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EDITORIAL

A Move Which Will Have Effective Results
The Canadian Clubs of Canada have started a fine innovation in sending speakers from one province to another throughout the Dominion, bringing with them friendly greetings, telling something of the history and aspirations of their own Provinces, and trying to take home something of the viewpoint of the districts visited. Canadians are developing abundant faith in the possibilities of our Dominion, but we need to know more of the problems of other provinces in this land of vast distances, many races, and tremendous geographical isolation.—Walkerton Telescope.

A \$12,000,000 Order for Canadian Flour

It is a matter of satisfaction that Canada has booked the largest order for flour in the history of the world's milling. The Russian Government has purchased 1,300,000 barrels from two of our leading millers. The flour is to be loaded at New York, and upon delivery there the Russian Government have contracted to pay to the millers something over \$12,000,000 cash. The Russian Government is shipping it to Bantum, in the Black Sea, for the benefit of its starving populace. Delivery is to start as soon as ships are available and continue until April. It will take something like 165 trains to convey this flour to New York, and twenty-two ships, of the capacity ordinarily used, to carry it to the Black Sea. It will represent the product of over six million bushels of Canadian wheat and should tend to keep up the price to the \$2.00 per bushel mark.

The Government Proposal to Give Stronger Beer

The Orillia Packet is one of the strong Conservative papers of Canada which always aims to be consistent in its expressions. Relative to the Government's proposal in the Speech from the Throne to permit the sale of stronger beer, the Packet says: "Like a bolt from the blue came the announcement in the King's Speech at the opening of the Ontario Legislature, that the Ontario Government intends to introduce legislation increasing the legal alcohol content of beer from 2.5 to 4.4 per cent. of alcohol—in other words what is popularly known as 5 per cent. beer. The proposal is the more surprising in that it is understood that the cabinet declined to yield to a request that a question asking the electors whether they favored the sale of light beers and wines should be included in the recent plebiscite. If the Government imagines that this concession to the recalcitrant 'wet' wing of the party is going to get them out of their difficulty, we fear they are courting disappointment. It will only be made the basis of clamouring for beverages of more exhilarating nature. This will be the more certain should it be found, as is claimed, that 5 per cent. beer is not intoxicating. On the other hand, the Government will have forfeited the confidence and good will of the temperance forces, which have shown every disposition to line up strongly behind them since the Premier's firm stand following the plebiscite. Aside from such secondary political considerations, it is hard to conceive that the Government has thought out the effects of the proposed change. Taking it for granted that 5 per cent. beer will have some of the attractiveness of the old time beverages, and that it will be sold as freely as the present 'near beer', it practically means the re-establishment throughout Ontario of the open bar. This would be an astounding outcome of the recent vote, and of the pledge given by the Premier, that the wish of the majority would be respected. Not even the Moderationists had a good word to say for the bar when the campaign was in progress. Just think of the beer bars re-established in the County of Simcoe, where 27 out of 30 municipalities piled up a majority aggregating nearly 12,000 against the sale of alcoholic liquor in any form; or in Orillia, where the bars were voted out seventeen years ago, and where on four occasions the electors have declared against their return in any form by more than sixty per cent. of the vote polled. To create such a condition would be a crime against the municipalities which voted in favor of the Ontario Temperance Act, and would occasion far more widespread agitation and resentment than the manifestations from 'wet' constituencies which are now troubling the Government. It may be that five per cent. beer will appear to some people less of an evil than some of the other demands made by the 'wet' agitators in the cities and in the Legislature. But it is at best a retrograde step, only calculated to prolong the agony of a doomed traffic, and to create in another generation a taste for alcoholic stimulants. Perhaps the most serious effect of all would be the feeling of insecurity and distrust which such a surrender to the clamour of the 'wet' element in the cities would engender.

"A Protective Policy Alleged to be the Only Solution of Canadian Problems"

Dr. R. K. Anderson, M. P. for Halton county, made quite a speech on the address from the Throne, in the House of Commons last week. Naturally he advocated a protective policy. He says: "One hundred and forty-four industries are located in Halton county of them very large, but of great importance to the community, as 4000 people would be thrown out of employment if they were closed. A similar condition exists throughout Canada, and I believe that the principle of protection should be applied. Conditions were bad, but the only bright spot on the horizon is that the people will soon have the opportunity to name a successor to the Government."

Would be an Aggravation

The Hamilton Spectator, a strong supporter of the Conservative Government of the province, says, respecting the proposed amendment allowing five per cent. beer under the O. T. A.: "We repeat that we consider it most unfortunate that the government has seen fit to tamper with the act. We do not believe that the proposed measure will improve conditions in this province, nor simplify the administration of the act, as the Premier hopes. There is no reason to suppose that the operation of this beer will lessen the activities of the bootleggers. Such sale, in our opinion, would be an aggravation, rather than a mitigation of the difficulties involved in the solution of the liquor problems of Ontario. But we do not accuse the government of dishonest intentions."

Suggests a Vigilance Committee for Milton

A correspondent to the Milton Reformer says: "That there is a great deal of bootlegging in Milton is quite obvious to anyone who is observant. There are private houses where at all hours men are seen going in. These places are known to the neighbors in certain streets as pure, bootlegging establishments, and it is high time some of these gangs were caught and put in the right place, which is jail. If the authorities are not taking any action, then by all that is sacred, why not organize a vigilance committee of some of our church members and clean up this rotten state of affairs? This thing has been going on now for years, and it is high time something was done to put it where it belongs." The "authorities" will no doubt welcome the action suggested of a vigilance committee of responsible citizens, if there is bootlegging going on as alleged. The "authorities" have not, however, been so remiss as the correspondent infers. A number of convictions for violation of the O. T. A. have been made during the past year, and wherever the information was laid in these cases by Milton's Chief of Police, the penalties have been paid into the town's treasury. A Vigilance Committee of the right sort will greatly assist in accomplishing a clean-up.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Government of the Province of Quebec reports profits of \$5,754,370 from the liquor sold the past year. To accomplish this the people in the province made an expenditure of \$19,812,781 for liquor. This means profits for the Government, but the people's \$19,812,781 is squandered.

Intimations from the largest clothing dealers in Canada and England state that clothing will be dearer this year owing to the higher prices for raw material. Woollens are all increased in price. One element in this will be deemed satisfactory. The farmers will receive higher prices for their wool.

The Owen Sound Sun-Times urges the collection of local history while the pioneers are available to tell the story. With their information compiled the history of the province would be greatly enriched. This is exactly what "The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower" has been aiming to do for this community the past half-dozen years.

The electors of Halton County, who gave a majority of 2,934 for the continuance and strengthening of the O. T. A., naturally expect Mr. Hillmer, their representative, to stand firmly with them in the effort to defeat the proposal made in the Speech from the Throne to permit the sale of beer 76 per cent. stronger than at present allowed.

Exports from Canada in the year 1924 exceeded imports by \$262,410,043. A summary issued by the Commercial Intelligence Journal, an official publication, shows that exports of Canadian products in the 12 months totalled \$1,058,057,898. The exports are about \$43,000,000 higher than in 1923; the imports about \$95,000,000 less.

Novels are so much more discussed than other books that it will astonish some persons to learn that among the 10,903 new books published in the United States last year, only 1,000 were fiction. The proportion was, virtually the same among the 11,123 books and the 13,470 books of the two previous years. In England about one in five of the new books are fiction.

The Renfrew Mercury says: "THE ACTON FREE Press is making an appeal for a modern library building, and also more books of reference. The editor should have the hearty support of the town in this appeal. Renfrew has both a fine building and a nice collection of reference books, and it is one of the assets of the town, the value of which it would be difficult to estimate."

Great Britain is gradually assuming the democratic spirit of the times. A bill to enfranchise women at the age of 21 on an equal basis with men, similar to that in effect here in Canada, introduced by W. Whitley (Labor, Blaydon), was among the number of interesting bills introduced by private members that were given first reading in the British House of Commons on Friday.

Simcoe County Council has passed a resolution disapproving of the practice of holding teachers' conventions on teaching days. This would seem to be rather a narrow policy. The teachers meet in institutes and conventions with a view to improving methods by comparing experiences and the improved methods all for the betterment of the schools in which they are engaged. Why object then to their coming together on teaching days?

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

EVERTON
Last week the trustees of the Everton Cemetery held a meeting in the community hall, which was well represented by the families in Everton and vicinity. Arrangements were made for another meeting later on in the season which will have the plans for leveling the graves and baptizing the cemetery will be made.

The Oupring and Everton Women's Institutes in concert, with assistance in the work and funds, so it is hoped the cemetery will present a more beautiful appearance in future.

ASHROVE
The Ashrove U. F. & U. F. W. O. Club met at the home of Mr. J. M. Bird on Thursday evening, February 5, with a large number present. The roll call of the U. F. O. members was announced by the families in Everton and vicinity. Arrangements were made for another meeting later on in the season which will have the plans for leveling the graves and baptizing the cemetery will be made.

GEORGETOWN
Mrs. J. L. Harton received on Saturday afternoon from four to six o'clock at the Baptist parsonage.

The members of the Methodist League and friends visited Norval on Monday evening and put on an eloquent program in the Methodist Church there. At the conclusion of the program Norval Young People served refreshments and a pleasant social hour was spent.

TEASING
In general, the desire to be humorous animates the tease. His spirit is not consciously unkind; the boy who teases in his capacity for mischief is deliberately cruel; in the way the dog acts with the cat tied to him, there is a certain grotesqueness that strikes the boy as amusing. It is of dog behavior in the same way and liked having the cat tied to his tail, the boy would be just a wet dog. Sympathetic imagination is not often well developed in young people, before they are purely sensationists. They are interested in action, but not in what causes it—boys are likely to be bullies and girls to be teased.

AN UNTOUCHED SUBJECT
"In L'Esprit des Français is an instance of the sharp biting wit for which Alexis Biron, the French grammarian, was famous. A young author whose ability was not so much equal to his conceits, was discouraging at length upon the merits of his work.

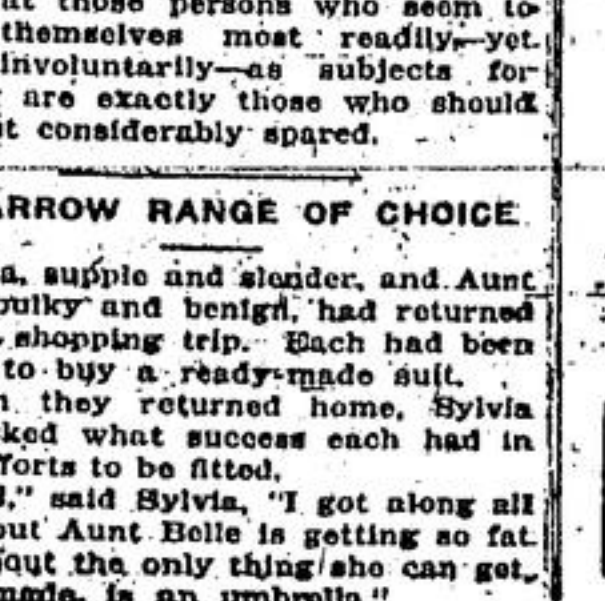
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NEWS OF THE OTHER ACTON

A Glimpse into the Every Day Life of Acton, England
The following items are gleaned from the columns of the Acton Gazette and Express of Acton, England, of February 1st. The sum of nearly £20 was collected at St. Martin's, West Acton, on Sunday Feb. 1st, for the Cathedral restoration fund.

At Acton's very door there is a West End theatre in all essential details; reached in a few minutes, half West End prices; with well-chosen programmes by men and women whose names are household words 10 days.

The Mayor of Acton attended a reception and dance held by the Mayor and Mayoresses of Hornsey in the Wharfedale Rooms, Great Central Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 17th of the Acton Boy Scouts Association.

A well-attended meeting of the council of the Acton Council of Commerce was held on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. W. T. The present position in affairs with regard to the illumination of the Parish Church clock was considered.

Following an annual custom for the past few years, the members of St. Martin's congregation, West Acton, dined together at the "Red Lion" on Thursday evening in last week. About thirty responded to the general invitation by taking tickets, and they spent a pleasant social time.

There was a large attendance at the young people's service held in the Acton Congregational Church on Sunday evening, when an interesting address was given by the Rev. E. G. Davies on the subject of three men who started life as cobblers.

When Beatrice Gaunt, of Acton-lane, Acton, was summoned at Acton Police Court, on Wednesday, for assaulting Hona Fule, of the same address, complainant accused her of "lying at her," pulling out some hair from her mouth and both arms.

When Kathleen Morgan, a widow of Crescent-street, Notting Dale, was charged at Acton Police Court, on Monday with being drunk on Saturday, a constable said he found her on her knees in the road. As she was being arrested, she said:

George S. Roadnight, a green-grocer of Shepherd's Bush, was charged at Acton Police Court, yesterday, with stealing on the 8th inst. by means of a trick from Mr. E. Poole, a schoolmaster of Twyford-avenue, Acton, the sum of 7s 6d.

Mr. J. V. A. Kelly writes acknowledging subscriptions to the amount of £20.00 for the renovation of the floral shrine at Goldsmith-avenue, Acton.

The number of unemployed heads of Acton families relieved under the Brentford Guardian's scheme has continued very low this winter, the average being below 20 and 25.

A NARROW RANGE OF CHOICE
Sylvia, supple and slender, and Aug, dark and bright, had returned from a shopping trip. Each had been trying to buy a ready-made suit. When they returned home, Sylvia was asked what success each had in their efforts to be fitted.

HE WOULD NEVER LOVE AGAIN

General Gordon, the Confederate Commander, used to tell with delight the following story.—He was sitting by the roadside one blinding hot day, when a battered soldier, whose clothing hung in rags, who had lost one shoe, who wore a bandage around his head and carried his arm in a sling, passed him. The soldier was soliloquizing thus:

"I love my country. I'd fight for my country. I'd starve and go thirsty for my country. I'd die for my country. But if ever this war is over, I'll never love another country!"

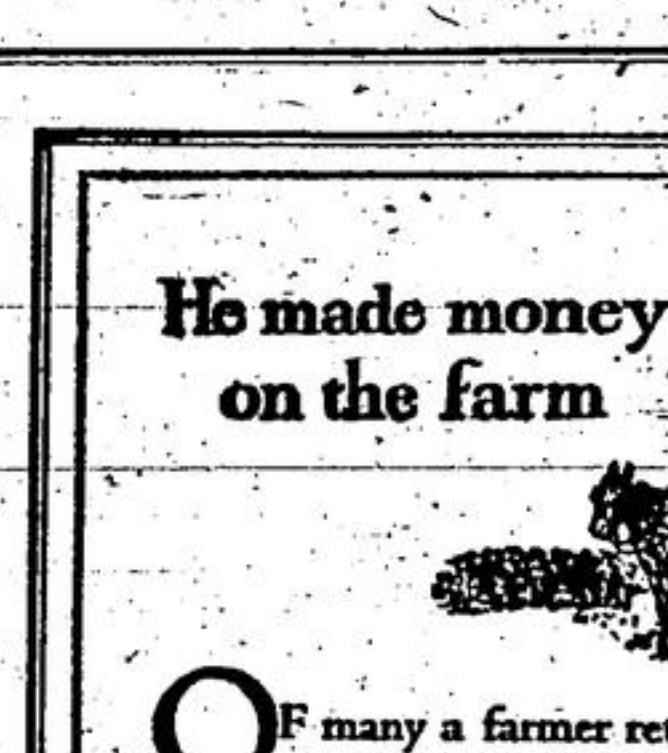
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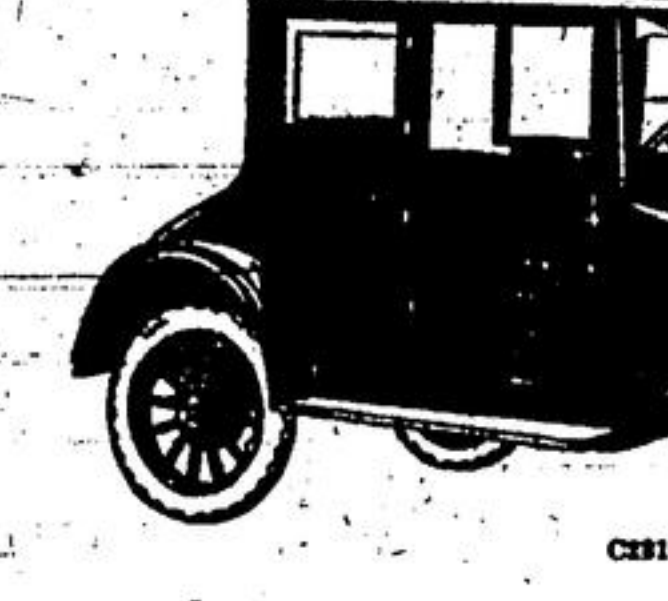
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