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EDITORIAL

British Maids are Making Good

Of 526 girls that have been brought to Saskatchewan from the British Isles from 1920 to June 15, 1923, only six have returned overseas, and of the sum of \$45,411.55 advanced to the girls the sum of \$42,980.98 had been repaid up to June 15, 400 having repaid their loan in full and the balance of 126 paying all but the sum of \$2,430.57. The girls came to Canada to positions as household workers. There appears to be ample employment for all competent girls who may come and take positions as maids in Canada.

Accidents in the Country's Factories

Industry in Ontario to-day is facing a serious situation in the increasing number of accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board. It appears that there were 50,411 accidents, of which 412 were fatal, reported to the Board in the year 1922, while for the twelve month period ending September 30, 1923, there were 59,351 accidents reported by industry to the Compensation Board of this Province, and of these 375 were fatal. The decrease in fatalities is worth noting, but the increase of an average of practically one thousand accidents each month is something in which the whole community is interested and something to which employer and employee alike should give careful thought. It is a fact that many accidents can be prevented, and it is also a fact that there are too many accidents happening to-day. Management and men should jointly lend a hand in a campaign of carefulness and help to reduce the heavy burden that accidents have laid upon industry in this country.

Moving Railway Crossing Signs Back from Tracks

Federal legislation will now be sought by the Ontario Motor League in connection with its campaign to render level railway crossings safer for motorists. The League has pointed out to the Dominion Railway Board the advisability of a survey being made of the level crossings throughout Ontario with the object of ascertaining if they could not be rendered safer by the removal of bushes or other obstructions to view. In a letter to the executive of the League last week, the Board said: "The Board is continually giving attention to the question of improving the view wherever feasible by the removal of trees and other obstructions. This phase of the matter is one which is constantly kept in mind by the Board's inspecting officials. It is significant that the League wrote to the Railway Board pointing out the lack of protection afforded at the Oakville level crossing two days before the serious accident which took place there recently. Had this warning been at once acted upon by the Railway Board's officials the accident would, in all probability, have been averted. The Motor League is on the right track in this matter, and it is hoped that satisfactory action will promptly be taken to better existing conditions."

Improving the Old Cemetery

For many years the old cemetery, in front of which originally stood the old Presbyterian Church, has been sadly neglected. Weeds and brambles and unsightly shrubs are growing promiscuously over graves plots and walks. Monuments and tomb stones have fallen down. Some have been ruthlessly broken or marred by thoughtless boys who make this sacred old spot a playground. Only last week a citizen, who resides near the cemetery, called at this office to complain that a boy or boys had been there a short time before and deliberately had broken corners off a fine granite monument with a hammer or an iron bar. The condition of this place, where numbers of the early settlers of Acton and vicinity are buried, is deplorable. Brampton has an old cemetery in similar condition. Last week R. Martin, President of Brampton Horticultural Society, took steps toward putting this neglected spot into a tidy and attractive condition. He has plans for a community effort. Why could not our own Horticultural Society inaugurate some similar plan to rehabilitate the old Acton Cemetery? The community would undoubtedly follow intelligent leadership in this important matter, and no local organization could more properly take the matter in hand. If the old cemetery were cleaned up, the monuments and tomb stones straightened, the paths made tidy, the premises would be one of Acton's beauty spots. It is situated with an entrance from River Street, and adjoins Acton's public park, and could be made an attractive adjunct to that municipal possession. Will the Horticultural Society entertain the proposal and take steps toward rendering the premises, now so deplorable, a place of beauty and joy to all?

Hydro Power Rates Now at Maximum

It is very gratifying news that the cost of Hydro power to the municipalities has reached the maximum figure. This opinion was given by Sir Adam Beck to a deputation of representatives of several cities, who waited upon him in connection with the rates for domestic users last week. Sir Adam also prophesied that after further installations at the Chippewa development scheme, which are to be undertaken early in the year, that within a year there will be a downward revision of the rates for power to the various municipalities.

All Contracts Should be Retained in Canada

In an effort to keep Canadian labor as extensively employed as possible during the coming winter, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has again been directing the attention of governments federal, provincial and municipal, and all large buying corporations, to the importance of keeping contracts in Canada and thus contributing to the volume of employment. There has been more immigration this year than for several years past, and there will be a need for providing work for a larger number of people. It will help materially to stave off unemployment, if all those who control large scale buying will take pains to see that Canadian-made goods are specified when orders are placed.

Canada's Prosperity Continues

The close of the first half of the present fiscal year, last week, showed an increase of approximately ten million dollars in the revenue of the Dominion, as compared with last year. For the six months of the present fiscal year, which ended September 30 last, revenue totalled \$213,902,087. On September 30, 1922, the corresponding total was \$203,107,918. The increase, therefore, amounted to \$9,984,169. On the other hand, there is revealed a decrease of over four million dollars in the ordinary expenditure of the country. Ordinary expenditure for the half year ending September 30 last amounted to \$134,866,768, as against \$139,492,713 in the first half of the 1922-23 fiscal year. This is a decrease of \$4,625,945. This surely is manifest evidence of Canada's prosperity. Some of us can remember when the entire revenue of the country was not equal to the increase now reported by the Minister of Finance.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada is surely growing. Customs and excise revenue increased \$22,352,637 during the seven months which ended with October, as compared with the corresponding period last year, according to figures furnished by the Department of Customs and Excise.

There is one compensating feature of the vote on the liquor question last week in Alberta. The effort of the hotelmen to have the bars restored was uncompromisingly defeated. Of the 150,000 votes polled only about 3,500 voted for the return of the barroom.

It looks as though the British Government in offering to extend the British Preference so as to include fresh apples, canned salmon, fruit juices and honey, imported into Britain from other parts of the British Empire, would hit certain imports from the United States a rather hard blow. Home interests first, however.

The Government at Ottawa will do well to hand out a definite and understandable ruling on the new sales tax that comes into force on January 1. New taxes are never popular and this new sales tax talks to has a different view of it, and no one seems to know exactly what they will have to do.

The Milton Reformer, still in the hands of its founder, Richard White, has added another year to its long journalistic history, which twelve months hence will have reached its fortieth year. No local newspaper is more loyal to its constituency; no newspaper man in the country pays more strict attention to the work of his office, and no editor is more fully satisfied with the returns resulting from his journal's enterprise.

Many young boys are growing up in this town whose futures are as yet to be carved out. If taught the proper use of their brain power while young they will become self-made men of the future. If allowed to drift along until they arrive at man's estate they will find greater use for the hand than for the brain. They may not become failures, but at best they will be simply cogs in the machinery of better men.—Kincardine Reporter.

The referendum in Alberta possibly does not show so much a desire for liquor as a fear of lawlessness, says the Montreal Witness. It does demonstrate a great ignorance on the part of a large percentage of voters as to the actual facts—the menace of alcohol and the advantage of prohibition. To circulate papers that keep people informed should be one of the first efforts of every individual, organization and church that believes in prohibition.

The appearance of an advertisement in the Toronto dailies a few days ago, requesting freight for the first cargo for a steamship direct from Toronto to Vancouver, marks the first realization of the city as an ocean port. The experiment of shipping direct from Montreal to Vancouver was recently tried via the Panama canal with entire success, which has no doubt encouraged the enterprising manufacturers of Toronto to attempt the same. We have no doubt it will also be successful, thus bringing to Toronto the realization of its long cherished hope of being really and truly an ocean port at least for a portion of the year.—Beaverton Express.

Since the successful issue by the Dominion Government of a domestic loan of \$200,000,000 the Province of Ontario has placed a loan of \$40,000,000, the greater part of which has already found its way into the hands of investors. Except during the war, there has never been financing on so large a scale in the Dominion. The success of these two loans is a matter of some pride to all citizens of Canada and augurs well for the future of the Dominion. The best natural products of Canada, those of the field, forest and mine, are finding markets abroad in increasing volume despite the unsatisfactory conditions which prevail in so many countries.

THE REMEMBERING KIND

Mrs. Jensen was a "little woman." Life had brought her years of unrelenting toil, but they had been powerfully softened by the death of her husband. Now in her old age, with an invalid husband to support, the problem that might have been a difficult one to solve, she found a solution in the kindness of the neighbors, who donated their services to help her household tasks—and paid for it. After a morning spent in helping young Mrs. Morrison, she returned home with a smile on her face. "I don't declare if you haven't got some little Lunn!" she said, "and I declare if you haven't got some little Lunn!"

"PLAYING SEPARATE"

Two sisters, now in middle life, spent their childhood in a small New England village where they were carefully and strictly reared. They had few companions. Nearly all their games they made up, and at times they grew to prefer them to others that tradition or their elders supplied.

BRITISH HELD BULL FIGHTS

Bull fighting was not always a peculiarly Spanish institution. It was a common amusement in Great Britain in a somewhat different form. The bull was tied to a stake, after having the points of its horns pointed. Pierce dogs were let loose on it, and a terrific battle would ensue. Bull-fighting was introduced into Canada by the Scotch men who came to the country in the early days of settlement. It was popular during the times of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth. Bull-fighting was a favorite pastime of the Scotch men who came to the country in the early days of settlement. It was popular during the times of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth.

ASLEEP IN NO MAN'S LAND

Are you like one of those men whom Studdert-Kennedy pictures in one of his speeches, whom he found asleep between the lines in No Man's Land, and who was surprised at being aroused?

THE WRONG PIPHER

A teacher was one day giving a lesson in a Hottel school when suddenly she caught sight of a little boy sitting up and staring at her. She turned her head and a dead, and then up again.

CHURCH BELLS

The association of bells with religion goes back to the remotest ages, and we find them mentioned in the history of the ancient Egyptians, the Greeks, and Romans, and of the Egyptians and Assyrians, while they have also a prominent part to play in modern times.

THE BEST THING AT THE FAIR

In an unaccountable moment of generosity, Zebulon Coleman had promised to take her little girl to the state fair. While he was feeding his horse, he counted up the extra cost of taking Sarah with him, and he thought that Sarah had not been of the place for more than a day at a time in thirty years, and the trip really did her good. Anyway, he had promised, and he was in for it.

A RIDDLE RHYME

My first is in those, but not in hen,
My second's in house, but not in den,
My third is in mother, but not in ma,
My fourth is in near, as well as in far.

TEXAS BULL ATTACKS TRAIN

A mad bull recently deputed a railway train, and with a passenger train in Western Texas.

NOT A MATHEMATICIAN

"I am not much of a mathematician," said carelessly, "but I can add to your troubles. I can subtract from your earnings; I can multiply your work, and divide your attention; I can take interest from your pocket, and discount your chances for safety."

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GEMS OF THOUGHT

We are fond of exaggerating the love our friends bear us; but it is often less from a principle of gratitude than the desire of prejudicing people against our own merit.—La Rochefoucauld.

W. D. Talbot

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ECONOMY THAT DOES NOT PAY

Some people are so economical in their expressions of appreciation as if they cost a dollar a word. John thinks it nobody like his mother. He has the utmost admiration for the way she manages her little home on a modest income. He knows that her purse is unburdened, and in his heart, he is profoundly grateful for the love which has blessed him all his life. But he never says any of these things. He leaves his mother to get them by intuition, and he would be surprised if he knew how little she really does guess.

CHOSE A POSSIBLE GOAL

Do not spoil your life by fixing impossible goals for yourself. One of the saddest things in the world is to see a girl who has no musical ear or musical taste, struggling with piano practice three or four hours a day, or a young fellow who has not the least qualification for the practice of law, entering the law school, because his parents consider that a desirable profession.

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Your natural aptitude is a sign post, directing you to the highest success possible to you.

SUBSTITUTE FOR WOOD

This seems to be the day and age of substitutes. The latest along this line was discovered by a Norwegian scientist, who has succeeded in making artificial wood, which is said to possess all the characteristics of the natural product, and is as hard as oak. It can be sawed, planed, bored, nailed, painted, stained or polished, and can be used for all purposes, the same as real lumber. The composition is a mixture of sawdust, chalk, chemicals, etc., in the proper proportion. As yet, no comparison of the price between this substitute and the real article has been given.

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MAKING UP YOUR MIND

If you do not know your own mind, do not try to get some one else to interpret for you. There is something really pathetic in the sight of young people asking advice not that they may profit by the superior wisdom of another, but that they may have the aid of another's decision in making up their own minds.

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