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EDITORIAL

No fault can be found with the new tax on pool rooms and billiard parlors throughout the country. A lot of time is wasted by youths in these resorts—Farmers' Sun.

The Province can't stop betting on race tracks. The Dominion can, but won't. A popular agitation against racetrack gambling appears to be the only way out.—Globe.

Chief Cooney is besieged by owners of shot guns, rifles and revolvers for permits to continue their ownership. The Chief is discriminating and permits are not being handed out indiscriminately, nor should they be.

Leave Hydro alone. Let public ownership fight its own battles. Do not destroy the achievement of nearly a score of years. These were the sentiments expressed at the annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Elctrical Association at Toronto last week.

Liquor "spotters" are often condemned, but they are a necessary evil in connection with the conviction of evaders of the law.—Guelph Herald. These men are officially appointed, why not drop the opprobrious term "Spotters," and call them what they really are, "Inspector's Officers?"

The big corporations are very loath to reduce prices to anything approaching pre-war levels. The Controller of Currency in the United States declares that price reductions in steel and iron products could be made without cuts in wages or in dividends, and that such action would prove a quick stimulus to general business.

Quebec Appears to be Really in Earnest

Reports on the new liquor legislation by the Quebec Government announce that there will be no private wholesalers in the province, that boot-legging and other illicit forms of selling will be punishable by imprisonment without other option; and that there may be a drunkards' "black list" containing the names of habitual or dangerous drunkards. There will be no liquor legally exported from Quebec Province to other parts of Canada.

King George on the Irish Question

King George of England, in addressing the two houses of Parliament last week, wisely said: "The situation in Ireland still causes me distress. A misguided section of the Irish people persists in resorting to methods of criminal violence with the object of establishing an independent republic. Neither Irish unity nor Irish self-government can be attained by this means." We are not speaking for or against Irish freedom when the Irish people prove themselves worthy and capable of uniting, but the King might have added that that element in Ireland which is causing the violence is showing its unfitness for independence in the tactics used in the violence it is showing.—Nashville Advocate.

Evasion is a Losing Scheme

The Guelph Herald very tritely points out the fact that the violators of the Ontario Temperance Act are very sure sooner or later to be apprehended and to suffer heavy penalties. The Herald says: "Maybe it will one of these days dawn upon liquor law violators that the evasion of the Ontario Temperance Act is a losing game. They may get away with it for a time, during which money rolls in, but sooner or later they are caught and then it is a thousand dollar fine and perhaps a narrow escape from imprisonment as well. Some of the small fry have to skip the country; all these transgressors have to live in fear and trembling of being caught—and yet there are always 'succors" to run the risk because of the immense profits to be made. It is a losing game, though, and 'tis a pity that men cannot realize that by their evasions of the law they are inviting the very thing they don't wish to happen, when the electors are asked if they wish to end the present system and have total prohibition, which will practically put a stop to all importations."

The United States Inauguration To-morrow

The most important national event which has taken place in the United States during the past four years will be the inauguration of Mr. Harding, the new President, at the capitol at Washington to-morrow. The inauguration of a President is an impressive ceremony. It has changed but little since Washington first took office at the temporary capital in New York in 1789. It begins with the taking of the oath and ends with a brief address; there is nothing between. The oath, which is prescribed by the Constitution, is simple but comprehensive. The President swears that he will faithfully perform the duties of President of the United States and to the best of his ability will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. Robert R. Livingston, the chancellor of the State of New York, administered the oath to Washington, the first president, but ever since then the duty and privilege have been appropriately conferred on the chief justice. It is understood that the Bible to be used for the ceremony on March 4 is the same one that Washington kissed when at the end of the oath he solemnly said, "I swear it. So help me God." This Bible now belongs to St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., New York, and is being conveyed to Washington by a committee of Masons for the ceremony. The inauguration has sometimes taken place in the Senate Chamber. But for many years it has been the custom to have it on the portico of the Senate wing of the Capitol, where it is possible for thousands of spectators to see the ceremony, although only a very few of them can hear the words spoken. It will take place there to-morrow.

Lower Average of Unemployment

Senator Robertson, Minister of Labor, in the Dominion Government, says that from October to January, there were about 138,000 persons out of employment in Canada. In the United States there were three millions. If we had had as severe an unemployment situation, three times as many Canadians would have been idle.

Lower Living Costs in Sight

Harry Gordon Selfridge, a merchant prince of London, England, says that the period of trade depression in England is ending and normal conditions will soon be restored. The cost of living during this year will be much cheaper than in 1919 and 1920. This is indeed good news, and the hope will be general that it will apply to Canada as well as England.

Women Eligible as Jury-men

Rapidly now the women are coming into positions of public responsibility. The new Jury Act for the Province of Albert tabled in the Legislature provides that women may serve as jurors as well as men, but it is stipulated that no woman shall be compelled to serve unless, prior to the summons, she signs a document as to her willingness to act in that capacity.

Prepare Now for April 18th

Orgaization for the Referendum Campaign is now in progress in many constituencies. It is time similar action should be taken here. Temperance forces everywhere should promptly get in line for the referendum vote. There is a feeling in some quarters that people do not need to bestir themselves, but that is a wrong attitude. Over-confidence may prove disastrous. Every vote should be polled and there are just seven weeks in which to influence electors to vote right.

Annexation Suggestion Revived After Thirty Years

Canadians will be somewhat aghast to learn from a correspondent of the New York Tribune that there remains at least one American who believes that this country should be annexed by the United States, in consideration of Uncle Sam remitting the several billions of dollars now owed by Great Britain. Time was when such a suggestion would arouse Canadians to wrath. To-day it merely appeals to their sense of humor.—Mail and Empire. No! Canada is not for sale at any price.

Jury Justifies Spracklin's Act as Self-Defence

People generally, throughout Ontario at least, breathed a little easier last Friday morning when the verdict of "Not Guilty" by the jury on the Spracklin case at Windsor was published. The case had aroused a country-wide interest among all sorts and conditions of people. Most regretable was the necessity for his act of killing in the performance of his duty in self-defence. This, however, is another of the tragedies that follow in the train of liquor everywhere. The result of the trial is very generally one of satisfaction with the jury's finding. The acquittal of Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, Provincial Inspector, will surely be a warning to the lawless vendors of illicit liquor that the Ontario Temperance Act must be obeyed like all other laws.

The Tale of the Idle Freight Cars

It is reported that there are to-day on the sidings of the railways of this continent over 350,000 freight cars idle and unused. The tale they tell is manifest. Freight is not moving. This is not because there are not commodities to be shipped. It is owing to at least two and perhaps three reasons. The tale of the idle freight cars tell is that every time a car is rolled out upon a side track because it is not needed a number of persons are thrown out of work, the producers of the staples of life are not getting the returns they are entitled to for their products, and the consumers are paying more than they ought to have to pay for their daily needs. And yet the battling to keep railway men's wages up goes on. Abnormal wages, the cost of transportation, and the middleman's charges must be reduced and production increased if everybody is to be kept busy and all frieght cars kept moving.

The Whiskey Dealer's Last Appeal

Ontario is being flooded with circulars and price lists from the liquor dealers of Montreal exhorting the public to place orders at once for their supplies of whiskey, etc. These are being sent to scores of people who never had a pint of liquor in their homes, since they had a home, and each of the circulars bears the warning: "You will not be able to obtain supplies of liquors after April 30th next. We advise you therefore to place your orders at once. Orders for large quantities may be packed in plain cases." These men clearly see that the end is coming to their harmful but very profitable traffic, and are making the best of it for themselves. When the Quebec law forbidding exportation, and the Ontario law—which will be carried by the referendum on the 18th April—forbidding importation come into effect we'll have the happier experience of "bone dry" laws and the era of the allurements of the profiteers and short-circuiters and bootleggers will be over. There'll be real prohibition then, thank heaven.

Canada's Postal System

The extent and importance of Canada's system of Post Offices and distribution of mail matter is more outstanding than most of our readers realize. Last year we had 12,251 post offices open and doing business. Of these 2,572 are in Ontario and 2,288 in Quebec. The postal revenue last year was $24,449,016.07, which yielded a net surplus of $3,675,531.77. This was the largest surplus in Canada's history with the exception of one year, 1917, when the surplus reached $4,601,805.81. The first year of the war there was a deficit of $2,014,541.00. The total number of money orders issued during the year was 9,057,018, and the aggregate sale $(59,224,936.53. The aggregate balance to the credit of depositors in Canada's Post Office Savings Bank at the end of the fiscal year was $31,695,504.38. During the year $26,317,104.70 was paid for postage stamps in Canada. The revenues of the various accounting offices in Halton County were as follows: Acton, $6,728.63; Bronte, $1,394.63; Burlington, $8,535.08; Campbellville, $1,551.45; Freeman, $1,598.33; Georgetown, $10,057.16; Glenwilliams, $751.72; Hornby, $616.08; Limehouse, $230.59; Milton, $8,045.25; Norval, $654.55; Oakville, $12,704.73; Palermo, $372.05; Port Nelson, $764.62. This information, both from a national and local standpoint is highly interesting.

CREDIT

AUCTION SALE

26 REGISTERED AND HIGH GRADE JERSEYS, AND MILKING SHORTHORNS

The undersigned has received instructions from

HAROLD DUNNILL

to sell by public auction on lot 2, concession 3, Erin, two miles north of Acton, on

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1921

at one o'clock, sharp, the following:

This herd is headed by "Edgeley Butter Baron" =10229=. He is a grandson of the noted Sunbeam of Edgeley. Her record for 1 year was 18,744 lbs. of milk and 926 lbs. of fat.

REGISTERED JERSEYS — "Cantata Beauty Heiress," =12260, 3 years. Her dam, Brampton Edward Cantata, =4625=, is a sister of Sunbeam of Edgeley; "Stockwell Beauty Pearl," =12202, 2 years; "Signals Maid of Exmoor," =10380=, 3 years; "Noble Rosebud 3rd," =11486=, 2 years; "Rosie Rioter," =19194=, 3 years; "Baron's Rosebud 4th,"; "Baron's Golden Fern."

HORSE—1 horse, 10 years old.

GRADE JERSEYS—1 cow, 3 years old; 1 cow, 4 years old; 1 cow, 7 years old; 1 cow, 5 years old; 1 cow, 6 years old; 1 cow, 7 years old; 1 cow, 8 years old; 1 cow, 4 years old; 1 cow 5 years old; 1 cow, 8 years old; 1 cow, 9 years old; 1 cow, 7 years old; 2 heifer calves.

These cows will be mostly fresh at time of sale, when full description of pedigrees and breeding dates will be given.

PIGS—2 York brood sows, well bred, with 10 pigs each, 4 weeks' old.

IMPLEMENTS — 1 Massey-Harris binder, used one season; 1 Massey-Harris mower, used one season; 1 Massey-Harris spreader, used one season; 1 wagon; 1 wagon box; 1 stock rack; 1 hay rack; 1 Peter Hamilton cultivator; 1 set four-section iron harrows; 1 seed drill; 1 horse rake; 1 Fleury plow; 1 turnip pulper; 1 set sleighs; 1 grindstone; 1 stoneboat; 1 "New Perfection" double unit mechanical milker; 1 three horse power gasoline engine; 1 steel-tire extension top surrey; 1 rubber tire top buggy; 1 open buggy; 1 set team harness, heavy; 1 set team driving harness; 1 set single harness; 1 set plow harness; 1 set scales; 1 sugar making outfit, comprising 1 sugar kettle, 1 galvanized evaporator, 100 sap pails, mostly new.

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L. B. SHOREY, Clerk.

Dispersion Sale

SCOTCH AND SCOTCH-TOPPED SHORTHORNS, SHORTHORN GRADES, YORKSHIRE HOGS, OXFORD SHEEP, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from

C. B. SWACKHAMER

to sell by public auction on lot 32, 3rd line, Esquesing, one and half miles north of Acton, on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1921

at one o'clock sharp, the following:

SHORTHORNS — FEMALES — Jilt 29th, (imp.) =167141, calf at foot; Fairy Queen =111084=, calf at foot; Crimson Vine 12th, =135087=; Rosetta, =132510=; Eagle Lassie, =99760=, calf at foot; Lady Rose, =134363=; Lulu, =132509=; Miss Rose, =134364=; Queen of the May, =143798=; Rose Lady, =143799=; Crimson Vine 12th, =146564=; Barnpton Dora, =161973=; Sunbeam Maud; Eagle Lassie 2nd, =170582=; Rosetta 2nd, =172254=. Breeding dates given day of sale.

BULLS — Strathleven Advocate, =163285=; Queen's Guard, =146893=; Strathleven Victor, =145284=; Clear the Way, =146291=; Choice Goods, =146293=; Crimson Royal 2nd, =147200=; Strathleven Lad, =147199=.

GRADES—Spotted cow, fresh 3 months; roan heifer, rising 2 years, bred; red heifer, rising 2 years, bred; 3 steers, 1 year; 3 calves, 3 months.

HOGS—YORKSHIRES — Registered sow, due time of sale; registered boar, 11 months; twelve young sows, bred; 1 York grade sow, due before sale; 1 sow, bred in January; 7 store pigs, about 160 lbs.

SHEEP—Ten choice Oxford grade breeding ewes; 1 pure-bred Oxford ram.

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QUEEN VICTORIA AND THE SABBATH

A reader of the Christian Herald, a Methodist pastor of Pennsylvania, sends this timely incident:

Among all the good traits of "The Good Queen of England," I think the decided stand she took at the very beginning of her reign for the strict observance of the Sabbath reflects great credit on her, especially when we remember what was the low state of morals in court circles at the time of her accession. Early in her reign, one Saturday night, the Prime Minister (I believe it was Lord Melbourne) arrived at Windsor, and sent an urgent request to her Majesty for an audience as early as possible on Sunday morning on "important state business." The Queen sent her regrets that she could not see him that night, as she had already retired, but said she hoped to see him at the eleven o'clock service in St. George's Chapel, and would like the pleasure of his company to luncheon afterward. Early Sunday morning she sent a message to the preacher of the morning, requesting him to preach a "good, strong sermon on the necessity of Sabbath observance." The cabinet minister went to church. Her Majesty was there and at the close of the service they met. During the lunch she asked his opinion of the sermon. He had not much to say about it. Later, his lordship was invited to dine with the Queen. Nothing whatever was said of the "very urgent business." When bidding him good night, her Majesty said: "I can give your lordship an audience as early to-morrow morning as you please. What hour shall it be? Five or six o'clock?" "Oh, thank you Majesty, but I would not think of disturbing you at such an unseemly hour. Nine o'clock will do." That was the last time that Queen Victoria was requested to attend to "important state affairs" on Sunday. This was told to my father and mother and heard by myself, then about eight years old. It was told us by one of the sons of our vicar, who was also his father's chief curate, and a very frequent caller on my father. The vicar himself was a dignitary of St. Paul's Cathedral. Yours very cordially,

(Rev.) RICHARD HIORNS.

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WRITE HOME, SON

"My boy," writes a white-haired mother to her son, a busy man in a distant town, "write home often. You do not realize what your letters are to me, and how long it is between them." No, he had not realized it, and unhappily there are many absent sons and daughters who need a similar reminder. They would be indignant at the suggestion of waning filial devotion, but in the stress of business, in the society of new friends, in the happiness of a new home circle, how rarely they spared the hour for a good long letter to the aging mother in the old home—the loving mother whose heart aches, as the passing days fail to bring the longed for letter is one of the most pathetic tragedies of old age. The decline of the letter writing habit of an earlier generation has often been deplored, but this feature of the decline can neither be excused nor defended. The postcard substitute for letters is little less than a mockery when the cards are sent to mother who wants and should have so much more than that. As youth lives in and for the future, so does old age always look back over the slope as it nears the summit. The parent is wrapped up in the son and daughter; but as the son grows to manhood and the daughter to womanhood, they are absorbed in the plans and process of building the structure of the coming years. Such is the law of life, and the basis of all process, but it is a pitiful thing when the son and daughter fail to keep in mind their obligations to the loyalty and love of their parents. Blessed are the absent ones who write long and frequent letters to the old home. Soon, they cannot know how soon, the precious privilege will no longer be theirs.

THE VALUE OF DEAD LEAVES

According to tests made in France, dead leaves possess a higher value as fertilizers for the land than ordinary manure. They are extensively used by the market-gardeners about the city of Nantes. Pear leaves rank the highest in nitrogenous content, oak leaves come next, and the leaves of vines stand lowest in value. Experiments have shown that forty-four pounds of pear leaves, eighty pounds of poplar leaves, fifty-one pounds of peach leaves, eighty-two pounds of elm leaves and eighty-three pounds of locust leaves are respectively equivalent in nitrogenous content to one hundred pounds of ordinary manure. Vine leaves alone are less valuable.

NEW YORK C. P. R. BUILDING

Great interest is being taken by New York transportation and real estate men in the decision taken by the Canadian Pacific Railway to concentrate its various offices into one building close to the Grand Central Station.

The Canadian Pacific deal, which has required an entire year to close on account of its elaborate ramifications, involves a lease from the Madison Avenue Offices, Inc., the holding corporation for the Fifth Church of Christ Scientist, of a large store, basement and almost the entire second floor of the 44th Street portion of this twenty-one story building; and also involves an investment of considerable proportions by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the building itself, in consideration of which the name of the building will be changed from "Madison Avenue Offices," or, as it has sometimes been referred to, the "Christian Science Building," and will be re-named the "Canadian Pacific Building."

The area of the plot on which the building stands covers over 31,000 square feet, and is situated directly opposite the Hotel Biltmore on the east, Brooks Brothers' building to the north, and the old Hotel Manhattan to the south.

The Canadian Pacific Railway will occupy in the store, basement and second floor, all that part of the building on which only a year ago stood St. Bartholomew's Church, demolished last April, to make way for the great uptown trend of business.

The negotiations just closed provide, in addition to the investment mentioned above, a lease for 21 years at an aggregate rental of something approaching $3,000,000. It was said by F. H. Ferry, General Agent, Passenger Department, in New York, for the Canadian Pacific, that it will give up its railway offices at Broadway and 30th Street and its branch at Broadway and 33rd Street, and will combine its railway, steamship, and colonization departments in its new home on Madison Avenue. The plans of the Canadian Pacific Company are particularly significant in that they will provide the largest consolidated ticket offices in New York, for, in addition to their own occupancy, it is said by the agents of the new Canadian Pacific Building, that negotiations are pending with several of the largest transcontinental railroads for representation in the same store. This arrangement is similar to the Railroad Administration during the war.

The store has a frontage of 81 feet 6 inches on Madison Avenue and 146 feet 6 inches on 44th Street. The Canadian Pacific Building will contain over 400,000 square feet of rental office area and will be the most up-to-date office building in the Grand Central District. Many offices and much space have already been leased to influential corporations, and it is said by the agents that other important leases are now pending.

CAN ANYTHING SURPASS IT?

What a great heart an apple tree must have! What generous work it makes of blossoming! It is not content with a single bloom for each apple that is to be; but a profusion, a prodigality of blossoms there must be. The tree is but a huge bouquet. Pluck down a twig and examine as closely as you will; it will bear the closest scrutiny. The simplicity of the white, expanded flower; the half-open buds, slightly blushed; the little pink-tipped buds, unopen, crowding up together like rosy children around an elder brother or sister; can anything surpass it?—Henry Ward Beecher.

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