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EDITORIAL

By the spring, says a recent bulletin of the Canadian Reconstruction Association, there should be a return to normal buying, according to the general view of Canadian manufacturers.

Surprises never cease! Franco, long regarded as being wedded to the drink evil, received such a temperance lesson from the war that to-day prohibition has become an election issue.—Farmers' Sun.

A resolution which has for its object increasing the opportunities of disabled soldiers to obtain insurance has been filed in the House of Commons by Major Charles Gavan Power, member for Quebec South.

Mr. Magladdery has introduced a bill in the Legislature which allows statute labor to be commuted at \$5 a day instead of \$3. The measure will affect especially non-residents and those who prefer to pay for statute labor rather than do the work themselves.

Premier Lloyd George insisted on Saturday at Birmingham that Germany could and must pay the reparations demanded by the Entente. The Treaty of Paris, he declared, must be observed and the Germans must disarm. They can surely pay if they force such multimillionaires as Krupp to disgorge their war profits.

Annual meetings of the various organizations of breeders of pure-bred animals are being held in Toronto, Montreal and Regina this month. The year's business is reviewed, new programmes arranged and the officers elected. Add in such gatherings breeders all get together, enjoy the social reunions and gather inspiration for the better conduct of their breeding and selling business. Every farmer who breeds a better animal of any sort should plan to join the association in which he is particularly interested.

Eliminate Crime from Picture Films
The Government of New Zealand is alert to the bad moral influence of the films shown in many moving picture shows in depicting crime, and is taking steps to eliminate these features. In a proclamation just issued it has ordered that no motion picture film depicting thieving, robbery, murder or suicide shall be permitted to be shown in the Dominion of New Zealand after May 1 next. Ontario might very well follow this splendid action.

Laws Relating to Children at Work
The value of children to the state is becoming more and more a subject of concern with Governments. Child welfare matters are receiving more attention each year in Great Britain. By an amendment to the Employment of Children Act, 1902, County Councils can now pass by-laws forbidding the employment of boys under 14 years after school for more than two hours, or on Saturdays for any period which does not give them five hours of continuous rest and recreation. They cannot be employed for more than five hours or before 8 a. m. or after 7 p. m. No child under 12 years of age can be employed. There are also a number of prohibited employments at which boys under 14 cannot be employed at all.

Higher Standards for Workers
It is well for our young folks of to-day who are students or industrial workers preparing for their life work to realize that the world's standards for its workers are constantly advancing. A generation ago preference was easy in scores of lines where to-day every inch of advance must be fought for. Emerson expressed the truth by saying that the world was no longer clay, but iron, and that each man must hammer out a place for himself. And what was true in Emerson's time is true in ours. There are more openings now than ever before. This modern man has a thousand desires and needs to be satisfied which his great-grandfather never thought of. Everyone can work. The only hope for the individual worker is to lift his standard for his own achievement, as the world has raised its standard of demands. If you are going to make the same success your father did, you need to be better educated than he was, better equipped and perhaps even more industrious.

The Referendum Voters' Lists
The voters' lists for the electors of Ontario who are entitled to vote at the coming referendum on the prohibition of importation of liquor, in April, are giving the country considerable concern. Having omitted on the score of expense to make an entirely new revision of the Ontario voters' lists as used in the Provincial elections of October, 1919, for the referendum to be held in this province in April, the Dominion Government will introduce an act immediately after Parliament assembles to provide for a method of revision entailing less expense. By this act names may be added to or struck from the Provincial lists of 1919 in urban municipalities, but in rural parts the lists will remain as they were in the Provincial elections of 1919. Under section 63 of the general act, however, a person whose name is not on the list in a rural section may vote upon taking the required oath and having a neighbor swear as to the applicant's qualifications. This privilege is not allowed in cities, as there will be a revision there. There will therefore be Registrars only in cities, towns and villages, and an appeal can be taken from the lists as made up by them to an Election Board. If a name is on the urban provincial voters' list of 1919 it will remain on the list about to be prepared for the vote in April unless it is objected to and subsequently struck off. Otherwise it will have to be put on by anyone desiring and qualified to vote.

The Highway Route—Acton to Guelph

The delegation of farmers and citizens representing that section of the Toronto-Sargua Highway from Acton to Guelph, which interviewed the Minister of Public Highways last Wednesday, received more encouragement as to the probable route than at any previous interview of the department. It is very probable the route will be up the second line from Acton to lot 5, Erin, and thence westward into Rockwood. The route will be definitely announced and taken over by the department in a few weeks—as soon as the roads are in condition after spring opens.

U. S. Navy Bars Whisky as Medicine

That spirituous liquors will not be used even as a medicine, is the decision of the United States Navy, according to the following press dispatch from Washington: "Spirituous liquors received their final and complete divorce from the United States Navy in an order recently made public by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery prohibiting their issue to naval vessels for medicinal purposes. Not only are medicinal supply depots prohibited from issuing whisky except to hospitals, but when their present supplies have become exhausted, the order states, 'no further purchases will be made and whisky will be stricken from the supply table of the Medical Department of the Navy.'"

To Modify Schoolgirls' Dresses

The District Congress of Mothers, and Parent-Teacher Associations in Washington City has for the fifth time in 50 many years gone on record as opposed to the "short skirts, silk and open-work hose, low-cut waists, and other outrages in dress among many of the girl students in the schools of Washington." It is declared that "the dress of the high school girl to-day is simply awful, much worse than ever before." The organization has gone to the Board of Education with its criticisms and demands that the girls dress simply and decently. Reports say that it is thought that the board will take favorable action on the matter. We hope so. It is a question that has to do with the morals and purity of both the schoolgirls and the schoolboys.—Nashville Advocate.

Canada's Criminal Negligence with Fires

Canada closed the year 1920 with a fire loss of approximately \$27,400,000, equal to \$3.42 per capita on an eight million population, or \$17.10 per family—a view record, and one worthy of much thought. With modern methods of fire protection and fire prevention available, no business man, or in fact, no citizen, should be permitted to increase unnecessarily the cost of living through neglect or carelessness in eliminating fire dangers. It is very manifest that section five of the Criminal Code as amended which says: "Every one is guilty of an indictable offence, and liable to two years imprisonment, who by negligence causes any fire which occasions loss of life or loss of property," is not generally understood nor enforced. The rigid enforcement of this section would probably do more to reduce the fire waste than any other influence which might be brought to bear.

The Merry Weeks of Winter

The city people have nothing over us in the country so far as winter is concerned this year, and we have no desire for their commiseration. Winter in the country is both more enjoyable and more widely enjoyed in the country than in the city any winter, and this has been more especially so with the winter weeks of the present season. In the country, when snow does fall, it lies for weeks, a mantle that not only warms the things that the farmer knows should be kept warm, but also hides much that would be unsightly if left exposed. The landscape itself changes and is often most picturesque in its winter garb. As to winter sports they are all country born and bred. Some one has said that "skating in a rink is like eating canned mushrooms or desiccated apples." No, give us our own country winter with its virile, tonic, wholesome atmosphere, with all out of doors filled with an ozone healthful and invigorating. The country for us in winter time at least; yes, for all times.

Different Opinions in U. S. as to Disarmament

There are evidently conflicting opinions among the leaders in the United States respecting the question of disarmament. Two dispatches went out from Washington in the same day last week: One voiced the opinion of Gen. Pershing, the commander of the American army in France during the war, which was that "Civilization will be destroyed unless the United States takes the leadership in calling a disarmament conference to prevent future wars. 'The nation which declines to come into the conference should be viewed with suspicion.' The other was from the General Board of the Navy Department, which said: "The United States must continue the building of battle-ships until it has a navy 'equal to the strongest. It would be the 'height of un wisdom' for this country to 'pin its faith' on aircraft and submarines as having replaced the battleship as the most powerful engine of naval warfare." Evidently the great leaders over there do not see eye to eye. It might be a salutary proceeding for General Pershing to take steps toward the organization of a little "League of Nations" within the United States as a preliminary to bring the powers that be there to a oneness of purpose toward the prevention of future wars.

Acton's Credit and the People's Financial Ability

The prompt disposal of the two issues of Acton's waterworks bonds to local investors is gratifying to the Council. It also manifests a splendid degree of confidence in the future of the town and is a very practical evidence of the financial standing of the people of this community. The first issue of \$40,000 was put upon the local market with the very natural feeling that, as the people here had purchased so liberally of Victory Bonds for several years, they would have little of surplus funds available with which to purchase these debentures. It took very few days, however, to prove that the people of Acton and vicinity were able to invest, and as soon as they were satisfied that this new security was the profitable investment it is, they promptly exchanged their cheques for the Acton bonds. The first issue was offered in November and the whole was purchased in a few weeks. In January the second issue of \$70,000 was put on the local market and this also has been disposed of. Both issues have been sold at par and yield the investors 6 1/2 per cent. A feature which is gratifying is the fact that the bonds have not been purchased in large blocks by wealthy men, but they are distributed pretty generally over the community in bonds of the denominations of \$500 to \$1,000 each.

BOUNDARY LINES

It had melted and frozen and a light snow had fallen, so that the ice had melted and the road was a little better. The driver of the car, who had been driving for some time, saw the road ahead and saw that it was a little better. He saw that the road was a little better. He saw that the road was a little better.

Perhaps because she was better used to handling a broom, she finished first and then she went into the house and brought out a pair of shoes. The shoes had been thoroughly aired and she sprinkled them, over the top surface of the sidewalk in front of their house. Then as that was what she wanted, she kept on.

Andrew sweeping away the snow with a slow, melancholy gesture, suddenly turned around and said, "You're putting snow on my sidewalk!"

"Of course I don't have to," laughed Andrew, and went on with her sprinkling. Andrew's face assumed a puzzled expression, as if he were trying to solve a problem that was not his. He looked at the line he had drawn so carefully, to show that he was not over the snow on his sidewalk. He saw that the snow was on his sidewalk. He saw that the snow was on his sidewalk.

"I know that, but it isn't our business," he said. "If anybody should fall and be hurt, it would be such a pity. I believe I'll get a broom."

"Oh, you don't need to," exclaimed Andrew, "my broom is right here. But we don't have to, and I don't see why we should. It's not our business. It's not our business. It's not our business."

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DRIVING WITH A LOOSE REIN

It is a red-letter day in the life of every boy when he is first permitted to drive a horse. Biting beside his father, who holds the reins of the lines to prevent accidents, the lad is allowed to guide the spirited team along the street or highway, and he thinks he has made a long step toward manhood when he has accomplished this successfully.

One thing, however, should never be forgotten by those who are taking their first lessons: There is great danger in driving with a loose rein. Many a runaway has occurred from this very cause. The shrill whistle of an engine the sharp bark of a dog as he bounds out from some farmyard, or even a piece of loose paper fluttering along the side of the road, is very often sufficient to frighten a spirited horse.

If the reins are held loosely in the driver's hand at this critical moment, he can gather them up and check the frightened animal the horse bolts into the ditch, upsetting the load, or, if he is driving through a crowd, he may run over some one.

It is a wise thing to keep a tight rein on other things than a horse. There are no compensations and no tongue and no eye that will save a driver's life with too loose a rein. We shall find that these things will get the start of us when the time comes that danger is done.—Hobbs.

There is no manhood in living to him who walks even the quietest and tamest paths with an open and careless eye. The manhood of life is in the manhood of you, in the way you live in the world.—Phillips Brooks.

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ALONG THE ROAD

I walked a mile with pleasure; His whistled all the way; For all his noise the wiser.

I walked a mile with sorrow; And under a word, said also; But on the things I learned from her When sorrow walked with me!

—Robert Browning Hamilton.

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