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## EDITORIAL

### A Surplus of Public School Teachers

The London Advertiser says that there are now too many teachers in the province of Ontario. It is stated that there are 250 applications from qualified teachers for positions on the London Public Schools staff, and no vacancies. The Advertiser criticizes the system which continues to turn out new teachers when there are so many at present looking for schools with vacancies. It is evident, however, that the Normal Schools have made the test very high, this year, for it is noticeable that those attaining first-class certificates are fewer than usual. It is only a few years ago that it was feared that the teaching profession would disappear entirely, but teaching is now like other professions and trades, not enough jobs to go around.

### Ontario's Hydro System Showing Gratifying Results

The seventeenth annual report of the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, presented by Sir Adam Beck last week, is singularly gratifying. The report shows a total net surplus, after meeting maintenance and operating costs, fixed charges and depreciation charges, of \$1,163,910 for the 241 municipalities in the Hydro organization. Features of this interesting report are: 1. The statement that the year was the most successful in the history of the commission. 2. The warning that it is necessary to make arrangements on practically all systems to secure additional power to meet the ever increasing demand. 3. The great increase in the use of Hydro in rural districts. 4. The announcement of the Hydro chairman of a reduction in rates for 121 of the 146 rural power districts served. 5. The fact that practically without exception the Hydro radials under the operation of the commission showed a decrease in operating revenue, and an increase in operating expenses. A feature of peculiar interest and satisfaction to our citizens is the statement that thirty-nine municipalities are entirely free of debt in their Hydro enterprises, and this list shows Acton in a prominent place. The list is as follows: Acton, Ailsa Craig, Beachville, Bothwell, Brockville, Chesterville, Coldwater, Collingwood, Creemore, Dorchester, Dundalk, Elmvale, Exeter, Georgetown, Lucan, Mitchell, Mount Brydges, New Toronto, Norwich, Otterville, Palmerston, Picton, Port Arthur, Prescott, Ridgeway, Rockwood, Rodney, St. George Tavistock, Thamesford, Thamesville, Thorold, Tilbury, Tillsonburg, Watford, Waterville, West-Lorne, Winchester and Woodbridge.

### Preserve Our Nationally Owned Parks

Canada has a heritage exceeding that of any other country; when the population is considered, in their extent, versatility, beauty and privileges of her nationally owned parks. The wisdom of the successive Government in selecting areas of varying dimensions where in the exact setting of Nature's own selection, certain masterpieces of creation may be preserved in perpetuity for the people of Canada, is universally commended. The potential value of these, our National Parks, in their influence upon the character of the nation, and as a source of commercial wealth without any diminution of the original gift is, however, usually under estimated, owing to the comparatively small and widespread nature of the population of the Dominion with its limited opportunity to obtain first hand information by personal investigation; but, the principle of conservation, of maintaining the areas thus set aside free from the inroads of modern civilization, in order that in due course they may be passed on intact to the greater nation of to-morrow, undoubtedly appeals to every true citizen of the Dominion. The late President Harding said respecting the parts of his country: "We love these glorified spaces, these patches and nooks and corners, these areas of quiet beauty and restful atmosphere, and in loving them we want our children and our children's children to know them and enjoy them as we do." This is the spirit which evidently prevails in Canada also. With a view to their preservation in their entirety for the use and benefit of the people of our country perpetually, the following resolution was passed unanimously at the last annual meeting of the Alpine Club of Canada: "That this meeting of the Canadian National Parks Association strongly urges upon the Dominion Government that all matters concerning the alienation of natural resources within the national parks be laid before Parliament so that the people of Canada may be heard through their representatives, and that no action whatever in such connection be taken by Order-in-Council." It is held, and very strongly held, that the national park reserves have been set aside for the use and benefit of the people of Canada as a whole. They are the property of the nation and cannot be alienated for outside commercial purposes without the consent of the people, to whom they belong.

### Dominion Elections Not for Some Time

Premier Mackenzie King said last week that there would be no decision in regard to an election for some time to come. The Prime Minister made this statement at the conclusion of a Cabinet meeting which was attended by five members of the Government. Mr. King said that the meeting had been called for the purpose of disposing of a number of routine matters which have accumulated during the ten-days' respite of the Cabinet. When asked whether there had been any decision in regard to the calling of a general election, the Prime Minister laughed: "You may be sure of one thing: There won't be any decision in regard to an election for a good time to come," he replied.

### Waste of Opportunity

This Dominion of Canada has invested millions of dollars in school grounds and buildings which are operated only six hours out of every twenty-four. A private business adopting such methods would find itself swiftly in the court of bankruptcy. The schools by neglect of their opportunities fall under the charge of moral delinquency. Can no way be found for these costly buildings during the many hours when they are idle and unoccupied? Is there nothing the community can do by way of mutual improvement, or through mutual co-operation in these buildings during vacation time, or out of school hours? Can the country afford much longer to leave its costly buildings unused for the greater part of the time? Montreal Star.

### Statutory Now, Not a Regulation

Upon the suggestion of the Ontario Medical Association, Vice-Chairman W. S. Dingman of the License Board has addressed a circular letter to all Ontario physicians telling them of the reduction to 30 a month in the permitted number of prescriptions and reminding them that there is no implication of an invitation to issue 30 a month. He says that the limitation is now statutory, and, "not based, as former restrictions were, upon the judgment of the board." Two thirds, if not three-fourths, of the profession do not issue more than 30 scripts a month, it is said. Commencing on July 1, a new form of prescription book, beginning with a single issue of 30 for the present month, and to be followed by a book of 90 for the next quarter, with the month plainly stamped on each blank, was issued. The thirty-first prescription for any month will not be honored.

### Rum-Rummers at Port Colborne to be Severely Dealt With

For some time the notorious traffic in liquor, shipped from Port Colborne to Cuba—"Cuba" meaning across the river to the United States—has been a disgrace to Canada and an outrage to the United States. It is now announced that rum-runners operating out of Port Colborne to the United States will be fired upon by coastguard vessels if, when called upon to stop, they attempt to escape—in the American waters. Young Canadians who are being used by Buffalo whiskey smugglers to operate rum-running vessels have been officially admonished not to persist in the business, under no less penalty than a fine of \$5,000 and five years' imprisonment, and in addition run the risk of having their boats blown up, with loss of life. The United States Customs officers desire to do everything in a lawful and regular way, but if men engaged in rum-running persist in taking the risk they may lose their lives, they declare.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Newfoundland wants to share in the advantages of Canada's treaty with the West Indies. She can get in by the easy method of making herself a province of the Dominion.—Mail and Empire.

Announcement that Canada has assured New Zealand that any tariff concessions granted to Australia under the new trade treaty would also apply to New Zealand has been made by Acting Minister of Commerce Anderson.

The kingdom of Greece is evidently not troubled with a superabundance of gratitude. After the war Canada gave Greece credit for \$7,000,000 and though the loan with interest remains unpaid, Greece now proposes to shut out Canadian flour.

The Chesley Enterprise advises school teachers to hold to their jobs as there is a superabundance of teachers. In a rural school of Elderslie Township 105 applications were received for a vacancy and the salaries asked ran from 700 to \$1,100.

While Western Ontario, usually the most productive part of the Province, will possibly fall a little below the average for this year's harvest, the agricultural outlook for Ontario as a whole is such as to give every reason for encouragement.—Farmers-Sun.

The provincial general elections in New Brunswick will be held on Monday, August 10. Nomination day will be held a week earlier, Monday August 3rd. There is much speculation as to whether New Brunswick will follow Nova Scotia's lead on this important matter.

Alcoholism is credited with only 6,345 deaths in the United States in the four-year period 1919-1922, according to statistics presented by Cora F. Stoddard, in the Scientific Temperance Journal (Boston), whereas "in the last four before prohibition years there were 14,720 deaths from alcoholism."

Under an order of the board of railway commission just made public a new freight rate classification will become effective throughout Canada on or about October 1st next. The new classification, taken as a whole, will probably have the effect of reducing the cost of transporting goods. Few citizens of this Dominion will offer any objection to this.

The Senate of Australia has passed the bill amending the Immigration Act, increasing the Federal Government's powers in dealing with undesirable immigrants. The bill provides that undesirable or persons of any particular race, class or occupation may be excluded from Australia. If the governments of North America had passed similar legislation fifty years ago and lived up to it the benefit to the country would have been incalculable.

### TOMMY AND THE GOUP

Tommy Budd was taking home a can of soup. The attempt, although true in essence, is not exact in detail. The verb is hard to find that accurately describes the method by which Tommy conveyed the soup. The can was on the sidewalk when it was not in the pot, and Tommy's foot caught in the gutter, and when he fell, the soup was spilled. Tommy's neighbors who were watching the exciting progress of the soup, it was crossing the street at the moment and dodging street cars and automobiles. "Look at Tommy Budd!" one of the neighbors cried. "What will that boy do next?" "I am afraid I envy Tommy Budd. He has a gift for creating adventures." "You don't mean to say you think Tommy ought to be allowed to do such things?" "I suppose not. In fact, if the thing were of common occurrence, I suppose I should feel compelled to advise him to bid good-bye to his neighbors by following the soup. But what thrill would be a very stupid errand! It's a gift which I envy the Buddha."

### GEMS OF THOUGHT

You know that a little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money. The charity of thought is not merely to be exercised toward the poor; it is to be exercised toward all men.—John Ruskin.

### IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS

The man who holds the record for killing the largest number of mountain lions said recently: "If I had a million dollars, I would still hunt lions." He said that in spite of the fact that he stamps a hundred lions a day he gets that he wades through snow, drags, fords streams, leaps chasms, goes hungry often, and sleeps many a night under the open sky. To him these hardships mean nothing. The life he lives is to him the ideal one.

### DISCOURAGEMENT IS DEFEAT

How much does it take to discourage you? That is an important question because the answer is a fair criterion of your chances to succeed. Some young people assume to the barest trifles. A supercilious lifting of somebody's eyebrow, a superior smile that twists somebody's lip, drains them of all confidence, as if it were gas in a balloon some one had picked. "He took all the heart out of me," such young people will say with self-complacency, when self-contempt is deserved.

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## Neighborhood News—Town and Country

### OAKVILLE

At its meeting last week the Oakville Board of Education made three appointments to the high school staff as follows: W. A. Stewart, of Toronto, science and agriculture, at \$2,100 per year; Miss Marian B. Banks, of Paris, Commercial classes, at \$2,100 per year; and Miss Frances E. Evans, of Mantle, Lower school classes, at \$1,800 per year.

### MILTON

Milton fire brigade's running team of athletes are training for the big celebration at Thorold on August 6 in connection with the Ontario Volunteer Firemen's Convention. Miss Jean R. Panton, left on Thursday to put in six weeks of research work on the staff of the Atlantic Biological Station at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N. B.

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