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EDITORIAL

A Peculiar Situation

The peculiar situation in the closing hours of the Legislature, of a solid Farmer group, with the exception of one member, voting against a resolution advocating that steps be taken to place unemployed men on the farms, was one of the features. A resolution provided for the appointment of a special committee of the Legislature to investigate the problem of the scarcity of farm hands, and to report on such steps as might be taken to secure a working out of the "back to the land" movement. Opposition to the measure was led by the Minister of Agriculture, who stated that he did not think the activities of the committee would be of any avail. All Conservatives and Liberals voted for the measure. It was lost on a Government majority by a vote of 22 to 16.

Helping the Soldier Farmers

The Dominion Government has certainly been active in helping the returned soldiers who desired to engage in farming on their own account, since the war. Loans have been made to 21,515 men, and the aggregate of these loans has reached the large sum of $89,216,029.89. These loans have been distributed as follows: to purchase land, $40,190,766.37; to remove encumbrances, $2,002,297.24; for permanent improvements, $10,414,168.30; for stock and equipment, $27,518,797.48. In addition to these loans by the Government of Canada, there has been a saving to soldier settlers on purchase of equipment owing to special arrangements with manufacturers made by the Government of $991,864.50, and saving effected on land purchased from vendors' options of $3,840,000.00. This looks as if the men who undertook to go into farming after the war have been treated with a fair degree of generosity.

Responsibilities of the Press

During the great convention of weekly newspaper editors and publishers of Canada at Ottawa last week the Daily Journal of that city was good enough to define the responsibilities of the press, in this wholesome manner: "The presence in Ottawa this week of several hundred members of the weekly newspaper press of Canada has called attention to the importance of that section of the press, and of the part it plays in current Canadian thought and action. For it is probable that while the news of the day is ventilated in the daily newspapers of the people, those of the people who read the dailies are more influenced by what they find in the weekly people who read the latter. And it is timely to say that while the majority of the weekly newspapers of Canada are conducted on a sane, fair and honorable basis. The hope that from left [illegible] of these papers are as a rule a fine this is the same direction realizing their responsibilities as purveyors of low him. and opinion, and anxious to do justice is turned to than that far as these responsibilities are conthe result into a "clock ined. The fact is, the responsibilities bean, however twist in nature. On one hand, there is the refirst sight disproved which the public holds that newspapers But in civic-spirited citizenship and to all good this kind strong lit on the other hand there is the respon- In their sh newspaper publishers owe to their which f od, and that of their employees. It may be well to make some remarks about the other part namely, the responsibilities the newspapers owe to their own survival. A newspaper must exist if it is to do any good of any kind. Now, to live, a newspaper must please the public, or a sufficient part of it. It has to live as a business before it can do any good as an educator or an apostle. In short, newspaper publishers have to look out for number one, and they have a right to look out for number one, in an honorable way of course, before they look out for the public. This compels in newspapers both a vigorous pursuit of news—"all the news that's fit to print" as one great American paper has it—and a limitation of their voluntary enthusiasms for the public if the enthusiasms are likely to injure their bread and butter. Many good people outside newspaper offices fail to understand this. They have an idea that a newspaper is in duty bound to play the part of a wholesale benefactor, without any thought of what the cost may be to the newspaper pocket. They can't understand why a newspaper does not jump into every opportunity to champion something and everything that somebody supposes to be good, nor why it isn't always serious and solemn and dignified. With newspaper space the difficulty with any successful modern newspaper is not to fill its space transient ad in half the news it can get. To give usually fore the service means first some cost for the white ly lasting better porridge directly or indirectly injure the newspaper's cutting out news which is the thing appeals to the public for business sup-

A Novel Feature for Ladies' Colleges

How would it do for our Canadian ladies' colleges to emulate the example of several of the United States colleges for women? These have each adopted a baby in order to give the girls of the home economics course first-hand experience in caring for a child. There are plenty of babies in the world who need mothering, and lots of girls who would benefit by learning real facts of the great things that make life sweet and happy.

A Good Deed Spoiled in a Moment of Weakness

It was surely in a moment of weakness that Hon. W. S. Fielding, Finance Minister, agreed on Saturday night last to strike out item No. 10 of the budget resolutions, prohibiting the manufacture of "home-brew," which has for some time been licensed. If Mr. Fielding could realize the menace of the home-brew to thousands of homes in Canada he surely would have hesitated before conforming to the demands of the Liberty Leaguers.

China Values Canada's Friendship

The impression has long been current that China is anxious to have a large portion of her population in Canada. This, however, was pretty well dissipated the other evening at Ottawa by the address of Dr. Sao-Ke Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister to Washington, at a brilliant gathering of parliamentarians and diplomats. The occasion was an official dinner tendered Dr. Sze by the Canadian Government. In his speech he said: "We value the friendship and goodwill of our friends abroad too highly to risk losing it by permitting a few thousand Chinese laborers to emigrate from China if it will result in discord." China was anxious to develop herself and to secure Canada's co-operation in every possible way, Dr. Sze said that he brought a message of good will to Canada from the people of China, and that he would not fail to carry home the expressions of good will delivered by speakers of the evening. These sentiments would strike a responsive chord in the heart of every one of his fellow countrymen. Canada, by reason of her geographical situation, was the half-way house between Europe and Asia. "The impression that has existed in the past that China is over populated," said Dr. Sze, "and suffers from economic pressure is not correct. The geographical area of China is about one-sixth larger than the United States. Her population is concentrated along the coastal provinces, along the rivers and the natural ways of communication. The great rich west is very thinly populated. If, therefore, China is enabled to build her railways she will be able to provide full employment for her natives, and when she commences to develop her mining and manufacturing industries, she will require more labor than China can provide. Nor do the leaders of China desire to encourage Chinese laborers to emigrate."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The owners of Ford cars in England pay a license of $1.00 per year. That is one way to get rid of Canadian owners of flivvers, and they'd be "agin the government" at once.

The new Highway Act, forbidding the moving of liquor over the highways of Ontario by motor truck, is evidently effective. The big export company at Bridgeburg has "given up the ghost."

The United States has put Canadian brick on the free list. That may be all right, but our own country is short on that important building commodity and prices have been soaring without this new temptation to higher prices.

Canada's total value of trade was nearly two and a half billions for last year, whereas 20 years ago, it stood at $372,209,837. Statesmen, who declared that the 20th century belonged to Canada, back in 1900, when this era began, are being proven real prophets.

The British House of Commons has passed the summertime bill by a vote of 207 to 26. The bill brings Great Britain into line with other European countries in permanently fixing a daylight saving period. It is sincerely to be hoped this summertime disease will not cross to America.

Provincial officers are going through the country making convictions for violations of the Motor Vehicles' Act. Fifteen convictions were secured in one Ontario town last week against motorists who persist in using the "cut-out" of the cars. This annoying nuisance deserves the punishment being meeted out.

The new Voters' Lists Act, which was passed at the session of the Legislature closed last week, provides a prison term for officials who intentionally omit names entitled to appear on the lists. This should have the result of eliminating the political bias which has sometimes prevailed in the preparation of voters' lists in the past.

The British Chancellor has learned how to make the receipts of the Government exceed the expenditures. His budget for the current year estimates revenues of £910,775,000, and expenditures of £706,000 less. The income tax has been reduced from six to five shillings in the pound, and the duties on tea, coffee and cocoa have been reduced.

Declaring that so-called Government control is a colossal failure, Alberta Baptists, in convention at Calgary last week, strenuously objected to any change toward leniency in the Provincial Liquor Act. It was asked that the Government deport any person subject to deportation who was found guilty of infraction of the Act.

If Acton is to celebrate the jubilee of her incorporation next year in a manner worthy of the occasion and in a way to ensure historical importance, the Council should take preliminary action without delay. If incorporation as a town is to be a feature of the jubilee, steps will be necessary soon to put the legal action necessary into effective operation.

Hon. Mr. Drury, who is touring the West and the Pacific Coast, is being quizzed on all sides concerning the political situation. At Victoria the other day he declared that the key to progress is a business government, rather than a political government. That is what the Government of Ontario is endeavoring to give, he said. Honestly, it looks very much like it.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

OAKVILLE

The sequel to the seizing of the dray of liquor from Gooderham & Worts' distillery, Toronto, driven by Harold Hanney, at Oakville a couple of months ago, came last week. Hanney was fined $500 and costs or three months for having liquor in a place other than the private dwelling in which he resided; to wit, a motor truck.

ROCKWOOD

Mr. Chas. Royce, of Bridgeburg, spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. R. Royce, who has been in ill-health.

Mr. and Mrs. Strachan Croft, of Durham, visited Mrs. J. B. Croft last week.

Mrs. A. Aitken, Brampton, Mr. T. Aitken, Ospringe, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Pearen motored to Toronto to attend the University of Toronto convocation exercises, at which Miss Edna Pearen received her degree of Master of Arts.

Mr. Rutherford Hawat, of Walton, visited his mother, Mrs. Hawat, last week.

Mrs. G. H. Pearen and Miss Edna Pearen left last week for a trip of a couple of months to California, Washington and other Western points.

Miss Jean Torrance left for an extended visit to relatives in Sand Point, Idaho, last week.

GEORGETOWN

Firemen's garden party and demonstration June 30 and July 1.

A garden party on St. George's rectory grounds will be held on Friday evening, June 23.

The steeple of the Methodist Church was struck by lightning and considerably damaged during the electrical storm last Friday night.

Major Grant and two granddaughters, the Misses Lawson, will leave shortly on a trip to the Old Country.

Mrs. R. R. Barber, of Toronto, was the guest of Mrs. H. P. Lawson last week.

Mrs. Flora McEntee, of Springfield, Mass., visited her cousin, Mrs. Mary Eccles, last week.

The Canada Needle Works' employees held a most successful outing and picnic on Saturday, June 10, to Burlington beach.

Worshipful Master E. Y. Barraclough and officers of Credit Lodge, accompanied by about sixty members, visited King Solomon Lodge at Toronto last Thursday evening. All report a splendid time.—Herald.

BURLINGTON

The Masons will attend divine service in the Methodist Church next Sunday, June 25.

Mrs. E. H. Cleaver left last week for Vancouver, B. C., where she expects to remain until the middle of August.

Miss Nellie Burns attended the Grand Lodge meeting of the Rebekahs at Owen Sound this week.

Miss Mabel Hurd has returned home from Philadelphia. Mrs. W. C. Kerns also arrived home with her.

St. Luke's Church Choir will hold their annual choir outing at High Park, Toronto, on Thursday, June 29.

Percy Grant, Wm. McAvoy Street, was arrested by Chief Smith on the charge of stealing a canoe from Howard Goff. The canoe was recovered near Whitby.

The celebration, to be held under the auspices of the Nelson and Burlington Agricultural Society on the new fair grounds on Dominion Day promises to be a big event.

Division Court will be held here on June 26, and indications are the Court will be one of the largest ever heard in Burlington.

Mrs. J. H. Foster, of Mayville, Mich., is visiting relatives in Burlington and district.

At the Methodist Conference held at St. Catharines, the East and West Plains were constituted a circuit, with Rev. J. W. Hunt, as pastor. Appleby and Nelson were formed into a new circuit, and Rev. L. C. Mutart was appointed pastor for the ensuing year.—Gazette.

ERIN

Miss Guilfoyle, who has been principal of the school here for several years, has resigned. She was presented with a cut glass lemonade set the other evening.

Mr. H. D. Jackson, evangelist, of Toronto, is conducting evangelistic services in the Church of Christ for two weeks.

The garden party held at Stanley Park under the auspices of the Baptist Church on Monday evening, was quite a success.

Miss Guilfoyle, teacher, has purchased a Chevrolet coupe from the local dealer.

The Erin Turf Club have completed arrangements for a big day's sport on Saturday, July 1, at Stanley Park.

Mrs. Thomas Cook, Hillsburg, who underwent an operation about three weeks ago in the Victoria Hospital, London, is progressing favorably.

The garden party held by the Methodist Church at Stanley Park on Wednesday evening last, was a gratifying success.

The Village Council have completed arrangements whereby the Main Street is to receive a coat of oil.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 7, the wedding of Maud Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham, Erin, to Mr. J. D. McDonald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald, Caledon West, was solemnized by the Rev. J. A. Lindsay, on the lawn, under an arch of evergreens and white roses, at the home of the bride's parents, in the presence of about one hundred guests.

The Rev. F. C. Harper, B. D., announced at the sacrament service that he had declined the call extended to him by St. Andrew's Church, Picton, but that it was his intention to place his resignation in the hands of the Presbytery of Orangeville on June 27. It is understood that Mr. Harper goes to Peru, South America, to organize religious and welfare work of the International Petroleum Co.—Advocate.

TRUE TO FORM

"Yes," said the specialist, as he stood at the bedside of the sick purchasing agent, "I am sure I can cure you."

"What will it cost?" asked the sick man faintly.

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PEACE RIVER FARMING

Any information concerning our northern regions is of value and, therefore, the results obtained in the growing of crops at the Dominion Experimental Farm sub-station at Fort Vermillion, Alberta, in the Peace River district will prove interesting to many. The pamphlet referred to gives in some detail the story of experiments covering thirteen years, which are still proceeding.

The settlement of Fort Vermillion lies on the banks of the Peace River, 35 miles north of Edmonton and 950 feet above sea level. The history is the usual one of such settlements—first the fur trapper and trader, then the mission, and next the settler. In 1908 the first director of the Dominion Experimental Farms, Dr. William Saunders, came to an agreement with Mr. Robert Jones, a pioneer settler, to conduct experiments in the cultivation of grains, fruits and vegetables. This sub-station now covers twenty-five acres. Mr. Jones is still in charge as superintendent, from his annual reports the information for the bulletin has been gathered.

It is apparent that the district is well adapted for mixed farming, having large areas of well grassed country, which afford ample feeding grounds and winter feed for stock. Building logs, fencing material, firewood and the purest water are easily accessible in practically any location. In summer the day from sunrise to sunset is eighteen hours long and the night itself is only a twilight. These long days of summer permit the remarkable growth of vegetation and its ripening in a short season.

Travellers in the region are surprised to find vegetables growing luxuriantly and as far advanced according to the season as they would be in Eastern Canada. Another thing that astonishes visitors is the beauty of the flowers, hardy varieties flourishing amazingly with brilliant coloring.

Strawberries, currants and raspberries flourish, but gooseberries, plums and apples have not so far thriven as well as desired. Experiments with fodder crops have proved successful, particularly with swede turnips and mangels. Sunflowers have given promising results, but corn in the usual season does not reach the proper stage to make first-class ensilage, although in some years surprisingly large crops of green fodder are recorded.

The varieties of grain hitherto tested have yielded excellently. The bulletin may be had on application to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

HOW TO DRY FRUIT

Experiments in the "dehydration" of pears has been engaging the attention of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. Development of a satisfactory process has been attended with some difficulties, chief among them being that of preserving the natural color of the fruit, but it is believed that the problem has been solved.

Bosc for the purpose seem to be Bartlett pears. When peeled, cut in halves and deprived of their cores, what remains is about 96 per cent. water. Thus, as a result of drying, the product is greatly concentrated. In this form it can be utilized as a basis for very delicious confections, various flavors being added to the material.

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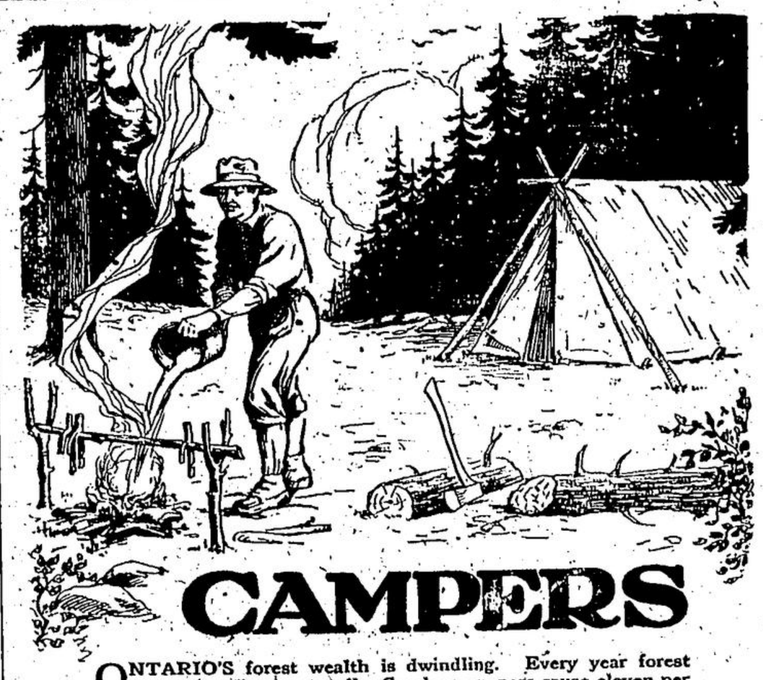

CAMPERS

ONTARIO'S forest wealth is dwindling. Every year forest fires take disastrous toll. Careless campers cause eleven per cent. of Ontario's forest fires. Last summer 112 cases of neglected camp fires were reported. This summer be careful.

Save Ontario's Forests
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DON'T

DON'T take chances with fire in Ontario's forests.

DON'T throw away cigarette or cigar butts, pipe "heels" or burnt matches until you are dead sure they are out.

DON'T neglect to drown out your fire with lots of water.

DON'T build your camp fire against a rotten log or stump—nor on windy points; nor near moss patches; nor at the base of a tree. Build it in a former fireplace, or on a flat rock, or on a spot cleared down to the true soil below, or by the edge of the water.

DON'T forget that the upper layer of ground in the forest consists of partially rotted wood which will burn.

When you build your fire to make tea, fry bacon or add cheer to pipe and story-telling time, use a woodsman's precautions.

The real woodsman builds his fire on an old fireplace, if there be one handy. Failing that he scrapes away all litter, moss and fibrous rotted wood down to the mineral soil, or the bare rock, and preferably some place close to the water. He knows that if fire gets into the moss or the upper woody layer of forest soil, or in a half-rotted log or stump, it "holds over," burns away unnoticed underneath, and unless followed up and carefully put out, is liable to break into a flame later. He knows how hard it is to put such deep-smouldering fire out. So he makes his cooking fire surprisingly small and compact, and chooses a spot that is absolutely safe.

It is a mark of his finished woodsmanship how thoroughly he drowns his fire out with plenty of water when he is through with it. Save the forests. You may want to camp again.

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