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EDITORIAL

Bar-less Hotels Do Pay

The Newmarket Era gave an interesting report of the annual meeting of the King George Hotel in that town last week and says: "That a first-class Temperance Hotel could be made to pay interest on the investment is the surprise of many people in the Province of Ontario, but ever since the King George Hotel in Newmarket was purchased by the temperance people eleven years ago, it has paid a dividend of 6 per cent., and this year the dividend is 10 per cent." The board of directors has a surplus of $2,200 after paying the 10 per cent. dividend.

The Lakes-to-Ocean Waterway

The projected St. Lawrence seaway to bring ocean ships directly to the Great Lakes ports is approved by the International Joint Commission representing the United States and Canada, in a report transmitted simultaneously to the United States Secretary of State and the Ottawa Government. The plan provides for thirty miles of canal on the St. Lawrence. The engineers estimate that the cost of the undertaking would be met from the sale of electric power developed at various points along the canal. The various locks would furnish more than twice the amount of power now developed at Niagara Falls.

A Magazine Representative of Canada

The Canadian Magazine is a publication well and truly representative of the name it bears. It is loyal, informational and calculated to inspire Canadian thought and effort in a manner helpful to our country and our people. The current month's number is a very worthy issue. It's "Monthly Calender of Important Events in Canadian History, with Flag Days for Canadian Schools," by W. Everard Edmonds; "Impressions of Ontario," by Prof. William Caldwell, of McGill University; "The University's Role," by John Boyd; "In the Canadian Rockies," by Robert Carey; "A Little Journey in Glengarry," by Alden Griffin Meredith; "From Month to Month," a survey of the political, industrial and historical affairs of Canada, by Sir John Willison; with a wealth of bright short stories, bits of poetry and attractive illustrations of Canadian scenery and persons, render the magazine an invaluable publication from a national standpoint.

Halton Press Men Honored

The municipal elections throughout the county gave members of the local press positions of distinctive honor at Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown. At Oakville Mr. A. S. Forster, of the Star, was honored with election as Mayor. Mr. Forster has always taken a keen interest in public affairs, has been about twenty years a member of the Council, was several years Reeve, and two years ago occupied the honored position of Warden of the County. Mr. E. A. Harris, of the Gazette, Burlington, who had for years been a member of the Board of Education, was tried out last year as Reeve. He made good and was re-elected this year with a handsome majority. He will probably be Warden of the County Council this year. Mr. J. M. Moore, of the Georgetown Herald, has served his town for years both in the Council and the School Board. He was Reeve of the town several years ago, and did good work as a member of the County Council. This year he might have been the first Mayor of the newly-created town, had he so desired, but he declined. He was, however, elected by acclamation as one of the newly-formed Hydro-Electric Board of Commissioners. The FREE PRESS is greatly pleased to see these brethren of the craft thus signally given the confidence of the electors of their respective towns, and placed in positions of responsibility and honor. No other men in any community spend so much time in the best interests of their municipality as the publishers of the local newspapers. Their services are of real value, and this is usually recognized by the people.

Election Returns and Prohibition Votes

The statement has frequently been made that the votes cast in the Referendum which sustained the Ontario Temperance Act, and in the Referendum last April on non-importation of liquor, showed such a slight interest and represent such a small proportion of the electorate as to discredit the mandate. We have now had a general election on substantially the same voters' lists. Ernest Thomas, Toronto, makes an interesting comparison of the results in Ontario, as follows: General election, December, 1921, 1,057,304 votes cast; Referendum, April, 1921, 912,238 votes cast; Referendum, October, 1919, 1,137,468 votes cast. The figures for the two votes on the Referendums are official, and for the recent general election the best available and approximately correct. Despite the fact that three political organizations worked their electoral machinery to its utmost efficiency to bring out the vote in December the vote polled last April is almost ninety per cent. of that which was thus secured. More significant still is the fact that when the Ontario Temperance Act was sustained in 1919, 80,000 more voters went to the polls than in this last general election. In the Referendum of 1919 the vote given for sustaining the Ontario Temperance was 100,000 in excess of the combined votes of the Liberal and Progressive parties last month, and the actual majority by which the Act was sustained, was itself almost identical with the total Conservative vote in this recent election. In the vote last April the majority for non-importation was twice the majority of the Conservatives over Liberals in Ontario in December. Moreover, in this recent election forty-eight out of eighty-two members are seated in the House of Commons in spite of the fact that a majority of the votes cast in their constituencies were opposed to them. The Progressives alone have a majority of their members representing a majority of their constituents. This review of the electoral returns completely discredit the efforts to belittle the electoral support given to the two prohibition measures.

How the Prices Drop (7)

Newsprint paper such as is used in the weekly editions of the FREE PRESS were reduced on the first of January one-quarter of a cent per pound, and the price now stands at $00 per ton at the mill. The reduced price will only mean the reduction of one and three-quarter cents per subscriber per year for the paper in a newspaper such as the FREE PRESS. Set against this is the increase of postal rates on newspapers of 100 per cent. to all subscribers outside the local zone. In view of this the newspapers can see little encouragement to hope for the possibility of any reduction in subscription rates in the near future.

The Education of the Boy on the Farm

Reviewing the changed conditions of recent times in their relation to farm life, at the concluding session of the 45th annual convention of the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Canada, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, declared that it was a problem with parents how far to educate boys on the farm. He did not decry or discourage education, but he thought there was much to be said for the old system under which many of them grew up, when the boys were taught to work on the farm during the summer and to go to school in the winter. His experience was that boys so trained had made the most successful men. He certainly thought this was better than keeping boys at school until they lost any desire for the work. Observation and experience go far to prove the truth of this conclusion.

Modern Highway Road Making

Ontario is in no sense alone in the matter of extensive road-building programmes. Quebec is relatively as largely interested and progressive. The neighboring states are even more ambitious in their road-making schemes, and heavy costs to secure satisfactory and permanent results, are not alarming to their governments. In Pennsylvania recently the lowest bid for a sixty-mile highway eighteen feet wide, of re-inforced concrete suitable for heavy motor traffic, was $3,200,000,000, or $53,333 per mile. In another contract for a road of similar construction it was $54,000, and for a third, which called for a sixteen foot roadway the average bids were $45,000 per mile. The highway departments of several states are now turning their attention to installing uniform road signs to warn motor traffic of danger. It would seem the proper thing, if not the absolute duty of the legislative authorities to provide road signs that compel attention at points on all roads where there is real hazard. So far, outside of the Toronto-Hamilton highway, this duty is left almost entirely to the Ontario Motor League. This matter will, no doubt, in time be given more attention.

Canadian Trade is Worth While to the United States

At the annual meeting of the Boston Chamber of Commerce the other evening President Mitchell of the National Bank, New York, gave the assembled financiers some real sane food for thought. "We hear a great deal of talk about the foreign situation," he said, "and as that subject is mentioned our minds, as a rule, revert immediately to Europe. But Canada has long been our best customer; last year taking our exports to the amount of about a billion dollars—products which we are well fitted to produce and must find a market for. Canada, on the other hand, has shipped us principally grain, timber and paper products, to an amount of about $700,000,000 last year. Her timber and paper products have filled a vacuum in our supply, enabling us to conserve the limited timber tract of our own country. Her grains have come to us for milling, the delivery from the mills constituting, as I choose to view it, a part of our exports to Britain and to Europe, while furnishing additional traffic to our railroads. We have taken steps during the year to kill that most desirable trade by placing a tariff of 35 cents per bushel, for instance, upon Canadian wheat. By so doing we are antagonizing these neighbors of the north to the point where they are seriously discussing a retaliatory tariff. We must stop pinching Canada and Canadian trade if we would retain through 1022 our best and fairest customer."

Perpetual Care of Fairview Cemetery

On making a survey of the various outstanding matters which should receive the earnest attention of the Council of 1922, the necessity for greater efforts to make improvements in Fairview Cemetery naturally presents itself. The desirability for the formulation and adoption of a feasible plan for the perpetual care of all plots in the cemetery is manifest to all. Numerous towns and cemetery committees or commissions throughout the country have put this scheme into successful operation. Through it all plots are kept neatly trimmed and presentable, and those who are non-resident plot-holders are relieved of any anxiety respecting the care and appearance of the plot and graves where their departed are sleeping. This plan greatly improves the appearance of the cemetery, as the plots and graves which are often neglected otherwise, through it are kept neatly trimmed, and there is then a uniformity of neat and attractive appearance which appeals to all concerned and to the visitors who are so often attracted to a well-kept cemetery. The cost to plot-holders for the perpetual care plan has been found to be reasonable. Many non-residents would gladly contribute the sum necessary to accomplish this improvement; some have already proferred sufficient sums to the Council to ensure such care, and local holders of plots would very generally welcome the adoption of the scheme. The Council will be well advised if it takes immediate steps to put such a plan into effect. Guelph has lately put the perpetual plan into operation; Newmarket has had it for years. Reliable information may be secured from the officers of either of these cemeteries as to the methods to be adopted and the approximate rates to be charged to secure this much-desired improvement.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada is at last to have a nickel coinage of her very own. The American name of "nickel," long applied to our Canadian five cent coin, has been a misnomer. Now, with the best nickel in the world, a five cent coin is being minted at Ottawa.

In presenting a most lifelike portrait of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Canada's new Premier, in the January number, the Canadian Magazine has this characterization: "It was the keenness, the courage, the straightforwardness, the sincerity, the absolute integrity of the man, as here depicted in his countenance, that led to his great victory as leader of his party in the general election."

THE ORANGE

The orange is one of nature's finest gifts to man. Orange juice contains predigested food in a most delicious and attractive form, ready for immediate absorption and utilization.

The amount of food contained in a single large orange is about equivalent to that found in a half slice of bread, but it differs from bread in that it needs no digestion, while bread, before it can be used in energizing and strengthening the body must undergo digestion for several hours. It is for this reason that oranges are so refreshing to an exhausted or feeble person. The sweeter the orange, the greater its food value.

But the energy value of the orange, which for an ordinary sized orange amounts to from 75 to 100 calories is by no means its only value. Orange juice is rich in salts, especially in lime and alkaline salts, which counteracts the tendency to acidosis, that is always threatening sedentary people, hearty meat eaters, and those advanced in age. The free use of orange juice is a valuable means of combating the inroads of "Father Time," and is also an excellent means of antidoting to some extent, the bad effects of indoor or sedentary life.

One or two oranges taken at bedtime and on rising in the morning are excellent means of stimulating bowel action. Oranges may be taken between meals with great benefit by feeble persons and those suffering from constipation. The delightful flavor and general stimulating influence of orange juice excites peristaltic activity, and so tends to prevent the accumulation of food residues in the colon which leads to putrefaction and auto-intoxication.—Good Health.

CANADA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Attention is now being directed towards the country's natural resources, as never before, since it is generally recognized that only by a more widespread utilization of Canada's undeveloped lands, mines, forests, waterpowers and fisheries can present-day economic problems be solved.

The Natural Resources Intelligence Branch of the Department of the Interior has published a map showing the leading natural resources of each province. In Nova Scotia mixed farming, mining and fishing predominate; in Prince Edward Island fur-farming and agriculture; New Brunswick has large areas of timber, while mixed farming and fruit growing are outstanding interests; in Quebec may be found a wealth of timber for pulpwood, also minerals such as asbestos, graphite and molybdenite, while in Ontario somewhat similar opportunities exist.

In the Prarie Provinces the prospective settler or investor may obtain adequate returns on capital and labor in either grain growing, mixed farming or ranching, while in British Columbia timbering, fishing, fruit-growing and mining are among the leading industries.

In addition to information on natural resources, the map shows all railways and trade routes. An interesting and valuable feature is a series of comparative diagrams illustrating the production and exports of the various provinces. A copy of the map may be obtained free of charge upon application to the Natural Resources Intelligence Branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

BITS OF HUMOR

"Your hair wants cutting badly, sir," said the barber insinuatingly to a customer.

"No, it doesn't," replied the man in the chair; "it wants cutting nicely. You cut it badly last time!"

Wife—"Did you notice the chinchilla coat on the woman sitting in front of us this morning?"

Husband—"Er—no. Afraid I was dozing most of the time."

Wife—"Um. A lot of good the service did you."

A violinist entered a London music seller's shop. "I want an E string, please," he remarked to the gentleman behind the counter.

Producing a bow, the latter said: "Would you mind pickin' one out for yourself, sir? I 'ardly knows the 'ole from the 'ole!"

The terminal examination was on at a dame's school, and a budding philosopher concluded his essay on "Mother Earth," with this startling statement: "The earth revolves on its own axis 365 times in 24 hours. This rapid motion through space causes its sides to perspire; this is called dew."

Jumping into a compartment as the train was moving, Sandy sat heavily on another traveller's hat.

"You clumsy idiot!" ejaculated the owner of the headpiece. "Why don't you look before you sit down?"

Sandy rose and picked up the hat. "Ah, weel," he remarked, gently, "it micht hae been worse."

"Worse?" exclaimed the wrathful one; "it's ruined, man! How could it possibly have been worse?"

"It micht hae been ma sin," answered Sandy, thoughtfully.

TO SAVE TROUBLES

A Northern Ontario editor tells of an old Indian that came into his office to subscribe for the paper.

The editor took the money. Then the Indian wanted a receipt. The editor tried to talk him out of it. Mr. Indian insisted on getting a receipt. After making it out, the editor asked him why he was so persistent in wanting a receipt.

The Indian said: "Me die some day and go to big gate. Saint Peter ask if I been good Indian. I say, yes. He say, did you pay your debts? I say, yes. He say, did you pay editor for paper? I say, yes. He say, where is receipt? I not have it. I have to run all over h—l to find you and get a receipt."

FIND WORTH A FORTUNE

As the result of a new discovery, valuable by-products such as oil, motor-spirit, and dye-stuffs are being produced from coal slack, says an English newspaper.

Each ton of slack yields three gallons of motor spirit, about fifteen gallons of burning and lubricating oil, six thousand feet of gas, fourteen hundredweight of domestic fuel, and a quantity of sulphate of ammonia. This domestic fuel is claimed to yield twice the heat energy of ordinary coal, and to burn without ash.

The value of the discovery may be judged from the fact that about a third of the coal mined in England is slack, which hitherto has been regarded as of little commercial value.

THE HORRORS OF DISARMAMENT

First Sailor (searching vainly for his ship after a few hours' leave)—But she was here when we went ashore, wasn't she?

Second Sailor—It's them blokes at Washington. They've started scrappin' the fleet, an' begun on us.—Punch, London.

MAKE SWIMMING EASY

The inventor of a new buoyant collar claims it will teach a person to swim in ten minutes as it allows his head to fall in a natural position and keeps water from his eyes, nose, mouth and ears.

A CANADIAN RECORD HEN

"Lady Dot," a White Wyandotte pullet, leg band No. D2, at the Dominion Experimental Station, Invermere, B. C., completed her yearly record on October 31, producing 326 eggs during the preceding 365 days. She was hatched on March 25, 1920, and commenced to lay in October. She was placed in a permanent laying house and trap-nested from November 1. The following is her monthly egg production for the year:

November	27
December	27
January	27
February	27
March	29
April	26
May	27
June	29
July	29
August	31
September	30
October	17
Total	326

During the four winter months "Lady Dot" produced 108 eggs, which is more than many pullets do in a year. From August 1 to October 17, when she quit laying she laid 78 eggs in 78 days. Commencing on May 18, and continuing until October 17, a period of 153 days, she produced 150 eggs. "Lady Dot" did not go broody during the year, but commenced to moult on October 11, and quit laying on 17. Unfortunately there is no trap nest record of her eggs prior to November 1, 1920, otherwise her yearly record would have been more. As an individual she is, if anything, small for the breed, but is the most active bird in the flock.

"Lady Dot" is from an Experimental Farm flock that averaged 197.5 in their pullet year and is the result of 6 years' breeding and selection.—Experimental Farm Notes.

EXCHANGE AND BARTER

Austria is fast recovering to the ancient system of barter and exchange, tailors demanding something more substantial than the Austrian paper crown. Doctors are charging half a loaf of bread for a consultation with wealthy patients, while operations are paid for in potatoes.

The grocer died for want of breath,
Despite ten operations,
And as he lay awaiting death,
Surrounded by relations,
"I have no will," he told them all,
"I leave you not a cent,
My wealth is gone beyond recall
For all my dough is spent.
The surgeon took a bag of flour
And my appendix too,
He operated for an hour
And drank all my home-brew.
The dentist yanked my molars out
And asked a modest fee,
A crate of eggs, a quart of stout,
And twenty pounds of tea.
Another doctor wants a box
Of patent breakfast food,
He cured me of the chicken pox
For half a cord of wood.
And so with this extreme expense
"I'm ruined," he gasped to those around.
"Build round my grave a picket fence,
It's cheaper under ground."

HE HAD HIS DOUBTS

An elderly man was persuaded by one of his sons to go with him to a boxing exhibition.

The son paid for two $3 seats.

"Now, dad," said the son joyfully, "you'll see more excitement for your $3 than you've ever seen in your life before!"

"I've got my doubts about that," he said sitomfly. "Two dollars was all I paid for my marriage license."

WHAT SORT OF A MAN IS HE?

When a shrew business man is making an investment in any enterprise, the first question he asks is, "What sort of a man is back of the enterprise or the institution?" Everything depends on the sort of a man who is at the head of anything. The quality of the head will trickle clear down through from the top of an organization to the very bottom.

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