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EDITORIAL

An Aftermath of the War

The British Government has lately had a bargain sale of warships. No less than one hundred and thirteen, from the famous battleship, Dreadnought, which gave its name for years to the most powerful type of ship existent, to little torpedo boats, were on the list. The Dreadnought, which was built only fifteen years ago, brought fifty shillings a ton of actual displacement. The other ships presumably went cheaper.

Teach Children Danger from Autos

It is most regrettable that so many accidents are occurring to children throughout the country through motor cars. Most of these occur because of the thoughtlessness of the children running across the streets without looking for danger. Fortunately Acton has been largely immune from these deplorable accidents. Parents should teach their children not to play on the streets in town and by doing so accidents can be prevented. Too many children have the habit of running across the road in front of an auto, thinking that they can tell the distance and how fast the car is travelling. They should be impressed at home with the fact that there is danger in an automobile, no matter how careful the driver is.

"Ratepayer's" Letter and the Waterworks

It will not satisfy the people of Acton for the Reeve and the members of the Council to say that because "Ratepayer" wrote under a nom de plume his letter a couple of weeks ago, pointing out alleged delinquencies and inadequacies in connection with the waterworks installation, and the carrying into effect of the specifications of the contract, that they have no obligation to answer. The letter is bona fide; "Ratepayer" is an interested citizen; his criticisms manifest a keen interest in matters vital to the future of the town. It is surely up to the Council and the Engineers to defend their positions. There is an element of anxiety among our residents which these officials should endeavor to allay by frank statements and confident assurances. It is quite probable they can readily do this, if they will. The interests of the town will surely be best served by presenting such statements and assurances without further delay. The people of this town, who are largely interested, expect it. More; they demand it.

Home Trading and the Taxes

One day last week the editor was stopped on the street by a well-to-do town ratepayer, who wished to say something about the unusually large amount of town taxes he had just paid. There was nothing unusual in his complaint about the high rate of taxation, but when we noticed that he was carrying an armful of parcels from a mail order house we wondered if he ever stopped to consider to what extent he was himself to blame for the high taxes. The volume of trade sent annually from this community to the mail order houses would, if done at home, have enabled the town business houses to be in a position to pay a much larger share of the taxes than they do now, which would have relieved the general taxpayer to that extent. We cannot do our trading in other places without sharing in the loss which our town suffers thereby. The welfare of the individual depends, very largely on the prosperity of the community in which he resides. Those citizens who send their money to other places should not complain if they find a steady increase in the cost of maintaining their own municipal institutions, their schools, their churches, and other local interests.—Forest Free Press.

The Adolescent School Attendance Act

A great deal has been heard on the most important topic of the Adolescent School Attendance Act. It is an innovation in this Province, and a most important one. In order that the public, and particularly those interested in educational matters, may know of the action of the Ontario Department of Education relating to this matter, the following information is given: "The Adolescent School Attendance Act, by the proclamation of the Lieut-Governor, made on the 13th day of July, 1920, will come into force and take effect as follows: Section 3 on September 1, 1921; section 7 on September 1, 1922; and section 9 on September 1, 1922. The purpose of bringing the Act into force by stages is to make it possible to adjust gradually school accommodations, courses of study, and employments in industries to the conditions set up by the requirements of the Act. Section 3 of the Act, which comes into operation on September 1, 1921, provides for the attendance at school of adolescents between fourteen and sixteen years of age. The Minister announces that in conformity with this section of the Act, pupils are expected to remain in full-time attendance at school until they are sixteen years of age, unless employed on the authority of a home permit or an employment certificate as provided for by the Act, but that it is his intention to instruct attendance officers to make the Act retroactive by endeavoring to compel young persons between fourteen and sixteen years of age who have been engaged in regular employment to return to school. School authorities, accordingly, will, in the beginning, be charged with providing only for the continued instruction of those who are at present at school and not for the numbers who might be forced to return to school by the strictest interpretation of the Act. At the same time, the Minister expects that the Act will be made fully effective to the extent that attendance officers be appointed according to law, and their departments organized to ensure, first, that all young persons between fourteen and sixteen years of age shall be either at school or at work; and, second, that all those who are at work either at home or in gainful employments, shall hold the permits or certificates required by law."

"Losers, Weepers—Finders, Keepers"

The old couplet of our school days, "Losers, weepers—finders keepers" is a clumsy fracture of the Golden Rule. The person who finds an article and keeps it after it has been advertised for, is in the eyes of the law, as well as morally, as guilty as the person who commits a deliberate theft. Moreover, the person who finds a thing of any value and does not make an effort to find the owner is dishonest. Keeping a thing you find, when the owner may be discovered, is as bad as stealing it. The observance of the principles of the Golden Rule will bring added happiness to any community.

Newspapers in Same Families Over Sixty Years

The Markham Economist says: Two Ontario papers have entered their forty-seventh year. The Thorold Post achieved such longevity some six weeks ago, and THE ACTON FREE PRESS last week. The Economist saw its birth in Markham in July, 1856, just 65 years ago, and the Newmarket Era was born in 1854. The Era was founded by the late Erantus Jackson, and his son Lyman is now the proprietor-editor. The Economist was founded by the late Hon. David Reesor, and in 1867 was acquired by his brother-in-law, the late H. R. Corson, who took his son, R. J. Corson, into partnership in 1877, and the latter is still the owner-editor. Both the Era and the Economist have been published by the same families ever since they were established. We doubt if there are any other papers in Canada over fifty years old of which the same can be said.

Measures to Improve Provincial Finances

The Statutes of Ontario for 1921 are not yet in the hands of the general public, and numbers of measures passed and amendments to existing acts, have consequently not become familiar. In addition to the usual appropriation and loan Acts, changes are made in the Corporations, Tax Act which will have the effect of increasing the revenue derived from the tax on banks and other institutions. Further revenue may be expected from The Land Transfer Tax Act, which imposes a tax of one-fifth of one per cent, upon the purchase price on the sale of land and provides for its collection through the Registry Offices. Another revenue bill is one providing for the imposition of a tax on billiard and pool rooms and bowling alleys. The Ontario Companies Act has been amended to require all companies incorporated outside the Province of Ontario and carrying on business in this Province to file annually the same report as that heretofore required of companies incorporated in Ontario and to pay to the Provincial Treasurer the prescribed fees in connection therewith. By this measure it is hoped to increase substantially the revenue of the Province and to obtain for public convenience much desirable information with regard to the corporate status and affairs of all such companies.

British Embargo on Cattle Likely to be Removed

It must be gratifying to cattle raisers, and the Canadian public generally, to learn that the British authorities are now pretty well convinced that the embargo which has existed against the entrance of Canadian cattle to Great Britain is instituted on an entirely non-existent claim. Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Federal Minister of Agriculture, who has just returned from an interview with the British Commission says: "I think we have shown them in a most conclusive manner that there never has been, and is not likely to be for many years, any disease among Canadian cattle." Dr. Tolmie stated he had made it perfectly clear that the British embargo against Canadian cattle had been instituted on an entirely false claim. The embargo was placed on the assumption that pleuro-pneumonia existed among Canadian cattle some thirty-seven years ago. After some thorough investigation this charge had been completely exploded. It rested with the British authorities as a matter of honor to take away this aspersions made against Canadian cattle. If the British authorities wanted to exclude Canadian cattle all well and good; that was entirely their own business. But if such a course was to be adopted, let it be made plain that it was not because of any taint of disease. The Minister said one of the strongest points emphasized before the British Commission was the fact that Canada could export her cattle to the United States, France, Belgium and Germany, but that its natural market, the Mother Country, was practically closed to her.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Domestic manufacturers and retail merchants who cry "Buy in Canada" and yet hold out for war-time prices for their goods were warmly criticized by Hon. Walter Rolfe, Minister of Labor, at a mass meeting of unemployed in Hamilton the other day.

The shoe factory is now turning out its products. As a town we should make the most of this enterprise which is really a child of the municipality. Encourage the management; help to provide homes for the operatives; be loyal to its products by local consumption of them.

Now that the waterworks system is installed, an effort should be made to have all the services applied for connected up at the earliest possible date. This is desirable so that citizens may have the convenience of a water supply, and also that revenues may aggregate to a satisfactory amount.

Acton's citizens have been loyal to the Council in the waterworks enterprise. They believe a splendid system has been installed. Several important questions have been asked. The people expect these points to be promptly cleared up, so that full confidence may be given the system.

It is high time the Council took aggressive measures to secure the appointment of a competent, experienced and trustworthy Chief of Police for the town. The preservation of the public peace, and observance of local by-laws demand such an officer's appointment without further delay.

During the presentation of a gift by members of the House of Commons to Lord FitzAlan, the new Viceroy for Ireland, last week, Lloyd George said: "We are looking forward to seeing the inauguration of an era of peace there, the closing of a great feud between two nations that have been cast by Providence side by side in these islands." May it be so, and soon.

THE BIGGEST BRIDGE

Philadelphia is to have the biggest bridge that has ever been built. It is to span the Delaware River. Engineers are now preparing plans and it is reported that contracts will be let for the formal opening of the bridge in July 4, 1921. This bridge will connect the cities of Camden and Philadelphia and will be of the greatest advantage in furnishing a speedy market outlet for the gardenware of South Jersey, and in cheapening the food supply of the city of Philadelphia. Work on the bridge will be begun as soon as the site is definitely located by the Joint Bridge Commission of Delaware and New Jersey. When this enormous wire-suspended highway is completed, it will carry the longest single span between towers that there is in the world. The towers will be 220 feet high and the space across which the cables will swing 3,750 feet. The longest span now is that of the Forth in Scotland, which covers 1,710 feet. The Williamsburg (New York) bridge, which is suspended by two cables, covers 1,500 and 1,585 feet. The two great New York bridges are suspended by two cables, fifteen to twenty inches in diameter. The Philadelphia-Camden bridge will be suspended by two cables, of thirty inches diameter, and composed each of 16,000 carbon steel wires. The bridge will be 125 feet above water. It will be 125 feet wide and will carry four trolley tracks, a single roadway for six vehicles abreast and a sidewalk for pedestrians. The cost is estimated at \$28,000,000, of which New Jersey will pay \$12,000,000, while Pennsylvania and Philadelphia will divide the remaining cost in equal parts of \$8,000,000 each.—Nashville Advocate.

WORLD'S BIGGEST SAW

There has just been fashioned for one of the big lumber mills in British Columbia the largest circular saw ever made. To be accurate, there are two of them, and they have been designed to meet the special requirements of a mill which is called upon to handle giant fir logs, many of which run from fifteen to twenty feet in diameter. There are millions of acres of fir forests in British Columbia, these being the largest of the world in this province of the Dominion to supply the world with all the lumber it needs for many generations to come. Each saw is nine feet in diameter, and bores one hundred and ninety teeth in the teeth of the inserted spiral blade. This is an important innovation, and means that should any of the teeth get broken or damaged, new ones can be inserted without removing the saw from its frame. Each blade was cast from ingots weighing 110 pounds. After re-heating, rolling, and trimming, the finished blades turned, the scale at 755 pounds apiece. Great care had to be exercised in the final treatment, as they had to be mathematically true and perfect, and the steel of a uniform quality. This giant among saws is capable of cutting a speed of one hundred and thirty miles an hour. It is the largest through the greatest forest giant that ever grew as easily as one can cut butter with a knife.

THE KEEPING OF POULTRY

If resident in either town or country and you wish to know how best to keep poultry and secure the best sanitary results, consult a pamphlet treating of the subject prepared by the Dominion Poultry Inspector, J. G. Elford, and recently issued by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. The pamphlet can be had free on application to the "Poultry Inspector," it tells of how poultry can be kept in the best manner, how they should be housed and fed, how they should be treated in winter and summer, how to commence keeping in a small way, the equipment that is desirable, the best breeds, how to hatch and rear, and how to gather, keep, or market the eggs. In short all the information necessary to poultry keeping for home consumption or selling are clearly and explicitly explained. In the term poultry are included turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowls and pigeons, the raising and care of which are fully discussed. Numerous illustrations of types of birds, and of methods of housing and feeding contribute to make the pamphlet an invaluable compendium on poultry-keeping and marketing.—Dominion Department of Agriculture.

NO TIME TO CUT ADVERTISING

Albert L. Ashcroft, of St. Paul, Northern representative of the Minneapolis Adding Machine Company, expresses the opinion that business conditions to-day do not warrant the curtailment of newspaper advertising. He believes that the recent stagnation was largely the result of a mental attitude and that as soon as business men generally begin to place orders for things needed in their business they will begin to get more orders for the merchandise they have to sell. "The concern with which I am associated," said Mr. Ashcroft, "is spending its money in newspapers to-day to advertise the sale of this and the more who follow. Their example the better it will be for everybody's business. There are too things we all need to dispel this business gloom. We must advertise and talk better business and do all in our power to start the normal flow of money through business channels."

ONE OF THE FOREMEN

An Irish youth was in search of a situation, he went to the shoe factory he was proceeding down the yard he was met by the foreman. "What do you want?" he was asked. "Work," answered Mickey. "What can you do?" he was next demanded. "Almost anything." "Well," said the foreman, bent on having a joke with the youth, "I seem to be a smart fellow, but could you wheel a barrow of smoke?" "Yes, certainly," replied Mickey, "I could easily do that if you would fill it for me first."

THE SHOOK

"Mother, may I go out?" "For Heaven's sake, daughter! To swim? Of course you may, but—"

A COSMOPOLITAN

Joe—"Ere Curly? You know every thing—what's a cosmopolitan?" Curly—"Well, it's like this—suppose you was a Russian Jew livin' in England, married to a black woman and was smokin' an Egyptian cigarette, while a German band outside was playin' the "Blue Belle of Scotland"—that'd be a cosmopolitan.—The Bystander."

ANY PAIN OF THE BODY.

Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatic, Backache, Sciatic and Ovarian Pain. One or two DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS—and the pain is gone. Sold in Acton by E. J. BARRETT.

RAINBOW REVELATIONS

An arched rainbow is a pretty sight, but it may be assumed that few of us are learned in rainbow lore. Here, then, are some interesting rainbow revelations. To produce a rainbow there must be falling rain, bright sun, and dark clouds—the latter always opposite the sun. The sun's rays are then divided into colors by the raindrops, which act in exactly the same way as a prism, or triangular piece of glass. The continued span of a rainbow is caused by billions of raindrops splitting the sun's rays into colors, and making a band or series of them. A double rainbow is not, as some think, the shadow or reflection of the main. Each rainbow is distinct. In one we see the sun-rays entering the raindrops at the top, and reflecting the colors to the eye from the bottom. In the second rainbow the sun's rays enter the drops at the bottom, and reflect the colors from the top. And who has noticed that the colors of the second bow are, when compared with the first or primary bow, all reversed? The cause of this is the refraction which makes the colors of the secondary bow weaker. To get the latter there has been two reflections and two refractions—one more of the kind that is the case with a primary bow. The colors are, therefore, weakened. An evening rainbow in the east is a sign of fine weather. The rain-clouds, which generally come in from the west and southwest winds, are passing away.

FOR THE PICNIC BASKET

Do not put anything with a strong odor into a picnic basket. Do not include fried foods. They are difficult to digest. Avoid putting in any food when there is the least doubt as to freshness. Wrap each food article in waxed paper. This is hygienic and dainty. The fresh paper packages—they are attractive and cheap. Measure to suit and air the basket, or box, when not in use. Thoroughly wash, and dry by heat, rugs and dates, before using. Skin, separate, and wrap in waxed paper oranges for the picnic basket. Nut meats, salted, (take the place of meat—most children like them. Bananas must be thoroughly ripened, eaten slowly and well chewed. Always allow a small amount of sweets for the lunch. Sweets may be in the form of homemade candy, cakes or cookies. A small bottle of milk is an ideal luncheon food.

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C. A. CONWAY, Manager

Mill Street Acton

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