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# EDITORIAL

#### Money Once Wasted on Liquor

In the opinion of the Toronto Star Weekly, business will be found lined up almost solidly on the side of prohibition in the impending plebiscite on the Ontario Temperance Act. The bankers, the automobile industry, the confectioners, the people who provide amusement, the grocers, and the merchants generally, all realize that the expenditure of the money formerly wasted in liquor means much to them. In past contests, "the trade" has been a formideble factor in providing funds and organizations for the "wet" forces; but in the coming vote its influence will be small beside the tremendous weight of the business interests, and their employees, which is likely to be thrown into the scale on the side of the continuance of the Ontario Temperance Act.

Dispatch of Business in the House of Commons

No charge can be laid against the Government, this session, of delaying legislation, or of failing to be ready with enough business to keep the House employed. Last year, the Government was unprepared and dilatory; this year, it is "on its toes" and cager. It made every effort to shorten the debate upon the Speech from the Throne; it instituted night sittings from the day of opening; it has reduced private members' days to one per week; it has kept -the order paper -filled - with Government business ready for discussion; it has cut last year's Easter recess of ten days to about half that number; it has tabled the Budget, and aims to bring the session to a close by the end of June, at the very latest. Considering that Parliament was summoned a full month later than in 1923, the record of the Ministry this session is deserving of praise.

# Visitors Like the Town

Visitors to Acton are frequently heard giving expression to favorable opinions respecting the town, its attractive appearance and numerous privileges. The other day a visitor sized up, rather systematically. our advantages as a result of his observations after a week's stay here. This is what he said: "To my for some time. mind Acton is ideal in its location and advantages as a place of residence for people of ordinary financial means. I am much impressed with your waterworks system, which supplies an abundance of pure water, at a low rate to citizens, and provides an excellent protection against fire; that there is a splendid Hydro-Electric System, which supplies power and light, at comparatively low cost; that your public properties, such as town hall, public park, cemetery, being upon them; that your Public and High School buildings are almost free of debt, only two or three annual payments remaining on their debentures. Added to these advantages is the fact that the town is favored with a group of prosperous manufacturing industries; is admirably situated, in a healthy, welldrained district; is on the Provincial Highway from Toronto to Sarnia and within easy distance of the leading cities of Ontario. What more could you wish for?" Evidently some casual visitors are more observant than the average resident.

# The Budget for 1924

past week was, of course, the presentation of the Budget. It was this year a Budget that was more canvassed in advance and more eagerly awaited than any since those of the pre-war days. Mr. Robb acquitted himself splendidly. Rapidly and logically he Dominion and Provincial reserves. built up his clear, concise statement, a reduction, since last year, in Canada's not debt of \$30,000,000; tariff, both preferential and general, and by "cuts" not be so frequent.-Winchester Press. ranging from thirty to fifty per cent, on agricultural and dairying implements and on mining and lumberample proof of its popularity:

#### Editing the Advertising Columns

Announcement is made by the Curtis Publishing Company that no tobacco advertisements will printed henceforth in any of their publications-The Journey across the desert in the west- ing in one. This partly explains; the cows and steers will be made in the dred persons were arrested in one year Saturday Evening Post, The Ladies' Home Journal, and The Country Gentleman. More than that, all references to tobacco are promised elimination from stories and general communications accepted for publication. That is a sign of the times, and along the line of the anti-tobacco campaign that has been waged for some time in the United States. It is, however, following the position taken by THE FREE Press thirty years ago. No tobacco advertisements have appeared in these columns during that period. Merely a matter of principle.

# The Ins and Outs on the New Tariff

The tariff, changes suggested in the Budget brought down in the House of Commons last week. brought volumes of praise from the journals supporting the Government, and columns of condemnation from the apposition newspapers. From the year 1878, when the National Policy was introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald, down through the years. journalistic comment has been ever thus. The opposition papers have been having the country go to the "bow-wows" as a result, and the Government's supporters have presaged most favorable results. And Canada has marched forward irrespective, and is to-day regarded as the most prosperous and most peaceful country in the world. Such is politics.

#### Parking on Mill Street

For some time the Chief of Police has endeavored to control the traffic on Mill Street so as to avoid danger from-a congestion of standing cars and other vehicles. To assist in this praiseworthy object the Council, at its last meeting, passed a by-law govern- thought of it before. ing traffic on the busiest section of this thoroughfare. The principal clause of this by-law is as .follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons of the tank; at the topmost rung I to park or allow to stand any motor car, automobile, carriage, wagon or other vehicle on either side of eight feet deep. It looked very good Mill Street, between John and Main Streets, for a period longer than fifteen minutes. A penalty of from \$1.00 to \$20.00 and costs has been fixed for a violation of the by-law. The public generally will appreciate the effort to avoid all possible danger, and it is hoped that all will cheerfully conform to the provisions of the by-law.

Tightening up the Ontario Temperance Act .) The Ferguson Government has done nothing so far to render less effective the Ontario Temperance Act. On the contrary the tendency has been to take action to render it more effective. The officers who have the duties of administering the Act have been use. My feet wouldn't stay up, and his fare home. Billy couldn't help just as aggressive as ever they were. Last week amendments were carried which will mean much in improving weak places in the Act. Attorney-General Nickle, in introducing these amendments, explained frantle desire that selzed me to make that he had in view the better enforcement of the Act. The bill, as amended, gives the License Commission power to withdraw the permit of a druggist who sells liquor illegally, and tightens up the reports enough swimmer to last that long: made on sales. A .complementary bill gives 'the Pharmacy Council greater disciplinary powers with its members found breaking the Temperance Act. Another of the amendments gives the right of arrest without a warrant, of anyone carrying liquor. It is aimed to help police stop large cargoes of liquor without having to get a Warrant. The same clause will give the police the right to arrest a man with my prison than a slice of bread would

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a single bottle without taking out a warrant.

The farmers and dairymen at least are not complaining about the revised tariff. It looks as if their interests will not suffer any from the changes now proposed.

The house-cleaning at Queen's Park, Toronto, on the surface until I could reach commenced a little previous to the orthodox date of the rim. the average household for this important function. It looks, however, as if it will require to be continued

The United Farmers' Executive take strong in his wrist to overcome the leverage ground respecting the irregularities in the late Provincial Treasurer's department, and demand that the "By putting the stick signing the probe be continued until the bottom of any suspicion side of the supply pipe and thrusting the extreme end through the wheel of graft is reached, whether it affects members of the of the faucet above I might pry it 4ste Government or previous Governments.

This year may be the last to have a February force to bear; the stick cracked, someetc., are all paid for, no debenture nor other debt leap day. The International Fixed Calendar League thing seemed to give way, and I hopes to persuade the League of Nations to enforce an international change, which would put into effect the League's four-week months and would transfer leap day to June 29:

> Who got the \$15,000? This is among the very latest queries. Anybody giving the correct answer will be entitled to a free trip on the Avon Lake, was terribly exhausted, for I was only Stratford, in one of the gondolas. Orchestra, accompanying the excursion, will play softly, "Thou art so near and yet so far," and other melodies .-Brussels Post.

Next to Russia and the United States, Canada was sure I could not last long en-The outstanding event in Parliament during the has the largest forest resources in the world. Care is taken to preserve the timber supply by acroplane and surely. Finally I reached toward scouting, wireless telegraphy, portable telephones and power pumps, replanting, prevention of pests, weak to pull myself up at first, but forest product laboratories, stricter legislation, and to rise. At last I put a leg over the

There should be a law compelling everyone who man found me there when he cama proposed reduction in taxation, during the ensuing keeps gasoline or benzine in small quantities on year of \$24,000,000; general reduction of the sales their premises to keep it in specially designated or You see. I had not thought to turn tax from six to five per cent.; a fifty-per cent. reduc- marked vessels. Almost daily there is recorded some had overflowed." tion of the sales tax on boots, shoes, rubber footwear, terrible accident by burning, caused by a wife or child biscuits, canned vegetables, and canned fruits; com- using the gesoline can, thinking it kerosene. If pleto removal of the sales tax on mining, farming everyone who sells or handles gasoline was comand lumbering machinery, binder twine, milk foods, polled to keep it in a vessel that was so marked eating. He promises himself "he will provisions and breadstuffs; a lowering of the customs that it could not be mistaken, such accidents would be strong who can disturb his peace of mind;" that he "will talk health,

The Burlington Gazette completed its first quarter best, to work only for the best, and ing machinery; and the placing of fertilizers on the century last week, and is now entered upon its expect only the best; to be just as free list. Those were the high lights in one of the twenty-sixth year. The Gazette is a splendid town you are about your own; to forget the most business-like Budgets Parliament has heard in paper, and has always stood for the best interests of mistakes of the past for future many years; a Budget that drew prolonged and thun- the community-in its judgment. Editor Harris, crefiture a smile; to spend no time in derous applause from Government and Progressive though one of the busiest men of his town, has the criticism of others, and finally, to benches. A large majority of the members of the always been ready to assume a fair quota of citizen- anger, too atrong for fear, and too House appear well satisfied with the tariff changes ship duties. He has served for years as a member trouble. and it is prophesied that when the vote on the of the Town Council, was honored with election as Budget takes place the majority in its favor will give Warden of the County, and is now serving his '-The way of the transgressor is second term as Mayor of Burlington.

#### A PERILOUS SWIM

We had been travelling all day long caping steam.

an accident," said the man who sat in to the "cult of the road," the corner of the baggage car. "I'm gray-haired now from escaping audexperience twenty years ago it seems if fate has been juggling with my life."

The old man at first gave no sign too wet to stand on ceremony.
of having heard the question, but ran We had no sooner got seitle his fingers through his gray hair and looked thoughtfully out of the baggage door across the endless stretch of sun-heated barrens. "I think it was in '80," he said, "It

was rather a funny affair, as I think a thing, but kept walking round the of it now, and it went to prove the car and staring at it as if he had old saying. 'Look before you loap.' As never seen one before. Then he broke I say, it was a curious accident, and guess you'll agree with me when I

tell you. man of a factory just outside of course we sympathized, and "jollied" Chicago, and I used to have to be on him a-little, and finally we roused his hand Sundays and holidays, and on curlosity. days when they closed down either from lack of orders or because they were taking account of stock.

"The day I speak of was a scorcher -nearly the hottest we had that sumwent up on the flat roof to see if I got ready to go on, but just as we couldn't get a touch of the laxy breeze that floated in from the lake. I was nearly stifled, and I sat down in the shadow of the big, round wooden water tank that supplied the boilers. was cooler there, and the sides of the tank felt good to my back. All of a sudden the idea of taking a plunge into the water came into my head, and I wondered why I hadn't

"I looked all round to be sure that no one could see me before I climbed the ladder that rested against the wall sat down and pulled off my clothes. The water was clear as crystal, nearly

"I turned my head down, took a fine dive into the tank, and swam round the edge, beating the water the way used to do when I was a boy. "After a while I thought I would made no motion to have us stop. get out and take another dive. coked up and saw that the smooth time where he wanted to go. He wall of the tank rose up more than four feet above the surface! . I made motion, and replied that if we were two or three efforts to leap above the going toward Hatten he water and grasp the edge. Then I guessed he'd go along, too." saw how hopeless it was. caught in a trap as neat as you ever

"Turning over on my back, I tried to learn an accomplishment that I had long way from home, without a cent never acquired and that would be in his pockets. He hated to let us most useful to me in keeping myself know, but he had to. We just laughed alive-I mean floating. It was no at him, and chipped in enough to pay knew I must keep on swimming saying. "Well, what do you think of

so that I could make an intelligent said, "Boys, it's all right! What does fight for my life and overcome the a car like this cost?" loap after loap at the edge that was so far beyond my reach. It was plain to me that no help could come before six o'clock, when the night watchman came on, and I knew I was not a good already I was exhausted with the looked." aching of my limbs. "I hegan to wonder whether I could

not drive a hole in the bottom of the tank in some way and thus let the water out. It was an insane idea. for there was nothing within . my reach but a piece of lath about five feet long that kept getting in my way as\_I swam about but was no more use in making a hole in the wall of

"I looked up at the edge. At one spot there hung one sleeve of my coat. I reflected I should probably never wear it again. Then auddenly, as I strained my eyes upward, an idea seized me. I grasped the floating etick with an exclamation of joy: -"Projecting over the wall of the tank was the mouth of the supply pipe and the valve that they turned when they wished to fill the reservoir. If I could only turn that valve, the tank would fill and I could float up

"I reached out with my stick and thrust it in the valve wheel. I tried to turn it. It would not budge! My heart sank for I did not doubt that the faucet had been turned off with some force, and that, working in the water, no man had strength enough in the five feet of stick. There was

loose and turn on the stream. I expocted the signder stick to break under the strain, but it was the only chance of saving my life. I brought all my I heard the splash of the first slender trickle on the surface of the water! "Pushing my stick up through the

faucet wheel once more, I turned it still farther, and soon a heavy column of water was running into the tank. "From that time on it became only a question of whether I\_could keep swimming until the tank had filled up enough for me to pull myself out. a fair swimmer. 'Every minute counted in the settlement of my fate, and it seemed to take hours of time fur-the surface to rise enough to be perceptlble. Only when I became faint from the physical and mental strain my head went under and I swallowed much water in my fright. At times I

"But the tank was filling up slowly the rim and felt my fingers book themselves over the edge. I was too hung there and walted for the water edge and drew myself out. I climbed down the ladder in a dage and fainted away on the roof. The night. watchup to see what was causing water to run down the sides of the building.

# THE CREED OF THE OPTIMIST

The creed of the optimist is inter properity and happiness" to everyone he meets: "to look on the sunny side of everything;" to think only of the achievements; to give every living be too large to worry, too noble, for

going by turning to the right.

#### THE LURE OF THE MOTOR

The most violent opponents of the across the flat wheat fields of Kansas, automobile are probably those who Hoadley, Minister Agriculture, Troand when we began upon the night have never had the experience of rid- vince of Alberta, a trial shipment of large as now. Then seventeen hunern part of the state the air brakes dislike for the machines which still shricked and finally the train came to exists in some rural communities. An of testing out the possibilities of a alcoholic poison. During the first half a joiling stop with the sigh of es- enthusiastic motorist recently recount. market for Alberta's live stock in that of last year only two hundred and "It would be just my luck to have tall countryman, and converted him Department to send with the shipment

One day, when I was making a long into the possibilities of a market for trip across the state, a tremendous all Alberta's farm products. den death; and ever since my first shower came up. It drove into our faces so hard that it was no use to go on till it lat up a little. There was s "What was your first experience?" barn by the roadside, and we got the asked a well-tanned soldier from Fort machine and ourselves inside of it as Leavenworth who was going home on quick as we could, without taking the trouble to ask if we might. It was

> We had no sooner got settled that in walked a big, husky farmer. "This is my barn," he said. We begged his pardon for entering without his permission, and mentioned the rain as our excuse. He didn't say

out with, "I hate 'em!" We asked him why, and found out that it was because one of his chick-"At the time I was an extra watch- ent had been killed by a car. Of

"How much does she weight" h

talk, and in ten minutes he was feeling better. When the shower passed, we denly remarked, "I'm going a place down the road."

"Get in." I said. "There's plenty o room. How far are you going?" He named a place a couple of miles away. During the ride he held himself stiff as a post, braced-against all possible joits and lurches. When we reached the place he had named, we asked him where he wanted to be put

on." he said. We went on along for a mile or so, but there was no signal from the farmer except an occasional question as to how fast "she" was travelling. . Finally I asked him again where he wanted to get out. This time . he thought he would go to Redfield, a village five miles off.

It was nearly nundown when we got into Redfield, and still the farmer loaned back and asked him a third seemed to be fascinated with

Well, he rode thirty miles, and ended by getting down finally at Milford, where there was a railway-station Then he began to repent. He was a the game now," The old fellow grin-"I tried to collect my scared sense ned in a sheepish sort of way, and

### NOT QUITE

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strange impression that my watch was gone," said Jack, so I got up und "And had it gone?" asked Tom.

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