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## EDITORIAL

### Three Censorious Obstructionists

the country.

There's Money in Tenement Houses in Acton 'H' Acton rentals continue to increase the assessor houses now assessed for \$1,000 or less continuo to bring rents of \$15 to \$18; and houses whose assess- the seriousness which it deserves." ment of \$1,500 or \$1,800 brings rentals of \$22 to \$25, there is ample room for increases in the annual assessments. Acton needs at the present time forty or fifty new homes for factory employees which will rent at \$10 to \$12 per month. Present average wages will not warrant the payment of higher rents.

## Canada's Forestry Problem

The forestry problem in this Dominion does not result from the liberal use of forests, but from the failure to use forest growing land. There is in Canada an area of untillable land ample to support all our timber requirements, all our wood manufactures, all prestige with their respective parties. our home building and an even larger export than at present, if that land could be kept at work growing timber. A recent estimate has it that there are in Ontario ulone millions of acres of idle forest land producing neither farm crops nor timber. Referestry on for 30 or 35 months, too. A nice item of pin which I could imagine, the speckled Sundays. has been introduced, but its more general advancement is highly desirable for the sake of future re-

## The Same Old Opposition

The church in recent years has had many friends warn her about interfering in politics; and they have prophesied all corts of disasters if the church didn't leave John Barleycorn alone. But the church is still alive, and still-fighting, and while she is not saving very much about prohibition we should like to warn all and sundry that the men who are now telling us of the utter failure of prohibition are the same men exactly who fought against it before, and who are exceedingly anxious that a wet minority growing ever smaller should prevail over a dry majority. The drys are not saying much but they are still on the job,-Guardian.

Loyalty to Country, Before Loyalty to Party Legislature and in the House of Commons show very enhanced. forcefully that consideration of party interests frequently precludes consideration for the best interests ance to a party regardless of its stand, handicaps (standard) barrels of beer. himself in the service of his country. The party is the party which to-day, us far as it is possible to judge, is capable of giving the land we love the best

## District or Local Magistrates?

The Flesherton Advance says the system of having County or District Magistrates works hurdships in compelling the Magistrate and witnesses to go long distances to a trial, but the Owen Sound Advertiser defends the system in the following words: As to the objection that "local Magistrates are more famlliar with affairs and are in a better position to know conditions," that was another strong ground for recommending the change-the fact that local Magis- Brussel's Post. trates were often too familiar with local conditions, through being associated in a business way with but we believe it will in general, be found to be a has usually been puntillously careful respecting his great improvement on the old.

### Transient Traders' Licenses

The Ontario statute regulating the vexed question of transient traders in a municipality where they pay no taxes, has been found of little protection to the resident merchants. At a meeting of the London business men the other day the question of "Transient 'Iraders' Licenses' was discussed at considerable length, and it was finally held that under the present administration of the Act it was possible to do business in direct opposition to merchants paying taxes, by having this type of license transferred to a permanent resident. This scheme has been adopted in various towns in order to evade the fees imposedby the transient traders' by-law. Our legislators should so amend the Act as to render this evasion ineffective.

## Unbusinesslike Whims of Parliamentarians

Some things are amusing to the electors as they observe the methods of legislators in the provincial parliament. A group of them was not satisfied until commission to investigate the Hydro construction finances was authorized. Then objection was warnings of sea-slekness or its aerial raised to the Government's plan for the commission; then followed opposition to the personnel of the reskets of unsustaining air, I had docommission; and finally objection is offered to spend ing the money necessary for a commission's expenses. the prairies and the framplyanian Verily, there are a lot of men who write M. P. P. after their names who act like school boys; and this air cars are of glass construction, carry statement is really a reflection upon the school boys. Some of these fellows consider themselves Potatocs" in the Legislature, too. Their doings are amusing, but, they are expensive, and we all have to same day. I had already made a pay our share of the cost of their nonsense.

## Danger of Walking on the Rallway Tracks

People who use the railway tracks as a convenience in walking from one point to another will away on all sides. beneath only in future take chances of appearing in the Police bound now to repeat all this again Court, as well as the risk of accidents. The Board Europe, Instead of the homeland, for of Railway Commissioners have appealed to the Attorney-General to assist in enforcing the law. They and the upsetting of all my plans, to There are three members of the Provincial Legis- point out that following the last effort to put a stop lature who are offering censorious opposition to to trespassing there was a marked diminution in the not take passengers for another month everything the Government proposes, in the trans- number of accidents, 206 trepassers were killed and yet, and I had definite plans made by action of necessary public business. 'The attitude injured in 1915, against 155 in 1921. In the latter Ho I was forced to come down against of Dewart, Ferguson and MacBride is unprecedented. year 72 of the accidents, including 30 deaths, occurr- to hum drum things and to content It is costing this province thousands of dollars per ed in the Province of Ontario. The Board believes terra firms and in twenty-eight hours day, and to no purpose whatever in the interests of that still further improvement can be brought about, that I had urranged should be made and suggests renewed "co-operation to discourage quarter of the time that it actually trespassing on rights-of-way," and "the strict enforce- took. But the trip was now and in ment of the provisions of the Act to protect life." Its mode of conveyance as I had an Accordingly Police Magistrate Moore has received a tichnated. Epring opens here at least will be quite justified in increasing-the assessment copy of the circular, accompanied by a letter from and had just advanced far enough t on this class of property on his next rounds. If the Deputy Attorney General asking him to see that wive a fresh und verdant appearance "trespassing on the railway tracks is treated with along.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Harry Lander's philosophy would soon make ap end of war. "Let us scrap our battleships and build up friendships," is an uphorism he commends to least half of which she has since been statesmen and nations.

The "Wets" seem to have some strenuous advocates in the Legislature.-Farmers' Sun. have. And these advocates are not gaining much

That \$5,000,000 per month now coming in from the British Government to Canada for war supplies were the many charming seemes we and Cochrane dally, and through tourwill be quite an acceptable nest egg. It is to keep

The people of his locality are quite generally and dugout of the invading, but now with standard and tourist sleeping satisfied with the route of the new provincial highway as designated through town by the Highways Department. . The aplan of beautifying the roadway through the rural districts with trees is commendible.

Japan has begun to wreck units of its navy and is reported to have decided on a naval reduction which will put it on even a less advantageous basis tactically with other navies than provided for in the Washington conference. Japan is evidently keeping

Legislation to assist the provinces in the enforcement of their temperance laws has been introduced in the House of Commons by Hon. D. D. McKenzie, Solicitor-General. This is as it should There is much consideration of political parties be. With more co-operation by the Dominion with and part affiliation these days. The debates in the Provinces the value of prohibition will be much

Despite the fact that Great Britain is spending of the Province or the Dominion. Parties are con- the enormous sum of \$2,350,000,000 annually on veniences for expressing the will of the voters, but alcoholic liquor, the temperance forces of the nation of that of the amphonetic tongueone who asks your unconditional loyalty to any are making headway in cutting down consumption, twisting Magyari With the exception party is going too far. Muchines are necessary, but fin-the year ending March 31, 1014, the British people no farmer is expected to feel, any particular loyalty to consumed 25,285,091 (proof) gallons of spirits and his make of harvester, and no woman is required to 34,088,393 (standard) harrels of beer. For the year of that of Winnipek. It was not desbe loyal to her sowing machine. Parties change and unding March 31, 1921; this had been reduced to policies change and the voter who subscribes allegi- 20,162,000 (proof) gallons of spirits and 26,284,000

> Some of the fishy stories told as to why Prohlbition should be annulled show the necessity for the application of a "weaning process" from the bottle on the part of the few supporters of the plea. It will rulned by the enemy during the war. take more than a selfish notion to gratify an appetite These two wentlemen had, it appears, to undo what the staid and thoughtful electorate home and the heavy rallway charges battled for years to obtain for the public good. The for their excess luggage had left then fellows who busy themselves so much should be plain- meals on the train. It proved to be ly told that their nagging assures the public they one of those rare cases of "entertainare wrong both in head and heart. How would it turned out to be everything and more be if they would turn over a new leaf and boost than he represented; is member of an a good cause for a while? This would be patriotic. \_\_ reinfuling one very much in appear

The success of the Oakville Record under the new parties to disputes, and thus liable to approach a case management is evidently responsible for some rather royal treatment. Partiament met next with an instinctive bias one way or the other. It reckless assertions in the editorial columns of this know all the captact ministers and was was pointed out that very often the Justice who tried journal. Here is one which the editor will have much even in close touch with royalty itself, a case was the one who had taken the information difficulty in getting away with in this county, or introductions, and every possible atand issued the summons or warrant after hearing indeed, in the province. Speaking of liquor law tention. We had excellent and close the complainant's side of the case, and the Commiss- unforcement the Record says; "But there is no doubt and Crown Prince, but we came into ion felt that it was in the interests of justice to bring that drinking has increased since the passage of the Intimute touch with all the magnificent in an entirely unprejudiced mind to bear on the Act." Reliable statistics prove that there is not onecase, In isolated cases, such as that cited by The quarter as much drinking now as there was when ly, if ever, has it from my privilege to Advance, the system may seem to work a hardship, liquor licenses were, in vogue. The Record editor

statements where statistics are concerned

## Dr. Farmer Visits Capital

Has Rare Opportunity of Seeing

Bucharest, its Palaces and

Parliament NYERESTING FOURTH LETTER ON EUROPEAN TRIP

by Dr. T. D. J. Farmer, relating striklag features of his experiences to incopean travel, has much of interest It was written at Bucharest, Bostounia, on March 24 and is given-herewith: To the Editor of the Fuest Passal: How disappointing it is, after souring in one's imagination among the beauties and the raptures of the skins to have to come down be reality to the trivialities and the ordinary things of this every day and common-place

Nothing daunted by the recent

of the "Roma," or of that of its great

sister airship at Hull a few months

before, and undeterred by friendly equivalent in the event of midden and likely plunges dewnward through eded to make the 700 mile journey from Budapost to Bucharest, across mountains, on the new Paris to Constantinople Aerial Express. These new the mails, and 12 passengers each, and are calculated to make their semi-"Big weekly runs between the Hungarian and Roumanian capitals in a hours. or between 7 u. m. and 3 p. m. of the thrilling, though much shorter air flight in Canada, had suffered no ill plong these lines, but unfortunately consequences, enjoyed every moment diplomat who claim to know, do is transports of cloud sailing, and the matchless panoranic vistas stretching on a larger scale and with Eastern the scene of my longer aerial journey, But it was not to be. To my chagrin was unnounced faut before my in bended start that the Company would his time to be well on my way home myself with making that journey on among the clouds, and in only about teresting if not quite us remantic month earlier than it does with us

to the ground and foliage as we passed Loaving Budapout at 8 u. m. on the 26th of this month with a gestleman friend who had arranged to make the run with me and to whom the tri was also now, we were soon speeding ulong that tine strotch of over 300 inlies of beautiful prairie country betweep Budapost and the foothills of the Carpathians, all of which belonged before, the war to Hungary, but at deprived. How it recalled our own Canadian west with its great green stretches of wheat and its pretty farm houses dotted about every half . mil or so, with these difference that the wheat was of the fall variety and tidy little orchard and grapery clustered round each settlement. 'At Telus the prairies and and the mountains bogin. Unfortunately the ascent of these was in the night, but I caught sight of the beautiful windless descent into old Roumania in the early morning, and fascinating in the extreme to Winnipeg via North Bay, Cobalt passed. Here a snow-capped peak, lat sleeping car Toronto to Winnipeg boauties were ulroady scurrying about awaiting the angler's cast. Here a protty little town with its shell scarred villas, there the remnants of trench

subdued Hungarians, in the early part cars, coaches, colonist car and dinin of the wart Strange to may I haw no car service. cuttle along the rich plains we had passed through, but there were some from Local Agent, or nearest Agent sheep and immense herds of strange of the Canadian National-Grand Trunk looking, long and ourly haired swines Rallways. At one of the stations after entering the new Roumania I saw a lot of buth looking pousunt mon being driven with un untidy looking bundle on such pair of shoulfders into a yard; I-asked a follow passenger who spoke English what these were, he replied, "Regrults," and to my objection that thought there was to be no more garden.-New York Bun. war, he gave the significant reply, "We have to think of the future and to watch Hungary, just as France has

to watch Germany." At Campina, about two hours run from Bucharest, we passed through the renowned Houmanian oil fields with their more than 50 "riga" situated along, the railway trucks. These folds were destroyed during the war by the retroating Roumunian army, but have shee been rostored by the Blaura, Itomana Oll. Company and others. Noon time of our second day brought us to liucharest. the Roumanian capital, where the loo supercodes the crown; the bourded and married priest of the Greek Church supplants the shaven cellbates of Rome, and & Latinfred more easilypronounced language takes the place

of u.rise of land in its centre on which its handsome Parliament buildings are located, Bucharest is a flat city, troyed by the German Invaders in the early days of the war; no doubt the Hun, taking it easily, and expecting to be able to keep 'It, thought it too valuable for wanten despollation. On our way down we relieved the temperary wants of a distinguished

looking Roumanian and his English secretary, the former claiming to be an ex-Consul of his country returning from London to reclaim large estates that he owned here which had been spent too much money on their way old and eminent Roumanian family ance, with his clean-out features and monocle, of the late Joseph Chumbertain, and boing a master of perfect English in his conversation. He took us in charge and accorded us the most

the Greek ritual, impressed me most

of all. One of our party, took, glose

mapshots of the Roumanian family and other interesting parts of this great function that we witnessed and has promised to send me plotures of these to show to my friends and to of Roumania Loof as lasting monorials of my brief, but ever-to-be-remembered vigit to

Roumania. There is a marked difference between sens two cantern European cities that have written about. Both can bound that they are, to the foreigner at least, thoup places to live in, and they have both this striking possiblarity that the wares which their shups have for sale are not only displayed in the windows within, but are painted in facsimile on the walls without. But apart Tou these two features they differ greatly Hudapout is built of atone; her buildinga are tall, massive and close set; her streets for the most part are wide. straight and clean. Ithcharest, on the other hand, is constructed entirely of stuccoed brick, the buildings, many or them, like the Post Office and the Law Courts, elegant in the extreme, are usually low and aproading, her streets narrow, and tortuous, and dirty.

Handsome villag, the homes of the rich and prominent, may be seen here surrounded right up to their very doogways by the hovels of the poor and the heaps of filth and rubbish that claster ground these. The sight und odors, that frequently great ones ever and nostrile here, suggest a sad lack of minitation.

lint my letter be getting long and have scarcely touched on the political and the national ulde of Roumanian life at all. He let me briefly summerize this in conductor. Bucharest, in spite of her drawbacks just montioned, presents a live, busy, buoyant, and prosperous front to the visitor, suggestive of final success and triumph, and greatness to both city and notion. And the Roumanian gentlemen and statemen will talk to you strongly and proudly of the future the impartial observer and the foreign apportunity to feet and see and des- prophesy of Roumania in anything like ortho on my flight through space the as hopeful a strain. At dinner one night with a gentleman of one of the l Logations, I went over the whole situation somewhat exhaustively, and I could gather nothing encouraging from anything my well-informed host told me. Repudiation of obligations upparently is common to Roumanian Covernments and vast national debts are now outstanding with no prospect of ever being met. Although they have divided their great and rich newlyacquired territory into small parcels safe-guard against Bolshovism, the latter apparently are not intelligent or thrifty enough to appreciate the gift and are refusing to speed up production by properly tilling the soil. And hi reply to my query whether it wouldnot be a good investment to buy up Roumanian money at 136. lel to the dollar, the price current to-day, and walt for it to come back ugain to the old figure of 6 to the dollar, and I thought the currency of a victorious country must eventually do, my friend told me emphatically that it was just as impossible for this to happen as for the almost worthless Austrian and Hungarian money to come back to

> Ho that at the bost, the future of Roumania seems wrapped in doubt and uncertainty; If not in national

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