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## EDITORIAL

### Church Union and the Anglican Church

The leaders of the Anglican Church are now discussing church-union in real earnest. This stately church is becoming more and more friendly with the other Christian communions. The suggestion of the Lambeth Conference for provision of pulpit interchange is being accepted in Canada. The General Synod in session last week in Hamilton, passed a resolution favoring this course under proper supervision.

### Mothers' Pension Law in the United States

Louisiana is the first state in the Union to emulate Ontario's Mothers' Pension Law. In most respects its provisions are very similar to our own excellent law. Any woman whose husband is dead, permanently disabled, or imprisoned, and who is the mother of a child or children under sixteen years of age, and has lived at least one year in the parish, is entitled to a pension proportionate to her needs and the number of children that she has. She may draw as much as \$15 a month if she has one child and as much as \$10 a month for each additional child, but not more than \$50 a month in all.

### Canada Strongly in Favor of Measures to Eliminate White Slave Traffic

Canada is one of the fourteen states which have signed the protocol of the League of Nations' convention regarding the white slave traffic. South America and France, which opposed the convention, have abstained from signing. It is remarkable that some women delegates, who might have been naturally supposed to be deeply concerned in suppressing this nefarious traffic at any cost, had no constructive plan for its extinction. It is stated they seemed more concerned over the alleged indignity of curtailing women's liberty, even in the interests of their own class. Needless to remark, these were not Canadian women.

### Government Proposals to Relieve the Unemployed

Government proposals for unemployment relief during the coming winter include an offer to bear a share of the cost of municipal work above the normal cost, provided an equal share of the excess is borne by the provincial and municipal governments. This, the government believes, would encourage the creation of work. Where work cannot be provided the Federal Government will continue to bear one-third of the amounts actually paid by municipalities for unemployment relief. The plan of providing employment, instead of unemployment relief, must commend itself to the public generally. Many honest workmen are anxious for employment and much prefer work than relief. Few indeed are the men who would accept relief if work is available. The average Canadian workman prides himself in preserving his independence.

### Why Exempt Native Wines?

It is very difficult to imagine any good reason for the government's action in exempting native wines manufactured by wine companies, and containing large percentages of alcohol, from the provisions of the Ontario Temperance Act. It has been shown over and over again that these wines are intoxicating and just as susceptible of getting people into trouble as any other liquor. It was brought out in evidence at a police court trial at Norval last Saturday that young men in their teens have access to this harmful intoxicant—when they have the means sufficient to purchase a dozen bottles; and that after imbibing this commercial native wine they became so boisterous that a merchant of the village was obliged, to expel them from his store; a citizen was assaulted, and the Chief of Police of Georgetown was phoned for to quell the disturbance. If the government is justified in prohibiting the sale of whiskey and beer and other similar intoxicants, it surely, to be consistent, should prohibit the sale of intoxicating native wines. The people of Ontario voted overwhelmingly in favor of prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating liquors. Why are intoxicating native wines exempt and licenses granted permitting their promiscuous sale in cases of a dozen bottles, or casks of five gallons?

### The Battle of Life is Fought in the Evenings

Here is an incontrovertible fact. That little fringe of time which lengthens out the day and introduces the night—which we call evening—is a field in which the battle of life is fought, directly and decisively, by nearly every young man, and applies with almost equal force to young women. Seven o'clock is the hour of fate and here the youth decides, and on no other hour of the twenty-four depends so much. Between the hours of work and the hours of sleep, after the last regular meal of the day has been eaten, boys and youths, men and women, accelerate their pace toward their destiny, whether upward or downward. The three hours following seven o'clock may be used so that one may get ahead, grow to be well-versed, fitted for leadership, larger responsibility, more congenial work, a better paying job; or this time may be all frittered away in mere pleasure or worse. There are 313 week-day seven o'clocks in every year of the young man's or young woman's life—almost a thousand evening hours between these seven o'clocks and the following ten o'clocks. The use in proper study and reading, or experiment, of a fair part of these spare hours for a few years may mean real success and permanent satisfaction in life. Young folks, what are you doing with these seven o'clocks. Into the secret place of will and purpose they wait asking, "What will you do with me?" To fling them away in idleness, aimless and unproductive, is to be counted nothing less than failure; and when we regard life and time in the light of their higher values. To a startling extent, usefulness, happiness, character itself, depends on these hours. Intelligent thought should therefore be given them.

### Jail for Drunken Motorists

When a man is convicted on a charge of being intoxicated while in charge of a motor car, the magistrate has no option but to jail the offender. Fifteen days in the county jail was the penalty handed out by Magistrate Jago on Saturday morning to Mike Swartzburg, a Guelph young man, who was convicted on a charge of driving a motor car while under the influence of liquor.

### Most Signal Triumph

While efforts are being put forth to make the people of the British Isles believe that prohibition in the United States is a failure, Sir Robert W. Perks, Bart., writes in the British Weekly that "the carrying of the prohibition act in the United States was the most signal triumph won by the forces of Christian progress in twenty years." This statement was made at the Ecumenical Conference in London, England, and was enthusiastically confirmed—Pioneer.

### In Worthy of Emulation

The town of Hespeler was the recipient a few days ago from one of its leading citizens, of a fine park property. Mr. George D. Forbes was the donor. The town council is accepting the gift graciously honoring the donor by naming the park "Forbes Park." Any town would gladly immortalize beneficent donors of public utilities in a similar manner. Just now this town would be happy to name a modern well-appointed Public Library Building for the citizen who would bestow the means for such a greatly-needed public building.

### Welcome to Halton Newspaperman

The Oakville Record has been purchased by Mr. W. Nelson Wilkinson, of Toronto. Mr. Wilkinson is a newspaper man of experience, an editor of ability, a citizen of splendid parts, and he will be an acquisition to Oakville and the County of Halton. While the retirement of Mr. Fleuty, after his able conduct of the Record for fourteen years, will be greatly regretted by his brethren of the press of the county, his successor will receive a cordial welcome, because of his real worth as a journalist and his general excellence as a man of affairs.

### Shirking Personal Responsibility

Every newspaper knows full well how many people shirk responsibility in public affairs. People come to a newspaper, time after time and want the editor to fire some hot shot which they dare not do. The editor asks them to sign their names to certain charges or statements, and it is surprising how quickly they crawl back in their shells. Plenty of ardent men want the newspaper to criticize this, that or the other person or thing, but they will not do it themselves.—Brussels Post. And every Police Magistrate knows even better how many good people there are in every community who honestly want laws enforced and peace and order maintained, but when a trial is being made in court to bring to justice those alleged to be guilty of disturbing the peace will hedge in their evidence and shield their neighbor when they have positive proof as eye witnesses of his guilt.

### Our Forest Revenues

Revenues from crown forests are playing an increasingly important part in the several provinces. In New Brunswick, for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1920, the revenues to the provincial treasury aggregated \$137,005, or more than double those of the previous year. This increase was due partly to an increased cut, partly to increased stumpage dues, and partly to a closer scale. In Quebec for year ending June 30, 1920, the forest revenue amounted to \$2,664,456.28, or 28.8 per cent. greater than during the previous year. It is estimated that during the current fiscal year the forest revenue to the provincial treasury will aggregate around \$3,000,000, which may be increased to \$3,500,000 during the fiscal year following. In Ontario, for fiscal year ending October 31, 1920, the forest revenue was \$2,684,843, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. over the previous year. During the calendar year 1910, the British Columbia Government received in forest revenue a total of \$2,755,730. The importance of perpetuating these revenues, to say nothing of increasing them, is obviously so great that all of the provinces would be amply justified in expending larger sums than at present upon the protection of the forests from fire, insects and disease, upon reforestation, and upon an administration calculated to ensure cut-over areas being left in the best condition to produce continued crops of the more valuable tree species, so far as may be consistent with the economics of the situation.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Increased prices for "bootleg" whiskey in Ontario indicate that the cellars are gradually becoming dry. Prohibition begins to prohibit.—Daily Globe.

It was definitely proclaimed on Friday that the general elections for the House of Commons will take place on Tuesday, December 6. Those candidates who are successful will assemble in Ottawa for the opening of Parliament on January 15.

More electors, both women and men, received the glad hand at Georgetown Fair last Thursday than on any previous occasion in the history of the fair. The three candidates for a seat in the House of Commons, representing Halton, were busy all afternoon.

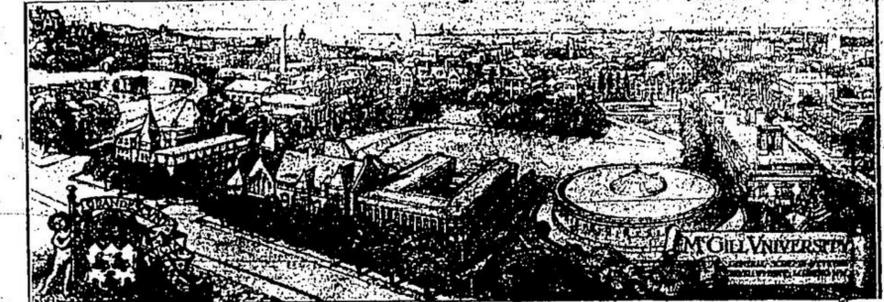
The big agricultural implement manufacturers are reducing the prices of their machines. This should renew the demand for farm machinery and be the means of re-opening the factories which have been closed for several months.

Embargo, or no embargo, Canadian cattle are in demand overseas. A shipment of 105 fat cattle direct from Ontario feeders to Glasgow last week brought \$40 to \$44 for the best steers, an advance of \$3 to \$4 over the previous week's quotation.

Lord Shaftnessy, of the C. P. R., has just sounded a most optimistic note respecting general conditions in Canada. He says: "The business outlook is promising. The wheat crop, about 275,000,000 bushels, is the greatest ever harvested in this country."

Encourage boys and girls to save money for a definite goal—for a better education, and for the start in life on the farm or in business. The older members of the family can make it easier for the boys and girls to save. Help the young folks. It pays.

## McGILL A HUNDRED YEARS OLD



### McGill University as it will appear when the proposed extensions are completed.

Montreal will witness an historic event for five days commencing Wednesday, October 12th, when the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of McGill University will be celebrated, a reunion of former graduates and under-graduates. For a year and a half arrangements have been made by a special committee of the McGill Graduates Society in charge of the details of the occasion. From all over the world McGill Graduates have signified their intention of taking part in this memorable gathering. At the present time there are some on the high seas from Japan, China, and India, from Australia, South Africa and South America, to be followed by those from Great Britain and Europe, eager to be present to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of their alma mater, and to revive the memories of student days.

### A CASE OF CONSCIENCE

"He's paid me too much!" Ned's fingers were rapidly turning over two of three bills. "Yes, three dollars too much. I'd just have thought this five dollar bill was two."

### WHY THE SEA IS BLUE

The blue of the sea is not, as is generally supposed, due to the reflection from the sky, but to the nature of the water. Nowhere is the sea more blue than in the Mediterranean, where the water is particularly deep. For the reason that it is not only exposed to almost tropical heat, but because comparatively few rivers pour fresh water into it.

### DELIVERED IN PHYSICAL TRAINING

Marguerite L. Smith, elected to the New York State assembly from the New York City district, is twenty-five years old and a specialist in physical training and horse racing. She has been elected to the position of director in the Horace Mann Elementary School, where she is also supervisor of girls' clubs.

### WISDOM AND OTHERWISE

A little child was enjoying his first glimpse of a pond. The water was so still that he saw the reflection of the old-fashioned garden and on a little stool he sat beside the fountain, a little girl came and sat beside him. He had watched the operation, grave for some time. Then he spoke: "Do you like my dress?"

### THEY ARE THE ANSWER SHE EXPECTED

The teacher was giving a lesson in mental arithmetic and was asking the class all sorts of questions. Johnny was bored and inattentive. He never did like arithmetic anyway!

### NOT A MATCH, EITHER

A pompous manufacturer of machinery was showing a stranger over his factory. "You plan to work, don't you?" he said, indicating one machine.

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