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**EDITORIAL**

**The Farmers Want the Senate Abolished**

Abolition of the Senate is the aim of the United Farmers of Ontario. The farmers in convention at Toronto last week went on record for the wiping out of the second chamber at Ottawa. The Canadian Council of Agriculture, in its list of fifteen principles, had one to reform the Senate by making it an elective body. "Where it is not useless, it is harmful," argued W. L. Smith and his point of view prevailed. "Abolition" was substituted for "reform."

**Not Easily Stamped**

It would be easy to exaggerate the significance of the liquor vote in Alberta. Those who argue that Ontario is ready to follow in the footsteps of Alberta must remember that in October, 1920, British Columbia gave a majority of 35,000 for government control. But Ontario did not "follow suit." This province voted in April, 1921, and gave a majority of 160,000 in favor of tightening up our prohibitory law. The pendulum is always swinging. Sentiment in Ontario was probably less favorable to prohibition a year ago than it is to-day. Judging from reports from British Columbia the electors there are far from satisfied with government control. But if the temperance cause in this province is not to receive a setback, its supporters must be on the alert.—Star.

**The More Spent for Education the Less Required for Law**

The Warden of the County of Wellington made a significant and very encouraging statement at the annual banquet at Guelph last week. He told the members of the County Council, county officials and guests assembled that he had been making a computation and found that during the year it had cost the county in the neighborhood of \$100,000 for education, but that it had only cost them \$15,000 for the administration of justice. He then took occasion to remind them that the more they spent on education the less they would have to spend on the administration of justice. He also intimated that because of this it was more than likely they would get a two mill reduction in their tax rate in 1924.

**New "Broadened Out" Progressive Party**

The big farmers' convention in Toronto last week was fruitful in many respects. The abandonment of the field of politics will be followed with initial steps in the formation of the new Progressive Party, at a convention to be held in Toronto on January 3. R. H. Halbert, M. P., who assisted Mr. Drury in carrying the resolution which paved the way in the convention, stated that all U. F. O. members in Federal and Provincial Houses would attend the meeting on that date at which the situation would be gone over and action decided upon. Asked if the new party would be known as the Progressives, Mr. Halbert said he presumed so. That was the name by which they were known at Ottawa. It is said to be very probable that former Premier Drury will be chosen as the leader of the new party.

**Canada, the World's Chief Contributor of Wheat**

The position of Canada as a producer of wheat has somewhat obscured the far more significant fact that she is the largest single contributor to the world's supply, having more surplus wheat for export than any other wheat-growing country. For the international grain year, ended August 1, 1923, Canada exported, according to the International Institute of Agriculture, no less than 270,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour reduced to wheat, compared with 190,000,000 bushels from the United States, 144,000,000 bushels from Argentina, 53,000,000 bushels from Australia, and from India 28,000,000 bushels. Thus to the total of 696,000,000 bushels exported by the leading countries Canada contributed two-fifths. For 1923-24 Canada's contribution to the world's requirements is likely to be still greater.

**The Farmers Sold for Dominion-wide Prohibition**

Outstanding perhaps in the convention's declaration of principles at the United Farmers' Convention last week was the insertion in the Council of Agriculture programme of a demand for Dominion-wide prohibition, without which, according to W. L. Smith, the mover of it, no prohibitory law could be satisfactorily enforced. The convention, in the same connection, also went on record as being in favor of rigid enforcement of present prohibitory laws. The farmers of Ontario have had much to do with the enactment of preventive and prohibitory laws respecting the liquor traffic, in all the years of the past. They are standing true to their principles and will have great influence in securing Dominion-wide prohibition when such a measure comes before the people, as it assuredly will sooner or later.

**Prosperity of Canadian Fair Visitors**

The secretary of the Federation of British Industries, Mr. B. M. Belliss, in reporting the results of the British section of the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto last fall, says: "The fact must be emphasized that the Canadian National Exhibition is the largest annual exhibition in the world. It is very difficult for those unfamiliar with the country or the Exhibition to realize this, or to grasp the full value of the Exhibition from every point of view. It must be remembered, however, that although it seems extraordinary that the largest show in the world should be held in a city of only 600,000 population, and in a country with less than 9,000,000 people, that the spending power of this population is very much larger than that of any European people of similar size. Exhibitors from England were much struck by the apparent prosperity of the crowds of visitors, even those of the working class, and by the interest and intelligence they showed in examination of the goods. This was the first experience of the British Industries exhibitors at the Toronto Fair. The result is a matter of much interest, not only to the Canadian National Exhibition directorate, but to Canada generally.

**Canada's Dairy Output**

While the production of cheese has decreased in Canada during the present century, the making of creamery butter and of condensed milk products has greatly increased. In 1900 the production of cheese in this country was 220,331,200 pounds; in 1922 it was 134,530,653 pounds. In the first year of the century, 36,000,730 pounds of creamery butter was produced; last year the production amounted to 140,863,517 pounds. In 1900 the condensed milk products amounted in value to \$200,520; last year they reached \$6,339,232. The butter output of the Prairie Provinces in the last dozen years has increased enormously. From being importers those provinces have become exporters, and their products have received a good reception in the British market. As regards cheese, if Canada would regain the place she formerly held in those markets, it is plain that she must adopt progressive measures such as that inaugurated on April 1 of the present year, when the official grading of factory cheese and butter intended for export commenced. In the three Prairie Provinces and in Nova Scotia, government grading of cream at the creamery has also been instituted with good results, so far as butter-making is concerned.

**Canada's Forest Resources**

Canada's forest resources constitute one of the Dominion's most valuable assets. They contribute to the trade of Canada upwards of \$200,000,000 a year and play an important part in our external commerce.

Hon. G. P. Graham was right when he said it will take as much patience among nations to bring peace as it did to win the war. It will not, however, require so ruinous an expenditure of life and material resources.—Farmers' Sun.

Lieut.-Colonel Beckles Willson, writing to the Press in London, England, suggests the substitution of "Victory Day" for "Armistice Day." This is worthy of consideration. "Victory Day" is equally as comprehensive and in many respects more significant.

The final returns in the recent British elections gives the standing of the various parties as follows: Conservatives, 203; Labor, 180; Liberal, 153; Other parties, 12; one deferred election, 1; total, 615. Unless a coalition is effected the Liberals and Labor members have the strength to overthrow the government on any issue.

**Neighborhood News—Town and Country**

**MILTON**

In Milton at least, bazaars appear to be very popular and well patronized institutions, judging from the receipts realized at them. Although the weather was most unpropitious on Wednesday last week, the receipts at Grace Church bazaar that day amounted to about \$250.

Dr. C. H. Hooper had the misfortune to lose his valuable 1923 Overland car on Monday evening, on the road in the vicinity of Walker, headhouse farm. He broke out around the steering wheel, from a short circuit, it is supposed, and blazed up suddenly, with the doctor and his wife, who was with him, had to jump to save themselves. The car was in its instruments and wheels. The car was a total loss. It was insured for \$700.

Under by-law 226, the water is turned off for non-payment of water rates. The water will not be turned on again until all arrearages are paid and one dollar additional for turning off and on water. After this week all parties in arrears must be ready to expect a call from the Inspector.—Star.

**OAKVILLE**

The Council has decided to install a fire alarm system at a cost of \$4,000.00. The system is to be installed in the town of Oakville, Ontario, and will be under the supervision of Stanley Anderson, son of the late Dr. C. H. Hooper. The system is to be installed in the town of Oakville, Ontario, and will be under the supervision of Stanley Anderson, son of the late Dr. C. H. Hooper.

**GEORGETOWN**

The Town Council paid the Public School Board \$13,300.00 for the maintenance of the school during the year. The school board has also received \$1,000.00 for the maintenance of the school during the year. The school board has also received \$1,000.00 for the maintenance of the school during the year.

**WALTHAM**

Some of the most solitary people in this world are those who have plenty of money and so-called friends. Money usually attracts people to a person's place of residence. There is a saying of the Wise Man that is often misapplied and misunderstood. "The more friends a man has, the more he is hated." This is a saying of the Wise Man that is often misapplied and misunderstood.

**BURLINGTON**

Mr. E. J. LePatourel, father of Mr. T. A. LePatourel, of this town, passed away at his home in Burlington on Monday at the age of 93 years. The Christmas concert and tree of the Knox Church, Burlington, will be held in the school room this (Thursday) evening, at eight o'clock.

**FATHER**

Mother wants a necktie, some silver and a table, a costly ruler is fancy just in the market, and then a coat of white.

Mollie wants a sunshade, The most expensive make; If Jack won't buy her a new hat, she'll little heart will break.

Allice wants a bulldog, A ring and baby grand; If Tom don't get that motor boat, He'll kick to bed the band.

Grandma wants a Bible, And a year's supply of snuff; The doctor says she's in a hurry, Or they'll walk out in a huff.

No one thinks of father, Poor old, faithful slave! He'll be lucky if he gets a pun, A hair cut and a shave!

**THE RIGHT PLACE**

Billie was being measured for a suit. "Do you want the shoulder padded, my little man?" inquired the tailor. "No," said Billie, significantly; "but pad the pants."

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**PLENTY OF TIME TO REPAIR IT**

One day a well-dressed elderly man called at the shop of the local jeweller in a small Scottish town, and asked: "Is my watch ready?"

**KNOCKING ON WOOD**

When people make a boast that they have a "knock on the door" of illness, it is a common fancy, even in the enlightened 20th century, to knock on wood as a means of neutralizing the effect of a boastful utterance or obviating the appearance of chattering lips.

**RIDDLES**

"What kind of words should a parrot use in talking?"  
Polyglotisms.

Why is a field of grass like a person older than yourself?  
Because it is past your age (pasture).

**A LONG DROUGHT**

They were discussing the drought in a small Western town, says Everybody's Magazine, and some one asked: "How would you like to see it rain, Hiram?"

**ALWAYS LEARNING**

The learning and knowledge that we have is at the most, but little compared with that of which we are ignorant.—Plato.

**BULLDOG SOLE LEATHER**  
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**BISMARCK'S BITE**

Bismarck had little regard for women who attempted to think for themselves in matters of state and politics. Moreover, he never took any pains to conceal his dislike for them. One day he paid a visit to the Russian embassy at Berlin. Several women who were present joined in the conversation, which turned on some of the political questions of the day. Bismarck was as gruff and surly to the women as usual; he flouted even the mistakes of the men. In the court-yard.

**THE NOBLER INSTINCT**

Some optimists say that it is of no use to worry about anything since all troubles fall into two classes—those that can be helped, and those that cannot. In the first case, not worry, but work is what is needed. In the other, nothing avails.

**DECISION IS NEVER UNIMPORTANT**

When a student decides to rise at six o'clock in the morning to attend some neglected piece of school work, and then, when his alarm clock goes off, turns on his pillow and allows himself to be routed out, just in time for a late breakfast, he is likely to think that the worst result of his failure to live up to his resolution is a low mark in his recitation. As a matter of fact, the case is much more serious. For the will is a weakling by resolve that are made and never carried out. If we make up our minds to do a thing, even if it is unimportant, we should stick to it, unless there is a good reason for our not doing so.

**QUAINT SUPERSTITIONS**

The dog is responsible for many quaint superstitions. In ancient Persia a dog was employed to drive away the demons who were supposed to wait for the soul of a dead man.

**HAVE YOU HEARD THIS, DOC?**

Jack McLeod, who loved nothing better than to sit beside a quiet pool in hand, and wait for the fish to bite, had been absorbed in his favorite occupation from early in the morning until long past noon of a sultry summer day. A neighboring farmer, observing that the fisherman was enjoying apparently so much luck at all, undertook to remind Jack that it was past the lunch hour.

**A POWERFUL ADDRESS**

A man in North Carolina was saved from conviction for horse-stealing by the powerful plea of his lawyer. After his acquittal by the jury the lawyer asked, "Honor Bright, Bill, you did steal that horse, didn't you?" "Now look here, Judge," was the reply. "I always did think I stole that horse, but since I heard your speech that day, I'll be doggoned if I ain't got doubt about it."

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