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TELEPHONES- .

EDITORIAL

Arthur Meighen Still Needed

the crushing defeat of the Meighen Government does not mean that Canada has no need for Mr. Woodstock Sentincl-Review.

Canada to Share in Great Trade Boom

"What has happened at Washington will be the start of the greatest legitimate business boom the world has ever known," said-Marquis Rogan, merchandising counsel for the W. H. Rankin Company of New York and Chicago, during the course of an address to the members of the Toronto Advertising Club the other evening on the subject, "What Merchandising Could do for Canada." The speaker pre- ships with a total tonnage of 1,861,643. Great Bri- great box o' truck, candles as blg as any time." dicted the early entry of "a great, substantial, pro- tain, the United States and Japan have made their the end of my little finger, and dolls. He says a profressional beggar who and toys for the children, and that for years has played easy "suckers," gressive business era." His opinion was that Canada final decision. In bulk these figures do not differ tree was dressed up regular Kriss and, as he imagines, without workbecause it had reached an especially opportune period greatly from the Hughes proposals, made when the Kringle style. in its development, and because of its wonderful re- Conference on the Limitation of Armament first the hull aettlement was ready to go sources, would share in this era of business exponsion, perhaps to a larger extent than any other cluded the scrapping of 66 capital ships, with a total children's fun. Fact is, there wouldn't poorhouse, country. The consummation of this cheering prediction will be gratefully received by the people of

The Chartered Banks in Acton.

Acton has had rather a unique experience with its banking concerns. Upon the death of Ransom Adams, Storey, Christie & Co. established their bank. After the death of W. H. Storey this business was discontinued. The Merchants Bank opened its branch here over twenty years ago, and now becomes the Bank of Montreal. The Metropolitan Bank opened here about twelve or fourteen years ago, and several years ago was merged into the Bank of Nova Scotia. The amalgamation of the chartered banks, wil branches in Acton, has in each case greatly strengthened the surviving banks, and given their customers much wider connection. Acton is favored in having branches of the two strongest banks in Canadathe Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Where Authority is Vested

in police and magisterial circles came up in Mitchell mineral resources and present production; also forest last week. On election night a man was arrested by resources and forest products. Copies of the booklet a constable because he was drunk and disorderly on are available on application to the Superintendent, the street. Mayor Hill heard of the arrest and order- Natural Resources Intelligence Branch, Department ed that the prisoner be liberated. The Advocate re- of the Interior, Ottawa. ports that the matter was placed in the hands of the County Crown Attorney. The result was that the man who created the disturbance was taken to court and find \$20 and costs for disorderly conduct, and \$20 and costs for being intoxicated. The Mayor of Compensation is quite a charge upon the proprietors upoke a place. I like it no much that Mitchell who was charged with using his influence to of the industry of the country, it lifts a vast load of I got the minister to copy it for me, liberate a prisoner, was found guilty. The sentence anxiety from the tens of thousands of industrial road it if you like." was suspended, but he was obliged to pay the costs. workers of the province, and their dependants, and the rummaged in the clock, where At the trial the Crown Attorney pointed out that results in a great diminution in human hardship and seeds, and the letters that came now neither the Mayor, Justice of the Peace or any other distress. It is a pioneer of the humanitarian trend of and then from her married daughter officer other than the Police Magistrate had any present day legislation, and has made good. The written in the minister's fine copperpower whatsoever to liberate a prisoner.

A Happy Christmas to All

Christmastide is the most joyous season of all th year, and our Christmas wish is that this hapr festival will bring real joy and happiness to all homes As Christmas day falls on Sunday this fact should add much to the hallowed and happy character of this day of days. It should be made a church-going day for all the family, with the real spirit of worship provailing. There will be many happy households with re-united families. The usual Christmas feasting should be deferred at least until Monday-the day agreed upon for the social observance of the festival so that the dear home mother or housekeeper may not miss the hours of public worship-on Sunday through the necessity of preparing a special dinner for the family. The meeting around the Christmas hearthstone of those who have been separated during the year, will be all the happier if due consideration be given to this phase of the home duties. The Christmas season affords a special opportunity to do something in providing good cheer and happy experiences for those who need such practical sympathy. Let us embrace our opportunities for action in this respect. That Christmas may have happiness for all is the sincere wish of the PRES PRESS.

The Municipal Elections in Acton The nominations will be held next Monday. From present indications it looks as if the people of Acton are already awake to the necessity of selecting the tion and construction of important and desirable great factor in the reduction of the amount of crime. utilities, and securing industries to give employment and, trade to our citizens. These all require careful supervision and intelligent administration. Men o business experience and prescience are needed now more than at any previous period in our history. is absolutely necessary, if the general improvement of the town is to be continued, and the taxes reduced to a more normal rate, that the waterworks system be developed, in the matter of the installation of services, so as to produce the highest possible revenues. We have a good plant and if judiciously handled, will in a very short time yield revenues sufficient to meet the interest on the bonds, the sinking fund, and matters should have the careful and serious con- persons. Another instance of the unreasonableness dominations on Monday.

The U. F. O. Sound on the O. T. A.

At the annual convention of the United Farmers of Ontario at Toronto last week a motion proposing on amendment of the Ontario Temperance Act to permit the sale of liquor on lines similar to those prevalling in British Columbia, met with a prompt defeat. The convention clearly did not wish to listen to any proposal which would permit of the re-introduction of liquor into the Province in any form and by an absolutely ununimous standing vote, rejected the proposal with a good deal of enthusiasm. strong endorsation of the Q. T. A., by so important and respresentative a body, residing in all parts of the province means much for the future of the prohibition movement.

"No One Party Owns Canada"

"Well, everything appearss to be running along about the same old way since the Dominion Election and none of the dire disasters promised by the Meighen. Canada has placed the management of her calamity howlers if Hon. Mackenzie King were elect attairs in the hands of another young man; but she ed to power have happened so far. How silly-if not still has need for Meighen, and of all the men of the crazy-to talk such rot. Even as old a head as Bar-Meighen type, to whatever party they may belong, rister Morphy, of Listowel, who was formerly the who can be induced to offer their services. Therefore M. P. for North Perth, was credited with threatening it is to be hoped that a seat will be found for Arthur to leave the country if the Meighen Government were Meighen. There will be plenty for him to do .- not returned. As Marphy was beaton by Dr. Rankin, of Stratford, by about 650 it looks as if H. B. is going to have lots of time to pack his Saratoga and move. Perhaps it was just simply bunk he was speiling and tagging on bohind, all of them went if so he is likely to change his mind. No one part owns Canada, even if they act as if they thought so." -Brussels Post.

Scrapping the Dreadnoughts

The world's three greatest naval met, four weeks ago Salurday. These proposals intonnage of 1,878,043. Secretary Hughes has won out with his factous 5-5-3 ratio. This is certainly a propi- what he was talkin' about when he . It is tarder to frame a plausible lie tious outcome, and under the circumstances means much in ensuring the future peace of the world. But it's not a circumstance to the 0-0 ratio which has remained between Canada and the United States for natured to have much heaven here one hundred years.

Compact Facts Concerning Canada.

Few people rentize that 26,445 Canadian ex-service men have been established on the land and are nearly all making good; that Canada's water power develop- seemed as if we'd never heard it till ment represents an investment of \$475,000,000, while the power produced would otherwise require 18,-000,000 tons of coal yearly; or that nearly 88 per cent. of the world's supply of asbestos comes from the Province of Quebec. The Natural Resources Intelligence Branch of the Department of the Interior, has just issued a revised edition of "Compact Facts," for the third time, and about how Bobby?" which contains in concise form, information regard- whether your non Ned is really falling ing Canada; its area, population, trade and industries; their extent, capital invested, wages paid, values of A case which has created a great deal of interest live stock, principal crops and amounts produced;

Value of the Workmen's Compensation Act

While the operation of the Ontario Workmen's annual-report, just issued, shows that the sum of plate English hand. Did I tell you: \$7,076,640 was awarded in benefits last year. Ac- from over the sea, and that his mother cidents of all kinds reported under the Act numbered used to send him an English plum 54,851, of which 452 were fatal. Under the old order told me about this, with great pride, of things there would have been a volume of litigation, and a considerable amount of money would have been consumed in legal expenses. In many instancest too, strict equity might have been denied on technical ground, or relief delayed by the power of the longest purse to carry cases from court to court. Six years' experience of the Act has proved its advantage over previous conditions from the point of view of both employers and employees. The farmer know precisely what obligations they must carry, and the emplayees or their dependents are freed from the uncertainties of the law.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A number of ballots were spoiled in the recent election here, some of the voters becoming so rattled that they are said to have put an I. O. U. on the ballot instead of an X .- Georgetown Herald.

It may surprise some to know that Canada Is a world lender in the production of cobalt, asbestos and nickel. We produce 00% of the world's supply of cobalt, 88% of abestos, and 85% of nickel.

The Hydro-Electric Commission has certainly done much for this province. It is confidently asserted by best men, or women, available for Acton Municipal exports that for its size Ontario is better lighted than Council for 1922. This town has now a very large any-other-part-of-the-American continent. It is indebtedness, owing to its progress in the installa- everywhere admitted that good street lighting is a

> Provincial regulation of bus lines on Provincial said my dear friend, "we've kept highways throughout Ontario through a system of franchises, is receiving the attention of the Depart- the hill, in the south-west corner of nent of Highways. The coming session will probhly see the introduction of legislation giving the rough letters. But he taught us how Minister power to-deal with the matter. This would to keep Christman and now we don't onsure botter service to the public.

off over a wage dispute should have been settled the children believe in fanta Claus all by prbitration, instead of by the unscemly strike, it they've a mind to, and we let love and was that of the milk-wagon drivers of New York the necessary charges for maintenance. But it will and Cloveland. Through this strike there was derequire wise men who are accustomed to business privation and suffering on the part of the most help- Hear the young ones should I tell undertakings to accomplish this. These important less section of the community-hables and sick you there's nothing like Christman M. EDWARDS & CO near lettin' the hull batch get too

HOW THEY DISCOVERED CHRISTMAS.

"We had never made much holidays ain't of much account. "llut young Mr. Haverly he had Unferent opinion, and he began with he children. Long the first o' December he suked 'em to come to the school carols, and he sot the hull decatrict back of their eyes not in front of

"'God rost ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay."

'Joy to the world; the Lord is com at ourth receive her King." "My Clarrie bas a splendid woot and clear as a throub's, and mre and high, and Ellen Warrick and usper Custis and Molly Deare and mmle McClellan can all of 'em sing pretty well, so twan't very long beore the minister had a regular choir. and the Christman earnly nort o' stirred un up and got us out of our rut, and made some of us older ones remember

the days when we were young. "Next thing, the minister and klds, just the half-grown girls and boys, and some of the leetlest ones to the woods after a tree. Pather, he lot 'on have a sled and a pair of oxen and they was gone pretty near a hull it. We carry with us the beauty we mornin', but back they come with a visit and the song which enchants us beautiful big green tree, upley and or clas they don't exist for us at all. sweet and splendid, and the minister set that up in the school house, and got the young women to string popcorn un put on it, and conved me for some of my cotton waidling to imitate

to the school house, we hadn't any than many an honest man who makes

church then you know, and poo the a good living. And now he is in the be much fun in the world if it weren't It is harder to heg a dollar than to for the children, and the Master knew carn one, said: "Except ye become as dittle than to tell the truth; harder to appeal children, you cannot inherit the king- to generously than to business sense.

story, how the star stood over the place | empty sleeve, stands all day and far where Mary and the young Child were, into the night in all kinds of weather while the shepherds left their flocks for a charitable pittance which an and the wise ment from a far country honest workingman at wholesome and came on pligrimuge and brought their congenial accupation would despise as gifts, gold and frankinoonso and myrrh, paltry pay. and the strange thing was that it then, and it was all now and beautiful

"There's a lot in the way folks listen you know. You can hear a story and no thinkin' about the interest on the mortgage, and how you're goin' to raise it in time, and about how you'll turn your black silk dross inside out and upshite down, and make it over new fast Ruby wears out her shoes, and in love with that simpleton next door, and you don't hour; the lible words to to you as an idle tale." My friend paused and attended to her bread. When she resumed, she

"Where was IT Oh, yes; in the school house and the minister was readin', and the children sang carels und the tree-was lit, and the gifts was distributed. And endook hold of another's hand, and we visited, and got real friendly, and we know that we loved one another, though we are quite people who don't feel called upon be much palaver, and we know that our dear Lord was there. And Jonny Martin stood upon the platform and

that the minister came to the place pudding every year? My old friend for a silce of that pudding used to lnd its way to a good many homes in the congregation, and they thought it was fine; nothing like it had ever non seen in those hills. This was the poem:

THE CHRISTMAN LADDIS Once, in the midnight, long ago, The angels let a ladder down And long it was, and strong, and so its foot was set on Bethleham town.

And brought unto earth's lowly grounds Heaven's kifts of peace and good

The watching shepherds on the hill, They could not see that ladder fair, But suddenly did music thrill Around them in the still night air,

The Eastern sages wayfaring, Heheld a great and golden star, And so they followed, priest and king. Until it brought them fast and far, Where Mary with her little one, Lay sufe unid the frugrant hay;

God's gift to earth, Ills own dear Bun, Hiept in a virgin's arms that day. so came the glory to our land. Bo cuma the grace of lienven down Vhon, though men did-not understand,

Clod's Christ was born in Hothlehom and over since, that silver stair Is let through quivering crystal bars, Through realms of song vibrating air, Across the snowy path of stars,

And ungels fitting to and fro, Bring peace and love and good in-To us who turry here below,

Our Futher's star-sown firmument "That is very sweat." I said. "Yes, and if you could have heard Jonny reelts It! Hhe tooked like # phorub, in her white frock, with her "Well, to make a long story short,"

Christmas ever since. Two years ago our minister died. His grave's up on the cemetery, with a cross of gray stone over it, and his name out in ontine it to a calchration in the ohurch-for the dear man got the church built before God, called him jome; we have it in our homes, and loy come into our hordes and abide, "You see our miniator led the way! "There's. Hiram now bringin' home

light!"-Margarot E., Hangator.

helatman in the little mountain village lat. When it rains flam fimith comwhere I was raised," said Mother Abs - plains that it d woing to be muddy; tin, widing the flour from bur hands, but Jim Jones, wreathed in smiles. and sitting down to wait for her bread says that rain is a mighty good thing to what for the second knowling, "It to lay the dust. When the sun phines was not till that young proscher from again flam kicke about the dust; but to valley was settled among us that Jim, still amiling, soos that simulting we over considered about it, for when dries up the mud. Ham complains that folks are dreadful poor, and you have business is not half as good as it was o work all the time there's day light, when it was twice as good as it is just to get food enough and clothes Jim congratulates himself that bustmongh to go round, Christmus and liess to twice as good as it was when it was only half as good as it is. Those two men, living in the same town and under the same mitural conditions, see things oppositely, and the one is always happy and the other athouse early in the evenla's and sing ways miserable. The difference lies

> The pessimist goos about with a lantern, pooring into the dark places, tooking for mountous and things to find fault about ... The optimist goes about in the bright sunshine, looking for the bountifut things, and nading lots of them.

The pessimist not only warps his aind, but his physique as well, and his influence on others is decidedly depressing. The optimist rises in the morning with gladness in his hourt sumshine in his face, and smiles upon his line. The mere privilege of living a pricoulous joy to hipt. Happiness, it has been said, be mosale composed of very small goms. Each, taken singly, may be of little value; but when all are grouped to-

gother, arranged and not, they form a pleasing whole. One who must try to get away from ment-to-find-happiness-witt-never-find

HARD WORK AND POOR PAY

"One must be as easily pleased as a ling in this world has to exert enough ohild, and as mosk and mild and good- ingenuity and effort to have carned it The faker, blading his arm to his body and displaying an oppositing

JOKELETS

"You'll have to take me at my face "May I nee your drugglat's bills hen?" he inquired.

Hunday Rehool Teacher: "Who was it naw the handwriting on the wall Bobby; "The Landlord."



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