer, municipal grants from the townships." From the tenor of recent editorials it was understood that Milton was going to erect its monument without outside municipal aid.

Amendments to the Manitoba Temperance Act, passed at the last session of the Legislature, will be proclaimed at once if the liquor referendum, to be taken October 25, condemns inter-provincial trade, it is announced by the Provincial Government. The amendments provide that liquor trading shall be taken from the wholesale druggists and handled by the Provincial Government exclusively.

National prohibition is to be put into force in Mexico, and women are to be given the right of suffrage. This declaration has been made by General Alvaro Obregon, president-elect. According to the plan of the president-elect a dry zone along the United States border, with a width of from 80 to 100 miles will be established about January 1, 1921, while national prohibition will be delayed only a year or so longer.

The receipts from inland revenue as the result of the luxury and other special taxes imposed by the Federal Government have taken a big leap forward. For the five months ending September 1, the receipts were nearly twenty-one million dollars, while during the corresponding months last year they were seven and three-quarter millions. For the month of August alone the receipts were four times larger than in August 1919.

The Cemetery an Attractive Garden

Cemetery superintendents held a convention at Hamilton recently. Among other things discussed was a splendid paper read by Mr. W. H. Groves. His subject was "Why the Cemetery Should be a Garden." Some cemeteries resemble much more a marble-dealer's yard than a garden. It is not so in Simcoe, of course. Yet beautiful Oakwood is not perfect. No great vision is required to indicate possible improvements in keeping with the garden idea.—Simcoe Reformer.

Mothers' Pensions in Ontario

The act passed at last session of the Legislature providing mothers' pensions under certain conditions and circumstances is a very laudable measure. This bill enacts that every mother with children under 14 years of age dependent upon her, who has lost her husband by death, or whose husband has been permanently disabled, or confined to hospital or asylum and who has been a resident of Ontario for at least four years previous to her application, and is a fit and proper mother to take care of her children, will receive an allowance sufficient for her maintenance from the government. This act comes into force on October 1.

The New York Bomb Outrage

All evidence points to malevolence, rather than to accident in the terrible casualty in New York last Thursday. If the conclusion of the detective force is correct, that the explosion was due to a bomb or an infernal machine placed there by an anarchist, no words of condemnation can be too severe. The utter futility of an attack upon the men who handle the finances of the nation by methods which involve the slaughter of innocent stenographers, clerks, messengers and other employees must be obvious to all but madmen. This cowardly attack will have the unfortunate effect of closing the ears and hearts of many, both in the United States and in other countries, to the popular appeal for closer relations between capital and labor.

The People Need Hydro Radials

No thoughtful citizen of Ontario can find fault with the Drury Government for taking steps to secure intelligible data as to the cost, operation, service rendered and other details respecting Hydro Radials in the province. There will be serious disappointment, however, if any serious delay or faceless opposition is made to the installation of the radial system. Hydro-radial wheels may not turn so quickly or in such large numbers as the Hydro-electric Railway Association of Ontario has hoped, but the determined enthusiasm displayed at the recent meeting of the association is significant. "After years of labor we appear to be approaching a climax, and we meet the issue with confidence," said the veteran President, J. W. Lyon, of Guelph. "That is the spirit of Ontario people pretty generally and they are the people who hold the franchise and will advise governments and commissions as to the course they are to adopt."

The Unreasonable Freight Increases

Little wonder the people of Canada are feeling sore over the excessive new freight rates. The extent to which the new rates increase affect the public of this country may be gathered from a comparison of their per capita incidence upon Canadians as against the per capita incidence of the increases ordered in the United States. In the latter country the new rates are estimated to bring an increased revenue of \$800,000,000 or \$8.00 per head of population. In Canada the estimated increased revenue is \$120,000,000, or about \$13 per head.

Building Material Prices Lowering

Indications are becoming manifest that the prices of building materials are soon to become more moderate. It is firmly believed that within the next few months Canada and the United States will see the greatest building and constructional activities in years. This was the unanimous opinion of a conference of some thirty technical and business newspapermen at the National Club last week. Mr. J. Russell, editor of Contract Record and Engineering Review, spoke on the reduction in the cost of building that a more plentiful supply of labor now looms on the horizon would bring about. "Millions of dollars of building plans are at present, held away awaiting the reduced cost of construction," he said.

English Press Delegate says Saloons are gone Forever

No more observant company of men and women ever traversed Canada than the Imperial Press Delegates. These people are trained to observe and their opinions have an unusual value. Mr. Louis Haworth, of the Yorkshire Post, speaking in Toronto, before leaving for home said: "Inquiry in every Canadian Province gives the impression that saloons are gone forever. The people have realized the evil of miscellaneous and continuous drinking which, in the case of a number of men meeting together, also involves treating and consequently the consumption of much liquor. From inquiries among manufacturers I have learned that the improvement in work people from prohibition is very marked, the men being more regular in their attendance and more dependable." An important result of prohibition, the visitor thought, has been the withdrawal of drink's influence from the family life.

This Fall's Wheat Prices

The prices at which wheat will sell this season is a topic of interest to business men in many lines of activity, and various ideas are expressed on the subject. In some cases no doubt the wish is father to the thought which is voiced while in others there is every evidence that the conclusions reached are the result of much hard thinking along logical lines. Since the resumption of open trading on the Chicago and Winnipeg exchanges, prices have moved over a wide range, December futures falling from the high prices at opening and then recovering to about half way between the opening price and the low rate reached on the decline. Sensational fluctuations have been seen from time to time particularly on the Chicago market, but recently the trend has been steadier and there has developed among a number of the trade both in United States and Canada, a section who are now looking for a sustained strong market.

Present British Opinion of Canada and the War

One of the most influential of the Imperial Press Delegates in an editorial to his paper since returning home says: "I have now a fuller realization of the gigantic effort which was put forth to help the Mother Country in the great European war. It is, I really believe, only by a visit to Canada that the average Englishman can realize this to its full extent. When he mixes with the people in their offices and shops and warehouses, when he visits them in small townships out west, on the wide open prairie, in the lumber camps, and indeed in every walk of life, then he finds that practically every young man, and very many middle-aged ones, too, answered the call of duty, left their business at great sacrifice and camp over to help us. The losses, too, were as terrible as they were here at home. And when we remember that Canada has now a population of only some eight millions, the homes that were bereaved are, I believe, quite as numerous as ours. The money that was raised for the Red Cross and other war work was correspondingly great; while the women acted an equally noble part in keeping the home fires burning. And the result of it all has been that never before in its history has Canada been so attached to the Old Country. Everywhere our kinship is proclaimed. Everywhere the Englishman is welcomed as a comrade and a brother. There is a oneness that nothing but this war could have engendered. It is the ardent desire of all true Canadians that their country should be peopled by men and women of the English-speaking race. It is to them the preference will be given, and it is they who must make haste to possess a land of great possibilities teeming with wealth for the steady worker."

The Spirit of the Law Openly Violated

It is no uncommon thing, these days to see children and young people on the street with ice cream cones, candies and peanuts purchased on Sunday. The case with which these commodities are available make a problem for parents which they feel keenly, and which many think should not be permitted to prevail in any community. It is true decisions have been given in Toronto and other cities and towns where complaints have been made respecting the source of these Sunday purchases, that, inasmuch as restaurants are permitted to sell food on Sunday, and ice cream, candy, peanuts, etc., are food, therefore their sale is not a violation of the Sunday laws. That may be a legal view of the case, but the sale of these commodities on Sunday is nevertheless a violation of the spirit of the law as well as of the moral obligations for the observance of the Sabbath. There is, however, a way by which our municipalities may and should prohibit these promiscuous sales on Sunday. The statutes provide that a Municipal Council may license all restaurants and eating houses, and gives the power of enacting certain regulations governing the places which may be licensed, and one of these regulations may prohibit the licensee from selling ice cream, candies, etc., to be consumed off the premises, or to persons who are not being supplied a meal in the restaurant. It will be a credit to the community and a relief to parents if the Municipal Council of Acton will take action along this line. An enforcement of the Sunday laws respecting the sale of cigars and cigarettes is also desirable. The Lord's Day Act positively prohibits the sale of tobacco in any form on the Sabbath.

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A country without forests is certain in time to become a bleak, barren, almost godless country in which man cannot make his home in any large numbers.

And, as a more immediate consequence, with the decrease in trees available for paper making, national progress and prosperity will be increasingly hampered through an artificial falling of our national facilities.

Newsprint, as you well know, has become a necessity in our lives. Its price, like that of many commodities, has risen to a point that makes their purchase prohibitive for many people.

All this is mainly due to paper shortage, for which the thoughtful distribution of reclaimed waste paper is in part responsible. This cannot be done by the general public.

If you have been burning or otherwise destroying waste paper, please do not do so any more. Establish a receptacle for it in some convenient place where there will be no special fire hazard. Once a month, if it accumulates so rapidly that it makes longer storage inconvenient, telephone or send a postcard to some dealer in waste paper.

HE HAD BEEN THE EFFECTS

Among the little group of luncheoners at a London west end club yesterday was a well-known judge. Presently, as they sat, one of the other men turned to him and remarked: "I see you're drinking coffee."

"That rather a heating drink for such a climate," he replied. "Like this, you should choose something sharper and more cooling."

"You" suggested another man. "Such an apt and apter-ale. Have you ever tried it?" he asked, turning to the judge.

"No," replied the dispenser of justice, with a smile; "but I've tried every other man who has."

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