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### EDITORIAL

Indisputable evidence that business is improving is reflected in the increase in customs revenue for the various ports of Canada since the opening of the year.

Proportional representation as applied to municipal elections received a bad knock-out blow in British Columbia last week. The electors rejected it by two-to-one.

It is an encouraging bit of information that Canada's grain crop of 1930 was the largest on record and was above the average in quality. The grain crop aggregated 1,187,250,050 bushels.

The King amendment was defeated by a substantial majority in the House of Commons last week. Nevertheless, the members of the Meighen government had a bad time on the anxious seat for several weeks before the vote was taken.

Canada may well have feelings of pride in its distinctive place in the matter of the generation of electric power. When the Chippewa-Queenston Hydro plant is completed, the fall we will have the largest power generating plant in the world.

As was expected in the Hydro Bill, with its discriminatory clauses against Canadian products, was vetoed. Ex-Prime Minister Mackenzie made a new chapter in personal history when he vetoed this bill as his last executive act.

The sum of \$62,830 was collected in Canada last year under the Income War Tax Act. Of this sum \$957,892.7 was collected from farmers. Ontario's contribution to the total was \$28,061,667.25 of which the farmers paid \$67,074.75.

Following out Prof. Reynold's idea, the installation of Hydro on the farm will make possible more rural entertainments and help keep the youth away from the cities. This rural problem seems to have developed a sort of pessimism about the future, that's not natural to Canadians.—Guelph Mercury.

News of interest to a large proportion of the population is that announced during the week that house paint has dropped 35¢ per gallon; steam cylinder oil 25¢ a gallon; tractor oil and motor car oil about 10¢ per gallon. This will mean a very considerable saving in the matter of the painting of buildings and the operation of machinery and motors.

### Honestly in Advertising

For years the newspapers of Canada have very generally endeavored to edit very carefully their advertising columns as to avoid, so far as all possible, the publication of dishonest statements by those using their columns. In Texas a bill has just been passed making it a penal offence on the part of any advertiser who publishes an advertisement of any sort regarding merchandise, as to its character or cost, securities, service, or any thing so offered to the public, which advertisement contains any assertion, representation or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive or misleading in any material particular as to such matters or things so advertised. Penalties for infraction have been fixed at \$10 to \$200. This act absolves the owner, publisher, agent or employee of a newspaper, who, in good faith, and without knowledge of the falsity of the character of such advertisement, causes it to be published.

### The Liquor Interests are at Work

In the debate on the motion to amend the Ontario Temperance Act by allowing appeal to the County Judge from magistrates' decisions, in the Legislature last week, the Prime Minister sounded a note of warning which all who wish to improve the effectiveness of the act should seriously take to heart. Hon. Mr. Drury said: "Personally I know that the liquor traffic still exists, contraband, though it may be, and that parties are interested because of the desire for commercial gain in discrediting and finally having repealed the O.T.A." I am convinced that in the coming referendum you will find that the forces opposed will be exceedingly well organized and will use every means in their power to defeat it. I think that a man who allows himself to sleep with any other belief is surely blind to conditions as they exist."

### The Real Aim of the League of Nations

The Hon. N. W. Rowell gave a somewhat new and interesting interpretation of the real object of the League of Nations in an address before the Canadian Club at Hamilton on Thursday. There had been much misapprehension respecting the League, said Mr. Rowell, even among well-informed people. The general belief seemed to be that it was formed to make peace. This was entirely wrong. Its object is to preserve the peace of the world after it was restored. To criticize it because it had failed to make peace was unjust. It aimed to preserve the world's peace by providing, as a substitute for war, the means of international co-operation in matters in which all nations were concerned. He regarded as the most important single achievement of the League the establishment of a permanent Court of International Justice, composed of Judges of the highest standing. He was sure that next September this court would be approved by a sufficient number of nations to enable it to function. Most of us will perform better by the necessity of frankly admitting our misapprehension as to the League's aims. No other man in America is better qualified to give the true interpretation than Hon. Mr. Rowell.

### That Unreasonable Exchange

If your grocer were to sell you ten eggs for a dozen, or your dry goods merchant only give you thirty inches of goods for a yard, you'd howl like a wild man and have them up in court on charges of fraud, wouldn't you? And yet you go across to the United States and let Uncle Sam's business men discount your good Canadian dollar nearly twenty cents, don't you?—Renfrew Mercury.

### Railway Labor Costs and The Farmer

The workmen of Canada, and the farmers whose products en route to market have to pay the greatly increased cost of moving freight, cannot view with indifference the tremendous increases in railway wages that have taken place in recent years. The truth is that if Capital gets too large a share of the total product Labor must inevitably get too little does not fully state the case for equality of distribution. If certain classes or workers obtain an undue proportion of the nation's product other classes of workers must content themselves with less than they should obtain.—Globe.

### Acton's Corporation Limits Extended

The petition for the admission into the corporation area of the twenty-five acres on the westerly limits of the town has been granted and finally confirmed by the Ontario Municipal Board. This addition includes the west end of the town park, the properties of Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Brunt and Mr. Shorey on the westerly limit of Lake Avenue, and the properties across Fairly Lake on Cameron Avenue, now commonly known as Rainbow Boulevard. This change gives residents of these properties the privilege of sending their children to Acton Schools, and gives the town the advantage of the taxes on these properties, which formerly went to the treasury of Esquinton Township.

### This New Fire Arms Prohibition

The new order respecting the possession of fire arms is giving a great many people considerable anxiety. The Mail and Empire says: "Perhaps if, instead of forbidding law-abiding citizens to carry arms, or to possess them without a permit, the law gave every store manager and householder the right to have a gun, the crooks would find the place too hot for them. They can get fire arms somehow, and the peaceful citizen has no defense if they rob him." It would hardly seem to be a sane policy to go so far as is suggested above, but if bandits continue to be allowed to run loose, householders and business men will be at their mercy unless some protection more effective than now exists is provided.

### The Poor "How-wow" is Losing Prestige

The farm dog, which has for so long been considered a necessary adjunct to the farm was given a rude jolt by the directors of the Union Stock Yards at Toronto last week. A public notice announced that the directors did not want to see any more dogs around the yards and that the cattle dealers could be governed by this and keep their animals away. This is a new reflection on the honored sheep and cattle dogs, which have been very generally accorded respect. It has usually been considered that the depredations of dogs on the sheep herds of the country were committed by the mongrel curs which have their homes in the towns and villages. But it seems that even the farm dog has fallen on evil times.

### Disarmament by Great Britain, United States, Japan

While the matter of joining the League of Nations has been made a political football by the politicians of the United States, for the past year, the real feeling of the people there has been in favor of that country going in with the other allies and assuming of fair share of the great responsibility of securing world peace. One of the last acts of the Senate which retired last week was the decision by a unanimous vote of those present, 58 of them, to recommend a conference between Great Britain, Japan and the United States on the subject of disarmament. This is significant. If these three can agree on any plan to curtail the warlike spirit of the nations the abolition of all war will be nearer of realization, and it may accomplish the same end as that aimed at by the League of Nations.

### An Educational Gathering

More than 1300 Trustees and Ratepayers have signified their intention of attending the annual meeting of the Ontario High and Public School Trustees' Association. The average for many years has been about 100, whereas there are 20,000 School Trustees in the province. The great majority of these delegates are from Rural School Boards, which goes to show that the people of Ontario are being awakened to a realization of the great opportunity afforded them by the public school in developing an intelligent and patriotic citizenship. The convention promises to be the beginning of a new epoch in the history of education in the province. Delegates are being sent from every county and district in the province. The School Regulations give Boards power to defray expenses of one or more delegates to this convention, and School Boards all over the province are taking advantage of this to get in touch with modern educational methods. This great gathering will be held during the Easter holidays in Toronto.

### Giving Japan the Right of Way

The future expansion of Japan is a subject which has caused anxiety to both the United States and Great Britain, as well as China. Sir Sidney Low, in the London Pictorial this week, advocates an Anglo-American agreement to allow Japan a free hand for expansion in Siberia and Manchuria. "Siberia," he says, "is a magnificent territory, abounding in corn, timber, gold and iron, would hold the overflow from Japan and would give needed opportunities to Japanese capitalists and shippers for generations. She then would have no occasion to turn her thoughts to China, Australia, the Sandwich Islands, the United States or our Pacific coast colonies. Japan is a potential economic and social volcano. If we insist on sitting on the crater, the explosion which must come may perhaps bring another world war." It looks as if such a solution of the impending difficulty would relieve our British Columbia coast of a menace which now seems to be inevitable sooner or later. At the coming June meeting of the British and Dominion premiers, the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the Empire naval policy, and British Empire foreign policy, will be under review, but no problem is of more importance than that in which Japan's expansion is a feature. Canada must be represented by strong men at that Conference.

### ONE DOLLAR A WEEK

"He rests entirely with you two boys which one of you gets the promotion," continued Mr. Barr, manager of the Husk Manufacturing Company. "I shall make the decision strictly upon merit." The boy who got the wind?

It appears that years ago, when all his folks were living, he was poor and couldn't afford to give them presents. Things are different with this little old man now. His friends are dead, but he has the memory.

He just went out shopping in memory of the packing room of the Husk Company. What was not surprising, but enough to keep so many hands busy. Less than half an hour before Harry and Joe had been summoned to the manager's office.

"The boy deserves it," the manager informed them. "He works out in the force and to come in the point, one of you boys must go. We're going to make a shift all around and there will be some promotions. Whatever class of play will receive an increase in pay."

"Now, I have been watching you two boys for the past month, and I'll admit that I am unable to decide which boy should get the job," said the manager.

"What do you suppose that test was for?" asked Joe.

"Don't know," replied Joe. "But I'm not going to worry about it. I'm just going ahead and do my work the best I can."

"Oh, of course, I'm going to do that," said Harry, "but I don't know what to do with the money." "Well, I agreed with the manager that you two boys worked all day and the next as well as they could, although there was not much to do, but taking great pains to have a good impression." "We've worked hard," said Harry.

"The fact that they were not very busy gave them the opportunity to take more pains with their work.

"I seem rather queer," declared Harry again, "but I don't know what he wants me to do." "Don't stay around and see how the test came out, but he hasn't been in at all since yesterday."

"Well, Harry, I'm not much use," said Harry, "but I suppose he knows what he's about."

The next day was Saturday and Harry was working. The boy received their pay envelopes with the others and hurried home.

About five o'clock that afternoon Harry, who was on his way to town, saw a small buckskin under his hat.

"Why, hello, Harry," greeted Joe, "bought out the town?" "Not quite all of it, Joe," laughed Harry. "There's a little of it left for you."

Laying down his hat, he selected a stick from the heap and opened it. Joe looked at it admiringly.

"Yes, Harry, it's beauty and no mistake," he said. "It is. And hefted it with his hands and handed him.

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