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EDITORIAL

Labor Not Against Prohibition

Whenever the question of prohibition is an issue the opponents are quite free in quoting the labor organizations of the country as opposed to temperance measures. This, however, is most unfair and untrue to the attitude taken by labor men generally in these later days. The President of the Building Trades' Council of the United States, says: "Gradually the influence of booze is being wiped out in the ranks of labor. All members of unions should now rally to their meetings and demand that it be wiped out entirely for the future good of themselves and the movement they are maintaining. Regardless of what may be said about prohibition, it has had its effect on the labor movement. It has been for the betterment of the union men and women. To-day the local unions, and the central bodies will vote against liquor by big majorities, where ten years ago they would have voted for it equally strong. When a man has sobered up and let it alone long enough to conquer his appetite for it, he then begins to see how disgusting and detrimental it is to those about him who continue to over-indulge. The notion has prevailed in many quarters that labor would stand behind any move to emasculate the Eighteenth Amendment. The fact is, labor is just as alive to the evils of liquor as any part of the community."

Evidence of Improving Business in Canada

Maintenance of the volume of Canadian exports, principally those to the United States, unusual activity in the lumber business, and substantial improvement in the iron and metal trades are among the favorable indications of the present time. Although much is being said regarding agricultural depression there are signs of improvement. Payments on account of indebtedness continue to be slightly better than anticipated. The reports issued during February by mortgage loan companies indicate that, taking present conditions into consideration, payments up to December 31 last were not altogether satisfactory. It may be of interest in this connection to refer to the collections made by the Soldier Settlement Board, which in the Regina district were 68.3 per cent. of the total amount due, in Saskatoon 41 per cent., and in Prince Albert 54.2 per cent. Seeing that the soldier settlers were placed on the farms at a time when stock and land commanded higher prices than at present, the results cannot but be regarded as encouraging. The margin between the savings deposits and the commercial loans of the chartered banks is widening steadily. The volume of railway traffic, of exports and of domestic trade is not diminishing, and there are no complaints of abnormal unemployment in any section of the Dominion. In addition the activity in building, mining, lumbering and manufacturing shows no signs of slackening. These are factors of a hopeful character. The following estimate of conditions by a leading commercial house of Canada respecting business conditions has much of encouragement: "Reports from various centres both in Canada and in the United States indicate that the improvement in business conditions which has been in evidence for some months past is, being satisfactorily maintained. In the latter country a tide of prosperity set in about this time last year, due mainly to the need of replenishing stocks which had been depleted during the preceding period of deflation, and to the fact that most industries had reduced their operating capital to a minimum and were obliged to increase their plant and equipment to meet the demand that had been accumulating for some time past. As a result of the first demand there has been a marked revival in many lines of business such as the textile industry, while the second demand, in conjunction with the urgent need for housing accommodation, has occasioned a phenomenal burst of activity in the building trade and in the iron and steel industry, the wholesale prices of producers' goods rising accordingly. The situation in Canada has been somewhat similar, although the economic factors have operated on a less extensive scale and did not produce clear evidence of a return of prosperity until some months after this had occurred in the case of the United States. While it may at first seem to be desirable that we should march even with our neighbor in prosperity, there is some advantage to be derived from being able to observe the course of business in the United States in time to profit by its lessons. Perhaps the most significant feature of the present situation in that country is the increase in wages which has taken place in the textile and iron and steel industries. This is of particular interest to us on account of the strong influence which labor conditions in the United States have upon those in Canada."

Who May Vote at the Provincial Elections

The present law allows the vote to every man or woman who has attained the age of 21 years at the time of voting, provided such person is a British subject. Each qualified voter must have been a resident in Canada for at least a year prior to polling, and for a period of three months in the electoral district, or in case of a city divided into two or more constituencies, a resident in the city for three months. In unorganized districts the voter must have been living in Ontario for a year, and at the time of polling be domiciled in the electoral district. Provision is made whereby persons who have moved from one electoral district to another may obtain a certificate from the revising officer which will enable them to poll their votes in the new riding. But your name must be on the voters' List.

Get Your Name on the List

Citizens of Acton! You have until Saturday, June 2, to get your names on the Voters' Lists of the town, for the Provincial election to be held on June 25, if you are not already enrolled, and are a resident of Acton. A large number of names are not on the Voters' Lists. If you desire to see your franchise at the coming election, forward your appeal to have your name placed on the list immediately, to the Municipal Clerk. The lists may be seen in the Clerk's office. The onus of responsibility is placed upon the elector and no person may have his or her name placed on the lists after the final sitting of the Court of Revision, nor can anyone vote whose name is not on the list, whether otherwise qualified or not. Your attention is brought to this fact in order that no one may have a complaint on the day of election. See the lists immediately and govern yourself accordingly. Every citizen, resident for three months in Acton, has a right to vote and should see that his or her name is on the list.

Acton's Proposed Jubilee Celebration

Owing to the apathy of the Municipal Council in organizing for the proposed Jubilee Celebration, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Acton's incorporation, this historical event in local annals is likely to fall through. Nearly two months ago the Council took up the matter and fixed the dates for the Jubilee Celebration as June 30 and July 1 and 2. A meeting of citizens was called a week later for the purpose of organizing for the event. About a dozen citizens attended, but neither the Reeve nor members of the Council, with one exception, appeared to present any plans for organization. The citizens, after waiting until nearly nine o'clock without the executive officers who had called the meeting, putting in an appearance, naturally dispersely informally. The Council has since been exhorted from these columns from week to week to take the matter up in earnest and appoint committees of citizens to further plans for a successful celebration. Up to this date nothing has been done. There is still time, with prompt action, to arrange for a successful celebration, which our citizens, and the hundreds of visitors sure to attend, if invited to do so, would greatly enjoy. Unless organization to accomplish this is effected at once, however, the matter might better be dropped altogether. Our citizens are prepared to do their part to accomplish a memorable celebration, but they must have active and intelligent leadership, and the members of the Council are our official leaders, and especially in a matter so vitally related to the organization of the municipality.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A lot of people will vote for the man that appeals to their fancy most, and care very little what political party is in power. And so it goes.—Milton Reformer.

Some newspapers unfriendly to the Government are talking of the Premier's $9,000 salary, but they neglect to state that as soon as he entered office Mr. Drury himself reduced the salary of the Premier by several thousand dollars.

Do not overlook the importance of the prohibition question in all the bustle of the election. This topic will continue to concern every home in the Province, no matter who may win. But it will be for the benefit of every home if temperance men are elected.

The period of the limited, partial and partisan newspaper has passed. Independence of judgment is the hallmark of the new generation of Canadian citizens and it is only natural that the newspaper should follow this attitude in relation to public and political affairs.

About 600 Quebec automobile drivers are on the blacklist, and deprived of the right to operate cars for a year. A year or two of that policy, and jay-driving will not be conspicuous in Quebec. Ontario will have to come to the same system shortly.—Mail and Empire.

While people generally enjoy stories of the past, it is nevertheless true that no one makes a success who loses sight of the fact that he is really living in the present tense. Those who spend all their time and energy in day dreams or retrospection, are not likely to make much of life. We cannot live to-day and obtain desirable results without taking to-morrow into account.

Presbyterians all over the Dominion are much interested in the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Port Arthur, commencing June 6. This Assembly will decide the future of the movement for church union in Canada, which has been slowly progressing to its consummation for the past twenty years, namely the coming together of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches to constitute the United Church of Canada.

The Vermont Issue, in commenting upon the difference in administration of law in Canada and the United States, tells this incident and adds a salient comment: "An Indian is found dead in the Hudson Bay country. The coroner says, "Poison booze." They bury the Indian. Is that the end of it? Not much! The Royal Canadian Mounted Police call in Sergeant Fred Syme and tell him to go get the bootlegger. The chase lasts 1,500 miles. Syme "gets his man." The suspects awaits trial. Can you imagine American police chasing a wood alcohol bootlegger 1,500 miles? Murder is murder in Canada, whether the instrument of death is a pistol or poison hooch."

HUMOR IN TRANSFORMED TITLES

The recent observance throughout the country of Children's Book Week at the instance of the American Library Association has naturally led to the telling and retelling of the experiences of librarians in dealing with childish patrons. Some of the funniest mistakes that children make are so natural that they recur again and again. The demand for "Three Mosquitoes" (pronounced "skeeters" of course) by Dumas is a perennial source of joy. Young America is all too familiar with mosquitoes, and whether or not it supposes that musketeers are an aerial force of the same nature, it frequently pronounces the name as if it did.

Books that take their titles from proper names of places, heroes, or heroines undergo some odd transformations. The boy who wanted "Iron Hole" received Ivanhoe after little delay; the girl who asked for "Martha Fuzzywitch" would scarcely have had to wait long even if she had not thought to add "by Charles Dickens," whereupon she was promptly handed Martin Chuzzlewit. "Robin Caruso"—melodious combination—was readily interpreted when inquired for by a small son of sunny Italy who was not yet familiar with Crusoe and his man Friday, but who was quite familiar with the name of his famous fellow countryman. "A Sick Family's Robinson" (Claude the Swiss Family Robinson) was quickly guessed to mean our old friend the Swiss Family Robinson. Nor did it take much thought to translate "Several on a Peak" into Peveril of the Peak; and the young reader may have been no less satisfied with his choice, even though it proved not to be the tale of mountaineering adventure he doubtless expected.

But it took a clever librarian to discover in "Danny de Wonder" that serious scan of English literature, Daniel Deronda, and after the discovery was made to explain convincingly to the youngster who had asked for it that he could not possibly want it. He had changed to hear an adored teacher, who was also an athlete, mention it to another teacher as a highly interesting book; and he had naturally assumed that the interesting Danny was a wonder in some form of athletics.

"I thought most like he was a pitcher," he admitted sorrowfully, "but it wouldn't of jolted me none if he'd played football, or wrestled, or been an all-round star at a track meet, or raced a car, or flew a machine; most any kind of wonder would have suited me all right. But if he ain't a wonder at all, and his name ain't Danny, he ain't the boy I thought he was, and I sure don't want him. Gimme Huckleberry Finn instead."

FLEXIBILITY AND FIRMNESS

Flexibility of mind, firmness of character—that is the winning combination. But the two are not often found in combination. The man of flexible mind is likely to be of yielding or unstable character; the man of firm character is likely to be inelastic of mind.

Most people eventually become aware of their serious faults. The man who is obstinate learns that one of his troubles is obstinacy; the man who is too yielding learns that one of his troubles is lack of firmness. If with his lack of firmness there is no lack of intelligence, he should be able to overcome his failing. He should understand that he can be attentive to the opinions and wishes of others without being too much swayed by them; that he can be tolerant of the points of view of others without adopting them as his own; that he can alter his attitude when he finds he has been wrong without sacrificing any fundamental principles. Often a man's weakness is a consequence of his ready receptivity of mind; he is easily fascinated with the ideas of others, and he is too generously disposed toward them. He can discipline himself to be hospitable to argument without sacrificing his own convictions. It is more difficult for the man who is inelastic of mind to acquire flexibility. In fact, he usually does not want to acquire it. His inelasticity is partly owing to the belief that to be firm you must be inflexible; he regards inflexibility as one of the sterner virtues—all the more a virtue because it is stern! Yes; he knows that he is regarded as obstinate, and that his reputation for obstinacy is injurious, but in each specific instance when he might to advantage show some openness, or flexibility of mind, he is likely only to see an occasion for the manifestation of firmness or positiveness.

On the whole there is only one person in the world toward whom it is safe to be always inflexible, and that is yourself.

HEADED FOR THE JUNK PILE

The used car junk man is going to have his innings yet!

That will come when there are more automobiles than are needed to accommodate the population. In other words, when the automobile market will be saturated.

Some authorities put this saturation point at 20,000,000. There are 12,500,000 motor vehicles in use to-day. At the present rate of increase the 20,000,000 mark ought to be reached in less than five years.

Since 1899, statisticians say 3,000,000 cars have been junked out of a total production of more than 16,000,000. But this is low compared with the added annual production of motor cars.

COURAGE

A distinction is often drawn, and usually with some unfairness, between moral courage and physical courage. Sometimes perhaps a person is so unimaginative or insensitive as not to be aware of any particular risk or danger to himself in the brave act that he performs, and there may be some reason for making a distinction between moral courage and physical courage, though there might be even more reason for arguing that the act did not really reveal courage at all. But the degree to which people are imaginative or sensitive can never be determined; and when a man tries to stop a runaway horse or goes into a burning building to rescue a child or plunges into a deep and swift current to save a drowning person, it is reasonable to assume that he has some conception of the hazards of the undertaking. And it is hard to see why such an act or any other act that requires physical courage does not imply moral courage as well. For what is moral courage if it is not the fulfilment of the teaching that a man must sacrifice himself, his own interests, in defense of what he instinctively feels to be right?

It is true that there are instances of men who have shown great personal heroism in risking their lives for others and who yet have dishonored themselves by stealing or cheating or in other ways. The moral courage that enabled them to meet successfully the sudden test was not of the fibre that could withstand disintegrating processes, such as continuous hardship or temptation. On the other hand, persons credited rightly enough with moral courage because of their resolution and steadfastness under severe trial have sometimes shrunk from enterprises that carried the risk of physical injury or suffering and that they would otherwise have entered upon.

Perhaps there are not many people whose courage is equally good in responding to the quick sharp call and the long hard haul. It takes all kinds of brave people to make a world.

THE NEED FOR GREEN FEED

Green feed, in some form, constitutes an essential part of any well balanced poultry ration, whether for young chicks, growing stock or adult birds.

The modern tendency is to give a somewhat narrow ration containing protein in a highly concentrated form. This is particularly true with regard to poultry kept in confinement and fed heavily for egg production, as are a large proportion of the birds on our Canadian farms during at least five months of the year. A liberal supply of green feed minimizes the dangers of this system by adding both bulk and variety to the ration, and at the same time replaces a certain quantity of grain.

Green feed is valuable, not only for its succulence, which makes it palatable to poultry, but also because it contains mineral matter, including nutritive constituents, necessary to sustain life, promote growth, and assure reproduction. Foremost among these constituents are the vitamines, the absence of which from any ration, whether for humans, animals or birds, will ultimately prove fatal.

Therefore it behoves every poultry keeper, whether backyarder, specialist, or farmer, to make provision for an ample supply of green feed, in some form, and in view of the shortness of our growing season, and the late spring experienced this year, no time should be lost.

Green feed may be divided into two kinds, that intended for immediate consumption, and that which is to be held for winter use. Certain varieties however, are grown for both purposes, being particularly true of grasses and leguminous plants.

Among the green feeds which are to be used as soon as grown, rape holds first place by reason of its quick growth, palatability and value for cleaning and freshening the yards. The best variety is Dwarf Essex and it should be sown broadcast. Under normal weather conditions it is ready for grazing from five to six weeks after being sown.

Alfalfa makes excellent green feed for growing stock, and when cured is valuable for winter feeding. It has the added advantage of being able to withstand prolonged drought. The favorite varieties are Grimm and Turkestan.

Mangels or sugar beets form the bulk of the green feed for winter use; they are easily harvested, keep well, and generally crop well. The Mammoth Long Red or Gate Post varieties are preferable, as they contain a higher percentage of dry matter. Mangels should not be fed immediately after being harvested, as when very fresh they might cause bowel troubles.

The Jerusalem Artichoke, and especially the Mammoth French White, deserves more attention from poultrymen. Extremely hardy and prolific, it can be grown almost anywhere and under any conditions. The green shoots form abundant shade and succulent feed for growing stock, the closeness of the foliage helps to choke out weeds, while the tubers keep well, as relished for winter feed for laying hens and early spring feed for little chicks.

Details regarding methods and time for planting all the above mentioned kinds of green feed will be found in bulletins 87 and 88 (second series) and pamphlet 23, which may be obtained free from the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont.—W. W. Lee, Poultry Husbandman, Central Experimental Farm.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

A perfectly satisfied world would be a very poor world to grow in. Desire lures us, need drives us forward, and humanity has developed because of what it lacked as surely as because of what it possessed.

Times of general calamity and confusion have ever been productive of the greatest minds. The purest ore is from the hottest furnace, and the brightest thunderbolt from the darkest cloud.—Colton.

We never get the best out of people so long as we treat them as a mob, ignoring the unique interest and value of each individual.—Richard Cabot.

No man ever lived a right life who had not been chastened by a woman's love, strengthened by her courage and guided by her discretion.—Ruskin.

"I search and search, and when I find I lay
The wisdom up against a rainy day."
—Horace.

We find little in a book but what we put there. But in great books the mind finds room to put many things.—Joubert.

Humanity is indeed a happy lot when we can repeat ourselves in others, and still be young as they.—Dickens.

Nothing so good as a university education, nor worse than a university without its education.—Bulwer.

The first forty years of life furnish the text, the remaining thirty the commentary.—Schopenhauer.

True friendship has its demands. Those who cast a friend aside for a chance word, or trifling misunderstanding, prove that their friendship was little more than a name."

HIS MOTHER'S SON

A good deal was written about the late Lord Northcliffe, proprietor of the London Times, but not of his devotion to his mother who at 84 was still living at Totteridge, as much interested in her brilliant son as when he started out as a little boy. Lord Northcliffe made a point of spending one night every week with her when in Britain. He was merely the boy come home again when he was with his mother, the eldest of her 14 children. Every day wherever he was he always telephoned or telegraphed to his mother.

SUCCESS AND ITS RECOGNITION

A raise of salary is not the same thing as success. At the best it is only a recognition of success, and sometimes it is not that. The young man whose salary is raised because his grandfather is head of the firm may be anything but a success, and the salary make no difference. When you aim for success do not confuse it with its financial rewards. It would not be to your credit to bend every energy to getting twice as much money as you are earning now, but it would be very much to your credit to strive to be worth twice as much as you are at present.

One important reason for making this distinction is that it makes you independent of other people. Your success is not dependent on their recognition. To be a first-class worker on a small salary is success, while to be an unsatisfactory worker on a large salary is failure.

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