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EDITORIAL

Iroquois Falls Board of Trade urges the Ontario Government to appoint a commission to direct all public works in that part of Northern Ontario.

Premier Drury is evidently too broad-minded for Secretary J. J. Morrison; but his wider vision spells greater co-operation and benefit to the country. Morrison objects to the Premier's Milton speech.

"Produce, produce, produce," is the slogan the Big Interests Government and the manufacturers use in talking to the farmers. The farmer is sick of that slogan and is going to study marketing problems for a change.—Farmers' Sun.

Buy your goods in the home market, the president of one of Canada's leading banks says: "Every dollar's worth we buy abroad means that a dollar's worth of work has been diverted from a Canadian workman." Make your money support home industries.

A deputation from the Toronto Council of Women saw Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General last Friday, asking him to introduce legislation providing for women jurors in cases concerning women. The suggestion was favorably received. And so it should be.

If our citizens deem it to be desirable to have the waterworks administered by a commission, as the Hydro-Electric plant is now being administered, it will be well to say so to the Council. The Council cannot be expected to take the initiative in this matter.

It must have been a unique experience for the Sinn Finners of Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland, the other day when they were compelled to march through the streets carrying Union Jacks and singing "God Save the King." It would do them real good.

The Western wheat crop is estimated at Winnipeg as follows: Crop, 225,000,000 bushels; shipped, 130,000,000 bushels; for seed and food, 35,000,000 bushels; country mills, 35,000,000 bushels; remaining to market, 35,000,000 bushels; of which only 20,000,000 bushels can go for export.

At the ripe old age of ninety-four Mrs. Corson, widow of the late H. R. Corson, who published the Markham Economist for many years, passed away on Saturday. Her husband, purchased the Economist from her brother, Hon. David Reesor, when he entered the Legislative Council of Canada, about 1860. Her only surviving son, R. J. Corson, still publishes the paper.

With the waterworks plant so near to Fairview Cemetery it is very desirable that water connection be made with this beautiful place. Many owning plots have always beautified them with plants and flowers. The lack of water has, however, been seriously felt. If water is made freely accessable many more people will be induced to plant flowers and the cemetery will be further enhanced.

West Peterboro bye-election will surely have some snap in it with five candidates running. The five who express their determination to have their names go before the convention are: Jas. C. Campbell, U. F. O. candidate; R. Denne, the Meighen-Government's candidate; Thos. McMurray, Labor's choice; J. H. Burnham, Independent Conservative, and likely Mr. G. N Gordon, Liberal choice. The nominations are on January 25 and polling two weeks later.

Canada's Increasing Importations

The increase in the grand total of Canadian trade for the nine months of the fiscal year which ended with the close of December as compared with the same period in 1919, approaches three hundred million dollars. Statements just issued by the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue show that the total value of exports and imports for the nine months period this year was $1,006,040,603, as compared with $1,707,597,300 in 1919. As has been the case in all recent figures issued, the increase in the total value of goods imported into Canada forms the great proportion of the total trade advance. Imports for the nine months ending December 31, 1920, were to the value of $1,003,335,497; in the same period in 1919 they were $730,042,599. At this rate it will be some time before the exchange rate demanded from Canada is materially reduced.

Premier Drury Invites Co-Operation

Premier Drury made a very significant reference to the future of the farmers' political activities at the banquet at Milton on Friday evening. "The Farmers' movement," he said, "has given birth to a new party that must go on and grow and develop and live its life, not under the direct control of its parent, but in principles, and in fulfillment of life which its parent gave to it. The farmers cannot and ought not to rule the country. To do so would be a sort of tyranny. We are in a minority, and we must not attempt to do it because we are a democracy. But remember, in our towns and cities there are scores and hundreds of men who, now that they know what it means, say, 'We believe likewise and we would like to come in.' If we attempt to shut them out, our movement will be short-lived. If we welcome them into the ranks and move together for good government we will go on and do good service." This is the conclusion of a widely-observant public man who has gained valuable experience during the past year. The farmers deserve a leading place in the Government of the affairs of Canada, but, as Mr. Drury so frankly says, "The farmers cannot and ought not to rule the country."

Canada Eventually on Top

Our United States friends will not like this statement: Ellis Powell, Editor of The Financial News, of London England, speaking on Canada before the Colonial Institute, expressed the conviction that Canada, and not the United States, was destined to dominate the future of the whole North American continent, because she would overcome her climatic difficulties and sparceness of population and become the focus of the Empire.

Equip Your Cars with Approved Head Lights

The Deputy Minister of Highways has stated that the Department will be sending out notices as soon as possible to municipal authorities informing them that the law with respect to headlights on motor vehicles is in effect and should be enforced. The law provides that every car operating on the public highways must have an approved form of headlight device. All applicants for licenses for 1921 must state in the application the name of the lights used on the car.

Where the Dominion Government Erred

In his address at Milton last Friday evening Prime Minister Drury set himself solid with his constituents on the liquor question in terms unmistakable. He scored the Dominion Government for removing the war time time order-in-council on the importation of liquor before the people voted on the question. The result was that Ontario had become the "boozorium" of a large part of central North America, especially along the borders. Premier Drury advises the people to vote for "Bone Dry" prohibition when the referendum is taken in April next.

Business Becoming More Reassuring

Reports from the leading financiers of the country state that there is an outstanding development which means undoubted business improvement. The opening weeks of the New Year have shown a greater steadiness in business sentiment and much fewer failures than were anticipated. Moderate buying by retailers for immediate needs is reported by the wholesale houses, and this has created an activity which has been absent for several months. It appears to be generally felt that whatever the next few weeks may bring by necessary business jolts these will be received with reassuring equanimity.

Good Roads Sentiment in [illegible]

In a review of the work of [illegible] ring the past year, Hon. Mr. [illegible] ic Works, said in Hamilto[illegible] been forcibly brought t[illegible] of this Province were [illegible] sentiment. The one d[illegible] and his co-workers was [illegible] good roads, but the scou[illegible] good roads fast enough to [illegible] demand. That being the case it will be [illegible] to distribute the work over as wide an area as possible, and not confine operations to a few favored localities.

Halton has Competent Men for Commanding Officer

Col. James Ballantyne, who was appointed Commanding Officer of the 20th Halton Rifles, has found it desirable to resign because of his Government position in the United States. It is reported that a non-resident of the county is suggested by the military authorities as his successor. This has caused great dissatisfaction among the officers who reside within the county, and petitions are being sent in protesting against such an appointment. Last week Milton Town Council passed a resolution, saying: "We consider it an injustice to Halton County officers who have served with distinction overseas, who are now and always have been residents of the County." The Mayor was authorized to sign the motion and forward it to Dr. Anderson, M. P. Halton officers should certainly not be passed over when the vacancy of Commanding Officer is filled.

Ontario Loses a Great Benefactor

In the death of Sir William Gage last Friday Ontario loses a philanthropist who spent his means and his time with great generosity for the relief of his fellow-men, who have been suffering from the ravages of consumption. More than a quarter of a century ago he sought the co-operation of others in forming an association for the care of consumptives, and by his persistent and persuasive zeal he placed the National Sanitarium Association upon a sound and lasting basis. He himself would regard the money which he lavished on the cause as the least part of his efforts, for he devoted to its success the same sagacity and forethought which characterized his business undertakings. Both in Muskoka and in Toronto the institutions which he was instrumental in developing have done much for the prevention of that disease and the promotion of health. His great services to humanity will remain as a monument to his conviction of his duty to his fellow-men.

Farmers are Not Alone in This

In an address the other day J. J. Morrison, Secretary of the Ontario Farmers' Association, made this statement: "In 1900 I paid $10.50 per annum taxes on my 100-acre farm. To-day I turn it over to my son who pays five times that amount. In other words a farmer of to-day is under five times the tax handicap of a farmer of 20 years ago, yet the farm has lost fertility and will produce less than it did years ago." Surely this statement does not accord with the customary astuteness of the energetic Secretary of the Farmers' organization. Mr. Morrison should honestly have gone on and shown that when he conducted his 100-acre farm in 1900 he was receiving about one-fourth and in some cases one-fifth of to-day's prices for his products. He sold the butter his wife made for 15 or 20c., his eggs for 10 to 15c., his wheat for 60c., his oats for 25c. and so on. The changed conditions, the costs of the war, the more extensive public improvements, have all been elements in the increase of taxes, on a ratio similar to the increase of prices generally, and Mr. Morrison's taxes have been increased from $10.50 to nearly $100.00. But to the man who lives in a house in town, which is absolutely unproductive of revenue, there always seems to be some considerable disparity when he realizes that his farmer friend who lives in just as good a house, and has 100 acres thrown in which produces at least a good living for himself and family, is taxed no more for the good farm house and the hundred acres than he pays in taxes for his house in town, without a quarter of one acre on which to produce sustenance for his family. And the town man's taxes have increased in about the same ratio as Mr. Morrison's.

THE VALUE OF ABSORBENTS IN THE STABLE

The amount of excrement voided by animals depends upon the amount of feed given and the capacity of the animal. It has been found at the Experimental Station, Kentville, that 1000 pound steers will average 78 pounds manure per day, including the bedding which amounted to 10 pounds for each steer per day. This amount of bedding, on first thought, would seem to be excessive, but when it is considered that approximately one-third of the excrement is liquid and must be absorbed by some material to be retained, the wisdom of using that amount of straw will be apparent. It is found that 1 pound of straw will absorb in 24 pounds from 2¼ to 2½ pounds of liquid according to the quality of the straw. Oat straw is a better absorbent than wheat straw, probably largely because of having more and larger leaves. If 10 to 25 pounds of urine is to be absorbed per day it will be seen therefore that 10 pounds of straw is not an excessive amount.

One pound of well dried peat will absorb from 5 to 6 pounds of liquid, thoroughly dried sawdust 4 to 4½ pounds and dried leaves 1½ to 2 pounds. Of all absorbents, everything considered, straw is the best. The trouble with the other absorbents is to get them dry and provide satisfactory storage.

The importance of using an abundance of absorbents is still more fully apparent when it is known that two-thirds of the fertilizer constituents in the voidings of animals is in the liquid, and that in this liquid there is twice as much nitrogen and four times as much potash as there is in the solid excreta. The only alternative therefore, to prevent waste is to do everything possible by the use of absorbents to retain these liquids so that the valuable fertilizing constituents they contain may be retained.

One ton of oat straw contains 12.4 pounds of nitrogen, 4 pounds of phosphorus, and 24 pounds of potash. These different elements cost in commercial fertilizers at the present time approximately per pound 30 cents for nitrogen, 11 cents for phosphorous and 5 cents for potash. This would make a ton of straw worth $6.06 for the fertilizing constituents it contains.

Investigation shows that cow urine contains 11 pounds of nitrogen and 4 pounds of potash in one ton, and the solids, 3.6 nitrogen, 3.4 pounds of phosphorous and 1 pound of potash. At the price for these materials as given above a ton of the urine would be worth $6.86 and the solids $2.90. It will be seen, therefore, to save the ton of liquid worth $6.86, two tons of straw having a fertilizer value $6.06 per ton would be used, making a total of 3 tons of manure worth $18.92. This does not take in account the value of the humus furnished to the straw which is an exceedingly valuable factor not only in soil tilth, but in the development of important soil organisms which are abundant only where humus is present.—W. S. Blair, Superintendent, Experimental Station, Kentville, N. S.

INJURED WORKERS WANT PAY FOR FULL TIME

In making their annual appearance before the Ontario Government in search for legislative changes, the Building Trades Council, headed by Mr. James Doggett, had three specific requests to make at Toronto on Tuesday.

They asked for an amendment to the Factories Act compelling all building owners to have proper safety devices installed on all elevators; that the Workmen's Compensation scale of payment to injured men be increased from 66 2-3 per cent. to 100 per cent.; and that the increased compensation allowances provided at the last session of the Legislature should be made retroactive to include non-fatal cases prior to July 1.

They also suggested that the new administrative building, which the Government plans to build in Queen's Park, should be commenced at once to provide work for the unemployed. No definite promises were made, although the Cabinet showed a certain amount of sympathy for all the requests except the 100 per cent. allowance to injured men.

MORE SCHOOLBOY "HOWLERS"

Here are some of the definitions given by the pupils at a school examination: Stability is taking care of a stable. A mosquito is the child of black and white parents. Monastery is the place for monsters. Toscin is something to do with getting drunk. Expostulation is to have the smallpox. Cannibal is two brothers who killed each other in the Bible. Anatomy is the human body, which consists of three parts, the head, the chest, and the stummick; the head contains the eye and the brains, if any; the chest contains the lungs and a piece of liver.

NOT SELFISH AT ALL

"Have you said your prayers?" asked Willie's mother.

"Of course," replied the child.

"And did you ask to be made a better little boy?"

"Yes, and I put in a word for you and father, too."—Tit-Bits.

MAIL CONTRACT

Sealed tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 11th February, 1921, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week on the route

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A. SUTHERLAND,
Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office, December 21st, 1920. 203

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF EMELINE JANE WORDEN, DECEASED

The creditors of Emeline Jane Worden, late of the Village of Glen Williams, widow, who died at the City of Belleville, on or about the 29th day of March, A. D. 1920, are required on or before the thirteenth day of February, 1921, to send by post prepaid or otherwise deliver to the undersigned solicitor for the Administrator, a statement of their accounts, the nature of the security, (if any,) held by them, and full particulars of their names, addresses and descriptions.

And notice is hereby further given that immediately after the said thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1921, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, and he will not be responsible for any claims of which he shall not have received notice at the time set forth for such distribution.

WILLIAM L. WORDEN,
Administrator.

By H. N. Farmer, his Solicitor. 29-3 [illegible]

THE UNBROKEN CHANT

Perhaps the most beautiful story Mr. William T. Ellis has put into his book, "Men and Missions," is the one cherished by Christians since the early day of the church, that tells what followed when news came one day that his gladiators, forty in all, had accepted Christ and had made profession of their faith in Him.

The enraged emperor immediately gave orders that these men be required to recant. If they refused to do so they were to be transported to the loneliest spot in all the Alpine country of northern Italy, and there, without food or shelter, turned out to die. The message was carried to the gladiators, and to a man they refused to disown their Saviour.

Guarded by a battalion of Roman soldiers they were taken north, and there, in the wildest spot to be found, among the eternal snows of the Alps, they were turned out into the wintry night to die of starvation and exposure.

That night, as the officer of the guard lay in his tent, he was roused by a chant that was borne in to him upon the night winds. Listening, he heard:

"Forty wrestlers wrestling for Christ, ask of Him the victory, and claim for Him the crown."

He sat up and listened again. Borne to his ears more distinctly came the words:

"Forty wrestlers wrestling for Christ, ask of Him the victory, and claim for Him the crown."

He began to think about the devotion of these men to their Leader. He knew something of the loyalty of a Roman soldier to the empire, but he realized that the breast of no Roman soldier ever knew a devotion like this. As he marvelled, a poor wretch came stumbling through the flap of his tent, fell on his knees and begged permission to recant.

The officer looked down on him and said:

"Art thou the only one of thy number that durst ask this?"

"The only one."

Tearing off his cloak, the Roman officer threw it over the shivering wretch.

"Then I will take thy place," he said, and went out into the night.

And the chant again arose:—

"Forty wrestlers wrestling for Christ, ask of Him the victory, and claim for Him the crown."

THE HYPNOTIC BUGLER

Two soldiers in a negro regiment were boasting about their company buglers.

"Clang wit' you, boy," said one, "you ain't got no buglers. We is got the boogler, and when that boy wraps his lips around that horn and blows pay 'call, it sounds just like a symphony band playin'."

"Well, if you like music, that's all right; but if you is yearnin' fo' food, you wants a boogler with a hypnotic note, like we is got. Boy, when Ah hears de Custard-Mouth Jones discharge his blast Ah looks at mah beans and Ah says:

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Every such person, holding any security, is to produce the same before me at my Chambers, No. 15 Douglas Street in the City of Guelph, on the said day, (February 10, 1921) at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time and place appointed for adjudicating upon such claims.

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