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The Act to "Quiet" Land Titles

The Legislation, proposed by the Drury Government, which provides for a gradual change in the method of procedure in registering land titles would be effected was unanimously endorsed by the Toronto Real Estate Board at its regular monthly meeting, held last week. The proposed bill is so wide in its application that its provisions would ultimately affect every property owner in Ontario, but the members of the Board feel that its adoption, would be to the general benefit. Briefly, it would "quiet" all land titles claims prior to 1890 and certify titles as good down to that year, making title search beyond that year unnecessary. In addition the proposed bill will provide that, after a given date, all transfers of property should be recorded under the land titles, or Torrens system, rather than the Registry Office system.

Budget Discussions in the Ontario House

Looking back over a week of budget discussions in the Ontario Legislature, the outstanding feature of the debate is the entire absence of any serious attempt on the part of opposition critics to attack the Government's million dollar surplus—or to discredit the Provincial Treasurer's methods of arriving at the pleasing result. This factor in the debate is of more interest and importance than would appear at first glance to one who is not acquainted with the tendencies of budget speeches from a Government opposition. Always and without fail in previous sessions, a surplus has been attacked and dissected, and because of alleged misrepresentations in bookkeeping methods, held up to an expectant and sometimes too glibly public as a deficit. So far the strongest criticism of Hon. Peter Smith's million dollar surplus is that it is really only a half million dollar surplus. The Conservatives have openly and frankly set up W. F. Nickle, K. C., member for Kingston, as the grand exponent of how provincial finances ought to be handled. For days he has been taking copious notes during all addresses, has received answers to several pointed questions standing on the order paper, and when he undertakes his grand assault it will be before an expectant House and a public whose interest has been whetted by pre-announcement of the big part it is anticipated that he will play. Mr. Nickle's impending effort is construed in political circles as one of the big attempts of the Conservative group to step into power at the next election. He is an able and ready speaker, keen and sharp of intellect, an indefatigable analyst of figures, and it may be taken for granted that if Mr. Nickle cannot make a deficit out of Peter Smith's surplus nobody else is likely to attempt it.

EDITORIAL

Canada, the World's Greatest Dairy Country

"Accelerated production in the dairy industry, which has been emphasized in recent years, will mean that in the near future this Canada of ours will become the greatest dairy country on God's green earth. It is her destiny," said President E. H. Stonehouse, Weston, in his opening address at the annual meeting of the National Dairy Council of Canada, held in Toronto recently. This is a proud position to occupy.

Play Home Boys in our Athletics

The Post is glad to see several towns moving in the outlook for 1923 sport by determining to do away with the so-called professional players and building up teams of home-grown stock. This method will reduce the almost-unthinkable expenditure of financing outside drafts, give an impetus to available timber at home, who need the training and awaken the old time interest in sport for the love of the game and your personal acquaintance with the players. Some of yours often turned out to be a genuine "frost" and were a bill of expense more than anything else, ready to sell to anybody for a few dollars. A live interest should be taken in community sports, with clubs enough organized to draft out a league series covering a good share of the summer. Who'll choose up?—Brussels Post.

The Wedge for Prohibition in Great Britain

Lady Astor last Friday moved in the House of Commons the second reading of her bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to youths under eighteen for consumption on the premises. She referred to Canada and the other dominions as an example to the old country in the matter of liquor restrictions. "Much has been heard," she said, "about what the United States had done, but nothing about the dominions. If the dominions could do this, Great Britain ought not to lag behind. The boy is a child up to eighteen," Lady Astor continued. "You men are children, and we women love you because you are children." She declared the bill was supported by teachers, organized women, heads of great schools and churches. Walter Greaves, M. P. (Conservative, Norwood) moved the rejection of the bill, declaring it was the wedge for absolute prohibition. Lady Astor's visit to Canada evidently opened her eyes.

The Vacant Chief Constable

The members of the Council of this municipality have before them the duty of filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Chief Conroy from the position of Chief of Police for Acton. For this important position there are certain qualifications which the person whose application is to be considered for the vacant position. The man desired must be a person of upright character, good judgment, fearless in the discharge of duties, of strong and vigorous physique and, if possible, a man of some experience in constabulary work. He must be prepared to enforce all laws on the statute books, and all by-laws of the municipality, without fear or favor, partiality or affection, as he will be sworn to do upon his appointment. He should be a man who, if his personal prejudices are not wholly in sympathy with all the laws to be administered, will hold his prejudices in abeyance and perform his duties to the letter of the law; he will be sworn in as a special officer for the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act, and be so reported to the Attorney-General's Department. If faithful to this special appointment he will be able to accomplish two things: first, rid this community of the alleged illegal traffic in liquor by bootleggers; and second, he should be able to secure sufficient money in fines, during the clearing-up process, to pay in full his salary for his first year in office. He will cooperate with the Provincial Constables and the County and Provincial officers, with discretion, and will assist them in the enforcement of law and the preservation of the public peace. The people of Acton demand that laws be observed and the public peace be maintained. If such a man can be found in Acton he should by all means be engaged and sworn to faithfully discharge the duties of the office. If, however, it be found, after careful investigation and due deliberation, that such a man is not available in Acton, then the Council will be quite justified in looking outside for a properly qualified and experienced officer. Such a man must be found and appointed to the vacant position, if Acton is to enjoy her old-time reputation for observance of law and order.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

GEORGETOWN

The G. T. H. station has been re-arranged and the interior freshly painted.

Mr. Wesley Rutledge brought an elm log which was 400 feet long.

The Armanian Relief Society have purchased the farm of Mr. W. F. Broad, south on the April road, and will take possession on April 1. They purpose bringing about 100 acres of land in April and will teach them agriculture.

John Mason reported having collected \$22.00 for the relief fund. Council instructed Tax Collector E. McConnall to prepare a statement of all outstanding individual legal forms, so that they may be collected.

Mr. Gordon L. Hunt and his wife, Mrs. J. J. Hunt, leaving here for Detroit where they will make their home.

Francis Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thompson, leaving for the St. Joseph General Hospital on Monday. At last report he was progressing favorably.

Mrs. and Mr. Robert McLaughlin and family removed to their new home in Toronto last week.

BURLINGTON

F. Parlin wanted upon the Council to request a reduction in his pool room license fee as a hardship.

The Clerk was instructed to have a by-law passed to issue debentures for \$21,000.00 to complete erection and equipping of the new High School.

A meeting of the executive of the Burlington and District Hockey League was held on Tuesday evening, March 20.

Mr. Robert Johnston, the oldest Orangeman living in Canada to-day, celebrated his 94th birthday at his home on the Lake Shore Road on Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid Society of Knox Church intend holding an apron and bazaar on the 21st.

Mr. O. H. Koehnig has returned home from a visit with his brother in Nebraska.

A "SAFETY FIRST" PRIZE WINNER

Miss Annie Rogers, of Stelling, Col., was winner of the first prize awarded by the Highway Education Board for the best school lesson on "Safety First" submitted by an American high school teacher. The prize was \$100.00 and a trip to Washington with all expenses paid. The subject of the lesson was "Safety First" and she was given the prize for her clear and logical presentation of the subject.

LEAD CHILDREN TO NATURE

Now comes spring with her helpers, the March winds, the April showers, and the warm sun. The children can be outdoors more at this time, and love to romp with the strong March wind which sweeps across the fields. The dead leaves about. Watch for the first green shoots as they peep through the ground, and the first tiny green flowers. It is a great joy to be able to take children to keep well in the woods at this season. This is an interesting experiment. Give each child a sponge, and have him make it and place it in a saucer in a sunny window. Then sprinkle it full of ordinary mixed grass seed, or if you keep a canary and have bird seed, use that. Do not let the child what will happen, but let him watch for the changes that will come. Bring away wild stalks and branches from other bushes into a warm, sunny room, and observe the budding of the seed.

TALE OF A HOMEY HEIR

A good yarn, illustrating a certain phase of American social life, was told the other day by Miss Kitty Dunbar, from the New York Winter Garden, who is now representing in London, England.

A young man, the son of a millionaire industrial magnate out there, became enamored of a girl in the beauty chorus of a revue, and proposed marriage to her.

He was not much to look at, but as he was well off and had a hat which he had bought at a very high price, he was introduced to her future father-in-law.

"Dad," said the young man proudly, "this is my future wife. What do you think of her?"

The old man eyed the radiant vision of splendid womanhood for some sixty seconds. Then, turning to his also-glorious-looking son, he said deliberately:

"Well, my boy, I can only say that you have shown much better taste than you are used to."

WE CAN CONTROL OUR THOUGHTS

When young people offer the excuse that "cannot help their thoughts," as a rule they are perfectly sincere. They really suppose that their thoughts are like the wind, that "bloweth where it listeth," and that their part is submission. But we can help our thoughts and decide for ourselves whether we will grow better or worse.

We cannot only think the right sort of thoughts, but we can shut out the wrong sort. Impure thoughts, thoughts of envy, hate, and worry can be banished when we turn the energy of our nature into wholesome and constructive thinking.

In the world we may be more or less at the mercy of circumstances, but in our own individuality we are absolute monarchs. To say we cannot help our thoughts is to descend from the throne and cast away our crown.

WISPS OF WISDOM

Conscience warns us as a friend before punishing us as a judge. Business is like a wheelbarrow—all stands still unless it is pushed. It is a good job for some of those who ask for justice that they don't get it.

Every day is a new teacher, and arrives with fresh lessons for all who are willing to learn.

One bit of wisdom is always within our power—the keeping of our petty troubles to ourselves.

The prudent offers see that money, struggling in your fingers, is the best of your nobility's prizes.

NO TIME

Uncle Jethro sat fidgeting on the banks of a tiny rivulet, when a stranger approached him. "What are you doing here?" he asked. "I am waiting for my object," the stranger replied. "What is your object?" "My object," said Uncle Jethro, "is to show my wife I ain't got no time to be the abler."

A Financial Courtship

Romance of Investments told in Clever Short Story

CHAPTER I

When James Allen died, he left two daughters a small but comfortable home and fifty thousand dollars of life insurance. He had been a quiet, taciturn man, taking into his confidence. Not until he was buried and his will read, did anyone have the slightest idea of his possessions. He had held the position of Clerk of the Court for forty years, and had lived comfortably, educated his daughters and performed his duties as a good citizen. His wife had died four years before him. It now appeared that he had lived close to his income, saving enough each year to pay his life insurance premium, and relying on the insurance to take care of his family when he should be gone—rather a dangerous, but not unusual, policy.

He had never discussed business at home, and his daughters were absolutely ignorant of the first principles of finance. They had received the usual common school education, and were now well advanced toward middle life. Hannah, being forty-two and Mary, thirty-two.

When the first shock of the unexpected death was overcome and they found themselves thrown upon their own resources, they were staggered by the weight of the responsibility. It is true they had a comfortable home and a good fortune, but they were entirely without a legal adviser.

For the continuation of this very human story, read "A Financial Courtship," which tells what happened to the two sisters and how they got on. Send you one free, if you write for it, and mention the name of this paper. Not only you, but every adult member of your family will enjoy reading it, and it will help you as well to understand how to choose and buy good investments.

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