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EDITORIAL

Has Faith in Canada's "Come-back"

Sir George Lawson Johnston, head of one of the great British business interests in Toronto, en route to the United States, expressed the opinion that Canada would be one of the first countries in the world to recover from her wartime unsettlement.

A Dominion Prohibition Law

The executive committee of the Dominion Alliance have issued a manifesto to the people urging them to vote for men who believe in and if elected, will promote the enactment of a nation-wide law prohibiting manufacture, importation and inter-provincial transportation of intoxicating liquors.

The County Council Would Repeal Tax Exemptions

At the session of our County Council last week a resolution was unanimously carried that, in view of the serious taxation problem facing the Province of Ontario, and the municipalities concerned, the Provincial Government of Ontario be petitioned to repeal exemptions of private institutions, in order that taxation may fall equitably on all persons or institutions in the province.

"Conscious Civilization Against Armed Warfare"

"There must be, and there shall be, the commanding voice of a conscious civilization against armed warfare." In this pledge, uttered with the profoundest solemnity on the third anniversary of the cessation of fighting in the world's greatest war, President Harding of the United States proclaimed to the foreign delegates grouped about him in the amphitheatre at Arlington, the spirit with which that country will take its position at the conference which seeks relief from the insupportable burden of armaments.

A Better and Improved World

"I don't believe this disarmament conference at Washington can do everything. I am personally confident it can do much. I am confident that of the steps that are being gradually made to produce a better and improved world—an international world—this step will be of all history the greatest. In that hope I go to Washington." This was the message Arthur J. Balfour, British ex-prime minister and present leader of the British delegation to Washington, in the absence of Premier Lloyd George, gave to newspapermen who welcomed him when he landed from the liner Empress of France, in Canada last week.

The Improvement of Ontario's Highways

According to reports coming from the department of highways on the work of the year, the total expenditures on good roads in the province will not be much short of $25,000,000. This very large sum, which it is assumed, and very generally conceded, has been judiciously expended, must mean much in the future progress and prosperity of the province. Good roads mean better markets, freer distribution of the products of farm and orchard, greater comfort and saving of time in getting about, and in the inducement to visitors from neighboring provinces to visit Ontario. And it is a fact that the presence of tourists and visitors means the expenditures of considerable money which finds its way to the tills of our merchants and the pockets of our farmers. Improved highways will be found to be a very tangible asset to the province.

A Real Incentive to Attain Knowledge

There passed away in the city of Hamilton last week a man whose personal effort and application won for him one of the highest positions attainable by a private citizen. In the death of Henry B. Witton Hamilton lost one of her most eminent citizens and scholars. Out of his meagre wage as a carriage builder, he purchased books, and taught himself German, Latin, Greek, French and Sanskrit as well as geology, astronomy and biology. In 1872 he entered politics, was elected and sent to Vienna by Sir John A. Macdonald, Premier, on a special mission to gather information. The attainments of Mr. Witton should be an emulation to young people generally to aim to make for themselves a career of usefulness and accomplishment. How infinitely better it is for a young man or a young woman to aspire by personal effort to the attainment of information and qualification for positions of usefulness, rather than to spend all leisure hours in amusement, pleasure or frivolity? Mr. Witton, the carriage maker, was a worthy successor to Elihu Burritt, the blacksmith, who mastered twenty languages while at his work.

How Success is Attained

There is no royal road to success in life. The sooner the young folks learn this positive fact, the sooner they will be prepared to apply themselves assiduously to attain the end which every healthy-souled young person should aspire to. A prominent preacher when asked the secret of his power replied, "Four hours of brain sweat every day." And that expressive term deserves careful consideration. There are college graduates who have never known the meaning of brain sweat. Often the young fellow who plays tennis or baseball or football, in such a fashion that he is in a lather of perspiration, shuts up the book that is solid reading with a glance, and skips over what is difficult in his lessons, leaving that for the teacher to explain in class next day. But somewhere, somehow, all must learn to do work that is hard, that calls for intense concentration and intense effort. There is no possibility of great achievement by anyone who has not learned the meaning of brain sweat. Don't flinch at the hard things. Undertake them, not in the spirit, "I can do it, if I will," but with the saner determination, "I can do it, and I will."

The Women Obviously Want World Peace

The fact that the women of the world are taking active measures to influence the delegates to the Peace Conference, shows conclusively that they desire world peace. Lady Frances Balfour presided at a large meeting in London, England, on Friday, which was attended by representatives of more than four million women belonging to various organizations. It was decided to send to the women of the United States a message expressing good-will and hope for the success of the Washington Conference. They in turn will address themselves and their influence to the peace representatives.

Extending Municipal Franchise to Women

The Provincial Secretary has sent out letters to all the municipal councils in the province, asking their opinion upon the proposal to extend the right to vote at municipal elections to wives and daughters of owners of property. The matter was discussed in the Ontario Legislature, but no action was taken because it was considered this would result in a large increase in the membership of every county council. The municipal councils are asked to give their opinion upon this question at their next meetings. If women are entitled to the franchise in Provincial and Dominion elections, what good reason is there for withholding the same privilege in respect to municipal matters?

"Simplicity, Honesty, Honor"

"We harbor no fears, we have no sordid ends to serve, we suspect no enemy, we contemplate or apprehend no conquest, we wish to do with you only that finer, nobler thing which no nation can do alone."—President Harding. "In the spirit of these noble words we come to confer together. President Harding has supplied the conference with a motto: Simplicity, Honesty, Honor."—Arthur J. Balfour. When such sterling words of statesmanship characterize the opening sessions of the great disarmament conference the world may well entertain with confidence the hope for resultant action which will go far to secure amity and good will among the nations through all the future days.

The International Disarmament Conference

The great conference of representatives of the nations opened at Washington on Armistice Day. It is attended by the good wishes of almost all the civilized people of the world, and by the prayers of millions everywhere. It is the earnest hope of all that the great powers represented will reach a real agreement to abstain from the ruinous policy of adding armament to armament. Substantial and far-reaching benefits are anticipated. It is sincerely anticipated that the threatening situation in the Pacific, and the equally momentous position in the far East, will be met so frankly, and with such good nature that peaceful solutions to the puzzling questions will be determined upon. The conference is sure to prove one of the greatest events in world history. May it prove in the end to be the greatest step ever taken toward the permanent reign of peace and justice among the nations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An illicit still set fire to a house in Montreal on Friday. Let's see! Isn't Montreal in Quebec where they have "Government control." How could such a thing as a still happen there?

The Bank of England has reduced its discount rate to 5 per cent., half the amount charged when war broke out in 1914. Money is evidently plentiful, and readily available to the banks.

It is very gratifying that during October the debt of Canada was reduced to the extent of $3,400,000. This is a good start. If the reduction is kept growing it will be a good thing for our country.

The recent enforcement of the Adolescent Act causes some changes in the pensions granted under the Mothers' Allowances Act, for the age limit of the elder or eldest child is now sixteen, not fourteen.

The farmers of this country evidently need to "get together" in considering their interests in production and sales. Canada imported from the United States in 1920, $110,000,000 worth of foodstuffs of a kind produced on Canadian farms, and $70,000,000 worth in the last fiscal year.

Peel County milk producers are considering the feasibility of fixing the wholesale price of milk by butter fat content, similar to the basis now observed in selling their cream. This will mean more equitable prices for their milk, but it will entail a more uniform and careful inspection of the milk by the producers.

Premier Drury's plan of capitalizing the receipts from motor vehicles' licenses until an aggregate of $20,000,000 is reached, and then use this for the construction of good roads, sounds well. The trouble is that a good many of us will have ceased using the roads before the improvements are made on that basis.

Financial experts are now raising the alarm that Germany by her deliberate policy of depreciating the value of the mark, is not only trying to plead bankruptcy as a reason for escaping reparations, but is putting her trade in a position of competitive advance over other countries. Though German national finances are in a hopeless mess her industries are prosperous.

Hon. John Oliver, Premier of British Columbia, complained a few weeks ago that the tax on whiskey imposed by the Dominion Government was "taking away from the people of this Province many millions a year" which presumably the people could ill afford. The obvious remedy is for the people to spend less on whiskey and they will then have more for the necessaries of life.—Toronto Globe.

A trial of the theatre as a satisfactory educational feature fails to convince London, England, educational authority as to its value. In the past year £3,000 was expended in taking children to special theatre performances of Shakesperian plays, counting such visits as school attendance. The auditor held that such payment from local taxes was illegal, and the Lord Chief Justice on the appeal has upheld the auditor.

WHY AN ORCHARD WILL PAY

The planting of commercial apple orchards in the Province of Ontario is highly desirable for several reasons:

1. Ontario is not producing enough good apples for home supply, but imports annually from Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Oregon and California.

2. Production in Ontario is likely to fall off still more because no commercial planting is being done. Very few commercial apple orchards have been set out in this Province since 1911.

3. Of the thousands of young trees set in the boom years of 1906 to 1911 a large proportion have already passed out of existence. Probably not more than 20 per cent. of the trees planted during those years will figure in the commercial production of the future, and certainly not more than 40 per cent. of them are alive and receiving reasonable attention to-day.

4. The home orchard will never again be an important factor in commercial apple production in this Province, because it is not large enough to be worth while. In seasons when scab control is difficult, or when prices are down because of a heavy crop, the return from the small orchard is not large enough to justify the expense and risk involved. When conditions are unfavorable the small orchard passes quickly into a state of neglect; this is why apple growing in Ontario is at such low ebb at present.

5. Fruit is an essential part of diet. While it is true that in case of necessity people can live without it, it is also true that health suffers and nutritional complaints become much more general in the absence from the dietary of fresh fruits and vegetables. The apple is the most important and most useful fruit of the temperate zone, and from the standpoint of public health, its culture should not be neglected.—J. W. Crow, O. A. C., Guelph.

In Detroit, where so many of the automobiles are manufactured, the Animal Welfare Association reports 70,000 horses—a gain over 1917 of 10,000, and over 1911 of 30,000.

ONE SIDE OF THE ATHLETICS QUESTION

"I don't care for athletics, outdoor life, gym work, dieting and training the coach makes you undergo!" said Paul when approached for the team, in his new school. "Too much hard work, and too little fun!" It is well that not all boys and young men take Paul's point of view; that they learn early how quickly a run in the open, a tussel with the vaulting poles, a quick, hard-fought game in field or court, an endurance test with his peers physically and mentally, quicken muscular action, redden the blood with oxygen and health, sharpen the judgment, train the body to quick, accurate responses, increase the height and size of a growing boy, and keep the whole body running like a well-trained machine. What if the rules do require self-denial, patience, perseverance, overcoming "softness"? Life requires the same, and to fit one's self for the business of living, it is well to get the body and brain into the fittest condition. Cultivate the dislike out of your systems; get into the outdoor life which is making young men with fine bodies and quick brains.

HOW ANIMALS SLEEP

Elephants sleep standing up. When in a herd, a certain number will always stand watch while the others sleep, for the big, powerful beasts are timid and cautious at night and will not go to sleep unguarded.

Bats sleep head downward, hanging by their hind claws.

Birds, with few exceptions, sleep with their heads turned tailward over the back and the beak thrust beneath the wing.

Storks, gulls, and other long-legged birds sleep standing on one leg.

Ducks sleep on open water. To avoid drifting ashore they keep paddling with one foot, thus making them move in a circle.

Foxes and wolves sleep curled up, their noses and the soles of their feet close together and blanketed by their bushy tails.

Lions, tigers, and cat animals stretch themselves out flat upon their side. Their muscles twitch and throb, indicating that they are light and restless sleepers.

Owls, in addition to their eyelids, have screens that they draw sideways across their eyes to shut out the light, for they sleep in the daytime.

INFLUENCE OF A MOTOR CAR

The motor car has its due place in well-timed and appropriate recreation. But it has been suffered to loom far too large in our social life. Far more families possess cars than can reasonably afford either the initial expense of their purchase or the continuous expense of their upkeep. Moreover, it is unquestionable that the possession of a car, in very many cases, leads on to other expenditures such as the possessor, very often, can ill afford—to the "throwing of money about" in various directions. Like the "movies" the motor car is working a change in people's character and outlook on life, the full significance of which not many of them, in all probability, adequately realize.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

SAFETY RULES FOR RUBBISH

1. Keep things tidy; don't allow rubbish to accumulate anywhere in the house or near it.
2. If you keep oily cloths, put them into a metal box or can with a cover.
3. Don't pile dead leaves against anything that will burn. They sometimes ignite themselves.
4. Bury leaves; don't burn them.
5. Don't have old pieces of lumber cluttering up your basement. Have them cut up into kindling and then piled in a proper place.

DOING A RUSHING BUSINESS

He had just hung out his shingle. That morning a stranger called. The doctor asked to be excused as he hurried to the phone.

Taking down the receiver, he said: "Yes, I will be ready for you at two-ten this afternoon. But please be prompt—for I am very busy. Two hundred dollars? Yes, that was the estimate I gave you."

Hanging up the receiver, he turned to the stranger and, rubbing his hands, asked: "Now, sir, what can I do for you?"

"Nothing," replied the stranger, quietly. "I came in only to connect up the telephone."—Reading Specialties.

"MR. AND MRS."

What wonderful thoughts come up when these two abbreviations are printed in news items—what intense human interest they portray. In the country weekly paper, they take the one big place in all items, from the simple visit to relatives, to the larger matters of human life. "Mr. and Mrs."—the great news item of the universe, the bringer of recollections to the man far from home, who takes his old home town paper, and reads the items of Mr. and Mrs. In knee pants and shall we say, short skirts. It's the home town paper week in and week out is to know the great happenings of the world, the doings of "Mr. and Mrs."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S SINGLE STANDARD

Ex-President Roosevelt made a public profession of religion early in life, feeling, and he said, that "if a man believes these things he ought to say so." He was a most attentive listener to sermons, and rarely came away from a service without stopping to shake hands with the minister and offer some comment upon what he had heard. He believed in a single standard of morals for men and women and once requested his cabinet to give no social notice to anyone who was mixed up in a salacious divorce case. He refused to entertain Maxim Gorky when the Russian visited the United States, accompanied by a lady who was far from being his wife. While Police Commissioner in New York he insisted that men who were arrested in raids upon disreputable houses should receive the same punishment as their women companions.

Sometimes people who met him for the first time thought he would enjoy stories a trifle off color, but whenever anyone would start such an anecdote the Colonel would turn his back upon him and walk away. This was his equivalent to Queen Victoria's devastating: "We are not amused," of which Lytton Strachey has told us. Once he accosted a gun-toting cowboy with the remark: "Jim, I like you, but you are the nastiest-talking man I ever heard." Jim, instead of taking a pot-shot at him, is said to have blushed and apologized. As regards his religious beliefs he seldom discussed them. On one occasion he was found praying over the grave of former President McKinley, and none of his beliefs was firmer than that in the efficacy of prayer.

GENTLE HINTS

The more debts are contracted the more they expand.

Death has evidently traded his pale horse for an automobile.

We can't blame a man who leads a dog's life if he growls.

Nature is said to be infallible, yet she gave the rooster a comb but no hair.

It is hard to get a dyspeptic to believe that the millenium will ever come.

There will be little change in men's wear this winter, particularly in the pants' pocket.

A modern magazine is a small body of literature surrounded by an ocean of advertisements.

The time has come when to get on the water-wagon is equivalent to getting into the hand wagon. The temperance cause is surely coming to its own.—D. R.

THE BEST THINGS ABOUT LOVE

You never believe that anyone ever loved just as you do.

You want to tell him everything you have ever thought or said, or done.

You are sure that every other woman is anxious to take him from you.

You cannot imagine life without him.

You resent any criticism of him from other people.

You are jealous of his mother because she knew him first.

You count a day blank in which you do not see him.

You are sure that if you marry him earth will be better than any poet's paradise.

You would rather live in one room with him than in a palace with anyone else.

If you fail to feel like eight of these nine things, including the last—don't marry him.

CHANGE YOUR EYEBROWS?

Do you like your eyebrows? If you don't you may now have them changed. Eyebrow transformation is as painful as it is novel. But it is the latest beauty craze among certain women, chiefly cinema actresses.

How is it done? First of all the shape of the face is taken into consideration, the eyes are measured for correct setting, with regard to greater prominence, and operations are begun. The correct shape of the brow is pencilled, and the surplus hairs are "plucked out."

A beauty expert declares it is "just as easy as plucking a fowl."

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"Every reader of a newspaper is a possible customer," he said.

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The Vital Issue

"What we have to decide is this—Are we going to continue the protective system of this country or are we not? That is the question and that is the whole question. And the great, big, necessary thing is that every voter in this country from the Yukon to Halifax knows that this is the question he or she is deciding when he or she votes in this great contest."
—ARTHUR MEIGHEN

THE vital issue in the coming election—in fact, the only issue—is the Tariff, and to every clear thinking Canadian it should be readily apparent that a Protective Fiscal Policy is absolutely essential to stability, progress and development.

Every important country in the world upholds Protection as an essential economic principle. Even Great Britain—so long the stronghold of Free Trade—has now adopted laws that constitute Protection of the most effective kind. In fact, the present policy among most nations is towards raising their tariff walls, not lowering them. In the face of these facts it would be suicidal for Canada to do exactly the reverse and discard the fiscal system which has been responsible for its progress during the past forty-three years.

Free Trade would mean death to Canadian Industry. It would also result in the immediate closing down of Canadian plants of foreign firms, with consequent additional unemployment. There are to-day 650 American factories alone in Canada. Similar proposed ventures would be abandoned. New capital would refuse to come to a Country lacking adequate protection and present industrial enterprise would be promptly strangled by foreign competition.

The preservation of the home market by a Reasonable Protective Tariff is vital to both city dweller and agrarian alike—now as never before. More capital is urgently needed for the development of Canada's enormous resources, which will result in a lessening of unemployment and an increased population. More work and more workers will produce an enlarged home market for products of both city and farm, and the exodus of Canadian men and women—and the dollars they earn—will be precluded.

The United States has slammed her trade door in the face of Canadian farmers by adopting the Fordney Bill, and the farmer is consequently now even more dependent upon the home market than in the past.

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King's policy—if he has one—will result in the destruction of the Tariff.

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