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EDITORIAL

Prohibition in India

India is becoming awakened to the evils of the liquor traffic and is taking legal action to curtail its spread. In an instructive address in Deer Park Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last Sunday, Prof. Masah, from Central India, referred to the growth of prohibition sentiment in India. Since coming to Canada he had received news to the effect that two of the native States had enacted total prohibition of intoxicating liquors. In one Legislature the native members had recently put forward a measure for total prohibition, but their bill had been thrown out, owing to the opposition of the British members. This is not very complimentary surely to the British legislators in India.

Better Regulation of Automobile Traffic

Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, has announced that next session of the Legislature a bill will be introduced providing for better regulation of automobile traffic on the highways, especially for putting a check on excessive speeding. It is also suggested that Mr. Henry re-introduce his bill, turned down last session by the U. F. O. members, providing that all vehicles must carry lights at night. Mr. Henry believes that the time has come for the people of the Province to realize that the highways are public investments and must be sanely used. Something must be done for the restoration of sanity, if this be possible. Ontario has a very bad reputation for automobile accidents. Practically all the accidents could be avoided if motor drivers exercised more care and less speed in driving at intersections and approaching railway crossings, and if children were not allowed to play on the streets.

Wide-Reach and Commendable Reciprocity

The decision of seven of the largest electric companies in Canada to pool all their patents for the common good is a very important step in the interests of scientific invention and discovery. The companies interested are The Canadian General Electric Co., The Marconi Wireless Co. of Canada, The Canadian Westinghouse, The Bell Telephone, The Northern Electric and The International Western Electric Co. The agreement just announced is for the life of all existing patents and also covers future patents and applications for patents. It is impossible to estimate the value of this combination as it overcomes litigation that might be involved in the use of patents, formerly held exclusively by any one company. The agreement also provides for a traffic arrangement between The Bell Telephone Co. and The Marconi Company for mutual interchange of part wire and part wireless messages. By this combination a telephone subscriber—when arrangements are completed—will be able to speak by wire to the nearest Land Station of The Marconi Company and then by wireless to a passenger on an Atlantic liner, lake boat or even a moving train. In the process of time subscribers here may also be able to telephone subscribers in England or on the continent.

"Mother's Job"

The following article, which appeared in Saturday's Globe, is worthy a place in the columns of newspapers everywhere. It illustrates in very practical and feasible manner how mother may be a very queen to her children, and keep them from moral and physical harm: "Mother's Job." Keeping the children off the street is the mother's office. To do it she must plan as well as watch and pray. If the home is her own it is not so hard. She can make a playground of the backyard. But what about a vegetable garden? you ask. Here is Mrs. Sytem's way of doing: "May I tell you," she writes, "of the benefit our yard is to my family? It is small—35 by 25—but it holds an apple tree, pear tree, plum tree and cherry tree, and a grape vine covers the little garage in the corner. The trees make a lovely shade for the little ones, and there is a sandpile and a swing. The children of the neighborhood appropriate a good half of the fruit, but I manage to get enough for home use. My yard is hedged in with bloom. Since the iris bloomed last spring I've never been without flowers—pinks, hollyhocks, golden glow, peonies, climbing roses, zinnias, asters, petunias—and my parrots had been a thing a beauty, as has the pink rhubarb at the end of the kitchen. If I had more space I'd have a fir tree to cheer me with its greenness the year round, and a magnolia to come blooming of summer with its soft, white blossoms; but, after all, a fruit tree, any tree in fact, is a thing of beauty, and a tree to children—most important of all—since no child is safe on our big busy streets. We must safeguard the children. This is our job."

The Rural Mail Carriers' Reasonable Request

After years of experience which has been unprofitable, and unprofitable to many, the rural mail contractors are asking for the abolition of the contract system and the establishment of a salary basis at the uniform rate of \$70 per mile per year. The position of these public servants is such that their petition on the basis suggested should be seriously considered.

Canada Helping in Japan's Distress

Canada will gladly do her quota in contributing to the relief of the sufferers from the great Japan earthquake. Supplies are being rushed to the stricken area by the Canadian Government for relief of the tens of thousands of victims of the recent earthquake, fires and floods in Tokio and Yokohama. Large quantities of foodstuffs have been purchased by the Department of Trade and Commerce, a considerable part of which is canned milk. Lumber and other materials are also being sent. The Canadian Red Cross Society is arranging to send large consignments of essential goods at the earliest possible moment. Throughout Canada the people are organizing to help Japan in its time of serious need.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One reason why the price of coal can't be lowered is because coal isn't produced by farmers.—Kingston Whig. That's true. The poor farmer has to take what is offered for his products when he is ready to market them.

"High School crowded," says the Newmarket Express. "School is overcrowded," adds the Alliston Herald. So goes the tale. The greater the cost of education the greater the number desiring to attend school. But another evidence of the perversity of human nature.—Collingwood Bulletin.

Canada now occupies the proud and gratifying position of being in a very large measure the granary of the world. During the last grain year, from September 1 to August 31, more than one-third of a billion dollars was paid for produce from Canada's grain farms by outside countries.

Canadian apples are taking a very gratifying place in the English markets. Apples are reaching the market in good condition, are looked upon with favor, and are bringing fine prices. If Canada gets the apple market as she has the wheat market it will mean much to the growers in this country.

Ontario is to have another city early next year, if the plans of the Town Council of Oshawa materialize. The population of that town is now in excess of 15,000, and the citizens are with the Council in the desire to incorporate. Steps have been taken to effect formal separation from the county as soon as legal permission is granted.

The very gratifying statement that there was nearly \$160,000,000 increase in the total trade of Canada for the first five months of the current fiscal year is shown in returns made by the Department of Customs and Excise, a few days ago. The betterment was larger in imports than in exports, but was great in both. Canada is certainly not marking time these days.

For some unknown or unexplained reason the price of sugar is mounting up to unreasonable heights. The sugar gamblers are evidently getting in their fine work on consumers again. It would seem to be about time that such a standard production got down to a reasonable figure and remained there. Wheat, on the other hand, has got down to too low a price and stays there.

The big fair at Toronto this fall won much favor with the exhibitors from the Old Country. The enthusiastic are the British exhibitors over the results of their united venture at the Exhibition that upon their return to England they will revive the movement which has for its objective the erection of a "Produced-in-Great Britain" Building at the Canadian National Exhibition for future exhibits.

As long as the automobile can run practically as fast as the railway trains, the motor car will be given the preference. But once the railways can land passengers at their destination in about half the time it would require to go by motor car, they will get back much of the passenger traffic they have lost. Electric locomotives would make this possible. Why not electrify the railways?—Orillia Packet.

Sir Harry Lauder, speaking not long ago of his recent tour in America, which country, he said, he had visited annually for the last twelve or thirteen years, stated his impressions regarding prohibition in the United States. The famous entertainer emphatically declared that it was a glorious success. He was of opinion that prohibition had come to stay in America, and that it would result in great good in every way.—Presbyterian Witness.

Does prohibition prohibit? In the first six months of 1921, Britain and Ireland exported 384,533 proof gallons of spirits to "wet" Australia; in the same period of 1922, 532,060 gallons; and of 1923, 603,516 gallons; an increase of over 50 per cent. In the same period there were sent to comparatively "dry" Canada the following quantities: 736,611 gallons in 1921; 430,816 gallons in 1922; and 396,270 gallons in 1923, or a reduction of nearly 50 per cent.

The Picton Gazette is now in the control of Mr. A. E. Calnan, who has been managing director of the Gazette since April, 1912, and has held a controlling interest since 1916. He has now secured the entire control by purchasing the interests of Robert Davidson, who has since the inception of the Company been its President. Mr. Calnan has associated with him his son, Mr. L. B. Calnan, a young man of considerable experience in newspaper work. The Gazette is one of the most enterprising and best conducted newspapers in Eastern Ontario.

SUMMER SONG

The years go singing on their way,
The years of sun and showers,
The years of winter, bleak and gray,
The years of flowers.
When Springtime hums her tender song,
She tunes all hearts to laughter;
The robin calls the feathered throng
To come and sing together.
The buds upon the pine
And larch grow greener with each morning;
The armies of the grass
March; "summers end" they sing.
The autumn's song is ever sad,
Her golden days are fleeting;
But Summer comes with roses clad,
The suns who shine are sweetest.
She lures the artist from his brush,
The writer from his pen;
"Brother, hush! my songs will ring for aye."
And though your colors fade and die,
With mine to mourn their going,
See, yonder in the western sky
My hues are freshly glowing!
Her song is all of sweet perfume
From low meadows gay with clover of bandits
Beneath the blooms where honey's
Dripping over; of little brooks that
Laughing pass beneath the bending
Willows and whisper to the waving
Grass their dreams of ocean billows.

PUTTING HIS FOOT IN IT

Johnny, having reached his teens, was invited out to dinner without his parents. An anxious mother told him to be careful about his manners and to speak in complimentary terms of the food served him. After he had started the soup he remarked: "This is pretty good soup, what there is of it." He was greatly disappointed to observe a frown on the face of his hostess and he hastened to remark in a blunderly manner: "And there's plenty of it—such as it is."

FAMOUS CANADIANS

Sophy: "And you study about all famous engineers."
Benor: "Oh, yes."
Sophy: "Well, tell me about this man that I'm reading whose name I see on all new machinery."

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EAGER TO COME TO CANADA
This photograph was taken at the European head office of the Canadian Pacific Railway in London, England, and shows a number of men who were induced by the special harvesters' rate to make further enquiries with a view to coming within the Canadian immigrant class in years, were recruited by the Canadian Pacific, and the lack of steamship accommodation necessitated the closing of the doors against almost as many more.

HER LITTLE WAY

Pretty little Eggy had been studying medicine, and although she did not make much actual progress at the well with the lectures, for she had what is called "a way with her." Whenever she was asked a question she would not answer, she would smile in a most appealing way. When the examination came along she was entirely successful.
"Now, Miss Smith," said the examiner, "tell me how you would treat a case of typhoid."
"Well, sir," was the hesitating reply, "I should er—"
"Yes, yes!" said the professor impatiently, "go on."
"—I— Then with a rush, "I should call you in for consultation."
She passed with honors.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

Little Dorothy had been presented with a small candy cat by her aunt and it furnished amusement for nearly a week. "One day it was missing, however, and her mother asked if she had lost it."
"No, mama, me didn't lose it," replied Dorothy. "Me da played wif it in me room so I'm sure me da has it."

FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

A doctor brought a dyspeptic farmer a big brown pill.
"I want you to try this pill at bedtime," he said. "If it's a new treatment, and if you can retain it on your stomach, it ought to cure you."
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