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EDITORIAL

How to Advance a Town's Material Interests

The business men of Walkerton manifest a loyalty to their town's interests which is highly commendable and worthy of emulation. Practically every man in business in the town has signed up for membership in the newly-organized Walkerton Welfare Association at a fee of \$10.00 per year for three years. The possibilities of municipal advancement through such loyal co-operation are beyond computation.

Mr. Drury and Hydro Radials

Some day there is going to be a show down in the matter of Hydro radials, and that is the time when every man who is deeply interested in the welfare of the Province of Ontario should back up E. C. Drury against the Beck-Toronto crowd. The Toronto Globe and other papers published there have the King and Yonge Street viewpoint on everything, and the whole aim of the Hydro-radial enthusiasts seems to be to build up Toronto. The great aim is that all roads shall lead to the Queen City. With more transportation facilities that we can operate at a profit now, and with a system of good roads in the making that will mean a large increase in motor bus traffic, Mr. Drury is surely on safe ground when he opposes any more expenditure on Hydro-radials at the present time.—Renfrew Mercury.

Business Revival and Good Times

It is very manifest the commercial interests of Canada are quite prepared to support any reasonable measure calculated to promote a revival of business and bring back good times. The Dominion Government is receiving evidence of a remarkable change in public sentiment toward reciprocity since 1911. Although the reports of Hon. W. S. Fielding's mission to Washington are inconclusive, the Ministers are reported as being deluged with messages—many from most unexpected quarters—endorsing the project. The West has been most aggressive along this line, but a surprisingly large number of telegrams of endorsement are coming from Ontario and the Maritime Provinces. This burden of most messages received is that a reciprocal trade agreement, more than anything other than a bumper crop, will help to revive business and bring better times.

Room at the Top for Young Folks

The assertion by parents is frequently heard, in reference to their children's future in the matter of material progress: "Oh, there's no chance for my son, or my daughter, here, in this small place; the only way to get on is to go to the city. The city certainly has its opportunities, but where one person wins marked success in the city, a thousand never progress beyond the lines of the rank and file. It is safe to say that a large proportion of those who remain in the old home, be it the farm or the small manufacturing town, and put forth the effort needful to win success in the city, would be relatively successful in the home environment. A splendid example of this is seen in the case of Mayor Wedlake, of Brantford, who died there suddenly last Friday. George Wedlake began at the bottom. He served his apprenticeship as an iron moulder in a foundry in his home town of Brantford, and it was as a journeyman that he entered the factory of which he became, in turn foreman, superintendent, general manager and finally president. By steady devotion to the duty of to-day, while preparing himself for the requirements of to-morrow, he found room at the top. This should prove an incentive to young men in circumstances similar to those in which Mr. Wedlake found himself during his formative years. There is always room at the top, however crowded the lower rungs of the ladder of success may be.

Lloyd George Necessary to National Interests

Every few weeks some censorious public character in England, or some political organization jealous of his success, inaugurates a propaganda calculated to embarrass or discourage Lloyd George, the Premier, who has with such remarkable success guided the destinies of the United Kingdom during the most troublous times in its history. Usually the astute little Welshman pays no attention to these political "free-bites," goes straight forward in the pursuance of his duties in holding the reins of Government, and comes out against the censorious opposition encountered with stronger followings and enhanced prestige. During the past month, however, the "Die Hards" of the Unionist party took an exceedingly annoying course, so annoying, indeed, that Lloyd George concluded to resign the Premiership. This evidently brought the leaders of the Unionists to their senses and last Friday Austen Chamberlain, Government leader in the House of Commons, announced that, after consulting his colleagues in the Cabinet, he had given Prime Minister Lloyd George a unanimous reply that they considered it necessary in the national interest that the Premier should continue to carry on the Government. "We have told him," he said, "that we value his leadership in the Government and the Cabinet, that we value the co-operation of his Liberal colleagues, and that we think no Government constituted as a purely party Government could have brought the country through the dangers of war as his combination has done." Mr. Chamberlain highly eulogized the achievements of Mr. Lloyd George at home and abroad. He argued that British counsels carried the greatest weight in Europe and declared that the Premier's colleagues felt that to accept his resignation would be to prejudice that stability which it was the privilege and duty of the Conservative party to preserve. And so the great Liberal Premier continues at the head of the Unionist Government and its Conservative champions.

Will Not Commercialize Sacred Things

American filming concerns have made an unsuccessful attempt to obtain permission to present the Passion Play in the United States. The principals of the Passion Players of Oberammergau declined an offer of 70,000,000 marks—a large sum for those poor villagers, saying, "We refuse to play Judas to our tradition, despite our poverty." The Christian world will honor these men for their refusal to commercialize this sacred play.—Presbyterian Witness.

Quality, not Quantity in Immigration into Canada

Hon. Sir Clifford Sifton was quite justified when he said to the Toronto Board of Trade the other evening: "We must get rid of the idea that by shoving people into Canada we shall secure prosperity. It is quality and not quantity that will build up this country." We do not want mechanics, nor artisans, nor small shopkeepers. We do not need them under any condition, nor at any price. It would be a fatal mistake if they were allowed to come from overseas into Canada at the present time. "Farmers Wanted," should be the slogan now. "What this country needs and must have is immigrants who have been brought up on the land, who know what farming means, and are accustomed to hard work. The adoption of a policy of selection at this era in Canada's history is imperative. Indeed, a policy of rigid restriction must be enforced if Canada's best interests are to be guarded and advanced by the immigration department of the dominion."

Curtailling the Inhumanities of Modern Warfare

The great international conference at Washington had hardly commenced its programme before another was planned. The representatives at that conference were willing to agree that submarine and poison gas should hereafter be eliminated. But to make these prohibitions effective and universal a new conference must be held including delegates from Germany and those other countries not represented at the Washington gathering. The public opinion of the world will naturally say that both the submarine and poison gas must go. It is interesting in this connection to note the outspoken position now taken by Rupprecht, the former crown prince of Bavaria, who was one of the leading German generals. He is strongly in favor of international agreements to prohibit dropping bombs anywhere behind the actual front line, and to prevent the use of poison gas or chemicals in warfare. He also says that long range guns for bombarding cities should be abolished, and is ready to forbid submarine warfare on condition that "hunger blockades" be also forbidden. Wonder how many other German militarists share his revised views?

EDITORIAL NOTES

That was rather an apt paragraph of humor which the Globe got off on Saturday morning touching the election of the new leader of the Liberal party: "The old war-horses naturally preferred Hay."

A bill is before the Ontario Legislature to give Township Councils the same right to expropriate gravel pits as County Councils are now empowered to do. This is desirable and will mean better roads on the back possessions.

In these days of material supremacy we are all too prone to estimate success by money values only. It's good to have money and the things money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in awhile and make sure we haven't lost the things that money cannot buy.

DeValera has drawn \$250,000 of the Irish Republican funds from a bank in New York to fight the establishing of the Irish Free State and the securing of peace in Ireland. When that fund is exhausted you'll find this Spanish adventurer quietly pack his grip and hustle back home.

The liquor traffic that the people of seven Provinces have voted out cannot with safety be voted in again by members of their Legislatures.—Toronto Globe. Any legislators with wine and beer subtleties in proposed amendments, may as well keep them sub rosa, if they value their reputations with their constituents.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover, of the United States, has directed the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce to investigate as to what products of the United States and Canada might be included in a possible reciprocity arrangement. This action grew out of the visit of Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance of Canada, to Washington last week, and will probably bear fruit.

The ngaries of world economics are vividly illustrated when it is known that England is glutted with cotton cloths it cannot sell; Austria is unclothed because it cannot buy; Russia is starving, while the granaries of Canada and the United States bulge with surplus grain. The world is full of goods that it cannot exchange, and there are so many ships now on the sea or available that they cannot get profitable cargoes.

Saturday Night makes this very complimentary comment: "Those who looked with some degree of misgiving on the choice of Mr. Mirdack by the Prime Minister have been agreeably surprised so far. The Minister of Labor has been doing much and saying little. He has taken hold like an old hand and has learned the lesson quite early in his ministerial career that the politician who keeps his mouth shut and his ears open not only gets there but stays there."

In the choice of Wellington Hay, M. P. P., as their leader the big convention of Liberals held at Toronto last week acted wisely indeed. Mr. Hay is a sane and astute statesman, and will never be found taking a censorious position in opposition to legislation introduced by the Government, for the sake of opposition only. He is a successful business man and has had very kindly relations with the farming community through whom his business relations have been long continued as a grain buyer. Mr. Hay's sunny disposition and practical common sense have won for him a warm place among the members of the legislature, carried him through the Liberal convention at the head of the poll, and will give him the prestige of successful leadership.

PROMISCUOUS—RE CALLINGS, PROFESSIONS, ETC.

D. J.

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