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EDITORIAL

Canada's Thanksgiving Day

Next Monday we will have again that day which is set apart from all other days of the year for the recognition and acknowledgment of those things for which we should be thankful. And when we have determined these great blessings, these happenings without which the flavor and delight of life would be largely lost, we find them to be such common and frequent occurrences of our daily routine that, oftentimes, we pass them by without special notice or emotion. Let us, then, on our national Thanksgiving Day make adequate acknowledgment, and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for these great but simple and commonplace joys of life. For the wonderful resurrection of the morning, the awakening of the mind from dreamland to all the innumerable memories and experiences of life; for the joy of another day, and the first glad look upon a world whose beauties and wonders, though ever old, are born afresh with every newly risen sun. For the first affectionate greetings of the day from those whose lives have been given into our keeping; for the circle about the common board, where we renew our pledge of family love and gather new inspiration for the coming day. For the touch of friendly hands, and the glow of friendly faces as we journey to our daily tasks; for the preservation of our enthusiasms, and the vivid expectation of new adventures which lie ambushed in every hour of our busy day. For the labor of the day, through which we may give expression to the creative genius that is within us, and by the faithful rendering of which we may also justify our right to share in the fruits of the toil of others. For our return again at night, weary and content, to the peace and love and quietness of home; for still another re-union with those who, through the hours of separation, and all the varying experiences of the day, have held silent communion with us, and been ever present in our innermost consciousness; and, finally, on this day as we remember that we are also celebrating the peace brought about by the armistice of which this week marks the fourth anniversary, may we loyally and thankfully pay our tribute of thanksgiving and appreciation to the memory of our brave sons and daughters who gave so lavishly of themselves that peace might be secured for the land and homes they loved so well.

Removal of the British Embargo on Canadian Cattle

The removal of the British embargo on cattle, as promised by the Government several months ago, will mean a very substantial monetary advantage to Canadian interests. It is estimated that our Canadian farmers, railways and steamship companies will gain about ten million dollars per year when the proposed action is taken. Our cattle breeders will receive two to three cents per pound more in Great Britain for their cattle than they are now receiving for the surplus stock sold to the United States. Another direct advantage to Canada will be the addition of about two million dollars yearly to our Canadian railways and a similar sum to our merchant marine.

The Moderation League's Moderation

The Moderation League, which supplanted the erstwhile Liberty League, is at it again. This time it is trying an old tack in a new way. Letters have been sent out to the trade unions and labor organizations in which it is said: "The liquor system we favor is the licensing of an individual for permits to purchase from government stores, spirits, wines and beers for individual use, for home only, and the sale of beer and wine under restricted license and under government supervision, subject to local option. By this system every community in the province will have the right to exercise local option, and at the same time every individual living in the province, even although he is in a 'dry' community, has the right to have beer, wine and spirits for his individual use." And this is put out as a new system. Those of us who can remember fifty years back see in this proposal practically what prevailed fifty years ago. It is nothing more or less than the old liquor shops of that date, with the old-time barroom thrown in. The liquor shops and the barroom in their wide-open days had nothing more to offer than "spirits, wines and beers," and in those remote days they were under "government supervision" through the License Inspectors. And local option was a feature even in those early days. No, Mr. Moderation League, you're fifty years behind the times, and you can't catch the labor organizations, nor any other sensible and observant people, with that kind of an old-time barroom and whiskey shop proposition. Where is the moderation in this? It is liberty and license with an undiluted vengeance.

The School Fair Growing in Value

The School Fairs of Ontario have become an important institution, with results of a most helpful character. Four hundred and eighty-nine School Fairs were held this year with 4,266 schools taking part. No less than 100,015 pupils last spring secured eggs or seeds in preparation for these fairs. The exhibits were better and contests keener than ever before. From the standpoint of encouragement to excel these fairs are of greater value than the average fall fairs.

Condemning Race Track Gambling

The Baptist Church is the fourth religious body in their church courts to strongly condemn race track gambling, this summer. Protests will be sent forward to the Dominion Government, and a request that such amendments to the criminal code be made as will eliminate the provisions which exempt horse race meets from the prohibition against the carrying on of gambling as a business. Similar resolutions were passed by the Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist Church courts.

Ontario Has a Real Premier

Speaking of the prompt and practical supervision of aid to the fire sufferers in Northern Ontario, The Algona Advocate, of Thessalon, says: "We have a Premier. Ontario's Premier is the sort of man who will jump out of bed at night, ring the town bell, have the whistles blow; gather up food, clothes, blankets and boots to fill a train. Shout to the roadmaster, 'See that we have the right-of-way,' and to the engineer, 'Throw the throttle wide open, Bill,' and then to his helpers, 'Come along, boys, they are suffering up north,' and this Premier of ours looked like a coal heaver after he'd been working in the fire zone among the half-naked, the dead and dying for a couple of hours. We have a Premier."

Complete Border Disarmament

Cynics may say that the removal of the four naval vessels of one hundred tons burden each, which have constituted the naval defenses of the United States country on the Canadian border is a matter of but small moment. But this action, which is expected to follow the signing of a new treaty between the United States and Canada to replace the Rush-Bagot agreement of 1817, will give an even greater importance to the moral value of this unarmed border. It is true that the four ships of each nation are merely a navy in form. But if they are removed and not even a single ship of war is left on the border the disarmament will be complete in form as well as in fact.—Carleton Place Canadian.

"Canada's Dollar Above Ours"

This was the heading of an article appearing in the New York Herald the other day referring to the present position of Canada's dollar in the financial world. The Herald says: "As measured on its home soil, the Canadian dollar is taller now by a fraction of a cent's worth than the dollar of Uncle Sam. But the fact remains. Our dollar is below par in Canada. That our northern neighbor should be proud of this is natural. It is only a short time since Canadian currency was at a discount of 16 or 17 per cent. in United States money. The change registers a story of prosperity and sound business conditions of which any country would have a right to be proud. Several things have combined to bring about this happy state of affairs. In the first place Canada has turned an adverse balance on international trade into a favorable balance, and, of course, the very foundation stone of foreign exchange is imbedded in foreign trade balances. Again, Canadian Government and industrial loans have met very hospitable receptions in American money markets, with the resultant flow of large sums across the border. Canada may well be exultant over the recovery of her currency." And she is. She is also proud of the fact that to-day Canada's money is worth more in the money markets of the world than that of any other nation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The opinion of some that women will get too much higher education need not give concern. The only danger is that it may make them more particular about the choice of a husband.—Kingston Whig.

The Premier of the Province notwithstanding, the temperance people of Montreal and Quebec do not agree with the Government in running the liquor business for revenue or any other reason. They want prohibition and are working for it.

Alfred Goulet, the Liberal nominee for Russell, in an address last week promised, if elected, to support Premier Drury in all of his good measures. Manifestly thoughtful men, who put country before party are willing to take this course.

Col. Currie's success in getting anti-F. O. T. A. support in South-east Toronto at the cost of a few vague promises and the odd wink will make Hon. G. Howard Ferguson more satisfied than ever that he can evolve a temperance policy to suit everyone.—Farmer's Sun.

Canada is surely coming back to her own in financial matters. For the fiscal year ending October 31st, our exports totalled \$305,000,000 or \$53,000,000 more than for the same six months last year. On the last six months' operations the favorable trade balance was \$32,500,000.

The United States courts have upheld the order against liquor carrying by ships entering American ports. The court dismissed the petition of the steamship companies against the ruling. This looks as if the United States intends that prohibition shall really prohibit.

An influential newspaper of this province which is ever on the alert in accomplishing improvements is the Carleton Place Canadian. It has just adopted the eight column eight page form, and every column is crowded with matter of keen interest to its large constituency of readers. Mr. F. A. Davis, the editor and publisher, is a newspaper man of up-to-date methods coupled with an instinct for the best things in editorial supervision.

THE STORAGE OF VEGETABLES

The storage of vegetables is not satisfactory in a great many cellars, because the temperature is kept too high. There is a natural desire to keep the cellar warm, of course, because the vegetables are in a more comfortable room above. The warm cellar, however, particularly if the floor is of cement, has a dry atmosphere, and vegetables will wither there. On the other hand, if the cellar is warm and moist, growth and rotting are more likely to take place. The dry, warm cellar is favorable to the storage of squash and pumpkins, but not suitable for vegetables other than these. Temperature is really the prime factor in the successful storage of vegetables. A temperature slightly above freezing will carry all vegetables in fresh condition for the longest period and with the minimum of loss.

It is wise to have the vegetable storage room separated from the main cellar. This room should have connections with the outside through which a free circulation of outside air may be maintained, probably through a collar window screened with cotton wool. This will carry off the moisture which would otherwise collect in the cellar. A glass window placed on the inside is closed when the temperature is above freezing, and opened when necessary to prevent too low a temperature, the cotton cloth will be found to be a better insulator than a window pane.

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LABOR NOTES

Chewing the rag fills no empty stomach. Many people want jobs, but not as many want work.

Germany is busy because she is willing to work for less if not more. The politicians are skilled at creating every sort of debt but a debt of gratitude.

It is revealed that there are some volunteers in the army of the unemployed. The problem of unemployment could be solved by purchasing a second-hand Ford for every fellow out of a job.

Perhaps nothing would better promote prosperity in the year to come than a whole-hearted effort by both employers and employees to make it a year without a strike.

Hey, this, do you know the difference between Capital and Labor? "No, what is it?" "Well, if I loan you ten dollars, that is Capital, and if I want to get it back, that's Labor."

Those who never do any more than get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do.

Here is a knotty problem. Which we have long argued: How can we make our money last unless we make it first?

COLLECTING MEN FEATHERS The Christian World tells a story that is well worth repeating and re-remembering. A farmer's wife had told an untrue story about her pastor, and it spread through the whole country.

About half a year after, the woman became sick, and confessed that she had told an untrue story. When she got well, she went to her pastor, and asked pardon. The old minister said: "I will gladly pardon you, if you will comply with a wish of mine."

The woman agreed. He had her go and buy a pair of feathers, and bring them to him. She was back in half an hour. "Now," he said, "go through the village, and at each street corner set a few of these feathers and the remaining ones take to the top of the bell tower and scatter them to the winds, then return." She did it. Then he had her go and gather all the feathers and see that not one was missing. The woman looked for astonishment. He said she could never get them all again. "And so," said the minister, "while I forgive you gladly, do not forget that you can never undo the damage your untrue words have done. The wise man's words should not be forgotten. Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord; the lip of truth shall be established forever."

HE HAD ONE ON THE JUDGE The dealer was charged with selling adulterated milk and he pleaded not guilty. "But," said the judge, "the testimony shows that your milk contained two-thirds pure cream."

"Then it must be high-grade milk," returned the dealer. "If you honor me by picking up the word 'milk' in your dictionary you will find that it contains slightly to thirty per cent. water. I should have said nine for cream."

A BOY'S CHOICE The world is full of holidays. An full as it can be; but if I had to choose just one—Thanksgiving Day for me.

QUIVER OF THE DEAF He had just proposed. Secretly, she was very much elated and intended to say "Yes" eventually. But she thought she would have a little amusement by keeping him in suspense for a few minutes.

He also said, in a sad voice, "I'm afraid I can be nothing but a sister to you."

"Well, that's all right," he said gayly. "I thought that since I have been going with you for a year now, it was only fair that I would give you an opportunity to marry me, if you cared to. But since you don't, I might as well confess that I'd rather be a brother than a husband myself."

NEW NAME FOR GOAT MEAT The Breeder's Gazette reports the adoption of the word "chevon" for goat meat. This follows the usual method of naming, as "chevon" is taken from the French word "chevre," a goat, as mutton is named from "mouton," which means a sheep or wether.

The Gazette doubts whether the new name will improve the edibility of the meat. It suggests that the name be made to political gentlemen who might hesitate to say, "Please pass the buck."

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