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EDITORIAL

Economies in the Estimates

A mere glance at the estimates of the Dominion Government shows very material savings, apart altogether from that on railways account—nearly \$4,000,000 on interest on public debt; \$339,000 on immigration; \$1,144,000 on Defence; \$1,881,000 on Public Works (income); \$2,400,000 on soldiers' land settlement; \$3,714,000 on soldiers' civil re-establishment; more than \$6,000,000 on "miscellaneous" (very often a sink-hole for moneys) and \$811,835 on Dominion Parks. Not a bad showing, and one made all the brighter with a prospect under the Budget, of reduced taxation.

What Government Control (?) Would Mean

If the Ontario Temperance Act should be repealed the Ontario elector who votes for Government control, and if afterwards injured by the reckless driving of a drunken auto driver, will not get much public sympathy. It is surely bad enough now with an occasional red-eyed fiend in charge of a motor vehicle, but what will it be if men can be purchasing a yearly license get bottles of booze at a Government shop? It is true there are severe penalties against anyone in charge of an auto being in an intoxicated condition, but that would not bring back the life or reduce the agony of those killed or maimed by the driver of an auto who is in a maudlin condition—Chesley Enterprise.

Big Increase in Trade

The total trade of Canada for the eleven months of the fiscal year ending March 1, was \$1,771,351,283, or \$103,188,505 more than in the corresponding year. Both imports and exports shared in the increase. Imports were up \$95,000,000; exports of domestic merchandise increased \$98,000,000. Of domestic exports in the eleven months, agricultural and vegetable products, with a total of \$365,000,000, form the largest item. Next come wood and wood products with a total of \$245,000,000. Of imports, iron and its products came first, the total being \$156,000,000 a total of \$245,000,000. Exports during the month of February were ten millions higher than in February, 1923; imports were three millions lower.

Some People Forget the Former Times

Facts are forgotten when people say there is as much drinking now as before the adoption of the Ontario Temperance Act. Before the Ontario Temperance Act came into force the people drank twenty times as much whisky, gin and brandy as the high estimate made of present day bootleggers and rum-runners supply. Yet it is announced a plebiscite is to be taken in Ontario, on the Ontario Temperance Act to improve present conditions, when they were never so good from the temperance standpoint as they are today. The word plebiscite simply means that an expression of the opinion of the people will be taken, but it has no binding effect on the Government. It is altogether different to a referendum which is a mandate to a Government to proceed along the lines indicated by the preponderance of votes recorded on the particular question submitted. There never was a better temperance law than that under the Ontario Temperance Act, and while everybody well knows the Act is not enforced as well as it should be, yet general conditions under it have improved very much—Smiths Falls Record-News.

Be Careful To-day

The question of personal safety is sometimes lost sight of in the rush and bustle of these times. Nothing but good can come of a general effort to reduce the losses due to accidents in this country and the idea "be careful to-day" should be carried throughout the land. There are too many accidents, some serious and many slight, but all costly in some form or other and nearly all preventable by the exercise of ordinary care and caution. Most of us are inclined to take chances of various kinds in an effort to save a few seconds which might better be spent in taking time to be careful. An average of over two hundred accidents each day reported by industry for the past year to the Workmen's Compensation Board of this Province is ample evidence of the need for more care, for, contrary to general belief, most of these accidents do not involve contact with machinery. It is a fact that about one-third only of the accidents reported to the Compensation Board are mechanical accidents; the other two-thirds being non-mechanical, such as falls, burns, scratches, strains, etc., showing clearly the personal factor in accidents and demonstrating the need for more thought. The advice "Be careful to-day, for to-morrow may be too late" is well worth taking.

Municipalities Want Part of Government Revenues

A deputation from the Ontario Municipal Association waited upon Premier Ferguson last week with several requests for changes in legislation and regulations. They requested that the municipalities be given a share of the amusement tax now collected by the Ontario Government. The request was based on the argument that the municipalities had to provide protection, inspection, etc. The deputation also asked a share of the revenue derived from motor licenses in order to make greater expenditures on roads, claiming that they should get some revenue from the motorists who use them. The deputation expressed itself as favoring a tax on gasoline. The Prime Minister said nothing could be done this year, but next year the Government might move in the direction asked and possibly put on a gasoline tax.

Sales Tax Reductions

The Prime Minister stirred hopes in the hearts of the people last week when he intimated to the Brantford electors, who waited upon him regarding tariff changes, that removal of the Sales Tax upon farm implements was not beyond the bounds of possibility. Further, he advised them not to accept the phrase, in the speech from the Throne, "implements of production," as referring to farm implements alone. His interpretation, he hinted, might be broader than had been thought by the press and by members of Parliament. These vague intimations sent the Brantford deputation home convinced that, after all, the Liberal party might not be such as to ruin the farm implement industry; indeed, that it might work out to the benefit of the manufacturing and distributing community, as well as to that of the producers of food. Of course, only the Budget will tell, but, meantime, industrial Western Ontario is very much reassured.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Ontario and Quebec with 60 per cent. of the population of Canada contributed 77 per cent. of the income tax. The total income tax paid in 1923 was \$59,700,000.

BURLINGTON

A new lumber company has been formed here and has bought out the old Ontario Lumber Co. The new firm is O. W. Hynes and Son, Limited.

Jack Johnston, the well known and ill-famed pugilist, was killed to put on an exhibition bout in the town of Trenton, recently, but an indignant public put up such a protest that the engagement had to be cancelled. It speaks well for public opinion in Trenton.

J. A. Pinard, M. P., P., has resigned his position as whip of the Liberal party, following reproof for introducing the 7 per cent. beer bill without first consulting his leader. The Liberal party in Ontario has taken strong ground against tampering with the Ontario Temperance Act to make it less effective.

The agitation for abolishing the receipt tax is becoming more persistent. It brings in but little revenue, and is generally considered to be a nuisance. This opinion is largely held, not because it affects us, to any great extent, but because it looks like a peanut policy and is the nuisance the people claim it is.

The Provincial Board of Health has ordered the Town of Forest to install a waterworks system, notwithstanding that the electors have voted the waterworks by-law down twice. Rather than obey the mandate of the Board, the Mayor and three members of the Council have resigned. These four members of the Council can hardly pose as being loyal to their town's best interests.

It now seems unlikely that the much-discussed gasoline tax will come into effect until 1925. At that time it is said all automobile drivers, including private owners, and members of their families who desire to drive, will be examined as to proficiency, and licensed. The number of autos is increasing so rapidly that some such action appears necessary for the protection of the public.

The Great British Empire Exhibition will open in April and will bring together most of the trade interests of the Empire. There will be a large delegation of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association who will visit the Exhibition and also during this time the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World will be in convention in London. The Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association party will visit the Exhibition in July.

The improved financial position of the Canadian National Railways is gratifying. For the first two months of the year an increase in gross revenue of \$1,433,778 has been accompanied by a decrease in operating expenses of \$2,098,050, and these two months show a net profit of \$262,376, as compared with a deficit of \$3,270,052, making an improvement for the first two months of 1924, as compared with the same period in 1923, of \$3,532,428.

The people of Acton will emphatically protest against the use of any part of Fairview Cemetery as a dumping ground. The abuses following permission to dump refuse in the park is ample answer for objection against permission for any such abuses at the Cemetery. Other suitable places are surely available, without even seeming to allow a thing which would be harrowing to the thoughts of many whose departed loved ones are resting in our beautiful Fairview.

The organization of the Ontario Prohibition Union, consolidating the temperance forces of the Province, is evidence that supporters of the Ontario Temperance Act realize the seriousness of the menace to prohibition in the Province. The Union will be showing good judgment if, instead of spending its energies in an effort to block a new vote in Ontario, it prepares for the coming fight. Nothing is surer than a submission of the liquor question to the people before the year is out.—Farmers' Sun.

**Neighborhood News--
Town and Country**

OAKVILLE

The detour at the new high level bridge became an impossible task last week. The Council passed a strong resolution demanding that the Government take immediate steps to provide an adequate detour.

Mr. Robert Preston, who has been running the moving picture house in the Victoria Hall for the past three years, is now operating a movie theatre at Aylmer.

Mr. E. W. Bruce Smith and Mrs. E. W. Bruce Smith are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Clendenen, Ottawa.

Mr. Allan Busby is transforming the old Star office into two modern residences on Church Street.

The lake front property at the foot of George Street, commonly known as the old power house, has been recently purchased by Mr. David McKinley.

Quite a scene was created on Colborne Street last Friday afternoon when two young men had a cow tied in a motor truck with its head and knees fastened to the "Washington" part, and will get possession this week.

Mr. Henry Wheeler, of the seventh line, purchased Mr. Ed. Nodwell's farm on the fifth line. This farm will be better known to some of our residents as the "Johnnie" homestead.

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Mrs. S. Cooper and daughter, Edith, have returned from England.

Mrs. J. H. Allen and daughter, Mona, left last week on a holiday trip to Yillaburg.

MILTON

The question of the erection of the \$15,000 addition to the High School was up for discussion again at last meeting of the Council. It was decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers. A by-law for the same purpose, submitted last year, was defeated by the electors.

The Council has decided to offer the property known as Milton Textiles for sale.

Mr. F. Duncah has sold his house on Woodward Avenue to Mr. McKinnon, retired farmer of Erin.

Mr. J. P. Hartmann, of Timmins, who has been spending a few months here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hemmstead, returned home last week.

Mr. H. K. Anderson, our Federal member, has not been able to regularly attend the session of the Dominion Parliament since it opened a few weeks ago.

The congregation of Knox Church has bought George Lamb's brick residence on Martin Street for a Manse, and will get possession of another house—Reformer.

Quite a number of the farmers of the district have tapped their maple trees and this season bids fair to be a good one for syrup.

Mr. Robert Weatherston has purchased from Mr. John McKinley his "Washburn" car, and will get possession this week.

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Notice To Hydro Users

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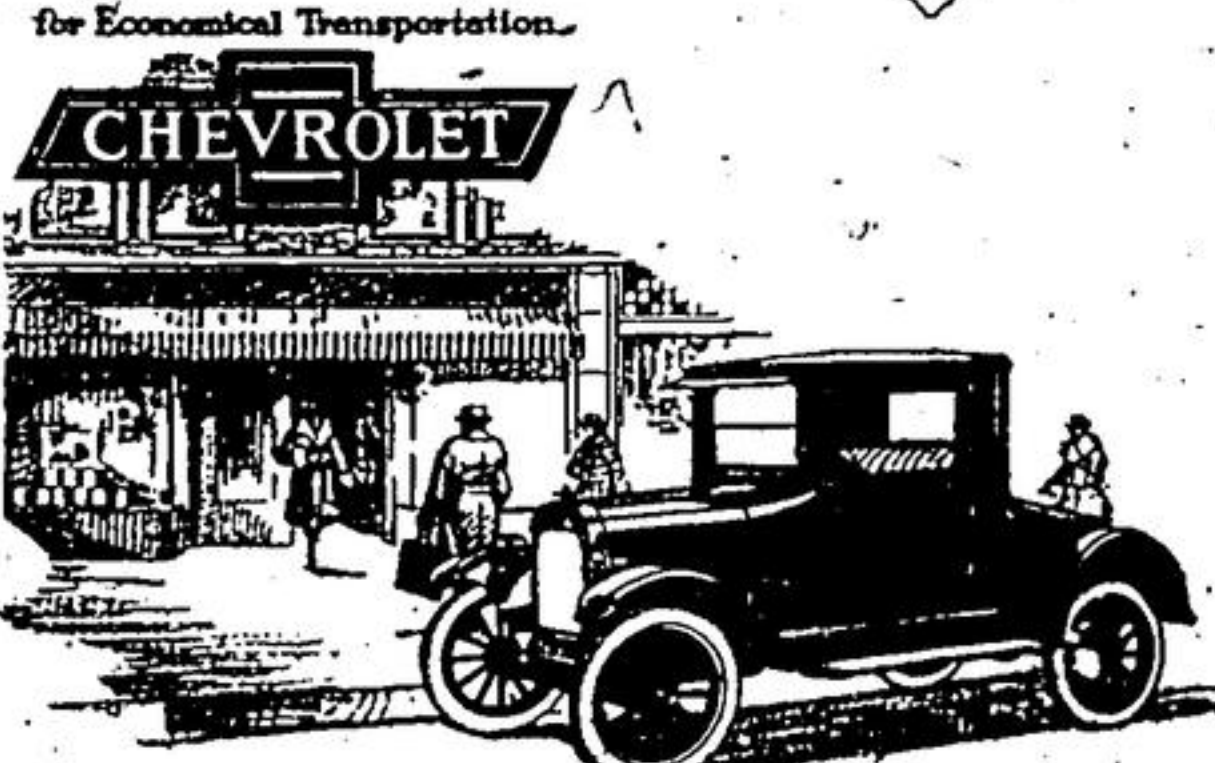
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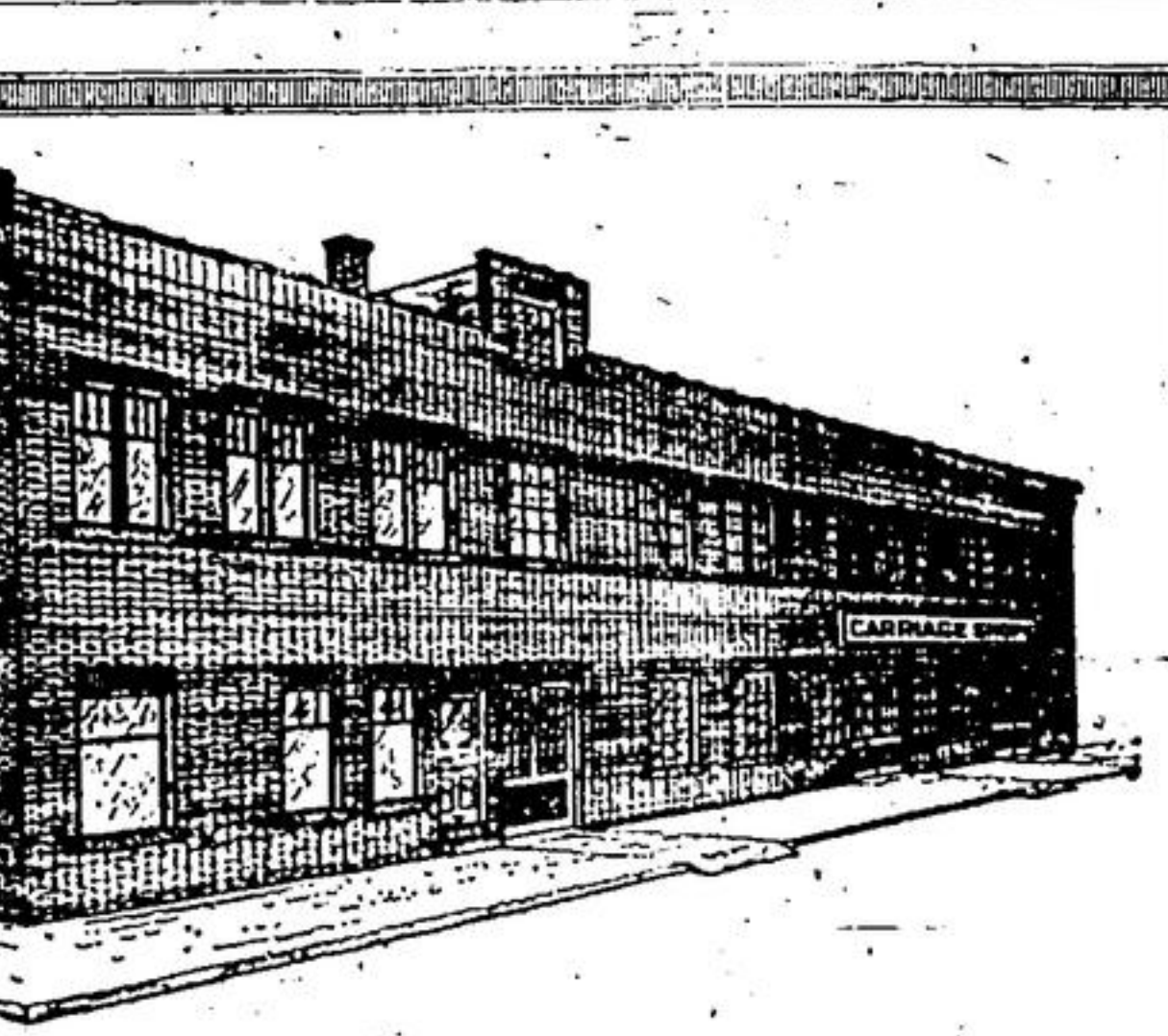
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