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EDITORIAL

Quebec Tired of Sunday Theatres

Following a decision rendered by Justice Gibson, sitting in the criminal court, theatres, which have been operating on Sunday in the Province of Quebec for the last two years, will have to close or pay a fine of forty dollars for each performance when prosecuted, and even patrons may be apprehended.

Lights on All Vehicles

There is a strong feeling that bicycles and horse-drawn vehicles should all be required to carry lights at night, as well as motor cars, for general safety.

The "Naval Holiday" a Blessing to Canada

So far as Canada is concerned the proposals at the Washington Conference would be of incalculable financial benefit, aside from the great moral effect.

Women Object to Street Carnivals

At the meeting of the National Council of Women at Woodstock last week, a resolution was unanimously passed asking the Government to forbid the street carnivals and travelling shows which have been coming into Canada from the United States lately.

Beautifying the Farm Surroundings

At the Women's Institute convention at Toronto last week Miss Yates, of Port Credit, who has frequently addressed the Institute here, impressed very strongly the desirability of beautifying the farm home and surroundings.

Canada's Example in Peace Making

The position of Canada in the matter of peace making, and the experience of this country during the past one hundred years, is giving our representatives at Washington a proud place at the Washington Disarmament Conference.

Get the Correct View Point

It is the proper thing for young people, when they have left school, and commence the duty of earning their living, to be reasonably saving and judiciously economical.

REAL SYMPATHY

A country schoolmaster went west one morning that he was suffering from an attack of illness there would be no school that day.

Canadian "Unknown" Soldier to Rest at Ottawa

Consistent with the popular plan of honoring the fallen soldier heroes by other countries, an unknown Canadian soldier will in all probability be brought from France or Flanders for interment with national honors at Ottawa.

Three-fourths of a Century a Newspaper

The Galt Reporter, the only surviving newspaper in that prosperous city, has just celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary. During all these years it has been in the hands of the Jaffrey family and has been a credit to Galt.

Not a Ladies' Man Among Them

In some unaccountable way the Free Press' municipal reporter misinterpreted the resolution of the Council last week on the question of the granting of the franchise to women in municipal elections.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It will be no discredit to be dubbed a pacifist from this time forward. The nations are all talking upon that doctrine.

Henry Ford makes a sane proposal now, viz, to junk battleships and build tractors. The money sunk in battleships would put a tractor, or other necessary machinery, on every farm on earth.

It really looks as if the New Year will see Canada restored very largely to normal business conditions. From all parts business optimism is found, factories are humming with orders, and unemployment is being reduced.

Here is the President of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade saying that Canada has passed the crisis while all the Government orators and organs are telling the country that it will be ruined if it is deprived of Mr. Meighen's services.—Star.

The druggists of Alberta are supremely tired of the liquor dispensing business. Removal of the liquor vending business from the drug stores of the province was urged upon Attorney-General C. E. Brownlee by a delegation from the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association then in convention in Edmonton.

The great disarmament conference at Washington is making fine progress. It is generally conceded on all sides that offensive armament must be discontinued. It is the offensive armament that has aroused the ire of the world and this armament, whether it be on land or sea, must be put in process of extinction.

Little Japan has evidently profited in spirit by association with the other disarmament representatives at Washington. They are learning well the lesson that their aggressive imperial policy is a profound mistake, and would ultimately cost them the loss of the friendship of Great Britain and the United States.

Councillor Robert Nelson, a returned soldier, has given notice that he will introduce a by-law at next meeting of Brantford Council, granting exemption from taxation to the returned soldiers. The veterans' taxes in Brantford amounted to about \$2,000, or one mill of the town rate. This action will be watched by municipal authorities generally with much interest.

Prohibition in the United States won a signal victory on Friday when the Senate, by a vote of 57 to 22, passed the anti-beer bill, which now goes to the President. It permits by implication at least, the searching of storerooms, outbuildings and automobiles for illicit liquor, but forbids the searching of homes by government officials unless armed with a search warrant.

When W. E. Raney, Attorney-General, makes a speech he always handles his subject in a masterly manner. But no man in politics is more roundly abused than he. This is largely because of his standing in favor of prohibition and against race track gambling. His stand on those two issues brings down upon him the dislike of those classes in the community who are most fluent and gifted in the use of invective.—Toronto Star.

CREAM of the WEST FLOUR. "How's that for a pie!" Includes illustration of a woman with a pie and text about flour quality.

THE MERCHANTS BANK. Your Money is Safe From Fire or Theft. Includes logo and text about bank services.

THE FARM WELL

The well is the usual source of the farm water supply, and a good well that is one which supplies plenty of pure fresh and wholesome water the year round, is certainly one of the most essential and valuable assets of the farm.

Fortunately most of Ontario's farms are well supplied with water, in fact it is a rare thing to find a farm where it could not be secured in sufficient quantities by drilling to reasonable depths. The supply, therefore, will usually never cause us any serious worry, but judging by a recent report on analysis of many well waters from this province one seems justified in concluding that there is still need for education of the rural public in regard to the protection and care of the farm well.

The first step in the solution of this problem of pure water supply is the location of the well. This should be for all means on ground higher than any source of contamination such as barnyard, cesspool, or outside privy. If there should be no choice in location and this cannot be done, then the well should be kept a considerable distance from such contaminations, at least 100 feet in clay, and 200 feet or more in sandy soils, and the drilling and top of the well especially protected as detailed later against the entrance of any sewage and outside water.

In the second place the drilling for at least ten feet below the surface should be made impervious to water so that contamination in solution reaching the well would have to pass down through this extra depth of soil before getting into the well, when in all probability it would be taken up by the soil and never reach the well water. This may be done in case of an old well by putting a wall of puddle clay one foot thick and ten feet deep around the well opening, and in case of a newly-dug well, or re-drilling an old one, by using large concrete tiles for the casing and setting the joints thoroughly in rich cement.

Before the tiles are placed in the well the outside should be washed with pure cement plaster in order to fill up all pores and make the tile absolutely impervious to water. Finally, the casing should be extended at least one foot above the ground level, and the well top up to the top of it, to provide good surface drainage, away from the well. Fourthly, the well should be provided with a strong lid-tight-fitting cover made of heavy plank or concrete so that it will all ways be safe for man or beast, and prevent animals like frogs, etc.

A clean bucket will, the pump may be placed over a shallow dry well to one side and the top of the well made absolutely tight by a concrete cover. In this case the well should be ventilated by putting a small iron pipe, with the exposed end turning downwards, through the top of cover. And fifthly, the stock should not be allowed to trample about close to the well.

What has been said refers chiefly to dug wells, but even the drilled or driven wells should be well drained and protected at the top, for otherwise contamination may work down the well casing and reach the water, especially if the casing is not tightly driven into the rock below.

Attention to such matters of construction and protection of the farm well as here detailed, and an occasional pumping out and cleansing of the well with a little lime, will assure a pure and wholesome water supply.—H. R. Graham, O. A. C., Guelph.

MURINE. Night and Morning. For Red, Smart or Itchy Eyes. Includes illustration of an eye.

The Acton Creamery. Will be Run in Future by Thos. O'Neil. NOTICE. Includes text about partnership dissolution.

Mr. Farmer! YOU SHOULD BE UP-TO-DATE IN THE HOME AS WELL AS HAVING UP-TO-DATE MACHINERY. Let Us Instal a Pneumatic Water System. Includes text about water systems and contact info.

TANNERY CO-OPERATIVE. The Store of Quality and Low Prices. JUST ARRIVED. Includes list of products like raisins, lemons, and various goods.

Why? Because. PARTRIDGE TIRES. Game as Their Name. Includes illustration of a Partridge tire and text about tire quality.

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