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**EDITORIAL**

**Financial Proposal to Avert European Crisis**

Political America holds aloof from European conferences, but financial America is ready to deal there. An international loan to Germany is being financed with the intervention of J. P. Morgan & Co. This it is believed, will avert a crisis with France. A similar loan to Austria is also under consideration.

**Will Acton Become a Town?**

Acton was incorporated as a village in 1873, and now, fifty years later, it entertains the ambition of becoming a town in 1923. The residents are quite filled with glee at the prospect of becoming a town, and are looking forward to the celebration. Should Acton become a town, that would leave Halton without an incorporated village, unless Bronte brisks up and leaves aside her police village status. The present towns in Halton are Oakville, Milton, Burlington and Georgetown. Acton would make a pleasing addition to the list.—Oakville Star.

**Would Fit Mr. Lennox Better**

The Toronto Star wants to know if G. Howard Ferguson, M. P., is a troley, that is a creature which crawls into a hole. There is perhaps more reason to thus dub Mr. Lennox, who staked his seat in the House on the truthfulness of certain charges made by him against the attorney-general, which charges he has apparently failed to substantiate. It is to be hoped his humiliating experience will not be lost upon other members of the House who are disposed to go out gunning for Mr. Raney without first having made sure that the gun was loaded.—The Brantford Expositor.

**Electricity in Halton's Rural Districts**

The work of installing electric light wires and transformers throughout the village of Palermo has been completed, and most of the houses in the village are illuminated with electricity. Every farmhouse from Bronte to Palermo has electric light, as well as other farm houses in the vicinity. This is the first installation of electric current in the rural sections of Halton County. Electricity should be available to every farmer in the county, and at reasonable rates. The farming community have just as good a right to the electric current as the people of the cities and towns. The Province as a whole is financing the development schemes within her borders, and every possible facility should be utilized to make electric current easily available to the people in the rural districts.

**A Neighbor's Kind Words**

Speaking of Canada as "Our Northern Neighbor," the Companion, of Boston, says: "Canadians have reason to be proud of their gain in population the past decade as well as their gain in wealth and enterprise. But they have still more reason to be proud of what they are. Their land is a broad and glorious heritage, abounding in mineral resources and producing wonderful crops from vast regions of great fertility. Politically they are as free as they wish to be, for they prefer their British connection to the complete independence they might have for the asking. They are at peace with the world, for they have only one neighbor, and that one is absolutely friendly, overflowing with good wishes and rejoicing at every advance in Canadian prosperity." That is surely a bill of fare to be proud of. It is up to us all to live to be worthy of this high character.

**Not Better Leaders, but Reasonable Co-operation**

An exchange says that new leaders are needed to speed up business in the Legislature. From the outsider's viewpoint, however, it is not new leaders who are needed. The leaders are doing remarkably well under the circumstances. What would speed up business, however, would be a little friendly help and co-operation in passing necessary legislation and legislative business by Messrs. Dewar, and Ferguson, instead of the daily exhibition of censorious and acrimonious opposition they offer to every government measure or government report presented. If H. H. Dewar would emulate the quiet helpful example of Wellington Hay, the official leader of the Liberal party, instead of presuming to occupy the position of leader himself, the business of the country would be advanced by leaps and bounds and the duration of the Legislative session be reduced by weeks of time. The public is quietly watching the attitude of Dewar and Ferguson and is not impressed by their course with the value to the country of reverting to the old two-party system of Government which they propose. If these members are representative of the parties they are allied with, then heaven help the country if it ever comes into the hands of such guides.

**The Deadly Moonshine**

If drug vendors in Britain or any other country are deserving of flogging, such punishment would scarcely be too severe for the Canadian bootlegger, who is a pedlar of what is virtually a poison. There are those who hold that even the highest grades of beer and whiskey are poisonous in their nature, which contention if true makes it manifest that the bootleggers, gods are in the last degree deadly.—Smiths Falls Record-News.

**Don't be a "Leaner" or a "Sitter"**

If everybody in the community did their individual share there would be a wonderful uplift and advance and the everybody-help movement would be a very pleasant surprise in its easy accomplishment. There are too many "leaners" and "sitters" in most institutions to keep the wheels running smoothly. So many folk want an easy job and if these are taken up they won't strike out a furrow for themselves. All the "babies" are not in the cradle nor sitting in high chairs.—Brussels Post.

**Union of Officers of Sheriff and High Constable**

Hon. W. E. Raney's bill to amend the Constables' Act to provide for a prospective amalgamation of the offices of high constable and sheriff, has been approved in Committee in the Legislature although not without some opposition. Some members argued that the dignity of the sheriff would be reduced if he became high constable. Mr. Raney, however, contended that this was merely a matter of sentiment. In the discussion the fact was brought out that the Province has twenty sheriffs over seventy years of age and eight over eighty. The amalgamation will certainly require younger and more active men, and it will give dignity and influence to the newly-created office.

**Oppose Betting, Not the Thoroughbred Horse**

The Ontario Jockey Club is persistently endeavoring to "draw the herring across the track," and impress the people of the country that the Social Service Council of Canada is opposing horse racing. The Service Council comes back with the assertion that it is not the thoroughbred horse nor even horseracing that it is so strongly opposing, but the business of race-track gambling. And isn't it time some organization was standing behind the Attorney-General in his praiseworthy efforts to stop this gambling evil? Last year the registered amounts wagered at the race-tracks of the province totalled \$5,054,041. Over half of this sum went into the pockets of the members of Ontario Jockey Clubs. And thousands of young men were led into dishonesty and crime through this race-track gambling mania.

**The Knockers Belittle Their Own Influence**

Every time you "knock" the prohibition cause, or any other law with a moral uplift, you belittle your own influence in sustaining a statute of the land. If the "mighty Goliaths" who array themselves before parliament and think they are obliterating the temperance cause, know what the public think of their efforts they'd hire somebody to kick them for their silliness and lack of manhood fibre in making a show of themselves. The pity is that the time of parliament is wasted by those who should remember that the legislation they bark at was no snap verdict, but was made law by a great united campaign of the people, after years of persistent effort, and fought to a finish in parliament. The attorney-general of Ontario is a good friend of every growing lad in the homes of level-headed Canadian people. Constituencies misrepresented by the kickers have the sympathy of people who love righteousness. A whisper in the ear of some of the bliant M. P.'s and M. P.'s might be a kindness to them in calling off that "grog" stuff they seem so anxious to defend.—Brussels Post.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The Genoa conference appears to have accomplished one good thing, at least. The temporary non-aggressive pact, unanimously supported, was action in the right direction.

It looks as if Canadian money might soon be at a premium in the United States. They take it a par at the border cities now, and last week New York financiers were willing to pay .001/2c. for our good cash.

By an amendment to the Child Protection Act any parent who ill-treats, neglects, abandons, deserts or fails to support his or her child is subject to a penalty. The responsibility of parentage is properly placed by this legislation.

The Secretary of Commerce of the United States is appealing to the coal producers of the country not to take advantage of the coal strike to "gouge" the public. The long-suffering public has been at the mercy of these producers for a long while.

There were 440 School Fairs held in Ontario last year, covering 3,847 schools. Number of home plots, 114,216, and 343,259 people attended. There are many favorable features about this work. Experience is gained and aspirations are implanted.

After all the talk about getting rid of British rule entirely in Ireland, the leaders there are appealing now to Great Britain for assistance in a peace settlement. It's surely good to have real friends nearby on call, sentiment to the contrary notwithstanding.

H. H. Dewar made a deplorable spectacle of himself again in the House last Thursday night when he was guilty of a breach of decorum and a fracture of precedents by "butting in" when the Lieutenant was giving royal assent to measures which had been passed by the Legislature.

Lloyd George evidently considers the Genoa Conference accomplished something. Upon his return to London he said: "Europe has been snatched from the verge of a cataclysm. We have stopped the snarling of the dogs of war. Genoa is a landmark on the pathway of peace."

General satisfaction is expressed in England with the proposed new Canadian-Government regulations relaxing the \$250 requirement to approved agricultural immigrants. This action may be defensive if the Government will undertake to keep these agricultural immigrants on the farms, where they are needed.

**POWER FARMING PROGRESS**

The radical cuts in the price of tractor which have been made during the past few years are beginning to have a marked effect on Canadian farming and although no one would expect to see a tractor in every district are doing the better work with tractors. With the recent introduction of the tractor, the motorizing of agriculture has been advanced. When a farmer finds that he can buy a tractor capable of performing the work of six horses and that for less than the price of one good team, he is naturally led to question whether the older methods are giving him the returns they should. When he finds further that the use of a tractor speeds up his work, enables him to take advantage of seasonal opportunities and to get his fall wheat in before the man with the horse has done more than a few acres of stubble plowing and that the use of the tractor to drive his own separator makes him independent of the custom threshing gang, it is not long before he puts his faith entirely to power farming.

Working on the American River at Marysville, California, is a copper gold dredger, the largest in the world. The stony bottom of the river is gouged out by the ton and sent rattling up a runway into a hopper where it is ground up into fine particles. The crushed glass is then put through various processes, after which it is shot back into the river once more, minus the gold that lay undisturbed for thousands of years. There are gold dredges of another kind located in the far West, and they operate on very much the same principle that roadway made by washing gold from sand and gravel, only, of course, the washing is done on a huge scale.

**PUTTING IN AND TAKING OUT**

The good we get out of the day depends largely on the good we put into it. Our blessings are not confined to the hours like hounds in a box, but they grow out of them, under proper cultivation, like seeds planted in good soil. Instead of waiting for blessings, make them. Remember that what you get out of life will be in direct proportion to what you put into it.

**WAG OFF ON HIS RECKONING**

An old salt started his companions by saying: "I've got a riddle to ask you boys, it's a herring and a half cost three fourthings, how many could you buy for sixpence?" Much puffing of pipes, and presently a voice from the corner: "If you, bill, did you say herring?" "Yes, I said herring." "Huh! If I've been a-reckoning mackerel all the time."

**DO YOU KNOW THESE TERMS?**

Many persons are quite at a loss to know how to describe groups of animals and birds, other than the most familiar, as cattle and chickens, for instance, to groups of which the terms herd and flock are applied. If the cattle happened to be oxen, however, one should say a drove, and in the West a small group of cattle would be a bunch, only large numbers constituting a herd. One would describe a group of horses as a number of beasts. As to birds, one should say: A covey of partridges, a bevy of quails, a flock of pheasants, a wing of snipe, a flight of doves or swallows, a muster of partridges, a large flock of geese, a brood of grouse, a plump of wildfowl, a stand of plovers, a flock of geese and a cast of hawks.

**WAVE MOTOR**

A motor or power producer, operated by the waves of the sea, has been tried in England. It resembles a great steel buoy. A long, hollow spindle is mounted in a vertical position. At the lower end is a platform which, being far below the surface of the water, tends to resist any vertical displacement. A motor is mounted on the spindle and rises and falls with the waves. This a pump-like action is produced, forcing the moving fluid, and the relatively stationary spindle, and this is used to produce power. In one experiment a stream of water was thrown across a ship's deck. It is proposed to mount a complete electric plant upon such a "wave motor," and have the dynamo driven by the same, so as to supply an electric lamp. This would give a self-sustaining lighted buoy.

**DRESS**

Dress has a moral effect upon the conduct of mankind. Let any gentleman find himself with dirty boots, old surtout, soiled necktie, and a general negligence of dress and he will, in all probability, find a corresponding disposition in negligence of address. Sir J. Harrington.

**HIS CLEAR TITLE**

An Englishman was staying at a swag hotel in Berlin. He had secured comfortable rooms, but the landlord informed him one day that he must give them up in favor of a fresh arrival. The Englishman, that is to say, the Governor of some petty German State with an unpronounceable name. "Nonsense!" said the Englishman. "You do not know who I am. Bring me the Mayor's book, and I will add my title."

**HAD PROVED THE BRAND**

A bride recently went into a provision shop and said to the proprietor: "I bought three or four hams here a month ago and they were fine. Have you any more of them?" "Yes, madam," said the owner, "there are ten of those hams hanging up there now." "Well, if you are sure they're of the same pig, I'll take three of them," said the young woman.

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**WOMAN'S PART**

If every woman knew her power over her man what a world it would be, I say. As it is, half-perhaps more than half-of the credit that is given to men for their achievements is due to some little woman who remains in the background, whose name the world never knows, though it knows the fame of her man, remarks an "exchange."

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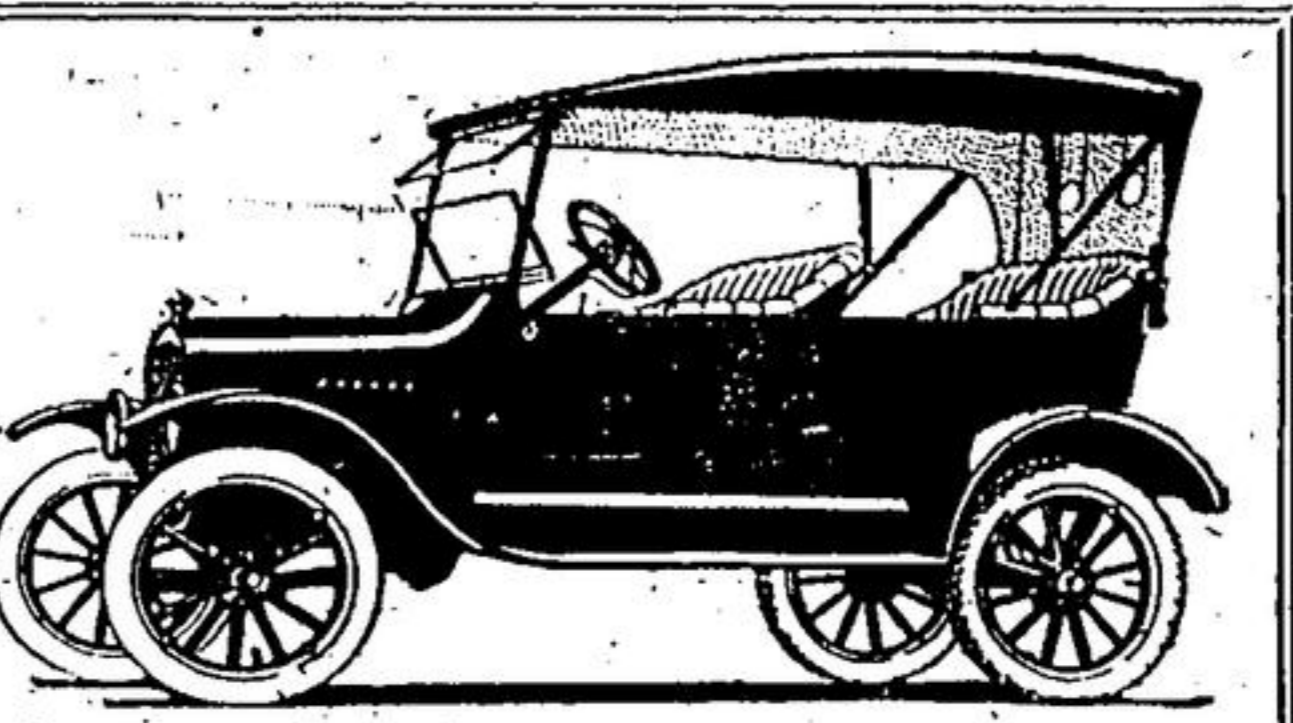
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