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EDITORIAL

Chicago's Illegal Withdrawal of Water from Lake Michigan

The protests from Canada and all the States or the Great Lakes; with the exception of Illinois, as well as the Lake Carriers' Association, against the withdrawal of more than 4,167 cubic feet of water per second from Lake Michigan for diversion through the Chicago and Calumet Rivers for the removal of sowage, are at last having effect. Congress is now taking action and Chicago will be obliged to provide some other means for sewage disposal. When the Chicago Sanitary District was formed the Act of Congress permitted the withdrawal of 4,167 cubic feet, but encroachments have been made from time to time until now 10,000 feet per second are being withdrawn. This is seriously impairing navigation, and affects not only Lake Michigan, but Lakes Superior, Huron, Erie and Ontario, and the ports on al these lakes. It was an unpleasant duty, the Government declared in the brief which has been prepared to insist in this case upon its paramount and exclusive control over the water of the Great Lakes, but it would betray a trust if it permitted the sanitary district's challenge to bass unnoticed, particularly when other States and a foreign Government were peddlers." complaining.

Our Favorable Balance of Trade

Canada's greatest source of wealth and optimism continues to be her foreign trade, which for the last week, it was decided to press for further investwelve months ended October 31 showed a favorable tigation into the Provincial bond transactions. The balance of over \$175,000,000, as compared with the previous year. Exports for the year ended October 81 last were \$1,076,632,203, as compared with \$994,- the brokers. 646,069 in the previous year, and with \$815,530,510 in the year ended October 31, 1922; imports were \$818,671,463; as compared with \$911,759,278. So that there is a steady increase in goods sold to other countries, and a continuous decrease in goods purchased from other countries. The Dominion's largest balance of trade is against the United Kingdom, the exports to the Mother Country in twelve months ended October 31 last being \$393,174,660, while the imports from Great Britain were only \$149,249,747. against the British Empire, her exports to-all its vincial Canada seems like-a remarkably big bill. constituents, including the British Isles, being \$471, 153,710, as compared with \$438,742,143 in the proceding year, while her imports from the Empire were \$191,004,168, as compared with \$197,196,097.

Doctors are Inclined to Banish Liquor Scripts

Doctors should decline to dispense liquor. We think the onus of keeping the country dry should not be borne by the medical profession," says the -Canadian Journal of Medicine and Surgery, of Toronto, in its December issue, in an editorial urging the abolition of the prescription system in Ontario. "Making liers of thousands of tipplers and libellers with the O. T. A. are the amount of bootlegging and -Picton Gazette. the isquance by the medical profession of liquor prescriptions for beverage purposes.' As to bootlegging, we think all good citizens and these, of course, include the medical profession-should unite in aiding the Government in every way possible in the suppression of this cuil. This can be done by siding the organized temperance forces in endeavoring-te create so strong a public sentiment against th nefacious business that the Government will feel compelled as nearly as possible to atamp the practice out. It is only by forceful pressure of public opinion on the 'powers that be' that we can hope to see a vigorous policy of repression carried out, and the act really enforced. Regarding prescriptions, the procedure is absolutely wrong. The dispensing of liquor

Alcoholizing the People for Profit

Dr. Ernest Hell, Police Commissioner of Vancouver, recently said: "The Government has set out upon a policy of alcoholizing our people for profit; a policy of saturation rather than of control. The encouragement of liquor drinking means the lowering of stamina, the pauperizing of the public and the encouragement of lawlessness and crime, but never in the history of British Columbia has liquor been so extensively advertised as it has been in the last three years under Government Control; never has there been such a persistent attempt to debauch the public, The road is open to the public. It is a the Glenwilliams Methodist Church to entice people to drink, to create an appetite for alcohol." Dr. Hall is a native of Halton, son of the fate Robert S. Hall, J. P., of the seventh line, Esquesing.

Lord Beaverbrook Advises Young Men to Come to

In Arcornt article in the Express, of London England which he is the owner, Lord Beaverbrook, a well-knowh Canadian, a native of New Brunswick, says, respecting his visit to Canada last month "Everywhere in Canada I have found manifest signs and indisputable proofs of progress and prosperity in banking and commerce, in industry and railway management, and most of all in the very temper and abilities of the people themselves. They feel instinctively that they are as yet but standing on the Hamilton, Miss Clark, Mrs. McLear. threshold of their future wealth and greatness. My advice to hard-working and venturesome lads in the Old Country is this: 'Go to Canada and grow up with the growing country."

Protecting the Home Merchants

The question of transient traders is occasionally a vexed one in Acton, as in other towns. Few towns have succeeded in framing by-laws which satisfactorily govern transjent traders and adequately protect the established merchants who are paying taxes on their property and business taxes on their stocks. The town of Hanover has been giving considerable attention to this matter lately. The Post says; "This journal is strongly in favor of the proposal now before the Hanover Council to increase the license fee for hawkers and peddlers. Some feat is expressed that the people are not in favor of the proposal, feeling that these peddlers give them something 145 MacNab Street north, Hamilton; roady to acknowledge their error. that they need at a lower cost than the articles can was arrested early Saturday morning Others wait as this man did for be bought for at local stores. Hanover merchants, Highway Constable Smith, after an admission which if made in the benot only as ratepayers, but in divers ways, are one of the town's best assets, and, while we do not sug- neighborhood. gest that everything possible be done to give them a monopoly on their particular business, still we do submit that they should not be subjected to unfair competition; in fact, that they should be given a police, and on Saturday evening the preference over fellows who do not contribute in any way to the town's prosperity. Durham, it is said, has a license fee of \$10 a day. Barrie recently faised and the rime, the block off the head. the fee for transient traders to \$150. These charges and then abandoned it. Gasette, appear much more reasonable than the present rate here, although the \$75 license for transient traders, which is rebated in taxes if they remain in town, is not open to the same criticism as the paltry fee for

EDITORIAL NOTES

'At the convention of Liberals held in Toronto feeling was general that Hon. Peter Smith was not the first to fall for the commissions proffered by

Happy and satisfied women almost never smoke cigarettes, in the opinion of Dr. R. Hofstaetter, gynecologist, who some time ago created a considerable stir by his asserting that smoking alters women's died last Saturday at the home of her ruther change the subjec' than stop faces to their disadvantage, making them look more masculine than feminine.

It costs the Dominion, of Canada for salaries of The only considerable nation having a favorable bal- Cabinet Ministers, Lieutenant-Governors, Senators auce against Canada continues to be the United and Members of Parliament \$1,644,000 annually. Earl: Vice-Prosident, J. J. Peacock States, which sold to this Dominion in that twelve When the expense for Provinces is added the total months \$534,162,831 and bought from Canada \$418,- is \$3,000,000 for 908 Legislators and 97 Cabinet 373,219. Canada still has a large favorable balance Ministers. The cost of governing Federal and Pro-

> Canada is buying less from and selling more to the United States than she was a year ago. In the with his mother, having returned from twelve months ended October, imports from the United States were \$534,000,000, a drop of \$86,000,-000 compared with a year ago. Exports to the United States were \$418,000,000, a betterment of \$7,000,000 over a year ago. Canada's balance of trade with the United States therefore shows an improvement of

At the Conservative convention in Toronto out of too many dostors," is an allusion in the Premier Ferguson's stand on the Ontario Temperance editorial to the practice of the script system under Act was heartily endorsed. The gethering was the Ontario Temperance Act. The Journal suggests unanimous in its approval of the Premier's course. that the doctors get together and plan some solution McCausland has had his answer. He has learned to the difficulty. After commenting with satisfaction that the Conservative party is solidly behind its on the outcome of last month's plebiscite, the Journal leader in his announced intention to carry out the proceeds; "The two principal faults we have to find mandate of the people. No other course was possible-

> In an editorial the other day enumerating the benefits wrought in Ontario through the Hydro-Electric developments, under Sir Adam Beck, the Globe says: "In benefit to the people, Hydro-Electric enterprise stands out among the first, and perhaps as the very first, of the achievements recorded in Ontario since Confederation. It has immensely increased Mr. Justice Riddell, of the Supreme Court of Ontario, will deliver his the comfort of Ontario homes, lessened the drudgery of Ontario housewives, improved and cheapened Empire" transportation and lighting of the streets, and given tremendous impulse to Ontario industry."

"It was a Pamous Victory." We refer to the remarkable offer to readers. Providing fit, anvil large and vise; I large eise quight never to have been foisted upon the doctors, splendid triumph achieved by the Temperance forces The doctors did not ask for it, did not want it; and in Ontario, when, after a perfectly terrific campaign, tunity to enter the big Election Con-(It has to be admitted) a great many of the people they remained the "Ontario Temperance Act" by about who have been getting scripts have not needed them. 40,000 majority. The wet and dry-dry interests of the children no special skill or thresome The old way of prescribing liquor for patients was United States and, in fact, the wer and dry forces dollars. If that were not enough the good enough and quite satisfactory to the medical of the world, were all greatly interested in the result Family Herald is also offering to each profession." Coming from the Journal of Medicine, in Ontario. The wets throughout Canada poured subscriber who comes in time a large seed peas; 10 tons of hay. the representative of the medical profession in On- their money and sent their leaders into Ontario to colors, entitled "The Bale of Old Dobterio, these striking comments and suggestions defeat, prohibition but failed. The drys of Ontario logue of valuable rewards to be given should have the carnest consideration of the Govern- are to be congratulated. They put on a clean cam- to those who secure new subscriptions. will be given on furnishing approved. With such wonderful value it is no joint notes. 5% off for cash. Hay: ment, when the proposed amendments for the more paign and won a great victory. Now "On to Ottawa." effectual administration of the O. T. A. are under -Vermont Issue, Albert E. Laing, formerly of Acton, Star is the first choice of Canadiana

Neighborhood News-Town and Country

Guelph to spend the winter with Mr. James McNell, of Owen Bound, has been visiting with his sister, Mrs. los: Liark, during the week. highway west of Rockwood, reports their new home.

fine piece of highway. recital for her pupils on Friday even- ciety of Canada. The church was ing. November 21, in the Town Hall beautifully decorated. The choir conpast years brought out a large audi- Caldwell gave a very interesting adence, who listened with pleasure to the dress on the subject. splendid music rendered by about thirty of Miss Jolliffe's pupils. At the starm rang for a chimney fire on Main conclusion of the programme Dr. E. F. Street, which terminated without much McCullough presented certificates from damage. About 12.10 on Friday the the Academy of Music to the ten pupits Brigade were called to the Provincial

Wm. Harris. There was a nice atspirit of the evening and a happy social time was spent. Miss Margaret Thomas played a number of old songs. n which all joined heartily. The hostoss had prepared games and contests, and Drizes were given to the winners, who were Mrs. Laing, Mrs. and Mrs. Cometon. Miss Jolliffe favered the company with instrumental

music, which was much appreciated.

J. J. Filman and his party of hunters arrived home on Friday last with their The annual barnar of the Ladies' Ald Bociety of the Methodist Church | the Datient said, "By the way, that aproom on Friday, December 6. Invitations have been issued for informal dinner, to be given at the the eighth, instead of the ninth." The Brant Inn., on Tuesday evening next, December 1, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and the Bur-

ington Horticultural Society. Mrs. William Tucker, of Township, sustained a broken right hip on Saturday last, Ms. and Mrs. Tucker self wrong. The illusion of infallibility were walking along the road on their is a rather agreeable one to everybody way home, when they stepped to one side to avoid a passing automobile. only to be run into and knocked down by a horse and buggy.

east of Oakville by Chief Smith and months, and shamefacedly make the all-night hunt. He is charged with ginning, would not have been embarstealing chickens throughout the rassing at all.

start for home it was gone. He im- acknowledgment. mediately reported ithe loss to the car was found on the old Guelph Road. a short distance out of Hamilton. The thieves stripped the our of five tires the horn, two robes and all the tools

.The general sessions of the County Court will be held in the Court House anything. Talk, talk, talk! Nothin

Mrs. Fred Dewar, Milton, was one f the 150 delegates who attended the horse. Liberal meeting in Toronto last week . for organisation purposes. One hun- Harry Perry?" demanded his wife dred and eleven ridings were represented. The County Council on Tuesday passed a by-law for the issue of de-

bentures to the amount of \$60,000 to cover expenditure on the second and seventh line roads. Trafalgar, the township to repay the money to the Evergreen Cemetery is rapidly filling up, and it looks as if, in the near

future, the boundaries will have to be enlarged. The population of the "silent your pinion of him-if you can get it city" will soon exceed that of the out." town at the rate it is being added to Mary Hannah Fleetham, widow of the late John Stephenson, of Milton,

daughter, Mrs. Nelson Ryder, Hamil-, talkin." ton, with whom she had been on a ". "Wall!" said his wife, in a ton suffering from dropsy for some time. said that before?" Mrs. Stephenson was in her fird year The following officers were elected by Milton Curling Club for the ensuing year: Patron and Patroness, Judge and Mrs. Elliot; President, Chester Secretary-Treasurer, J. Little: Chaplain, Rev. T. H. Bole: Auditors, J. W. Blain and J. Irving; Executive, J. W Blain, S. R. Bews, E. H. Graham, A. L MacNabb, P. Robinson; Tankard skips, J. J. Poscock and C. Toletska.

OAKVILLE

Dick Hawkins is holidaying in then Cranbrook, B. C. In Luck Hall on December 12 after noon and evening, the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will hold their Chief Kerr was notified on Saturday afternoon that Russell Conover had been relleved the previous night of 53

fine ducks, presumably by the same gang which, from all accounts, appears to have been operating with some success throughout the oqunty. Cheer up! You have until December 3 in which to raise the amount of the second instalment of your taxes. Oakville's rate is a paitry 53 mills, so

The officers of the Oakville Baseball

Club are planning a banquet for the members of the baseball team, intermediate champions of Ontario, with thely friends, in the Masonic Hall, on the evening of Friday, December 11. The Woodlands Orchards entered one box each of Wealthy, Snow) and Spy apples in the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, just closed, and were awarded first prize for each box. The second prise for Spice in this class went to the Coldstream Ranch British Columbia, winner with Spice at this year's Imperial Bruit Show in Birmingham, England. Club made arrangements for a banquet to be held on the evening of Wedneslay, December 10, at which the Hon.

famous lecture, "Canada Within the

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GEORGETOWN

Georgetown will have an up-to-date fire alarm system in the near future. Anniversary bervices will be held ! Ashgrove Methodist Church on Sunday, December 7, morning and evening. A Bunday School entertainment will Mrs. Tyndail Lundy has gone to take place on December 19. Mrs. Aloe visited at the home of her

daughter, Mrs. Cameron, in Collingwood last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ross moved to Toronto last week. The good wishes Contractor - Wilford, who built the of their many friends follow them to

On Sunday evening, November 33, that his contract is now completed. ociebrated the hundredth anniversary Miss Annie Jolliffe held the annual of the founding of the Missionery Bo-The success, of this annual event in tributed special music and Rev. Mr. Last Wednesday evening the fire

who wrote their examinations this Coating Mills, where the coal in the large bins next to the boiler room had The social evening of the Women's caught fire. The firemen made institute was held at the home of Mrs. record run with the motor truck and the fire was extinguished without much

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU!

A business man, calling at his dentist's office to keep an appointment; was told that the period assigned him was he previous day. He had not brought along the card that had been sent him but he insisted that the mistake was not his. It had been made in the office marks about inercusable carelessness and the value of time. Although the dentist put of another patient to give him immediate attention, he departed in an unpleasant mood.

Six months passed before the dentist saw him again. When the two met held in the Methodiat school pointment last summer was my mis axe. When I reached home, I looked at the card, and saw that the date was acknowledgment was frank and satisfactory as far as it went, but the dentiat could not help remembering that six months elapsed before the patient made it.

No one really likes to admit him-Some estimable people indulge in this weekness, seeming to think that so honest admission would detract from their dignity. In truth, however, every-James Doling a Russian, residing at one would respect them more for being

When you realize that you are is On Friday evening last Russel Smith | the 'wrong, own up candidly and parked his Sedan car on McNab Street promptly. Do not make a serious in Hamilton, and when he returned to matter out of a trifle by postponing

NOT AN UNUBUAL TYPE

Harry Perry and his wife were returning from a village worthy's funeral, where the officiating clergyman had been a young man fresh from the divinity school.

"I declare," snapped Mrs. Perry, " never did hear anybody run on the way that young whippersnapper does! Wore me out 'fore he began to say but words!" "Get up," said Mr. Perry to th

"Why don't you say "Don't be weer you out?" "Dunno but he does," said Mr. Perry guardedly. "Dunno but he does!" cohoed his wife. "Don't you know he wears

everybody out?" "No, I can't may I knew that-not truthfully: for I ain't heard vrybody's 'pinion of him.' Mrs. Perry faced her husband. "What's the use o' your backin' an' fillin' so?" she said. "I'd like to know

Mr. Perry tugged twice, at the rein before replying. "thet he's the kind o' man thet would

visit for three weeks. She had been which meant, "Why couldn't you have

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