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EDITORIAL

Changes in the Marriage Act

On October 1 the changes in the Ontario Marriage Act will come into effect. After that date the privilege of issuing marriage licences will be vested with municipal clerks. Another change provides that only duly ordained clergymen of recognized denominations may legally perform the marriage ceremony and they must be registered.

A County Out of Debt and With a Surplus

The County of Dufferin is free from debentures and bank debt, and at the end of the financial year had a surplus of $1,168.60.—Shelburne Economist. This is surely a position unique among the counties of Ontario. In our own good old County of Halton with its series of $100,000 high-level bridges more or less useful, and its 100 miles of "good" roads, more or less worn out, it is safe to predict that no ratepayer of the present, or of the next generation, will see Halton County in the happy position of the County of Dufferin in relation to its financial standing.

Get Out in the Open These Days

There is no other antidote so effective to the tired, depressed feeling of the harassed business man or daily worker, or overworked mother or sister in the home, as getting out into the open. The woods and the hills are calling to-day to the tired and troubled people of the world, and no one should turn a deaf ear to that call who has the opportunity to answer to it. The poetically minded man puts it thus: "The little cares that fretted me, I lost them yesterday among the fields above the sea, among the winds at play; among the lowing of the herds, and the rustling of the trees, among the singing of the birds, the humming of the bees." Get out into the open for a day, or a week, or a month and realize nature's own relief to the weary and depressed. Yes, you, if you are nesssarily indoors most of the time.

Mutual Deliberation on Trade Revival

One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the conference of representatives of labor, banking, transportation, industry in many of its branches, agriculture, mercantile, war veterans, and of the trust and loan corporations which convened yesterday, sitting at the round table conference which has been called by the Provincial Government to consider methods of stimulating business in Ontario. The scope of the deliberations to be held by this comparatively large body of business, labor and financial men has not been determined. The conference held its first meeting yesterday afternoon and will map out its own course of procedure. Much good will inevitably result from this earnest, friendly conference of the various interests which will affect materially the success or otherwise of the business of the Province.

Epochal Events in Present World History

The real spirit of the nations to-day is for peace. The world is believed to be on the eve of one of the most epochal events in history. This is the universal verdict of the statesmen and journalists in England, following President Harding's offer, and the British Government's acceptance, in connection with the discussion of disarmament nd Pacific problems. The scene in the House of Commons one afternoon last week, when Premier Lloyd George announced Great Britain's hearty acquiescence in the proposal, was a memorable one. The British Premier spoke to a hushed and crowded chamber, and when he declared that the Government welcomed such a move and would do its utmost to make it a success, there was a crash of cheering from all quarters, which, in the opinion of old journalists in the Press Gallery, has never been equalled since the announcement of the armistice with Germany. Mr. Lloyd George spoke with an earnestness worthy of the momentous subject with which he had to deal, and the emphasis which he placed upon the declaration that if the conference failed it would not be because the British Empire withheld its support, left no doubt in the minds of the members of the House as to the Government's sincerity. An earnest of the sincerity of the British Premier was evidenced when he agreed to attend a disarmament conference in Washington this fall.

Premier Meighen Accorded the Freedom of London

Th distinctive honor of "The Freedom of London" was last Friday conferred upon Premier Meighen, who is attending the conference of Dominion Premiers in England. This honor is not only a personal one, to a distinctive personage of prominence, but is also an honor to the country represented. Premier Meighen rose to the occasion in a manner creditable alike to himself and this country. He was the chief speaker at the function and, among other important things, he said: "In our political institutions we are indeed replicas of this country. The head of these institutions is the Sovereign common to us all and revered by us all. In that fact, what I may call that momentous similarity, are wrapped up the sense of our common mission on earth and the secret of our unity. But I doubt if there is any other respect in which the Dominions are replicas of the Motherland. Our geography is different, our neighborhood is different, our racial composition is different. The assets stored by nature in our soil are also different. No two nations of this Empire have the same path to travel. Each encounters difficulties and enjoys advantages all its own. These are powerful, immovable facts, and because they are facts we have to shape our plans to meet them. True it is that we share each other's security, and the peril of one is the peril of all, but, subject to that consideration, each Dominion must determine its policy in the light of the conditions that surround it."

Splendid Optimism at Forest

The Forest Free Press is advocating the installation of a waterworks system in that town. It says: "Nearly everybody agrees with the indisputable reality that waterworks would be a good thing for Forest. The few who do differ are those who do not know of the benefits. There are many, however, who say that taxation would be increased thereby. Some who say this, actually believe that such would be the result. There are others say it who know better. A system of waterworks will reduce the rate of taxation, and there is no person, in town or out of town, who will dare to publicly attempt, in any way, to controvert this statement of fact." Waterworks are certainly the proper thing for a town like Forest. So far as reducing the rate of taxation is concerned, however, Bro. Pettypiece's locks will be considerably grayer than they are now before he'll be able to report much reduction in the tax rate from the waterworks revenues.

Canada's Allotment From Germany is $300,000,000

Canada's share of the reparations which Germany is to pay the British Empire has been fixed by the Prime Ministers' conference at $300,000,000. Under the decision of the Supreme Allied Council, the total German reparations bill is placed at £6,500,000,000, or roughly speaking, $30,000,000,000. Of this gigantic sum, the British Empire is allotted 22 per cent., and under the decision reached last week, Canada is to receive 4.5 per cent. of the British total. This works out at about $300,000,000, or in other words, it represents about one-eighth of the Canadian National debt. Whether Germany will be able to pay the whole or any substantial part of this, and if so when, is a different matter. Sir Robert Horne, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who took part in the negotiations which resulted in Canada receiving a share as announced, is understood to be hopeful that the Germans are and will be in a position to pay a considerable amount, but on the other hand, a great many financial authorities hold the view that the collection of any substantial sum will be difficult if not impossible. Canada had better not bank on Germany's payment for the present, anyhow, but go on with an economical administration with a view to reducing our national debt from our own resources.

Why Boys go to the City

The need for such an organization as the School for Rural Leadership, which is to be held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, at the end of the present month, is apparent to many who have given serious consideration to rural problems. Many a country boy, chafing under the conditions of farm and village life, turns his eyes longingly toward the city. And he is very likely to tell himself that if he is ever to make a real success, he must break loose from his present surroundings and strike out for the big centre. It is true that many successful men left the country in their boyhood and came to the city, but it must be remembered that multitudes of failures did the same thing, while the number of workers filling mediocre places, far outnumber either. And the difference between these different classes is not so much a difference of good fortune as a difference of purpose. Some boys are eager to go to the city because of its opportunities of entertainment. Their idea of perfect happiness is to attend a different "show" every night, and in the cities this desire can be gratified. But the youth who leaves home with entertainment as his chief motive, is never going to get very far up the ladder. Some boys are desirous of leaving home because they want to be their own masters, because they are impatient of home restraints. They want to feel at liberty to spend their leisure as they please, without giving an account to any one, to come in at any hour of the night, and in similar ways, to demonstrate their independence. The School for Rural Leadership is calculated to bring together active rural workers for conference and interchange of ideas to the end that there may be built up an intelligent and co-ordinated scheme for rural betterment, so that the young people of the community may be directed and encouraged to realize that the country and the small village have opportunities which are often overlooked, because of the lack of intelligent and comprehensive views of the important things of life.

EDITORIAL NOTES

No one offers much objection now when "handed a lemon," especially as this delectable citrous fruit has assumed the "upper ten" price of sixty cents a dozen.

Progressive Newmarket got an adverse blow on Monday when two by-laws, one to provide for more school accommodation and the other to purchase a town park, were voted down by large majorities. The majorities were more than two to one in both cases. —Era.

Montreal has a tax on bachelors, among other means of war days for raising revenue, and is enforcing the tax so generally that after last assessment the city received more than $100,000 from the unmarried men living there. Let's try the scheme out here, Mr. Reeve, and reduce the general rate by a mill or two.

The "Buy in Canada" slogan should appeal to ever loyal Canadian. Enable our manufacturers to manufacture our raw materials at home! Why pay a neighboring country a heavy tax to be permitted to spend our hundred per cent. dollar for eighty-five cents?

With its last issue THE ACTON FREE PRESS began its 47th year, having been founded on Dominion Day, 1875. The present editor, Mr. H. P. Moore, has had 43 years of uninterrupted control of Acton's newspaper. These two instances of longevity are gratifying in view of the heavy mortality among the papers of Ontario during that period.—Toronto Daily Globe.

It was a surprise to many citizens that municipal authorities were not more discriminating in the matter of letting town hall for last Sunday. The cult which secured it were recently refused admission to the Opera House in Guelph and their founder was refused a hearing in Toronto. Our public hall is not supposed to be obtainable by all and sundry who have the money to pay for it, irrespective of their purposes.

STANDARDIZED

The committee of the Women's Auxiliary of the Elm Valley Church had met in the Sunday School room to pack their annual missionary box. A strained silence hung over the room and as bundle after bungle was opened the silence grew more eloquent.

"There's Mrs. Wade's to come," said Mrs. Purdue hopefully. "She always sends something good."

"I suppose it's the way everybody's been sending to Europe and all," Miss Compton remarked.

"I feel ashamed of what I brought myself," Mrs. Ellslie put in, "but it's been so hard these four years—"

"There's Mrs. Wade's car now," a watcher announced eagerly.

Mrs. Purdue hurried to the door, and the chauffeur handed her a large package.

Back in the Sunday School room the women crowded about while Mrs. Purdue cut the cord. The bundle contained a miscellaneous assortment of shabby evening gowns and slippers, a couple of vases, an elaborate subscription book and a yellow phoushion.

"Well!" Mrs. Purdue exploded.

The door opened again, and a small shy woman stood there timidly offering a package. "I—I wish I could do more," she said.

"I'm sure we're very much obliged, Miss Howe," Mrs. Purdue replied perfunctorily.

The little woman slipped out silently. It was half an hour before Miss Compton thought to open her bundle. Her exclamation brought the others round her.

"Will you look?" she cried. "They're new flannel, every one of them. And look at that brier stitching!"

"And let me tell you something," Mrs. Ellslie said suddenly. "Emily Howe must have drawn that out of her six hundred, all she has in the world. My nephew's in the bank, you know, and he happened to say that Miss Emily had drawn ten dollars."

"Ladies," Mrs. Purdue exclaimed, "I move that we standardize this box. Not a thing shall go into it that does not measure up at least halfway to Miss Howe's gift. I thought that I couldn't afford more, but I can do it ten times as well as she can."

"I'll buy the material for dresses for the little girls," Mrs. Ellslie put in quicly. The others followed no less promptly.

"But what shall we do with these things?" Miss Compton asked.

"Rummage sale! Anything you please," Mrs. Purdue responded. "Meanwhile, I move that this committee adjourn for one week. To think of little Emily Howe's clearing the situation like that!"

VALUE OF BOYS TO AGRICULTURE

On the principle of teaching and training the young idea, Australia is encouraging the emigration of boys from the old land. The ages of boys so transplanted are between 16 and 20. In four years the state of Victoria took 3,000 of these lads, New South Wales 1,500 and South Australia 300. New Zealand has also adopted the system. It is interesting to note that 96 per cent. of the passage money advanced has been paid back. The advantages of the policy are claimed to be that the boys are good advertisers by their letters home, that the country gets a longer life in the settler for the same cost, that boys are more easily transplanted than adults and that their development is greater and of more benefit to the surroundings. That Canadian farmers are alive to the benefits derived from the system is proven by the fact that in 1914, 32,417 applicants were received for juvenile immigrants and 2,218 supplied and that in 1919, 11,718 similar applications were made.

STERLING

In this country the word sterling when stamped on silver, means simply that the manufacturer declares the article to be made of silver eleven-twelfths fine; but the British marks, arranged in a column, give a sort of history of the article. Usually the first mark is the maker's sign; next comes a mark that shows where the article was made—for London, a leopard's head; for Birmingham, an anchor; and for Sheffield, famous for its silver, a crown. Dublin has the Irish harp, and Chester uses the city arms. The third mark, a lion, indicates the standard of fineness. The date mark, a letter usually comes last. Since each city uses a different system for indicating the year when the article was made, it is necessary to know the "plate" of the town in order to find the date of a particular piece.

SAME OLD THINGS

A Cambridge undergraduate, contrary to regulations, was entertaining his sister, when they heard someone on the stairs. Hastily hiding his sister behind a curtain, he went to the door and confronted an aged man who was revisiting the scenes of his youth, and was desirous of seeing his old rooms.

Obtaining permission, he looked round, and remarked, "Ah, yes, the same old room." Going to the window he said, "The same old view," and peeping behind the curtain, he exclaimed, "The same old game!"

"My sister, sir," said the student.

"Oh, yes," said the visitor, "the same old story."

AVOIDING ACCIDENTS

Take precautions against accidents to the children. Never put a pail of hot water on the floor or on a table or bench where it can be reached by these rollicking, careless folk. Also be sure the spout of the teakettle is turned away from the outside edges of your stove. The steam will not come out of it then on your child's face or arms as he rushes past, but will escape toward the back of the stove. Take the same precaution with the handles of all kettles. Turn them away from the front of the stove so that they will not be pulled down by inquisitive fingers.

NOT WHAT HE LIKED

The Wife: "What's the matter?"

The Piano-dealer: "It's the Joneses, darling. They couldn't pay the instalments on the piano, so I had to take it away; they wanted it on the 'Kathleen Mavourneen' system."

Wife: "Oh! What's that?"

Dealer: "It may be for years and it may be for ever—but it didn't come off."

WHERE ARE THEY?

A man who had made a fortune was speaking to a body of students.

—"All my success," he said, "all my tremendous financial prestige, I owe to one thing alone—pluck, pluck, pluck."

He made an impressive pause, which gave one student a chance to ask:

"Yes, sir; but how are we to find the right people to pluck?"

QUITE TRUE

Arthur came running in one day with an unusually dirty face.

His father said: "Arthur, how do you get your face so dirty? Can't you be more like your dad? You never see my face dirty."

"I know; but, dad, you're not so close to the ground as I am."

SUPER-WIRELESS

Battles fought with crawless aeroplane bombers, mines unmanned, submarines, ships, searchlights, guns, etc., all controlled by wireless—all the machination of strife brought into play, perhaps, by the simple pressing of a button!

Such, it is said, are but a few of the wireless wonders of the future.

Along the saner side of life there are other joys to come. The journalist will be armed with a pocket wireless telephone instrument. From the scene of his story he will talk his "news" direct to the news-room, and receive his instructions from the editor without further time and money being wasted in getting back to the office.

Wireless photographs will extend their power. When the wireless system is more perfect newspapers will be able to publish pictures of topical interest within twenty minutes of their being taken, and at a distance of 10,000 miles away.

On trains no driver, guard, and stoker will be necessary; wireless will control the whole thing from beginning to end.

Perhaps, in the long run, wireless will also control us; may become the A to Z of our existence! Who knows?

SENDING FOR HIM

When Canon Burroughs, of Peterborough, England, was in America some months ago he told this significant story:

A woman employed in an English mill was allotted a difficult piece of machine work to do. The foreman told her to send for him if she had any trouble with her machine. She had to send for him several times and finally decided that she would not bother him again but would herself try to remedy any trouble that might arise. But when trouble occurred and she tried to conquer it she merely made the difficulty worse. The machine came to a complete stop.

When the foreman came to her aid she looked up at him and said, "I did my best."

"No," said the foreman quietly, "the best is sending for me."

To-day men and women everywhere are trying to do their best alone, forgetful that the Master of all work stands ready to help them in the remediable little things as well as in the great things they lead to. The best is always sending for Him.

THE EFFICIENCY ENGINEER

Some one was talking to a Western man with reference to scientific farm management.

"When," said this man, who cherishes rather old-fashioned notions, "I hear the bragging of those 'efficiency engineers' that they can increase by so many fold the output of a farm I am reminded of the case of one Tom Gates.

"Tom was feeding his hens one summer day with cornmeal when along came one of those experts.

"'Why,' queried the expert 'waste all that good cornmeal on all those hens? The stuff looks just like sawdust; then substitute sawdust. The hens will never know the difference.'

"Then he went away. When next he came that way he sought out Tom and asked how the sawdust feed was working.

"'Fine' said Tom. 'An old yellow hen has been on it every since you left, and in her last hatchings six of the chicks had wooden legs, three were woodpeckers and the rest were rail-birds.'"

JUST A LITTLE HUMOROUS

In places where they have the "curfew" the authorities complain that they cannot enforce the law because owing to short skirts they are unable to distinguish between child and grandmother.

Her dress aroused his laxity;
He almost had a fit.
Why so, you ask? Well, brevity
You know, is the soul of wit.

"Travelling brings out all that is in one," observed a writer. We found that out when we were on the Atlantic just a few days out from Ireland.

First Boy: "I don't like Caesar."
Second Boy: "Why?"
First Boy: "Too much Gaul."

WAS HE TOLD?

A man who had had one drink too many saw a sign, "Please ring the bell for the caretaker."

He walked up and gave the bell such a pull that it nearly came out by the roots.

In a few moments an angry man appeared at the door.

"Are you the caretker?" asked the bell-puller.

"Yes. What do you want?"

"I saw the notice so I rang the bell, and now I want to know why you can't ring it yourself."

FURNITURE CLEANER

Home-made furniture cleaner can be made by adding one tablespoonful of turpentine and three tablespoonfuls of linseed or lemon oil to one quart of boiling water. When cool enough to be comfortable to the hand, use as a wash water on all furniture except white enamel. Soft cheesecloth for wash cloth and a dry piece for a soft wiping cloth will give the good polish of clean wood. There being no varnish in the mixture, the furniture will not be sticky from this cleaner.

MEN WHO MUST MARRY

An Anti-Bachelor Bill introduced into the Turkish Parliament makes marriage compulsory for men over twenty-five.

Defaulters will be fined a quarter of their earnings, which will be deposited in agricultural banks to help peasants to marry. No adult Civil Servant may be a bachelor.

Gifts of land, loans, and State education for children are held out as rewards for marriage, with a penalty of hard labor for a confirmed bachelor.

THE DETERMINATIVE "I"

It is interesting to note that the central letter in the words "sin" and "faith" is "I." The pivot on which both words—and both facts represented by the words—turn is "I." It is no use to attempt to saddle responsibility for what one is and does upon anything or anybody but himself. Whatever the circumstances, however difficult to withstand existing conditions it may be, in the last analysis the "I" is determinative.—Watchman-Examiner.

WE ARE ALWAYS TRAVELLING

Even those of us who stay all the year round in one place do much long-distance travelling in a climatological sense.

In the summer time (from this standpoint) we sometimes find ourselves in the neighborhood of the Equator. In winter, on the other hand, we may visit the Arctic Circle.

UPS AND DOWNS

Mother—Did you call Edith up this morning?

Daughter—Yes; but she wasn't down. But why didn't you call her down? Because she wasn't up.

Then call her up now, and call her down for not being down when you called her up.

The Fluctuating Dollar

At present, a dollar is worth only about 50c to spend; but it is worth $1. to save. Because, dollars deposited in a Savings Account will steadily increase in buying power as the world gets on its feet again and the supply of commodities grows equal to the demand. Buy only what you cannot do without. Put your dollars away in a Savings Account until their buying power becomes more equalized.

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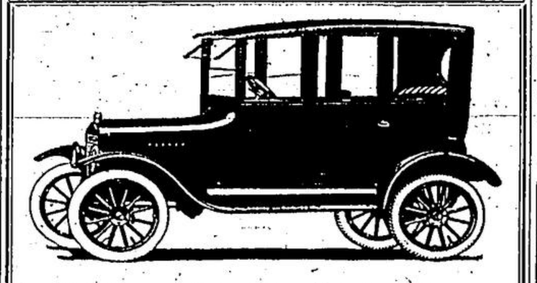

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