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## EDITORIAL

### A Prelude to Church Union

Rev. Dr. W. T. Herridge, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has accepted an invitation to assume the pastorate of Grace Methodist Church, Winnipeg, for an "indefinite period." Dr. Herridge, who is now in Ottawa, has been an uncomprising advocate of church union. His acceptance of this position is a practical demonstration of his faith in the advisability of union and that its consummation is a practical issue.

### Business Progressing at Ottawa

So far as the session has progressed the Government has no cause to feel other than satisfaction. Good progress has been made and it is apparent that the attempts to drive a wedge between the Liberals and Progressives have thus far failed. The western members are not falling into the arms of the Government, but at the same time they are holding themselves free to help along anything they consider in the public good.—And the majority of them are friendly to the Government and in contrast to the "official oppositon," and are evidently determined to give it a fair chance of making good before they criticize.

### The Four-Power Pact for Peace

Very gratifying and far-reaching was the practically unanimous vote of the Senate of the United States last week ratifying the four-power pact—the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. This treaty supersedes the convention between Britain and Japan, and places under the supervision and control of Britain, France, the United States and Japan the entire problem of preserving peace on the Pacific Ocean and adjusting all matters of a controversial nature that may arise. Over this treaty there was more controversy than over any other problem at the recent disarmament conference at Washington. The momentous character of the Senate's action may be judged by the fact that had the four-power pact failed of ratification the United States could not have taken the risk of reducing her navy, and the work of the Arms Conference would have been destroyed. The Senate's approval of the key treaty paves the way for ratificatioin of the other agreements by the Senate and of all the treaties by the other great powers.

### Getting Prices Down to Normal

The restoration of prices for the common everyday commodities which every home in the land is obliged to purchase, will be very slow unless there is a general getting together of manufacturers, merchants, farmers and artisans. It is rather unfortunate that the attitude of organized labor has so far delayed the revival of business, for it has been inclined—at least so far as its spokesmen are concerned—to insist on a wage scale very near the level that was reached during the boom at the end of the war. Under existing conditions that means that fewer people can be employed. Those who are fortunate get work at high wages, but hundreds of others get no work at all. And business lags because it is impossible to get prices to the point where they meet an effective demand. There are many people who believe that there will be no settlement or satisfactory adjustment of prices, until all—bankers, farmers, workingmen, business men, producers and consumers alike—agree upon a general price scale, possibly higher than that which existed before the war, but considerably lower than those now ruling.

### Time for a Change

The Legislature can confer on every town and village in the Province a great and lasting benefit by enacting legislation that will provide for the holding of municipal elections at some time other than during the Christmas season. Business men in the towns and villages cannot give the same attention to municipal affairs during the busy holiday season that they could, and would, at other times. For this reason the towns and villages have not had the benefits of having their most interested citizens taking part in municipal affairs. Now that the women are to take more part than heretofore in municipal elections the need of a change is greater than before, because during the holiday season the time of the women is almost entirely devoted to children's entertainments and other festivities. The month of November is objected to because a large number of voters in lake ports would not be home at that time. The first week in February would be a suitable time, both in town and country, the holiday rush being over, and spring activities not yet started. If our representatives in the legislature will give this important matter due consideration the necessary legislation will be passed this session.—Forest Free Press.

### Why Should Free Publicity Be Asked?

Necessity compels a country newspaper to do as it is done by. Its proprietor cannot induce a storekeeper to give him goods to the value of $1.50 because cause he made a purchase amounting to $5. Neither does a newspaper give newspaper publicity to the value of $1.50—or any other value for that matter—to one who has purchased $5 worth of printed matter. Like any other business man the newspaper gives $5 worth of goods for the $5 and if any more goods are wanted payment is demanded just as it is in any other place of business.—Alliston Herald.

### Ontario is Not Attracted

The premier of Quebec seems to take a lot of pride in the fact that his province is acting as bartender for the North American continent. And he jingles the coins derived from the government-owned liquor traffic in the expectation that the other provinces, particularly Ontario, will be lured by the lust for gain. But Mr. Taschereau will learn that Ontario thinks more of the youth of the community and their well-being than of the prospects of gain or low taxation that he holds out for all who follow the course taken by Quebec.—Star.

### The Wrecking of the Merchants Bank

The decision of the Government to take action against Sir Montagu Allan, President of the defunct Merchants Bank, and against Mr. D. C. Macarow, the General Manager of the bank, will be received with commendation, not only by the thousands who suffered loss through the impairment of its capital, but by the people generally, who desire that justice in Canada shall be administered without regard to the wealth or social standing of those charged with offenses against the law. The Government is doing its plain duty in taking action which will determine who is responsible for wrecking this venerable institution which for so many years enjoyed an honored career, and was favored with the confidence of the public throughout the Dominion.

### Highway Grants to Halton for 1921

The County Council has received notice from the Department of Public Highways that grants to Halton for road and bridge construction and maintenance for 1921 total $121,360.02. That looks very good, but, unfortunately for the majority of us throughout the county, who will never see, let alone use the big new high level bridge completed last fall, most of this large sum was sunk in that job. It is sincerely to be hoped a larger sum than that of last year will be spent in 1922 for road construction and maintenance. We've been ten or twelve years building big bridges at an aggregate cost of about half a million dollars. It is now high time that more attention be given to our "Good Roads" system, in the crying need for rebuilding and maintaining them in many sections of the county.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Ontario's greatest Budget shows estimated receipts for 1922 of $32,000,000, but the figure is smaller than the sum waged on Ontario race-tracks last year.—Globe.

What's a poor fellow to do? Landlords raise rent; merchants raise prices; unions raise wages; but the poor consumer can't raise anything but a howl. Hard lines.

After years of earnest effort on the part of many housewives who have to do the purchasing for the family larder they have succeeded in making the hen listen to reason. Eggs sold on Saturday at 25 cents a dozen.—Carleton Place Canadian.

An Ottawa press correspondent says: "The honor of making the worst speech of the session so far, and probably the worst maiden speech heard in the House of Commons in years, went to Tommy Church, of Toronto, who talked for several hours."

United States bootleggers are reported in a panic because of the activities of their Federal authorities in trailing their game. Recent captures of half million dollar stocks of booze have dampened their enthusiasm, and proven that they are not so smart as they fancied themselves to be.

Hon. Mr. Fielding's estimates for Dominion expenditures for 1922-23 show that he is off to a good start on the road to economy. A reduction of the expenditures, which will save the country $138,452,291.93 during the present fiscal year is certainly an evidence of economical effort on the part of the new Government.

Walter R. Rutherford, for sixteen years a member of the staff of the Toronto Globe, has been chosen private secretary to the Canadian High Commissioner in London. With his experience he will render fine service to Canada in making the Old World better acquainted with the resources and attractions of this country.

Mr. Samuel Charters, M. P., has been appointed Deputy Chief Whip for the Conservative party in the House of Commons. Our long-time friend of the Brampton Conservator, is climbing up in the esteem of his party. He will soon have reached the high position his fellow-citizen, Hon. Richard Blain occupied before he was shelved in the Senate.

The Drury Government is evidently not losing prestige, notwithstanding the censorious opposition to which it is subjected in the debates. In a division forced by M. M. MacBride, of South Brant, last Wednesday, on a bill introduced by W. A. Crockett, Labor member for South Wentworth, the Government had a majority of twenty-nine.

Archie McCoig, Arthur Hardy and Fred Pardee: Isn't it a corker the way the boys are slipping into the Red Chamber these days. Perhaps now that these two Liberal champions from adjoining counties in southwestern Ontario have landed nice soft seats in the Senate they will inform a wondering public just what the Senate really does.—Renfrew Mercury.

The municipal authorities of a town over in Maine have hit upon a new plan for reducing the tax rate for posterity. They have planned to put out a few hundred dollars every ten years to remain on interest for a century. They have found that $1,000 put out at compound interest now will amount to $32,000 in 2022. Our great-grandchildren might be glad if this scheme were tried now by Acton Council.

### MISTLETOE BRAINS

One of the most curious illustrations of the working of intelligence in plants is offered by the mistletoe, whose sticky berry, finding lodgment on a tree branch, throws out a tiny rootlet, which tries to pierce the bark and thus obtain a foothold. If the bark is too tough, the rootlet swings the berry over to a fresh spot, and makes another trial. In this way such a berry has been known to make five jumps in two nights and three days. On one occasion a number of them were discovered by a botanist in the act of vainly journeying along a telegraph wire, trying to find places to grow.

### A HARVEST IN PROSPECT

The long wisp of artificial grain on the sweet girl's hat was placed horizontally so that it tickled the face of the man who sat next to her in the street car, until it came to a resting place with the end nestling in his left ear.

After a time the man was seen to remove from his pocket a large jackknife, which he proceeded to strop on the palm of a horny hand.

Excitedly the girl inquired: "Why are you doing that?"

"If those oats get in my ear again," the man ejaculated, "there's goin' to be a harvest."


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The undersigned auctioneers have been instructed to sell for

J. H. MILLER & SONS AND A. BURVOY

on the premises of J. H. Miller & Sons, at lots 29 and 30, concession 1, Erin, 1 mile west of Mimosa, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1922,

at one o'clock sharp, the following:

HORSES—1 brown horse, rising 4 years; 1 brown gelding, rising 5 years. This is a first-class team; 1 gelding, rising 7 years; 1 mare, rising 5 years.

DAIRY COWS—1 Holstein cow, 7 years, with calf at foot; 2 Holstein cows, 6 years, with calves at foot; 1 black cow, 7 years, with calf at foot; 1 black cow, 6 years, with calf at foot; 2 red cows, 7 years, with calves at foot; 1 red and white cow, due May 10; 1 black cow, due April 28; 1 red cow, due in May; 1 roan cow, milking 3 months; 1 Holstein cow, due in May; 10 Durham grade cows, with calves at foot or nearly due.

YOUNG CATTLE—25 steers and Heifers rising 2 years, Durham and Hereford grades; 4 rising 1 year; 3 extra veal calves, if not previously sold.

SWINE—11 young sows, in farrow or with pigs at foot; 1 young Yorkshire sow; 1 Tamworth sow. For all the above pedigrees will be furnished. 2 York sows, due in March and April; 3 York sows, due in May; 13 York sows, due in April and May; 10 open York sows; 30 chunks; 30 weanlings. These pure-bred Yorks are directly connected with the best strains in Canada and United States.

SHEEP—10 Leicester and Oxford Down ewes.

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W. HILBORN, Clerk.

## AUCTION SALE

IN ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP

HORSES, BUGGIES AND HARNESS

The undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction for

ROY G. YOUNG

—at Rockwood Livery Barn on

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1922

at two o'clock sharp, the following:

HORSES—Brown horse, 8 years, general purpose; brown mare, 9 years, general purpose; brown horse, 13 years, general purpose; brown mare, 6 years, agricultural; bay mare, 7 years, agricultural; bay horse, 13 years, agricultural; brown horse, 9 years, agricultural; bay horse, 7 years, carriage; bay horse, 9 years, carriage; bay mare, 6 years, driver; bay mare, 13 years, driver; grey mare, 4 years, driver; bay colt, 3 years, driver. These horses are all quiet and city broke, for ladies to drive.

BUGGIES—Top buggy, rubber tire; top buggy, steel tire; open buggy, steel tire.

HARNESS—Set double driving harness; set single harness; set single harness; military saddle and bridle.

TERMS—$15.00 and under, cash; over that amount 8 months' credit on approved joint notes. 5% per annum off for cash.

No Reserve as I have no use for Horses in Summer

R. J. KERR, Auctioneer,
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W. K. GRAHAM, Clerk.

CLEARING

## AUCTION SALE

IN ERIN TOWNSHIP

OF HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS, AND SEED GRAIN

The undersigned has received instructions from

WM. THOMPSON & HUGH REED

to sell by Public Auction at lot 2, 3rd line, Erin, on

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1922,

at two o'clock sharp, the following:

HORSES—Bay Mare, 5 years old, weighing 1,300; bay mare, 8-years, weighing 1,300; bay horse, 4 years old, carriage horse. These are good horses.

COWS—Red cow, 4 years old, due June 20; spotted cow, 7 years old, due June 25; red cow, 4 years old, due October 4; red cow, 4 years old, due March 25; red cow, 9 years, due April 25; Jersey cow, 4 years old, due September 20; Ayrshire cow, 5 years old, freshened January 1, bred again; spotted cow, 9 years, freshened March 5; black cow, 4 years old, due March 21; red cow, 5 years old, due April 9; red cow, due April 14; red cow, 6 years old, due April 24; red cow, 6 years old, due April 25; 1 pure-bred Shorthorn bull, 2 years old, a good one. Pedigree furnished day of sale. These cattle are first-class Durham grades.

YOUNG CATTLE—16 last spring calves; 6 yearlings; 8 fat cattle.

PIGS—8 pigs, 7 weeks old.

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### DON'T FEAR TO PRAISE

How is it that words of praise are so grudgingly spoken, and so few persons are found in the retail trade of that desirable commodity?

Fault-finders are everywhere. You run against them at each street corner. They are as plentiful as thorns on a rose-bush, and quite as disagreeable to come in contact with. Bloodletting and tearing a rear seems to be their chief vocation in life; and their greatest joy is found in pointing out the typographical error in the paper, or in directing the attention of the audience to the false notes in the songs or the ungrammatical expressions in the speaker's language.

An editor was warmly praising a contributor of an article written for the paper, when a mutual friend, standing close by, said:

"Be careful what you say. You may make him vain."

"There is no fear of that," replied the other; "it's the true way to get the best out of him."

Their is a deal of sound philosophy in the remark. An ounce of praise will produce better results than a pound of blame. Many a boy would have become a brilliant success in life had a word of praise been given at the proper time.

### RAISING TREES ON THE PRAIRIES

Undoubtedly there are more difficulties met with in raising trees on the prairies than are to be found in the eastern provinces. In the first place the rainfall is very limited. Second, the trees have to withstand a great deal of exposure to storms and extremes of temperature. Third, the prairie soil as we now find it, after years of exposure to the elements, is so compact and hard that it needs to be specially prepared before it is fit for tree growth. None of these conditions are, however, of such a nature as to make the raising of trees an impossibility, but by following out certain methods which are indicated by results already obtained, trees growing on the prairies can be made just as successful and, perhaps, even more certain than wheat raising.—Norman M. Ross, Dominion Forest Nursery Station, Indian Head, Sask.

### BE FAIR TO THE DAY

It is not fair to ourselves to start the day at a disadvantage, weighed down by the thought of yesterday's failure, or apprehensive of something that to-morrow promises. It is not fair to begin our work with the handicap of weariness which is the aftermath of pleasure prolonged long after the hours when sleep should be restoring the nerve force, on which our daily tasks make so large a demand. As far as we can manage it, every day should have as fair a start as if there had been no predecessor.

Be fair to the day. Do not cheat it out of the chance of achievement by bringing to it only half your powers.

### CANADA'S STATELY HOMES

Years ago the poet wrote about the "stately homes of England," but Canada, says a recent writer, can boast of homes just as stately. The well-kept farm homes and farm buildings that dot the countryside give us a sense of security, and go to show that all is well with rural Ontario. The pastoral scenes that greet the eyes on almost every farm assure the beholder that the live stock industry is in a flourishing condition. Old Ontario can boast of many beauty spots. The writer adds that holidays spent among them will bring much enjoyment.

### A POOR FIXER

In a suit being tried in an Iowa court the judge decided a contested point against a young lawyer, whereupon the latter lost his head.

"Your honor," he said, in a trembling voice, facing the court, "I am amazed!"

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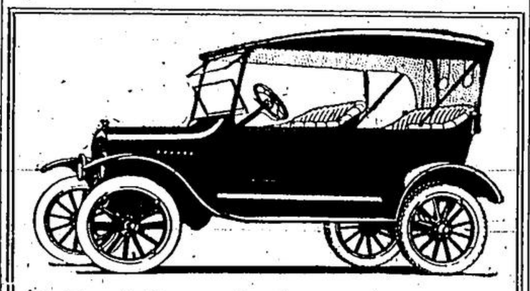

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