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EDITORIAL

Canada's Worth Will be in Evidence
Canada will be well in evidence in London, England, next year. The Canadian exhibit at the British Empire Exhibition, to be held in London from April 20 to October 31, 1924, is to be financed, controlled and directed by the Federal Government of Canada. The estimated cost is \$1,000,000. The two chief railways, the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific, are planning exhibits on adjoining sites, each with a floor space of 10,000 feet. The money outlay will be well spent. Millions of visitors to the exhibition from all over the empire, and beyond, will have the opportunity of viewing at close range Canada's resources and manufactured products.

Ontario Temperance Act in Halton
The report of the Board of License Commissioners for Ontario on the operation of the Ontario Temperance Act for 1922, has just been issued and contains interesting information. During the year there were 3,071 convictions and 677 cases dismissed in the Province; while for the previous year there were 4,112 convictions, and 908 dismissals. There were 31 convictions against holders of Standard Hotel Licenses. In Halton county last year there were sixty-five convictions for infractions of the Ontario Temperance Act. Four convictions were made against holders of Standard Hotel Licenses. The sum of \$2,255 was paid in fines to the Province, and \$3,886.75 to the municipalities of the county, as follows: Acton, \$75; Burlington, \$1,683.75; Georgetown, \$340.00; Milton, \$1,015.00; Oakville, \$2,773.00. In 1912 there were 12 commitments to jail for drunkenness in Halton; in 1922 there were none. In 1912 there were 389 commitments for all offences; in 1922 there were 100. It is very evident that beneficial results have followed the introduction of prohibition in Halton county.

Candidates "Hunting in Pairs"
A new phase of electioneering has developed in the present campaign. It is stated that while canvassing the men in one of our manufacturing establishments last week Mr. Hillmer would solicit the vote of an elector in his suave and persuasive manner, and when he met any hesitation on the part of the man he was buttonholing, he would conclude with this appeal: "Well, if you can't vote for me, give your vote for Mr. Dale." His most enthusiastic followers make no secret of this new plan of "hunting in pairs." On Saturday an old-time Tory, noted for his vociferous and outspoken utterances in season and out of season, was seen cajoling an elector on the street near the post office, on how he should mark his ballot, when he burst out with the appeal, "Well, anyway, if you won't vote for Hillmer, vote for Dale; anything to beat this man Drury; anything to get him out of the way." His impassioned appeal apparently had as little influence as usual, however, for the man went off laughing, and was seen a moment later rehearsing the incident to a group of farmers down the street. This new method of hunting in pairs fails to impress the average thinking elector very favorably.

The Prophecies of the Leaders
Politicians naturally indulge in prophecy in regard to the outcome of an approaching election. The leaders are as adept in this as their supporters. Speaking at London the other day, Hon. Howard Ferguson, leader of the Conservatives, prophesied the return of twenty-five candidates of his party in the south-western ridings on June 23. In the last Legislature the Conservatives held only three seats from that part of the Province—Huron North, Wellington South and Simcoe West. The rest of the twenty-five Conservatives in the House at dissolution were drawn from the traditionally Conservative district of Toronto and its neighborhood, and from the east and north-west ends of the Province. Mr. Ferguson apparently anticipates as a result of his observations on his present tour of South-western Ontario, a heavy reversion of support from United Farmer allegiance—which was strong from that part of the Province in the last House—to old party standards, especially to the Conservative side of the fence. Wellington Hay, the Liberal leader, as well as other prominent Liberal supporters, are equally positive in their expressed expectations of a turn of the tide in this Province from what they call class or occupational government. On the other hand, Premier Drury, speaking at Peterboro, expressed high confidence that the Government would be returned with as many or more straight supporters in the next Legislature as in the last. The election of the 25th inst. will prove which is the best guess of the leaders.

Now, and Then
It is regarded as rather remarkable by the electors of the Province to observe how strenuously the leaders, and nearly all their followers, in all the parties, proclaim their adherence to the Ontario Temperance Act, and intention to see it enforced, in the present election campaign. There is a marked contrast between their present attitude and the position taken whenever the Act was under discussion in the Legislature.

Must Obey Canada's Laws—and All of Them
"You and your countrymen must obey our laws or leave the country, whichever suits you best, and your children must go to school," declared Mr. Justice Murphy at Vancouver last week, in sentencing Sant Cheranoff, a Doukhobor, to three years in the penitentiary for attempting to burn a schoolhouse near Grand Forks, B. C., in March last. When people make Canada their home they must decide to be amenable to our laws: the statutes of Canada, and the laws of our Provinces, have been enacted for the benefit and protection of the people who live in this country and they must all be obeyed. Violations of any of them are followed by penalties or punishments.

Paying Our War Bills
While there is need for simplification and avoidance of duplication in tax collecting machinery, there is little hope of a lightening of the total tax burdens of this country for many years to come. Indebtedness incurred during the war has made a reduction of taxation impossible between now and the comparatively remote future. Rather may we expect an increase in the total levies even if no considerable responsibilities in the way of new public undertakings are assumed. The quite general belief that we were paying for the war while the war was in progress is wholly without basis in fact. Indeed we have not yet so much as begun to pay the capital cost of the operations carried on overseas during four long years.—Farmers' Sun.

It Was Really Only Skim Milk
A paragraph in the Toronto Telegram's report of Mr. Hillmer's meeting in Acton last Friday evening says: "Mrs. McNiven moved the audience to laughter, applause and cheers that died down and rose again, as she epitomized his (Mr. Drury's) speech in the words, 'Why, you wouldn't think there was enough pulp in it to get out THE ARTON FREE PRESS.' The cream of this remark was the fact that H. P. Moore, an appointee of the U. F. O. Government, is proprietor of THE ARTON FREE PRESS." The Telegram reporter's gratuitous addition to what Mrs. McNiven said is far-fetched and aside from the truth. The fact of the matter is that H. P. Moore was appointed a Magistrate by the Government of Sir James Whitney. The Government of the Hon. E. C. Drury extended his jurisdiction under the act respecting Magistrates of 1922. The remark of the Telegram therefore resolves itself into very blue skim milk.

EDITORIAL NOTES
Premier Drury's majority in Halton, on the occasion of his election in 1910, was 2,308. And that was before the women had the franchise.
What is the matter with that 2c postage rate that we were led to believe would prevail as soon as the Budget speech was delivered? It is time this war-time burden was removed.—Newmarket Era.

KEEP SWEET DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. There is some good in each of the candidates, their policies and their parties. Remember we have to live together and do business together after the elections are over.
This is nomination day for the general elections for the Legislature. The candidates, Premier Drury, Reeve Hillmer, of Oakville, and Mayor Dale, of Georgetown, will make their official bow to the elector at the nomination meeting at Milton this afternoon.

Under the new redistribution of seats for the Dominion House, a change will be made in Halton county. It is proposed to add Puslinch township to Halton. It no doubt Dr. Anderson, M.P., the sitting member, will put up a strong kick to keep Halton intact.—Burlington Gazette.
Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, of the British House of Commons, announced last week that the Government is ready to grant facilities to Lady Astor's bill, providing for prohibition of the sale of intoxicants to persons under eighteen years of age. This ensures adoption of the measure at the present session. This is a step forward for the Old Land.

Vilification of Premier Drury and his colleagues in Liberal and Conservative newspapers must be accepted as part of the game. It has always been played that way. Ontario farmers, however, will know how to react to the insult some of the party journals indulge in.—Farmers' Sun.

And now we shall have with us again that peculiar individual who "takes no interest in politics, it's too rotten," but is always kicking and growling about the country going to the dogs. The man who doesn't take an interest in politics is not much of a patriot. People usually get the kind of government they deserve.—Renfrew Mercury.
The authorities throughout the Province, both municipal and provincial, are taking steps to stop the speeding craze of some motorists. Magistrates are imposing severer penalties on car drivers who make trouble by their recklessness in speed and handling the wheel. All should slow down where there's danger or congestion of traffic. This may save many regrets later on.

If one can judge by the stand taken by the political leaders in the present campaign, notwithstanding the continual criticism heard in the past of the Ontario Temperance Act, the Act must have the endorsement and support of the great majority of the people of the Province, or it would be receiving criticism from some of the party leaders. The question of its enforcement is another matter; but all the party leaders are maintaining that it will be best enforced under their administration, so if one can believe all that is preached from the political platform there is no increased hope for the opponents of the Ontario Temperance Act.—Dundas Star.

RIDDLES

Why is a bee like a bad potato? Because a bee-hive is a bee-holder and a potato is a potato-holder.
What is it that has a head and cannot think, one leg and cannot walk, a pin, of course.
Why did they call his roadster "Robin"? Because it crashed (now on).

THE SINGING WIRES

Most of you have wondered at the curious "singing" of the telegraph and telephone wires often heard along the quiet country roads. Professor Field of the University of Ottawa suggests that the noises are due to vibrations transmitted to the wires by the earth, which receive them from the earth, and that they are the results of earth vibrations identical with those that the seismograph, or earthquake-detector, records. The "song of the wires," Professor Field adds, "is the song of the barometer; if it is low, a change in the weather may come in two days; if sharp, it may be immediate."

WOOD AND RE-ENFORCED CONCRETE

It has been found that under certain conditions wood is a good substitute for the iron rods used to strengthen concrete beams. Cement combines as well with wood as with iron, and the cement coating effectively protects the wood from decay. It is believed that by using nine per cent of pitch-plan for re-enforcement, it is possible to make a concrete beam as strong as one that is re-enforced in the ordinary way with one per cent of steel.
A wise man's day is worth a fool's life.—Arahan.

THE KING'S PYJAMAS

It was spending the night, writes a contributor on the big Ottawa as she lay alongside her pier, awaiting her day of sailing. "Captain Wakenman brought back a pair of pyjamas with purple and white stripes; they were so glaring that I could not resist commenting on them. 'They're the pair that can beat these,' I remarked, thinking of an officer we both know on another ship, 'belong to Combs.' 'Did he lend you those?' Captain Wakenman asked in astonishment. 'If Combs let you use them, you should feel highly honored.' 'And pray why?' I asked. 'Why? Didn't you know that those pyjamas were believed to be King George's?' And Captain Wakenman told me the story how Combs happened to have the King's pyjamas. It seems that during the war Combs had been taken off the bridge of his merchant ship to command a "Q" boat, an old crock that floated about the Channel to lure submarines. The idea was to catch the Germans thinking that they had an unarmed ship, which, in reality, the "Q" boat carried a hidden gun. Further to fool the Hun, a blond of German appearance, always quieted the "Q" boat on sighting a submarine, leaving some one behind to work the gun. One day a submarine came upon Combs's old crock and began to shoot. The boat was hit and sank, but Combs had stayed behind. While he was lying flat on a hatch cover watching the Germans, a shell passed into the hold beneath him and started a fire. If he should rise the Germans would see him and gun him down. So he lay there on the hatch cover, with the smoke coming up round him; lay there knowing that the burning ammunition in the hold surely exploded, "his chances of living being so slim. The explosion came in a few minutes, and Combs and the hatch cover went into the air, a streak of good fortune he came down on the deck of his boat; he was badly hurt but still alive. For months he was in a hospital. The day that he was discharged from it he was ordered to report at once to the Admiralty in London. He had on an old raincoat at the time, and the rest of his clothes were the worse for wear. The Admiralty saw him at once to Handingham, where King George's motor car met him and took him to the palace. And, wearing the old raincoat, Combs received the Victoria Cross from his King. Then the King and Queen showed themselves to the true democrats, they refused to let him return to London that night. The King loaned him his own pyjamas—green and blue striped, which Captain Wakenman had loaned me—and Combs, though he was grateful, said that he simply had to "twip" them.

THE FLOWER GARDEN IN SPRING

To all lovers of flowers the garden in spring is a most enjoyable place: here one meets old friends among the spring flowers, and the new ones, perhaps, one has watched the development of for years. In many gardens, however, there is a dearth of spring flowers, but, as there are so many hardy desirable plants, this could be easily remedied if there is the desire to do so.
As soon as the snow is gone one may have the Snowdrop, Snowflake, Crocus, Chionodoxa, and Scilla among bulbs, soon to be followed by the Daffodils and Tulips, Hardy Primulas soon mingle with the bulbs as do the Iceland Poppy, Trillium, Trollius, Doronicum, Epimedium, and other hardy flowers where there are no flowers. As one looks at the garden as it now is one can picture how it would be improved. If in another year, there were flowers where there are no flowers now, where yellow red or white would add to the general effect, where early growing plants for a tall plant would improve the appearance of the border. As one is liable to forget these things after the spring has gone, a good plan is to write on a label or small piece of wood the kind of plant which is desired in each place where improvement can be made; then when the proper time for planting arrives, if such a plant is put there, it will not be long before there will be a marked improvement in the garden in spring, and this method can be followed with good results for the whole season.

APPEARANCES DECEIVE

Andy carried the mail to a neighboring village in a small one-seated wagon. One day, there having been a death in his route, he was bringing the casket for the burial, and also had a lady passenger. There was no place to accommodate her except the top of the casket; so Andy started out with his passenger seated thereon. Before long he was hailed by a man with a gun. "Hi, there, Andy! The corpse is out!"

THE POOR PRINTER

The year's price for inkless typewriting is awarded without debate to the person responsible for the following in a New York daily: "The Government is interesting itself in a powderless plan said to be capable of remaining in the air indefinitely."—Detroit News.

HAVE YOU THE COURAGE?

To meet failure and obstacles on every hand
To meet your enemies with love for hate
To meet adversity towards your goal with a serene mind when you know that others ridicule and consider you a failure?
To remain in obscurity to support a parent, or a helpless sister or brother, when you have the consciousness of the ability to do big things?
To bear the blame which belongs to another, because you do not want to bring pain to others?
To speak the truth when a lie would help you out of a difficulty?
To forgo extravagant luxuries so that you may provide for the future welfare of those dependent upon you?

QUITE RIGHT

It was Bertie's first day at school, and the teacher said to him: "Well, Bertie, and do you know your alphabet?" "Y-es, teacher, I think so," said Bertie nervously. "Well, what comes after AT" asked the teacher. "All the others!" said the little boy quickly.

SO-ILL HE COULD NOT LEAVE THE HOUSE

Mrs. W. Arnold, of Mt. Hamilton, Ont., tells of the wonderful results obtained through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Her husband had been ill for years. Stomach troubles, indigestion, gas, flatulence, and the resulting constipation and sluggish liver, persisting throughout several years, had brought W. Arnold, of East 123rd Street, had Hamilton, Ont., to such a condition that he had not been able to leave the house for some time. He had dizzy spells and all those other warning symptoms and they responded to no treatment administered. "We had almost given up hope of finding anything to restore his health," says his wife, "and then came Dr. Drow's bottles and he is like a new man." Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are enthusiastic over the results, but there is the same story that is told by every user of Drow's.

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