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EDITORIAL

Good Roads-Always a Live Subject

Good roads make a popular topic for discussion "Load" and "speed" are both synonymous for "profit." Good roads, proper grades, quick, sure, point of view. heavy hauling at low cost-that's the answer to the farmer's need of some way to make his business pay that they must have good roads everywhere, they will get them, and the other forty-five per cent. of new highway between Acton and Crewsons Corners to the farmer. There is not a farm on this new road, or within a mile or more of it, whose value has not been increased by hundreds of dollars, through its construction.

Does Prohibition Increase the Drug Evil?

In 1908 the Dominion Parliament passed an Act to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of opium for other than medical purposes. In 1916 the United States passed an exceedingly drastic law regarding habit-forming drugs, which drove the drug vendors to Canada; and at the second session of the Dominion Parliament in 1919 and at the regular session in 1920, stringent regulations were passed regarding the importation, exportation and traffic in narcotic drugs. In regard to convictions for offences against the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, Government statistics show that the bulk of offenders are in the two wet Provinces of British Columbia and Quebec. The convictions for the year are as follows Prince Edward Island, 2; Nova Scotia, 2; New Brunswick, 29; Ontario, 321; Manitoba, 36; Saskatchewan, 170; Alberta, 160; total in dry provinces, 711. Quebec 352; British Columbia, 801; Total in wet provinces, 1,153.

The Late Samuel Dice, Police Magistrate In the death of Police Magistrate Samuel Dice,

of Milton, on Saturday, the County of Halton has lost a worthy and very prominent citizen. Mr. Dice was gospel. a native of this county, having been born in Nelson township in 1837. He was a man who faithfully and fearlessly assumed the duties of citizenship, and was power in the advancement of the temperance issues Base Ball Association. in this county, and to his efforts much is due for the progress made and maintained toward the ultimate goal of total prohibition of the manufacture, importation, exportation and transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. As a Police Magistrate Mr. Dice was fair and impartial, always Government came into office, and it was notable that weighing evidence carefully, and ever inclined to the vocal support emanating from the Unionists favor the accused so far as the ends of justice would permit. For five years he was Mayor of Milton, and his administration was most satisfactory. As member of the Anglican Church he was active and teem and reverence.

The Budget of 1924

After being before the House of Commons for Sunday. thirty-three days, and discussed from every possible angle by the members after hearing respectively from their constituencies, the House of Commons on Friday approved of the new tariff by a vote of 165 to 53, more than three to one, Mr., Woodsworth's amendment, advocating more radical changes, received, as was expected, little support and was negatived by 204 to 16. Four Liberals, Messrs. McCrea, Raymond, Euler and Marler, voted against the Govern-The Hon. Walter Mitchell resigned his seat in the House for the same reason, and Sir Lomes Gouin, by releasing his pan, classes himself among the intentional absentees. These incidents indicate some defections from the Government in Ontario and Quebec, which will no doubt be regarded as far more than counterbalanced by the prospect of greatly this Presbytery warns our fellow workers in the cause increased support in the Prairie West. We are con- of reform throughout Canada against believing that fronted with a new political alignment. Its first Government Control eliminates the evils associated at once, and down came the stove, the effect will be to give the Government a large and with the liquor traffic. That we regard it to be a safe majority in the House, putting an end to the patriotic duty to make it known that the drug traffic tery. talk of an early election. It means also that the flourishes here as never before and is on the increase, country will have one, if not two, years to consider bootlegging flourishes in and from this Province as came running into the yard, responsive the effect of the new tariff and of other changes, if never before, that drunkenness is on the increase, what under the sun's the matter, the largest over given in the House of Commons. Is socially injurious, and not a success."

Felt Like Daniel in the Lions' Den

affairs when he was Minister of Finance is now being discussed; made rather a significant, and withal clo- of men, and he has never lost any of and I guess we'll be enough for the quent introduction to a two hours' speech at the meeting of the Royal Commission at Ottawa last of his first parish among the hills of Friday. His introductory remarks, following an impassioned argument by W. T. J. Lee, who referred to Sir Thomas White, Sir Henry Drayton and Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding as "a trinity of negligence" was: "When I survey this imposing array of counsel and see my experienced friend, R. J. McLaughlin, my flery and pugnacious friend, Mr. Lee; my practical a spirited young mure, both willingly and restrained friend, Mr. Browning; my very learn- the best unimal in his stable none too ed friend and leader, and dean of the Bar of Canada, Mr. Lafleur, and a leader of the Bar of Manitoba, penall, went, too, prepared to sketch Mr. Symington-know when I see this imposing array while her husband fished. of counsel what Daniel felt like in that den of hungry lions, and when I see them looking at me hungrily House Hill, Mr. Ramsey turned into I am not without hope that I may fare as well as that biblical character."

Guaranteeing Bank Deposits

Parliament at Ottawa is being called upon consider a scheme for guaranteeing depositors in the banks against loss, through the mismanagement kicked up her hools and cantered house, where the minister's wife had and misfortune of the institutions to which their savings are entrusted. To some of the advocates of the idea such insurance will appear to be an easy and simple thing. It is regarded by them as something pected. The mare, feeling placidly, more effective than government inspection, as a guarantee against the consequences of incompetence and approach within arm's length, and then malfeasance in the operation of a bank. If bank note circulation can be guaranteed, it is asked why thereupon patiently coll up his halter and tried friends. not deposits? There are differences between bank notes and deposits, but in the nature, and extent of liability bank notes, through not of necessity a legal ance, until Mrs. Ramsey, tiring at last that often happens. The next Bunday tender in payment of a debt, are accepted as such. This new suggestion adds a new responsibility to the Government of Canada, which is not in any respect justified. Robbing Peter to pay for Paul's speculations is neither honest nor business like. The more the idea of making the people of the country responsible through the Government, for the loss of incompetently directed banks, such as the Home these days. Mud stalls the horse. Grade cuts down Bank, which is responsible for the present agitation his load. Mud stalls the truck. Grade cuts down the tess will it appeal to the reason of men, who can view such serious matters from a calm, businesslike

better, When the farmers of Canada unitedly say Every Citizen of Ontario Has a Responsible Duty It is time the good people throughout our Province awoke to the importance of personal responthe country's population will enjoy them also. The sibility for keeping the sale of liquor out of On- led him into swampy places, where he lyn business houses. It was evident tario. If prohibition is fever overthrown in this mank nearly to his knees; through that he had not recognized the firm is a live example of the value of good reliable roads Province whose fault will it be? The Moderation tore his clothing; through matted in part as follows: League's? No? The blame will lie at the door of grass, that tripped his tired feet. His self-centred indifferent Christian voters. There are, unfortunately, many of them who still fail to recognize the personal responsibility which plainly rests upon them. Acton and scores of other places in clothing and a very battered slouch I do not bring actions at law for this Province suffered for years under the licensed bar, because of the apathy and indifference of citizens putable was too mild a word to apply stepping-stones to other legal busiof this type. Such incidents as the following have been common: "Oh, Mrs. M-, why didn't you come out to vote?" questioned an unfortunate woman whose husband was addicted to drink, after farmhouse not far distant, he bent against the lawyer; the last Local Option election here. "Do you know of usalstance. that six more ballots would have carried Local Option? And there were three times that number, right kitchen Mrs. Bodish, one of the most a bill which we have been trying to in our own church, that were not polled." "Well, faithful and devoted members of Mr. collect for a long time without sucreally, I couldn't. We were house-cleaning that day, the best and sweetest of women, was and had expected company: I was sure the by-law going cheerity about her morning's ter we should be pleased to send you would carry anyway. So sorry." Her questioner naturally turned away, oppressed by such bland, as she worked-thinking how fortun- carliest convenience?" crass selfishness. If an election comes on a plebiscite antisfactory a successor to dear old peal to the lawyer's sense of humor on the Ontario Temperance Act, every citizen should Parson Hubbard, and pleturing to her- but the bill was paid without any be impressed with his or her personal responsibility young minister and his wife when they in this important.matter.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An observant philosopher remarks that "not all who praise liberty and moderation, practice moderation when they get the liberty," and that's true us

"Last season was a record-breaker. Prohibition has been the greatest blessing base ball ever enjoyed. eminently successful in public life. Mr. Dice was a The passing of the saloon increased our patronage molested. man of high purpose and noble resolves. He stood wonderfully. Regardless of the merits of the for what he believed to be right, whether it was Eighteenth Amendment, it is a great business booster popular to do so or not. For forty years he was a for us."-Thomas J. Hickey, President American

> After some months of comparative quietude, Lloyd George appeared on the floor of the British House of Commons on Saturday in one of the most effective contributions he has made since the present drowned that of his own followers.

Hon. N. W. Rowell, K. C., was appointed to repre- both fulled, and then mank down on board. representative, and for years was a delegate to Synod sent the League of Nations. Society of Canada at and Diocese meetings. The name of Samuel Dice the convention of the League of Nations Societies at will ever be remembered in Halton County with es- Lyons, France, at a meeting of the executive at Ottawa on Friday, when Sir Robert Borden, President, presided. Mr. Rowell will present a resolution to have the nearest Sunday to January 10 in each year observed in all countries as League of Nations

> George Wood, of Onondaga, suggested a wise course the other day at a convention of Brant county Wrought up to high pitch of excitefarmers: "What we need is a round table conference between manufacturers, labor and farmers. I would violence done upon victims trapped in like to see the Canadian Manufacturers' Association lonely furnihouses. He shouted, beat invite a representative of the farmers to place our heavily against it, but it was fast. case before them. And, when the United Farmers hold their annual convention, let them hear from representatives of the Manufacturers' Association and Organized Labor.'

The Presbytery of Montreal passed unanimously way, the stove toppled, and Mr. Ramthe following resolution at its last meeting: "That and Historically the majority for the budget was and that the Quebec system of Government Control mother?" he shouted, hearing the crush

THE MINISTER'S FISHING TRIP

Sir Thomas White, whose inactivity in Home Bank The Roy, Alexander Ramsey, like some of the early disciples, was a his love for the gentle art of angling. He had not been six weeks in charge Western Connecticut when he discovored Beaver Brook, a sparkling trout stream some three miles from the villingo, Into its alluring pools he determined to drop a hook at the carlient opportunity.

Behold him, then, setting forth one lewy May morning, in an old-fashioned, mud-spattered phaeton, drawn by ent by Descon Gould, who considered good for the young minister. Mrs. turney, who had some gift with her

Beyond the red bridge which spans Bonver Brook, at the foot of Powderun open pasture beside the road, and barness, bridle and all, before turning

The mare, finding horself thus unexpectedly at liberty, and feeling the enough to be caught. exhibitation of the spring morning.

Armed with the halter, Mr. Ramsey set out in pursuit. But the capture proved more difficult than he had exwith a perfect stimulation of indifferplunge off again with a sort of mis-

Half an hour passed in the rather of the amusement she had at first Rufus Bodfish, who had not been to

With her assistance the mare was conned up in one corner of the pasture; but at the moment when success seemed assured, the perverse creature leaped a low stone wall into a pasture which seemed larger than the first, and was partly filled with underbrush

"You go back to the carriage, Mary," said Mr. Ramsey, mopping his perspiring forehead, "and see that no one makes off with that. I'll have another try for this exasperating, animal, and if I can't catch her alone, I'll go for help to the nearest farmhouse." The chase now became more active, for the minister's temper was aroused, and the best part of the day-for ang-

He abandoned strategy and pursued brambles and solled with dirt and

had worn his oldest and roughest No collections, no charge. Of course hat, but they were by this time so nothing; neither do I sue unless authtorn and mud-bespattered that disre- orized. I believe that collections are

hoss Mr. Ramsey, spent and exas. doing business. perated, gave up the chase, and seeing from a rise of ground the gables of a ing answer, together with its bill his stops in that direction in search

Ramsey's church, and withal one of cess.

ate the "White Church" was to find so self the surprise and delight of the further delay. should see the new set of furniture the parish was planning to put into the parsonage parlor.

To Mrs. Bodfish, thus happily om-

Her one overmastering weakness somewhat pompously. was a fear of tramps, and never had she seen a more unmistakable speci- on the train." mon. The melody of "Hebron," which she was softly humming, died in her gan brokenly. throat; she grow faint and her head from the house, and this tramp would

But as the man turned toward the door of the shed, or "summer kitchen," Mrs. Boddsh's wits returned to her. and she saw how the villain might be Boftly hurrying across the kitchen,

she shot the bolt which fastened the door leading into the shed. Then she seized a banch of keys from a near-by nuil, slipped out of the house, ran round to the back door, through which the trump had disappeared, closed it, pushed a key into the look and turned

Leaving it dangling there with its hands; and then he discovered, to his rusty fellows, she ran back into the intense astonishment, that the animal house, selzed the dinner-horn, and was stuffed. proceeded to draw from it such walls of distress and shrelks of alarm as no the back stem to wait the coming of

Mr. Bodfish und the boys. Mounwhile Mr. Ramsey had entered the shed and begun knocking upon the kitchen door. He rapped vigorously again and again, but mot with

All at once the sound of Mrs. Bodfish's energetic performance upon the dinner-horn reached his care, and he determined to go out into the yard in sourch of the instrumentalist. To his surprise, he found the door at which he had come in shut and locked. He went back to the kitchen door and tried it. It was locked, ment, his confused and tired brain began to recall stories of robbery and

upon the door, and threw himself And still the dinher-born labricked The panic-stricken minister now ought escape by the only window in

he shed, in front of which stood rusty old cooking-stove. Upon this lanem relie he scrambled, and endeavored to raise the window. In the midst of his exertions one of the legs gave sey caught hastily at a shelf to regain The shelf was merely a board laid

upon brackets, and loaded with empty bottles and flower-pots. It gave way shelf and the wretched minister among the ruins of shattered glass and pot-At this juncture Mr. Bodfish, uccompanied by George and Nathan

"A tramp!" she gasped. "I tocked him in the summer kitchen!" "Nathan," shouted his father, "go into the house and get your gunt fisherman before he became a fisher George and I will get our hay-forks

> Thus armed, the three men approached the summer kitchen. . It was a dramatic moment. Mr., Itodfish unlocked the door and threw it open. "Hands up!" he shouted, while

Nathan presented his gun threaten ingly at the man who appeared within. "What is the meaning of this outrage?" demanded Mr. Humsey, augrily. His slouch but had fallen off, and 44 he stepped out into the sunlight the recognition was simultaneous.

of the humiliation to which she had subjected her beloved minister, throw her apron over her head and fled sobbing into the house. The men were not long in explaining mutters, and Mr. Bodfish was profuse in his apolo-

For them the affair ended in a hearty laugh, but the dollcacy of Mrs. Bodfish's position was felt by them all began to unharness the mare. Unfor- It was Mr. liamsey's tact that saved tunutely he know little or nothing the situation. He went back to his about horses, and he stripped of the wife, whom he found calmly employed upon her-skelch-book, and sent her to back to the carriage to look for the call on Mrs. Hodfish, while he, with the assistance of the farmer and his sons, fecaptured the mare, now ready

Then they returned to the farmgully away to the middle of the pas- found means of consolution for Mrs. Red-eyed but smiling, the little

woman met them, and insisted that the Ramseys should stay to dinner. It was a cheerful meal. No one spoke of the unfortunate opisode of once to his movements, would let him the morning. The talk was of the affairs of church and farm and countryside, and when it was over the chievous delight. Mr. Ramsey would Ramseys and Bodfishes were us old As fishing trips go, the minister had reason to consider this a success.

monotonous repetition of this perform- True, he brought home no fish, but church for ten years, came with hi He came again, and before Mr. Ramsey left the White Church for a larger parish, he had the satisfaction of saluting as "deacon" Rufus Bodfish, the man who on their first meeting had stood ready to run him through with a hay-fork.

COLLECTED THE BILL

For three years a business house puted bill of twenty dollars from a lawyer. Whenever a collector unked for the money, the lawyer would protest vigorously that a man of his large affairs could not be bothered with so

a typowritten letter from the lawyer. the mare hotly and rashly from one manifolded copies of which had probend of the pasture to the other. She ably been sent to many other Brookthick and tangled underbrush, which name when he sent it. The letter read

hands and face were acratched with thinking you may have some claims on your books that should be collected. After the manner of fishermen, he of my business upon the principle: ness, and give an opportunity to become acquainted with my method of

> The business house sent the follow-"We have at hand your favor of the

Now the house belonged to a farm- some of our uncolleced bills, and we or named Bodnah, and within its take pleasure in sending you herewith "If you can do anything in this mat-

And she was thinking of Mr. Ramsey kindly let us hear from you at your Possibly this did not especially up-

HE WENT ON THE TRAIN.

An American lady, who spoke very little French, was getting into a truin ployed, suddenly appeared the terri- for Dieppe at Paris last summer. She fying vision of a ragged and dirty had a little white dog under her arm. man crossing the yard and coming to- | One of the railway guards stepped up to her, and touching his cup, said "Madame, you cannot take your dog "But I take my dog"-the lady be "Madame, the rules admit of no ex-

"But my dog is different, sir-"

The American lady was becoming excited. "But my dog is-is-is-oh.,

an't think of the word-I'll put him n my valisel" "Impossible!" "O, air, take the dog yourself," the

lady exclaimed. "I cannot take the dog, madame. s contrary to regulations." A great crowd had gathered by this time. The American lady was beginning to cry; but suddenly she thrust her dog, willynlity, into the guard's

The crowd roured with laughter. The guard gave the dog to the triumphant one would have supposed that monot- American lady, who had all the time enous instrument capable of producing. been trying vainly to remember the She blew until breath and strength word empallie: and she took it on

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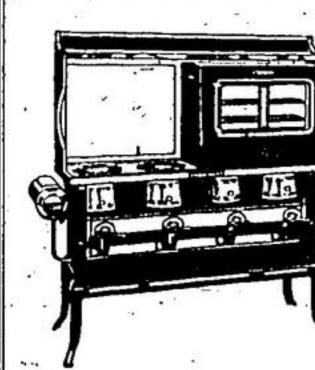
out of doors, with mutes who are Leason the chances of being sick by weating cool, wash clothes in summer; warm, dry, clean clothes in winter; rubbers on Wet days, and overshops on slushy days of melting anow. . Let all eating be done at meal times. Avoid sweets and pickies. Fresh fruits, when ripe, are good. Clean milk from healthy dows is necessary for growth. Tea and coffee are not good. Cigarette or other smoking is particularly harm-

ful during the growing period.

The bashful young suitor entered the home of his sweetheart bearing a large box with the name of a well-known "How sweet and fresh they are!" cried the young woman, opening the box. "I believe there is still a little "Why-or-yes," admitted the youth "but it's just a little, and I'll pay i







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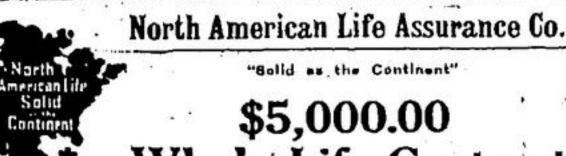
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