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EDITORIAL

Reciprocity Between Canada and Australia

With a commendible spirit of empire loyalty Australia is seeking reciprocity with Canada, and to this end the adjustment of fiscal differences. A close inter-imperial relationship in trade is advocated. Sir Joseph Cook, former prime minister, and now High Commissioner at London, says the blood bond, sentiment and self-interest, unite in demanding a closer commercial tie between the community of nations which form the empire.

Want Prohibition Foes to Unite and Pay Up

The Liberty Leaguers are at it again. This time they are inviting the few doctors who are dealing too freely in liquor prescriptions to join them, pay into their funds, and turn down the liquor policy of the Drury Government. "The time is ripe for reversal," says their secretary in a pitoeus appeal. People of Ontario evidently don't like the Liberty Leaguers' brand of liberty; and the doctors won't either. They're too wise to be caught with the hook just let out.

Still Anxious About Highway Route

At the meeting of the Town Council last week the Clerk was instructed to write the Minister of Public Works of Ontario re the report regarding the proposed routes of the Provincial Highway through the town, as promised by Premier Drury on the occasion of his visit here last year.—Georgetown Herald. It would be a satisfaction to see the official map of the Minister of Public Highways with the route definitely marked from Norval, through Georgetown, to Acton, wouldn't it?

Standardizing Farm Hands' Wages

A movement is on foot to standardize the wages of farm hands in the Prairie Provinces. Ontario farmers will be interested in a decision reached at a meeting of a farmers' club, formed in Saskatoon recently, by which for the year 1922 farm hands will receive $35 a month with board. It was agreed to fix harvest and threshing rates later in the year, when an estimate of yields and prices could be made. This may be all right, but it seems to be making a bargain without the other fellow's consent.

Amalgamation of Peace Departments

The decision of the Government to amalgamate the four departments of defence, viz: naval, militia, mounted police and air force, under one minister, is meeting with a generally satisfactory reception throughout the country. There will be a removal of much of the present overlapping in the work of those departments, and there will also naturally be a saving to the country. Staffs will be reduced to some extent, it is expected and the four arms of the service will be better co-ordinated than under the present arrangement. The amalgamation of the departments is already under way and a measure to provide for its ratification will come before the House early in the session.

Absorption of the Merchants Bank Endorsed

By an almost unanimous vote of shareholders of the Merchants Bank at a special general meeting held in Montreal last week the proposal that the bank be absorbed by the Bank of Montreal was ratified. The voting stood 87,534 shares in favor of the proposal and 135 shares against. Under the proposal two shares of Merchants Bank stock will be exchanged for one share of Bank of Montreal stock, plus $1,050,000 in cash, which represents an addition of $10 a share. In view of the unfortunate circumstances in which the bank was placed the merger is the most feasible and desirable plan which could be devised. Depositors are fortunate indeed in having the guarantee of the Bank of Montreal to secure them.

Ontario Women Suggesting Legislation

The women of this province are evidently doing some serious thinking these days. A deputation from the executive of the National Council of Women of Ontario placed before the Drury Government last week a series of legislative proposals with a burden of real common sense and justice woven through them. And these proposals are not all selfishly intended for the benefit of women only. Among them is a very sane request providing that a person whose name is left off a voters' list be entitled to vote by producing a receipt for taxes. Another very important and far-reaching proposal, but very fair and equable, is that the husband should not be able to will all his estate away from his wife, except the usual dower rights. It is proposed that a wife be entitled, irrespective of any will, to the same share of the estate as she would receive if her husband died intestate. Both of these proposals might well be enacted by the Provincial Legislature.

Legislation to Control and Supervise Immigration

Already there are indications of some of the legislation which is likely to be forthcoming during the coming session of the Dominion Parliament. The Immigration Act is being gone over and it is thought to be more than likely that important changes will be made, and also that a straightforward immigration policy will be laid down by the Government during the session. The matters of immigration and colonization are regarded as important and merit the closest attention, as more people must undoubtedly be brought into the country in order to bring land, now vacant, under cultivation and provide business for some of the thousands of miles of railways with which the country is responsible. There is no lack of would-be immigrants, it is known; but many of these who seek to come to Canada are not of the type which our country needs. The question of where to draw the line in immigration is important work and is one which must be solved in the interest of the country.

The People Evidently Wanted a Change

The detailed returns of the recent general election, issued a few days ago, indicate clearly the strength of Canadian public sentiment against the late Dominion Government. Out of a total vote of 3,121,844, the forces opposing the Government, Liberals and Progressives, obtained 2,066,110 votes. Of this number 1,296,723 went to the Liberals. The Meighen Government was defeated by 1,004,508 votes, an overwhelming verdict which establishes a record in Canadian politics. The verdict was certainly decisive.

Salaries for Civic Officials

Payment of salaries to members of municipal bodies has points in its favor as well as against it. Mayors of the majority of cities usually receive something at least for the hours of labor sacrificed from their own affairs for the benefit of the city and for personal expenses usually associated with the office. It is contended by some that payment of aldermen or councillors and trustees would be conducive to better service and might also serve to attract more able candidates than many of those who usually offer themselves.—Collingwood Bulletin.

Assisting Western Farmers by Loans

In many sections of the Prairie Provinces small farmers have been seriously affected by poor crops, owing to dry weather, hail and frost, and last season by the low prices prevailing, after the high cost of production. Establishment of a loan fund by the Provincial Government to prevent mortgage companies from foreclosing on needy farmers is advocated in a bill to be presented to the Manitoba Legislature by George Palmer, M. P. P. for Dauphin. Mr. Palmer said he was in favor of creating a fund of at least $1,000,000 for the purpose of advancing small sums to farmers which would enable them to meet small payments by way of interest on loans and prevent foreclosure. This would seem to be a very worthy movement. It is to be hoped a million dollars will cover all such needy cases in the province named.

Waterworks' Safety, Convenience, Protection

With admirable persistence the Forest Free Press has kept before the people of that town the past year the advantages to be derived from the installation of a waterworks system. Week in and week out the editor has endeavored to stir the people from their apathy in the consideration of this question so important to the future of this bright and busy Lambton town. Acton has several hundred homes now being supplied by the municipal waterworks system, the occupants of which could not be persuaded to dispense with this most useful and satisfactory utility for any consideration. Send down a deputation of your leading citizens, Brother Pettypiece, and Acton will soon convince them that a well-defined and adequate waterworks system is indispensable, from the standpoint of the public health, the convenience of the citizens and the advantage of fire protection.

EDITORIAL NOTES

That Canadian cattle on the hoof will not be allowed into Britain, was finally announced in the House of Commons last week. The Britishers are evidently afraid of the competition of our cattle.

The Secretary-Organizer of the Liberty League says the time is ripe for the defeat of the Drury Government. Perhaps—but not on its liquor policy. The Government has done well in the enforcement of prohibition.—Globe.

The Ontario Government's revenue from automobiles was three millions last year. More than ever before. And now they talk about a tax on gasoline. These Government chaps evidently don't know when they've got enough.

Few friends of the Merchants Bank, with its honorable career of over sixty years, would have believed that Canada would ever have evidence of the practice of high finance, such as was revealed had been practiced by a few Montreal high-flyers.

The newly-elected Roman Pontiff gives very tenable, if pleasingly sentimental, reasons for his new official title, Pius XI: "I was born under a Pius; I came to Rome under a Pius; Pius is the name of peace—then Pius shall be my name," he explains.

Just what form it will take is yet uncertain, but it is expected also that there will be some legislation at the coming session at Ottawa which will seek to guard the public against the operations and machinations of combines and monopolies. This is most desirable, if effective legislation is framed.

And now it is reported there is a strong movement in Austria to prohibit the consumption of alcohol as a beverage. Austrian liquor consumption amounts to two hundred billion kronen annually. From an economic standpoint alone prohibition would mean much to the future of that shattered country.

The members of the Waterloo Town Council decided to accept payment for their services at the rate of $3 each for every regular meeting attended, and $2 each for each special Council and regular committee meeting attended. It is believed they were not difficult to persuade.

That was a level-headed deputation of women which proposed to the Prime Minister of Ontario the other day that he enact legislation whereby the wife should be legally entitled to a fair proportion of her husband's income. At the present time, it was argued, she was wholly dependent economically upon the varying moods of her husband.

Mayor Maguire is quoted as saying that "if we would buy the radials out in Hamilton, the government would give us Hydro radials to-morrow." The insinuation that Premier Drury's policy is actuated by friendship for a Hamilton power concern stamps Toronto's mayor for what he is. Even those who do not see eye to eye with Mr. Drury are aware of his integrity of character and purpose.—Toronto Star.

Premier Lloyd George says the process of establishing the new Irish Free State will follow as nearly as possible the setting up of the Dominion of Canada, and the Commonwealth of Australia. The new constitution will be formed in Ireland by the people themselves, and ratified by the British parliament. Nearly sixty years' experience in Canada has shown the wisdom of the course taken in 1864.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE OLD HOME

Dear Free Press:

A continuous reader of the Free Press for now in the fortieth year; a warm personal friendship with the editor for nearly all of those years; about twenty-five of them spent in close neighborly touch; I found great interest to the perusal of his recent trip over motor roads in and around Dundas, in Wentworth County.

This, particularly, because that was the local market town of my childhood and early manhood days. In fact, that was the early settling point of several branches of the family name of the third generation back.

Dundas at that time—back about 1840—was "no small potatoes" in the business world of Western Upper Canada. In fact, Hamilton was at one time much inferior. The building of the Great Western Railway altered matters much, but prior to that, the basin of the Desjardines Canal, an extension up the marsh to the Dundas Valley of Burlington Bay, was the great receiving point for merchandise headed for the western and north-western parts of the province.

Immense strings of teams conveyed the business to and fro, along the roads leading out towards Brantford; the Governor's Road towards Paris and London; the Dundas and Waterloo Road, up the Flamboro' mountain and through Bullock's Corners towards Galt and further; and northerly from Bullock's Corners up the Brock Road towards Guelph, and onward through Fergus and towards Owen Sound. There was also on the north-east the Hydenham mountain road, which served a small territory between the above and that which might be tapped from "the Square," in Burlington, on Lake Ontario, used to be called.

A particular interest attached the town to us, because one of three brothers of that third generation back was at one time the leading miller, merchant and shipper there. His mansion in a later period was part of the present House of Providence, where Rev. Father Feeney, once of Acton, is, as was stated, living in ill health.

Along as late as 1871, this James Coleman came to a final business smash, having several years before lost $150,000 through an endorsement for another business house. He died about ten years later in Hamilton, having gone into business there in a car axle works.

The roads from the north into town were great triumphs of mechanical skill and construction, down the mountain side, with the railway later along its side. To a country boy coming to town it was of great interest to descend the side, with the magnificent view across to the Burton section of the Niagara escarpment and away east to Lake Ontario; the railway running down beneath and gradually seeming to rise and then cross overhead, and continue its way far above. Many an ox-and-horse-team has been driven into confusion and sometimes disaster by the sudden and close appearance of the locomotive. An almost constant inquiry, as far as boys at home were concerned, was, "Did you see the cars?"

This mountain is the scene of the construction, as noted, of three bridges of cliffs running from Niagara to Owen Sound up through by Waterdown, Lowville, Campbellville, Milton, Limehouse, the Cataract and so on.

Dundas was once the home of Hon. Robt. Spence, an early Postmaster-General of Canada. Hon. Mr. Biggar, a frequent visitor by the editor, was once [illegible] for North Wentworth in the [illegible] Parliament after the Confederation in 1867. He was a son of one of the earliest Presbyterian ministers of the district.

But "the fathers, where are they?" Although the said James Coleman was the leading business man about "the '50's," it is likely that very few business men there now knew him, or perhaps ever heard of him. A younger brother died a few months ago on his farm of about sixty years' holding, out on the Governor's Road a mile or two from town, well on to 100 years of age. Our old home was up the Brock Road about nine miles.

I have kept considerably in touch with the old town through the kindness of the Dundas Star man, who is a son of at one time my nearest neighbor, and perhaps mostly highly esteemed Acton friends, Mr. and Mrs. James Moore.

With kind regards,

J. H. COLEMAN.

Stevens Pont, Wis.,
February 6, 1922.

NEW THREAD HAS FINE QUALITIES

A sea grass that grows abundantly about the shores of Japan has been found to yield fibre which, properly mixed with cotton, forms a thread much cheaper and stronger than one of all cotton.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1922,

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COWS—Roan cow, with calf at foot; brindle cow, with calf at foot, bred again; white cow, calved 3 months, bred again; red cow, milking well, supposed to be in calf; grey heifer, supposed to be in calf; Durham cow, supposed to calve April 1.

YOUNG CATTLE—1 fat steer, 2 years old; 1 fat heifer, 2 years old; 3 yearling heifers; 1 yearling steer, 1 steer six months old; 3 calves, 2 months old.

PIGS—8 pigs, 3½ months old.

IMPLEMENTS — 1 Massey-Harris binder, 7 foot cut; 1 Peter Hamilton mower; 1 Massey-Harris manure spreader; 1 Massey-Harris hay loader; 1 Massey-Harris horse rake; 1 Massey-Harris cultivator with seeder attached; 1 Peter Hamilton seed drill; 1 steel land roller, 3 drum; 1 mower, with pea harvester attached; 1 Adams wagon with box; 1 truck wagon; 1 set of sloop sleighs; 1 two-furrow plow, Crown make; 1 single plow, Verity; 1 scuffler, Fleury; 1 set of harrows; 1 cutter, nearly new; 1 steel tire buggy, in good shape; 1 open top buggy; 1 set scales, 2,000 lbs. capacity; 1 hay rack; 1 fanning mill; 1 turnip pulper; 2 sets whiffletrees; neckyokes; forks; shovels; pig crate; grind stone; wheelbarrow; grain bags; chains; clevises; about 1,500 feet of hemlock lumber; some 2x4 scantling.

HARNESS—1 set of heavy team harness; 1 set of single harness; some odd collars.

GRAIN AND HAY—100 bushels of mixed grain; 80 bushels of oats, Abundance; 50 bushels of feed barley; 4 bushels of good seed peas; 2 bushels of seed corn on the cob; 10 tons of Timothy hay; a few tons of mixed hay; a quantity of feed corn; 10 bags of potatoes, Delawares.

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COURAGE

How often do we hear the admonition, "Keep your head above water." The best way to fulfill the injunction is to keep the spirit above. Courage, hope—what can a man not do with them? What is to be able to do without them? Courage is an elixir of life, giving power both to mind and body. It strengthens the sinews, it revivifies the spirit. It makes life indeed worth living.

"But," it may be asked, "how can a person gain courage who is not born with it?" There are two requisites: First, he believes that what he is doing is worth doing; second, he must feel that of all the things in the world it is the thing that calls him. With these convictions, he is equipped with weapons that shall level every obstacle, make a path through every maze; for of these are born courage and faith.—Selected.

TO AVERT INFLUENZA

New York's Health Commissioner has outlined "what the public must do to avoid an epidemic of influenza and pneumonia" as follows:

Respect the law against spitting.

Landlords and janitors must supply sufficient heat in buildings.

Cover mouth and nose when sneezing; the spray is more dangerous than bullets.

Wash hands before eating, and avoid placing fingers in nose or mouth.

Don't use public towels or one used by another member of your family.

Don't use glasses or dishes used by another unless washed in boiling water.

Children should be kept from parties and similar places where people congregate.

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"Self-confidence is an excellent thing Have a basis for your self-confidence that is groundless cannot help but meet with difficulties. The man who drives his team over a tottering bridge has confidence in the shaking structure, but that confidence does not keep him from going down with a crash.

Having a basis for your self-confidence. No matter how good your natural powers may be, don't hope to succeed without a course of training. Doing one thing well is a better ground for assuming that you are going to make a success of something else, than all the confidence that your own conceit of your admiring friends can pay you.

BIRDS AS COMEDIANS

The most comical of birds is the starling, whose habit of building nests in chimney pots often calls down the housewife's wrath upon his head. He takes a delight in deceiving other birds by imitating their calls.

Sometimes when he is calling his [illegible] he will give an exhibition of his powers, entirely for the fun of it. You may see the calling set in, found in the corner of the field, [illegible] the impression [illegible] every blackbird within hearing distance in a panic.

Then perhaps he will poke fun at the linnets and peewits by calling them with their rallying notes. The birds answer the call, but cannot discover who has uttered it.

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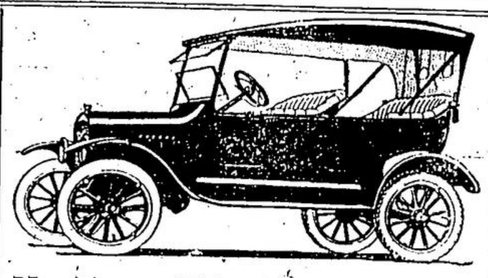

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