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EDITORIAL

The Oakville Record thinks it would be a popular move for the County Council to erect a handsome memorial on the lawn in front of the court house, on which could be placed the name of every hero in the county who fell a victim of the Hun.

The Toronto paper that published the sickening details in connection with a suit for alimony, which was tried in the court there recently, should be ostracized. There cannot possibly be any excuse for making public such stuff as that.—Tweed News.

Paisley Council has adopted a plan by which those who wish to provide for the perpetual care of graves in the Paisley Cemetery may do so. If a little town of 800 can maintain the perpetual care system, surely Acton could adopt the plan and operate it successfully.

A total value of \$1,030,000 for the field crops of Canada during 1920 is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This compares favorably with 1910, when the figures were \$1,452,437,500, and with 1918, when the total estimated value was \$1,372,035,970.

An Ontario newspaper suggests the advisability of all papers whose names are The Times changing to some other title. Within the last few months the Hamilton Times, Toronto Times, Brockville Times, Peterborough Times, Owen Sound Times, have ceased publication or have been absorbed by their competitors.

After the coming session of the Legislature all persons intending to be married in Ontario may be required to give public notice one week in advance of the proposed nuptials. This is the effect of proposed legislation and, according to Attorney-General Raney, has been under consideration by the Ontario Government. And why not?

British Farmers Should Receive Fair Treatment
Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, after his return from a visit to England, announces that he expects ten thousand or more practical English farmers will come to Ontario next spring. There is an opportunity here for real immigration work. The Government should see to it that those who buy farms get value for their money and all the technical advice necessary for a fair start.

Embargo Remains, but no Slur on Canadian Cattle
The secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture admitted in the British House of Commons last week that his attention had been drawn to a statement by Hon. Manning Doherty, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, that the British embargo on cattle was a gross injustice to Canada. He reiterated his inability to remove the embargo, although he denied that any slur was implied on the health of Canadian cattle. Wonder who's behind this unreasonable embargo anyway? A few Lords who own a score or two of mangy cattle likely.

The Real Christmas Spirit
The happy Christmastide anniversary will be here another week. This festival is too sacred, too full of wonderful possibilities to make it tolerable that it should have any other influence but one of the real Christmas spirit of love and helpfulness. Christmas is a time for looking out and reaching out. The way to make Christmas a time of song and rejoicing, a time for full hearts and glad faces, is to think of other people. What a mistake and failure we make of the day if we narrow it down to our own little selves; and what we want. On Christmas, if on any day of the year, look out, not in; lend a hand. Try it.

Farmers' Leader in House of Commons

At the session of the Canadian Council of Agriculture at Winnipeg last week the third Parliamentary group in the House of Commons was formally recognized as "the present Parliamentary exponents of the new national policy." The Council of Agriculture further gave "its full endorsement" to the action of this group in choosing Hon. T. A. Crerar as their leader. The session of the Council at which this action was taken was the most representative ever held by the farmers. Delegates were present from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and the three Prairie Provinces. This recommendation will come before the annual conventions of the various Farmers' Provincial organizations affiliated with the Council of Agriculture, commencing with the United Farmers of Ontario, who are holding their annual convention this week. At these Provincial annual conventions suggestions for the amendment of the Farmers' national platform will also come up for consideration.

The County Town's "Special" Correspondent

The Milton correspondent to the *Globe* and the *Star*, who has been putting Milton on the map the past few weeks goes rather far afield for his "special" correspondence to these metropolitan papers. With a temerity that is admirable (?) he clips holsus bolts items from all the county papers and serves these up to the unsuspecting city papers and their readers a day or two or a week after appearing in the county weeklies, as special dispatches from Milton. This has been going on for weeks. A notable instance of this appeared in Saturday morning's *Globe* when the item in the news column of the *Free Press* on Thursday morning relative to the proposed discontinuance of Lorne School, a mile from Acton and thirteen miles from Milton, was clipped and sent to *Toronto* as a "special" dispatch from Milton. Even Milton people are asking, "Where's Lorne School?" If Milton does not wish to become more and more the laughing stock of the county and beyond, that specially appointed publicity agent better be called off.

Keep Your Victory Bonds Making Money

Indications are that some people are disposing of their Victory bonds because the stock lists quote them below par. Hang on to your Victory bonds, they are worth one hundred cents on the dollar, so even though the market price may fluctuate. The fewer bonds placed upon the market the steeper the price will be. Put your bonds away safely and forget all about them until it is time to collect the interest at the next period when it accrues. They will make more money for you than if cashed before maturity.

Don't Get Panicky in Everyday Purchases

It requires careful study these days to understand economics as applied to present business and industrial conditions. It will be wise, however, not to manifest too great anxiety to see prices take a big drop suddenly. A panic in prices will mean ruin to many business houses, closing of manufacturers and hardship for employees thus thrown out of work. A gradual decline will best serve general conditions. Those who can afford to spend money for clothing, boots and shoes and other necessities should not be economical in these expenditures. It is the precipitate withdrawal of trade in staple goods that forces the closing down of factories and throwing men out of employment.

Ninety Years in the Newspaper Field

This week the Gazette, published at Picton, in Ontario's historical Bay of Quinte district, celebrates its ninetieth anniversary. The Gazette was one of the very first papers in what was then known as Upper Canada. Since 1830 it has been published continuously. This 90th anniversary will be fittingly celebrated by the publication of a special number on December 23. The Gazette has been honored with a number of energetic and talented editors, but never in its history has its columns been conducted with a more able and virile editorial supervision than under the present editor, Mr. Colman. The paper is a most worthy representative of Prince Edward County and its influence extends far beyond the bounds of that constituency.

More Prohibition Members In Congress

As we look around us during these post-election days we see a prohibition situation which is truly encouraging, says the Nashville Advocate. The new Congress will have a larger proportion of members committed to prohibition than was found in the present Congress, which passed the Volstead Act. The "wets" were, as a rule, defeated in the late election. It will be recalled that when the Eighteenth Amendment was passed the cry went up from the liquor leaders that if the young voters of the country had been in America instead of in France the various State legislatures would not have ratified the amendment. In the late election these young voters had come home, yet the liquor hosts suffered greater reverses than ever.

Favorable Terms for Soldiers' Life Insurance

The Government of Canada took a very wise and worthy action when they made provision for soldiers' life insurance at rates far below the schedules of the insurance companies to the general public. With

applications for policies reaching the Board of Pensions Commissioners at the rate of more than one hundred per week, there is every evidence that the state insurance plan provided is proving popular with the veterans and their dependents. To date, it is stated, more than one thousand insurance policies have been issued under the new plan, and these have gone to the veterans and their dependents in all parts of Canada. These policies are for sums ranging from one to five thousand dollars. Soldiers generally will be very greatly advantaged by utilizing this favorable opportunity for securing insurance.

Sir Adam Beck's Services to Ontario

By his untiring and successful efforts in the development and extension of the Hydro Electric activities in this province, Sir Adam Beck has won for himself the admiration and gratitude of multitudes of the people of Ontario. His efforts have been absolutely without thought of personal gain, but for the general benefit of the citizens of the province. Through his enterprises, initiated and carried to successful operation and administration, the benefits of public ownership have over and over again been demonstrated. The citizens of Toronto last week gave manifestation of their appreciation of the splendid services rendered that city in the recent consummation of negotiations with the Mackenzie interests when they tendered him a banquet at the King Edward Hotel, and presented him a beautiful silver loving cup.

Novel Move in Municipal Politics

A novel bit of organized municipal interest is reported from Parry Sound, where a committee of citizens has undertaken to secure the candidature of "fit and proper" men to occupy public offices for 1920.

This committee has scoured the town for men of the type desired, and has been forced to report failure to induce this class of citizens to accept nomination.

Further attempts will be made. There is something commendable in the public spirit thus evinced by the citizens' committee. Municipalities are now in more urgent need of capable administrators than in more normal times, and yet capable men are too often indifferent to the claims for public service, and too often, indeed, is interest centered around "popular" rather than capable men for public office. The Parry Sound committee may find it needful to precede their direct efforts by a long and tedious campaign of education on the responsibility of the municipal voter.

The Statesmanship of N. W. Rowell

The people of Canada, irrespective of politics, must appreciate the success of Hon. N. W. Rowell at the sitting of the delegates of the assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva, Switzerland, in his protest against the proposition that the Assembly recommend to the Governments the establishment under the auspices of the League of Nations of three new organizations, finance, transit and health, with annual conference on these subjects. Mr. Rowell claimed that by adopting the propositions the control would be too much under the influence of Europe, whose statesmen are responsible for the present state of affairs. Canada's stand will do good. The men who would influence the League must learn to consider wider areas than Europe in formulating their ideas. Some of the leading British newspapers complimented Mr. Rowell's stand, and declared that the compromise by which these proposals were abandoned was a victory for Canada.

WRITING ON METALS

Usually one attempts to put his name on his metal "jewellery" by scratching with a file or knife-point, and has very poor results. It is really better to write engraving on the blade of a jackknife, a watchcase, a knife, etc. If one happens to know how, and the attractiveness of the inscriptions can be increased by the artistic ability of the individual.

Cover the place where you wish to write with a thin coating of melted wax. When the wax is cold, write plainly with a sharp feather being particular to cut the letters through the wax to the metal. Then mix one ounce of muriatic acid and half ounce of nitric acid, or smaller quantities in the same proportion, and remember that these acids are deadly poisons—and apply the mixture to the feather with a feather, carefully mixing each letter. Let the acid remain from one to ten minutes, according as the etching is to be light or deep. Next dip the article in water, wash it well, and melt wax over the whole and burnish the other way, but he followed and asked: "Do they kick round much at night?"

"To tell you 'truth' mind!" she said, and turned red in the face.

"I think you're wrong there," he answered. "Children bring up on the bottle are apt to pine and die."

She said she had rung the gate, but before she had rung it he came up, and asked:

"Have to speak 'em once in a while, I suppose."

She had about twenty gestures in half a minute, just as he helped the cab through the gate he said:

"Our children are all twins, and I'm afraid we'll have to give you 'em another 'full score'."

But he picked up a flower pot and flung it at him. He jumped back, and as she entered the house, he called out:

"Home insanity won't break out in the twins!"

BRIITAIN'S COAL

Great Britain owns its position in the world of commerce and industry to-day by coal more than by anything else. The commercial form of color-blindness is not—an visually supposed—the inability to distinguish red and green. That affects one person in every 100,000. The usual symptom is to get mixed between blue and green. One person in every forty is affected. Color-blindness between brown and green. Color-blindness is more common among educated than among uneducated people, and is far more common among men than women. One woman in a thousand is color-blind. A very rare fact is that musicians are more liable to this affliction than any other class or person. Human eye can color-blind. There is a case of a woman who became entirely color-blind after a form of disease, while a gynaecologist who had suffered from lack of jaw or testicles became equally unable to distinguish color.

A MARRIAGE-MAKER

When Professor Ayton was making proposals for marriage to his first wife—a daughter of the celebrated Professor Wilson—the lady reminded him that it would be necessary to ask the approval of her parents.

"Certainly," said Ayton; "but as I am a little different in speaking to him than this subject you must just go and tell him my proposal."

The lady proceeded to the library, and taking her father affectionately by the hand, mentioned that Professor Ayton had asked her to become his wife. She added:

"Shall I accept his offer, papa? He says he is too 'different' to name the subject to you himself."

"I shall accept Christopher. If I had better write my reply, and pin it to your back?"

He did so, and the lady returned to the drawing room. There she anxiously awaited the arrival of her father, who was in the world.

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