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### **EDITORIAL**

"Dry-clean" Ontario, is a suggested slogan for the present Referendum campaign. And it seems quito timely, at that,

The responsibility for the rum-running that has prevailed along the border-line is placed where it belongs by the annual report of the Provincial License Board just issued, namely: upon the permission to import intoxicating liquor into Ontario.

The selling prices of iron and steel have begun to decrease; raw materials are gradually declining; wages are lower in many lines of manufacture. Prices to the consumer are approaching nearer to the normal and there is a growing confidence in the country's future.

Wage reductions affecting thousands of men are planned by nearly all the railways. The New York Central Railroad has announced that beginning on April 6 it will revise downward the wages of approximately 43,000 employees. A high official of another road in making a bimilar announcement says: "Wages must come down; everbody knows that."

rather interesting, as well as surprising, to hear It is very clear that the farmer, who has to work mother protested that such expense President Beattie of the C. P. R. say that the McAdoo in the summer anyway-after all the auction sales administration of the railways of the United States are over-does not want to begin an hour earlier during the two years of their war experience has re- than he is used to. It is equally clear that the town flected on us here in Canada, by forcing a raise in and city folk, who have no more, and often less to wages, in our railways, to the tune of quite a number | do in summer than in winter, like the extra hour of of millions yearly.

hibition in Ontario the average arrests for drunken- saving law in that country, and have also prevented up as soon as she reached the city, ness in Toronto ran over 13,000. During the war most of the states from continuing the agreement, period before the special clause permitting importstion was given effect this dropped to less than 4,000 yearly. For 1920, even with the importation system working to the utmost, the arrests were just over 6,000. A pretty direct proof that prohibition; does

In the United States the eastern railroads have started their fight to cut wages in earnest from the war-time basis, and evidences are not lacking of a like movement in Canada. If we are ever to revert to pre-war methods and keep factories and utilities runwages paid.—Pembroke Standard. With lower wages ratio and the workmen would be assured steady work and more money to the good after all.

It is being whispered about that the passing of the Referendum would make it impossible for in valids to secure liquor for medicinal purposes. This is absolutely absurd. Liquor can be obtained from government dispensaries after an affirmative vote in the same way as it is now. The stopping of importations will simply restore conditions as they existed during the first two years of prohibition in Onfario when practically all our citizens were surprised by and delighted with the benefits derived from the

A' daily newspaper item says: "So unset are the School Boards of Morrisburg at the frequenting of biggest things of a practical educational nature that this meant, together with the cost of pool-rooms by pupils of the schools that a committee has been undertaken in years, and means much had performed himself, the anxious composed of the Chairman of the Public School more to the people of Canada than can be estimated. strt began again to wonder, with fear Board and the Chairman of the Collegiate Institute Pormerly, the dental graduate was thrown largely ever be able to pay. Board will wait on the Town Council asking that a by law be passed authorizing the cancellation of pool- of the times and making himself modernly efficient; room licenses if pupils are allowed to enter the rooms." Other School Boards in other Ontario towns have felt that similar action would be found imperative, unless school pupils were prohibited from the Ontario Dental Association has done splendid freguenting the pool rooms.

## Getting Close to the Problem

That Boston mayor, who spent the night incognitoat one of the city's refuge stations to see how the "ont-of-works" were being treated, has the right idea. There would be less theorizing and a good deal more practical effort if other officials would take similar courses instead of trying to run such matters from behind polished desks in municipal buildings. It is said that this mayor slept fairly well but was routed out at five o'clock to saw wood and earn his breakfast of oatmeal, bread and coffee. Also that when he went to the city hall in his old-clothes with the stubble of two days' beard, he could scarcely get past the office-boy into his own office. They seem to do these things better in Boston than in Toronto, where some of those who present themselves for free meals-and get them-have more money in their pockets then the officers presiding, and where these same men are arrested a little later for specting in motors and on motorcycles.

## An Unwarranted Rumor

As part of the "quiet" campaign which is with the opponents of prohibition, it is being whispered around that the passing-of the Act on the 18th of April next will make it out of the question to secure felso and a reflection on the intelligence of anyone as it may be gotten in similar cases now, from a conditions which existed during the first two years of any fault with the law as it operated and as it was there should be an excellent opportunity to work out enforced then. The Referendum gives us an opportunity to get back to those admirable conditions.

### Cut Out the Favors to the Rich Man

Did you ever stop to think how unfair the present clause permitting the import of liquor for private night and day to every olty and town purposes is? With liquor at the prevailing price- litter tragedies and the shocking scanand that price most of us can scarcely help knowing for the newspaper. We think, somesomething about, since we have been bombarded with times, that the world-is more had than circulars and price lists for the past year and a half good, and that come and sorrow are the man in poor or average circumstances can't ception. It is not so. The newspapers begin to afford to bring in the case or so he must buy to ensure delivery. On the other hand the to hunt up the records of goddness wealthy man is under no such disadvantage. When the Referendum vote allows the O. T. A. to come into denial. They would find far more operation as we had it for two years, and besides goodness and beauty than syll. They allows the Sandy Act to prevent short-circuiting to are working and living in quiet usecome into force, both classes will be on a fair and equal basis. Surely this is a point which will appeal life of the nation." to the labor man and working men generally.

### A "Doing" Government

That was rather a naive comment of Mr. Howard Ferguson in the House the other day, and one which well sweep, with a stining dipper had more or less of the boomerang characteristic, when he complained that two or three men did the only talking that was done on the government side of the House. Mr. Ferguson is quite correct. The help himself to water at the well. Drury government seems to be a doing rather than a talking-machine, while the leaders of the Liberal We have a pitcher of fresh milk on and Conservative groups have deserved all that some the ice, and I shall be glad if you will of our contemporaries have said about them for "Oh, thank you,' replied the doctheir tactics of senseless criticism and "herring- tor, "that would be delightful, but drawing." Sensible criticism has a useful place in on your kindness. The water will angovernment. Nagging has not. And neither of the swer as well," would-be-in-power party leaders have gained either woman inhibited upon bringing the strength or prestige by their conduct in the local pitcher of milk, and the tired doctor house this session.

### The Daylight Saving Problem

- The vexed question of Daylight Saving bobs up week after week with increasing persistence. That i will never become generally popular varying opinions as to its utility have long since manifested. Daylight saving is one of those questions on which the town Truly, no man can live to himself alone. It is and city dwellers and the farmer inevitably disagree daylight leisure at the end of the day. The farmers the home of an aunt. While packing of the United States were influential enough, how-. For five years provious to the adoption of pro- ever, to defeat the re-enactment of national daylight elded at once that she would hunt him

### Improve the Home Surroundings

Neatly painted homes and tidily kept surroundings invariably attract public attention and win should select. admiration. "Sadly in need of paint," is the verdict of the average tourist in an automobile trip as he passes through town streets and along country roads and views the unpainted houses and outbuildings so prevalent in-many sections of the country. Before the war spring painting was generally considered by the average citizen of town and country, but most ning at full speed there must be a reduction of the of us neglected this well-formed habit for more urgent business, and because of high prices of the cost of living would be reduced to an even greater paint and labor which prevailed. Now that prices are gradually approaching the normal level it will be well for all who can to obliterate as far as possible the results of the years of neglect. A house or other building that is bare of pigment and dry of oil is always going backward by reason of the assaults of the weather. The cost of building remains high, preserve the one you have as far as possible.

## Advanced Opportunities for Dental Surgery

One of the greatest advances in more than half a century in practical education in the Province of Onfario, comes with the announcement that the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario has now completed arrangements for a post-graduate course of studies, to commence in a few weeks. This move- or home in two weeks. This would ment, it is felt in educational circles, is one of the upon his own resources as regards keeping abreast and the resources at the disposal of the ordinary to their home. The mother was enpractitioner were usually not such as to permit of intensive study or elaborate research. Of late years father and daughter were happy bework in bringing the best brains of the profession to the annual conventions, and in presenting in visual form the latest methods of practice. Now comes the official announcement from the College that still greater facilities will shortly be placed at the disposal good that will last. I have put your of the graduate dentist; and that intensive laboratory and lecture courses will be available for all dental surgeons commencing early this fall.

## An Interesting Experiment

That new town the Ontario Government is building up at Kapuskasing comes into being under very overything is being provided, even to parks. The experiment, will be watched with a good deal of interest, since, if we are not mistaken, this is the first time this sort of thing has been done in Canada at least. There are other model towns, but these have been laid out and controlled by industrial concerns and in such cases the matter of private ownership of homes hardly, becomes an important feature. One sure is getting pleasure; doing good is has also seen two or three of the so-called model cities built by the United States Steel Company, as have entertained angels unaware."at Gary, Ill., and at Duluth, Minnestoth. These Christian Herald. a towns, with their immaculately clean streets, broad remarkable-degree of cleverness being carried on by thoroughfares, playgrounds, theatres, libraries, churches and three or four company-owned stores are at first sight splendid; But when it is learned that there seems to be little incentive for any workfiguor for medicinal nurposes. This is absolutely man or employed purchasing his own home, that in some cases, indeed, this is not possible, one wonders his career, When saked what he took it appeals to. If it is actually needed liquor may be whether the first principle of good citizenship is not secured, after the passing of the Referendum, just defeated. How can any one be, or even feel, locally dinary man in any of his ideas or patriotic when he doesn't actually own any property, druggist on a doctor's prescription, or from one of nor have any definite control of the affairs of his the government dispensaries. Put in a nutshell the municipality. Kapuskasing, as we understand it, is passing of the Referendum will simply restore the to be clear, however, from these objections. It will pleasant to write, but it is pleasant to depend, it is true, very largely on the employment the Ontario Tomperance Act before the removal of afforded in one industry, but so long as that industry about the poor material reward that does not actually control the town; and this the from Quebec. Very few people who were fair found government seems to be adequately guarding against,

### TWO QLASSES OF MILK

Keen-scented reporters are busy do not reflect the suitale of life.

If as many reporters were detailed and joy, they would find countless stories of love and devotion and selffulness and purity of character to gladden other lives and sweeten the

A prominent surgeon was riding one summer day through the country on his bicycle. The road was long and dusty; the afternoon heat was intense. The open gate of a farmstead invited him to turn in. An entioing glimpee of oool, green shade, and of a hanging near, promised rest and re-

A young woman was sitting on the porch, and arnee to meet the doctor as e aproached, asking permission to "Ce'tain'y." she exclaimed, "but

tor, "that would be delightful, bu But with a charming grace the young.

freshed. When he had rested and was about to go to handed the young come to the city and need the advice of a physician, please call me." Months passed and the incident was forgotten. About a year later the nother of the household was very .!!!. The local doctor, who had attended her for many years, could do no more, and nformed her that she must go to the city, to a hospital for a serious opera-This was sad news for the little family, whose income was slender. The was out of the question, but both father and daughter insisted, and planned between themselves for the sacri-

Preparations for the trip were hastily competed. The daughter arranged to go and to stay near the hospital at her trunk, the card of the bloycle travoller was found. The young lady debefore selecting the hospital. She was somewhat awed as she entered the house of the great surgeon, but he set her at case in a moment and made her happy- by remembering ber. She explained all that the country doctor had said shout her mother and paked his advice as to which hospital she

nees they would make to meet the

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So the frightened girl fled to her room and wept slone in her diamay; but as she remembered the kind face and gentle tones of the surgeon, she felt that somehow it would come out

The operation was entirely successful, and at length the happy daughter was told that she could take her mothmake a total stay of four weeks at the

The final day arrived. In the surnother and daughter ready to return tirely well and looked better and happler than she had been for years. The but the daughter could not shake off her worry on account of the bill which the surgeon would soon give

right again,"-he sald ... and -I-hope bill in this envelope, which I will ask you not to open until you get home this evening. Then after you have finished supper you can take it out and A little buzzled, but profuse with thanks for giving back health to the

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Importation of "Booze" is bedevilling the administration of the Ontario Temperance Act, and defying the temperance sentiment of the province.

> Shall the importation and the bringing of intoxicating NO be forbidden?

bringing of intoxicating YES

VOIE -and vote-YES

This is no time to add another burden to the taxpayer's load

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