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EDITORIAL

Perpetual Care of Plots at Fairview Cemetery

This is no new topic to these columns. Frequently has the desirability of adopting the plan of perpetual care of plots in Fairview Cemetery been set forth. Very often have citizens and others owning plots, and friends of dear ones interred there, given expression to their approval of the adoption of this plan and voiced the hope that it would be effected by the town. Some have gone so far as to contribute money for this purpose, and the Municipal Council has accepted these sums and placed them in a special fund to be devoted especially to the end referred to. But up to this date no action has been taken toward the adoption of the plan desired. A reputable citizen suggested to THE FREE PRESS a few days ago that the object desired might be accomplished if it were made a feature at the elections. That might be, but it would be a much better culmination of the matter, if the Council would take steps toward that end before the election campaign. As previously suggested a joint committee of members of the Council and of citizens would accomplish what is desired, if given the opportunity and power. It must be manifest that this personnel for a Perpetual Plan Cemetery Committee is preferable to a committee of members of a Council alone, inasmuch as an element of permanence must be sought in such a committee. Many sincerely hope this action will be promptly taken by the Council, so that organization may be effected and plans formulated for commencing work in earnest early next spring. If this is done Fairview may be made a place of beauty, with all plots and walks, and drives uniformly cared for and put in the condition which all so much desire.

The Future Peace of Europe Depends Upon Attitude of American Republic.

In all his public utterances during his visit to this continent Lloyd George, the war-time premier of Great Britain, both in New York and in Canada, has emphatically declared that it is strictly up to the United States to determine when world peace shall become a fact, instead of a desired ideal. Going a step further in his first remarks in the West, this intrepid British statesman, in discussion of his plan for peace insurance by an unwritten compact between the British Empire and the American Republic, expressed the belief that Great Britain and all her Dominions are ready to-day for an understanding with the United States which, in his opinion, would mean that no aggressor nation would ever fire a gun, because Britain would crush economically and, if need be, by military force any war-like power or group that dared threaten world peace. America, therefore, must speak before this plan can become operative. That it will eventually be the means to bring back world peace and then preserve it, he has no doubt. The first step in the direction of American willingness for such co-operation lies in the Hughes' proposal on reparations. The Hughes plan, if carried out, would simply restore the original basis of handling the reparations question, he declared. Until that question is settled there can be no peace. That basis was destroyed when the United States rejected the Versailles Treaty. Lloyd George stressed again the fact that his proposed understanding for preserving world peace would not be an offensive or defensive alliance, or in fact, an alliance of any sort. "Just let them know," he said, "that America and the British Empire are in agreement that peace must be preserved, and peace would be preserved. That is all there is to it." The speeches made by Lloyd George are being eagerly followed by press and people throughout the United States. The New York Herald said the other day: "In case of another war in Europe, Great Britain would not be able to hold aloof. That means that Canada will march again, for where the British Empire is seriously threatened, there the Dominion will be found, even though there be no compulsion in equation. And that brings the armament race rather closer to the United States than it has been heretofore. What hurts Canada hurts the United States, indirectly. Whatever hinders the progressive economic development of Canada injures our own economic development, as closely knit together are these two nations." It will surely soon be borne in upon the political leaders of the American Republic that, upon the grounds of economic conditions, equity of national responsibility, and humanitarian claims, that country must unite in her influence with Great Britain and her Dominions to ensure a real peace.

British Harvesters Being Permanently Employed

The Minister of Immigration announces that 7,870 openings for winter employment have been found for British harvesters. Of this number 4,255 are for farm work, 3,400 for lumbering and bush work, while a limited number of places have been found in other branches of industry. The minister desires that openings be found for every harvester who is willing to work and wishes to make his home in Canada. The result of the canvass to date indicates that his objective will be reached.

Every Good Citizen Should Assist in Law Enforcement

The disconcerting prevalence of crime over this North American continent is becoming a serious problem. The frequency with which certain rascals violate the laws about making and selling liquor has drawn special attention to this matter; but bootlegging is by no means the only symptom of a dangerous laxity on the part of the community toward a strict and determined enforcement of law. One of the chief causes of existing conditions is the apathy and indifference of the people toward law enforcement. Why this indifference should exist it would be difficult to determine, but that it does exist—others besides magistrates and lawyers have observed.

Canada's Billion Bushels of Wheat, Oats and Barley

Canada takes a new record position in the production of grain this year. With an aggregate of nearly a billion bushels of cereals we occupy a unique and gratifying position. The final crop report of the Bank of Montreal for the season, summing up the result obtained in the various provinces of the Dominion, makes encouraging reading. It shows that despite lateness of the season yields that must be considered as satisfactory have been harvested in nearly all districts throughout the Dominion. The Prairies show a whole show increases of all kinds of grains as compared with last year. Estimated yields based upon Dominion Bureau statistics give the yield of wheat as 445,000,000 bushels as compared with 375,000,000 bushels last year and 360,187,000 in the banner year of 1915. The yield of wheat, oats and barley is placed at 950,930,000 bushels, an increase compared with last year of no less than 232,464,000 bushels. Low grades in Manitoba are balanced by high grades in Alberta, and so far 80.4 per cent. of the wheat inspected is in contract grade. Ontario's crops generally are lower than the record breaking crops of 1922 but returns are good. In Quebec the farmers have had a good year. In the Maritime Provinces returns on the whole average up well. In British Columbia returns generally are better than last year.

How Its Adjacent State Regards Quebec's Liquor Outrage

The outrageous distribution of Quebec liquor, through rum-running and law-breaking over the boundary wall, has aroused the people of the State of Vermont to a high pitch of resentment. The Burlington Free Press, the leading daily of the State, in a two-column editorial, the other day, suggests a boycott of all Quebec exportations of farm products and other merchandise, and says: "Vermont is tired of having her roads transformed into an underground railroad for Canadian rum-runners and her highways made unsafe for summer tourists by 'ships that pass in the night.'" The Burlington paper suggests that if the mothers of America will take Quebec in hand, they could do more in one year with their boycott of Quebec's exports to that country, than all Uncle Sam's diplomats and other polite emissaries can possibly do in decades. The following note to Quebec would, it says, do wonders:

"Province of Quebec: Until you stop preventing the enforcement of the international boundary, of the laws and statutes of our constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture, sale and transportation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, we pledge ourselves not to use any of your products in our families. Please keep at home, so far as we are concerned all your milk and butter, and maple sugar and eggs, your potatoes and other vegetables, your meats and fish, your peas, and beans, and wheat and rye, and everything else we have been buying from you. We believe we can also persuade our husbands to stop buying your hay and oats for their horses and cattle. It will help our farmers at home, if we stop buying from you altogether. However, we are willing to reciprocate trade with you, but we must first guard not only our boys, but also our daughters, and our homes. Yours, gently but firmly,
The Mothers of America."

The Burlington Free Press continues: "Quebec, for mere money, is trying to break down the work of American mothers in protecting their homes. She shall not triumph. American motherhood will yet bring Quebec to her knees in humble supplication. And her own provincial sisters will help American mothers to reform Quebec." Wonder if Quebec's premier will again boast, without blushing, of the amount of profit his province is making out of the whiskey business, after he reads the very logical leader of the Burlington Free Press?

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This is the time of year when everybody should get into some helpful community activity. There are too many let "the other person" do it folks, and then they criticize how it is done. There is much unused talent lying idle that needs to be harnessed up.

Alberta is developing her coal resources in a way which will mean real relief to other provinces. According to figures provided by the preliminary report on mineral production in Canada for the first six months of 1923, Alberta produced a total of 3,312,000 tons of coal, compared with 2,288,208 in the same period in 1922.

The brand of Christianity which is being received by many of the Chinese is manifestly of a type which affects the pocket as well as the heart. Chinese merchants and laundries in America recently contributed \$10,000 to the Union Theological Seminary of Canton, China, to aid in preparing a well-trained Christian ministry for the help of their home land.

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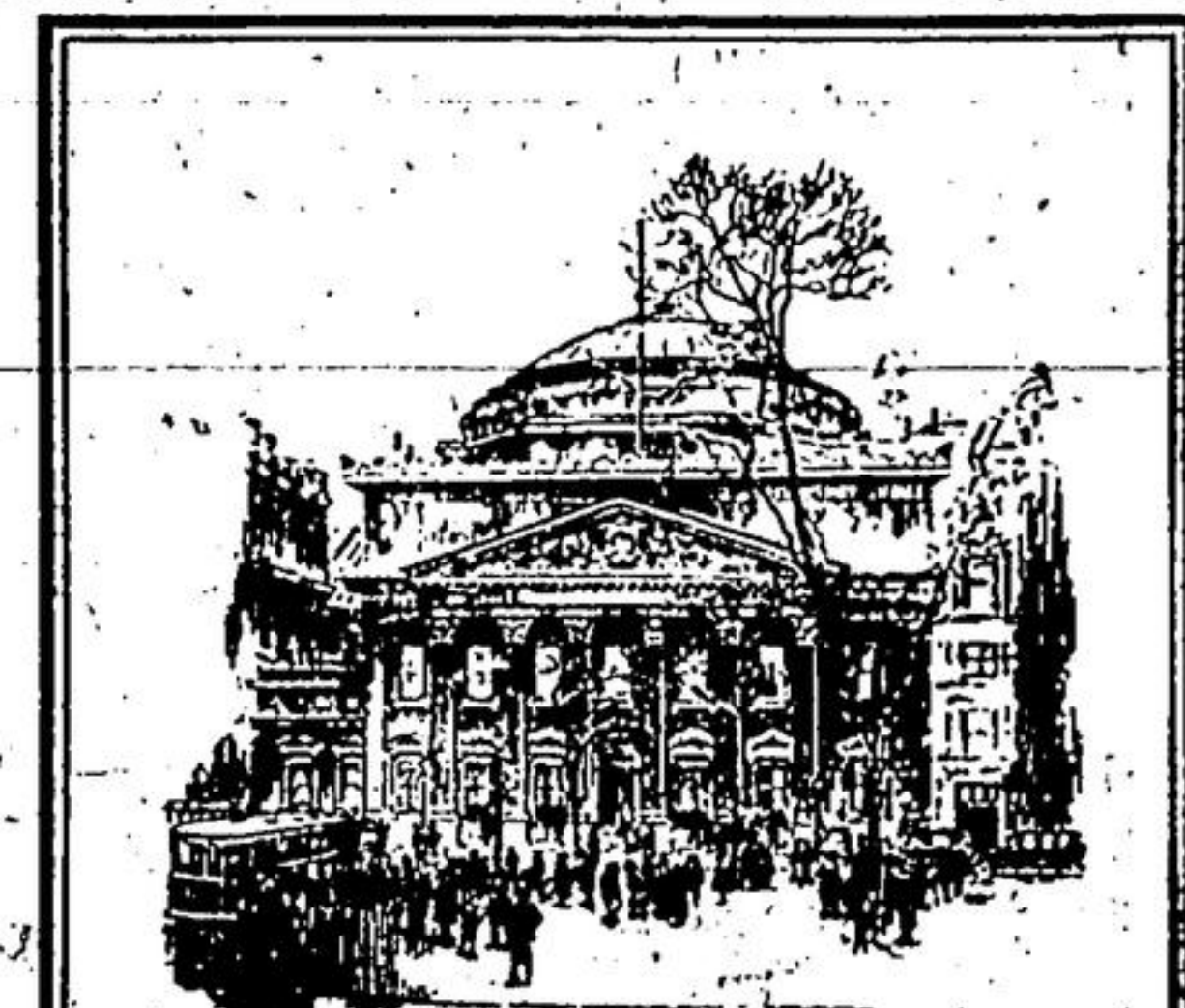
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