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EDITORIAL

Read a Book During Your Holidays

How much reading do you do? Some people make it a part of their vacation to read a book through, and it is an excellent plan. It is regrettable that so many young people, after they leave school, never think of reading a book the whole year round. They do not know what they are missing. Nobody can be lonesome or feel the time dragging on their hands if they have a magazine or good story book to put in the spare minutes.

Farmers and Townspeople Must Unite

Hon. Mr. Drury's policy embraces urban as well as rural population. In one of his picnic addresses last week he stated quite positively that the U. F. O. was never intended to be a political organization. It was intended to work through the old parties. Nevertheless, it has become a political organization and created a Government. That being the case, it must extend beyond the farmers and seek support of the urban citizens. Class consciousness, the Premier said, applied to legislative bodies, is bound to be a failure.

A Concession to Home Investors

In offering to renew the five and a half per cent. Canadian Government bonds, maturing December 1, at the same rate of interest as is carried by the maturing bonds, and allowing a bonus of one month's interest, the Minister of Finance is making a material concession to the Canadian investor, as this rate is higher than was paid on the recent Canadian loan in New York. The high class of the security, which is the very best that can be offered in Canada, and the liberal rate of interest, should lead to large investment in these Dominion bonds. Attention is directed to the official announcement giving details in another column.

Weakening of Parental Authority

The great trouble nowadays, as attested by numerous authorities, lies in a weakening of parental authority. No outside agencies can take the place of the natural guardians of youth, and what is wanted more than anything else is a reassertion of old-time parental responsibility. Sentimentality is a good enough thing in its way; but a young man of 18 is old enough to distinguish between right and wrong conduct and ought to have sense enough to eschew bad company. If he hasn't, a little wholesome discipline on the part of his elders would probably do him more good than making excuses for him on the score of his youth. It is the duty of parents to bring up their children decently, and it is dangerous to condone any failure in that duty.—Hamilton Spectator.

"I Can't Afford to Marry"

In this excuse reasonable and sufficient to keep young people of marriageable age, whose two hearts beat as one from setting up a home in a country such as this Canada of ours, with its multitudes of opportunities for winning a livelihood and providing modest homes? "I can't afford to marry" is one of the main reasons advanced to-day by many a young man for his failure to take on matrimonial responsibilities. Perhaps he reinforces this plea with the remark: "The girls to-day expect too much." And he is right in regard to many of them; but one might well add, "And so do the young men." A Chicago judge, after hearing upwards of 6,000 divorce trials, said of this tendency, "Nowadays, folks wait too long to get married. They insist on having bank accounts, furnished homes, automobiles, and everything all ready. Embarking on the sea of matrimony is not an undertaking without hazards, but there is scarcely any undertaking of business, science or pleasure, that does not require some preliminary effort and risk. It is the part of those contemplating now and important steps to take reasonable means for safeguarding the future, but they cannot reasonably expect the future to be assured from every standpoint." The mother of to-day, who brings her daughter up to believe that her married happiness depends on an outfit similar to what she has in the home nest, is making a grave mistake. Better far let the young people start together in humble surroundings, so far as their home is concerned, as the parents of both of them probably did. There will be more real happiness and genuine comfort for them to make their way together with such an outfit as they can reasonably afford, and aspire to the higher position and more elaborate surroundings as a result of their own united efforts as they spend their years of married life together.

In the School or the Home Deficient?

Is it lack of home training, want of better emphasis on character-building at Public School, indifference to the decalogue or absence from Sunday School that accounts for so many juvenile delinquents in Toronto—or, is it the moving picture show? Over 700 cases are reported in the Juvenile Court already this year, and some of them very serious charges, against youths from 6 to 10 years of age. The situation calls for an investigation. Hope Newmarket boys are not affected in this manner—at least they have kept out of court recently. It is the children who are disobedient and destructive at home that get into trouble elsewhere. It requires constant vigilance and caution on the part of parents to keep boys and girls in the right path.—Newmarket Era.

Value of Visiting Motorists to Canada

A remarkable increase in the volume of motor traffic into Canada is shown by returns compiled by the Department of Customs. According to their registrations, 617,285 automobiles entered Canada for touring purposes during the last calendar year. This figure compares with a figure of only 53,300 for the previous calendar year. Of the total number of cars registered in the last calendar year, 615,074 remained in the Dominion for less than one month, and 2,211 for more than one month, but less than six months. The Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior has calculated that this motor traffic represents an expenditure in Canada of more than \$108,000,000, and it is estimated by the same authority that, on a basis of 5 per cent., "improved roads are worth more than two billion dollars to Canada, without taking into account the service they render Canadians themselves."

Provisions of the New Stamp Act

Many persons are enquiring respecting the requirements of the new Stamp Act. It provides as follows: On all bank cheques, receipts for money, express money orders, postal money orders, express money orders or travellers' cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, up to \$50 the tax is two cents. If the amount exceeds \$50 and does not exceed \$5,000, for every \$50 or fraction thereof, the tax is two cents. If the amount exceeds \$5,000 the tax is \$2. On stock shares or bond transactions for every \$100 or fraction thereof of the par value of the stock, shares or bonds sold or transferred, the tax is 3 cents. The first delivery by a corporation or company of such shares or debenture stock, or a sale or transfer between any recognized dealers or brokers is not subject to the tax. On each telegraph or cable message, there will be a tax of 3 cents. The tax on receipts does not come into effect until January 1, next, but the tax on cheques is now in force, having come into effect on August 1.

Honor in the Teaching Profession

Carleton Place is not the only town having difficulty in securing teachers. Some weeks ago our Board of Education advertised for a Public School principal and among the applications received made a choice and at once wired the applicant that he was acceptable. This man wired agreeing to come here and later confirmed it in a letter in which he asked some particulars regarding houses, etc. Two weeks later he wired again, resigning his appointment, stating he had accepted the Orangeville school at an advance in salary. If this is the teacher's idea of honor, the school is better without him. It would appear from the above that no application was made for the Orangeville school until after the acceptance of engagement in Carleton Place, which makes the case just that much worse looking for the teacher, and the Board is to be commended for reporting him to the Department of Education as well as to the Orangeville Board of Education. What would any teacher think of a School Board, after engaging a teacher, gave him a curt dismissal because some other teacher came along later, offering to accept the position at \$100 or \$200 less in salary? That's how it looks when conditions are reversed.—Carleton Place Central Canadian.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A San Francisco man writes that he will move to Toronto so that he can enjoy the betting privileges of the race-track. Toronto could wish for a better advertisement.—Globe.

Warnings are being sent out to the public against investing their savings in wild-cat radio stocks. Seeing that this venture is as yet very much in embryo the public generally should require very little warning.

So-called prophets predicted a brief reign for the Drury ship back in 1910. Though constantly sailing in troubled waters, the Pilot has decided quite correctly to weather the storm until the autumn of 1923. Many who scorned an U. F. O. Government are boosting now.—Simcoe Reformer.

There is evidently no good reason for a panic in regard to next winter's coal supply. The Dominion Government is in touch with the American authorities in regard to the situation. There is a shortage of coal at present; but if the miners return to work soon in the United States, as is expected, it is believed that there will be no failure to keep Canada supplied with coal during the coming winter.

Importing coal from Wales for Canada ought to improve the situation in regard to return cargoes. Usually there is the difficulty, not only that our imports from Great Britain are much less in value than our exports thereto, but that there is a still greater difference in bulk and weight. We may export a bushel of wheat and get back a pocket-knife. But when Great Britain exports a bulky article like coal the situation is radically changed.—Globe.

Hon. F. C. Biggs is certainly no sycophant. At the official opening of the newly-paved road between Sandy Mount Hill and Talbotville last week, he expressed himself as perfectly content to stand or fall in public office on the success or failure of the good roads programme. Speaking of policies, he said: "Once you adopt one that you think a good one, stick to it; don't pussyfoot around. If the people don't like it, they have the ballot to put you out." That attitude is sure, straight-forward and fearless.

WISE WORDS FOR EVERY DAY

A publicity man is paid for his work; a really a not-so-very not be a publicity man?

Such as are thy habitual thoughts, such also will be the character of thy mind.

The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: be satisfied with your own opinions and content with your knowledge.

The best security anyone can have is a good name.

Life is made up of little things. It is but when in a single that occasion offered for doing a great deed. True greatness consists in being great in little things.

In the man whose childhood has known care, there is always a fiber of memory that can be touched to gentle tears.

Jolly the fellow who is down to-day. Give him a smile for his sorrow. For this old world has a funny way. And you may be down to-morrow.

Helping in all the things which come to mind is the best way to get on. It makes you, in a sense, a partner in their fame, that you rejoice with them brings you their friendship.

We never know for what God is preparing us in His schools, for what work to bring us here in the hereafter. Our business is to do our work well in the present place, whatever that may be.

Upon being asked by his mother why he was so thoughtful, the young hopeful, age seven, replied: "I was thinking how awful it must be to be washing your ears every day and never getting any good out of them!"

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TEN COMMANDMENTS

Below will be found the "Ten Commandments" for department heads from "Psychology 101," house organ of the Louis Traxler Co., of Dayton, Ohio.

1.—Be not ostentatious. Confidence is infectious.

2.—Make few promises. Keep every promise made.

3.—Every question has two sides. Always hear both.

4.—Study your men. Put each where he can do his best work.

5.—Never show discouragement. A stout heart will never say die.

6.—Don't hold spite. Correct when necessary, but forgive afterward.

7.—Never give credit as well as last. Give both credit and blame justly.

8.—Be fair. A foreman often has to act as judge and, therefore, must be fair.

9.—Control yourself. Anger is too valuable to use except on special occasions.

10.—Take your full share of the blame. Sharing both blame and praise with workers is a big part of the secret of managing men.

READY TO OBLIGE
"I want a shave," said the determined-looking man as he climbed into a chair in the Great Barber Shop. "I don't want a hair-cut, nor a shampoo. Neither do I want any lay rum, with basel, half tonic, hot towels or face massage. I don't want the toothbrush to fuddle my feet. I just want a plain shave, with no trimmings. Do you understand that?"

"Yes, sir," said Fred. "Will you have some lather on your face, sir?"

YOUNG JORDAN had just got to know the result of his final examination, so despatched a wire to his anxious parents which ran as follows: "Hymn 254 (n. m.), vers 5—last two lines."

On finding the hymn the parents read: "Harrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed."

ALL MAKE FOR SUCCESS
What you think and how you think it, what you do and how you do it, what you say and how you say it, will have much to do with your success.

THINKING AHEAD

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ONE USE FOR A HEAD

Two negroes were arguing. "You ain't got no sense," said one. "No sense? Den what's de head o' mine for?"

"Heed! Dat's no head, nigger. Dat's jes' a button on top of yo' body to keep yo' backbone from unravellin'."

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Holders of maturing fully registered bonds, interest payable by cheque from Ottawa, will receive their December 1 interest cheque as usual. Holders of coupon bonds will detach and retain the last unexpired coupon before surrendering the bond itself for conversion purposes.
The surrendered bonds will be forwarded by banks to the Minister of Finance at Ottawa, where they will be exchanged for bonds of the new issue, in fully registered, or coupon registered or coupon bearer form carrying interest payable 1st May and 1st November of each year of the duration of the loan, the first interest payment accruing and payable 1st May, 1923. Bonds of the new issue will be sent to the banks for delivery immediately after the receipt of the surrendered bonds.
The bonds of the maturing issue which are not converted under this proposal will be paid off in cash on the 1st December, 1922.
W. S. FIELDING,
Minister of Finance.
Dated at Ottawa, 8th August, 1922.

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