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EDITORIAL

Death of Good Queen Alexandra

The announcement of the death of the Queen-mother Alexandra, on Friday last, cast a gloom over Great Britain, and the sorrow which prevailed in the Old Land is shared throughout the overseas Dominions. The hope of her recovery from the severe heart attack from which she suffered on Thursday proved delusive, despite the opinions of her doctors, her great age, no doubt, contributing to defeat the efforts to prolong her life. In the death of the consort of King Edward VII, the world bids farewell to one whose career was one long devotion to duty, and among the notable persons who graced the past half-century had perhaps the firmest hold on the affections of the people throughout the British Empire.

Combating Tuberculosis

The national campaign to eliminate all forms of tuberculosis in Canada has been launched under the auspices of the National Research of Canada, and while it will not increase so much the amount of scientific work now being done, there will be certain new policies and the general work will be co-ordinated. Plans for the campaign have been carefully made after six months careful preparation. Data has been collected on all branches of tuberculosis inquiry, and last October a meeting was held in Ottawa by prominent men who are doing work in connection with men, animals and fowl. The council has been provided with a sum of \$30,000 and work will begin at once. The research is of great importance to the country, and its value cannot be estimated in money. As a consequence results will be followed with great interest in every part of the Dominion.

Getting Somewhere

From time to time reports appear in the press showing the number of accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board and referring to the large sums of money awarded for compensation. It is interesting to compare the first ten months of 1924 and 1925. From January to October, inclusive, 1924, there were 49,635 accidents reported to the Compensation Board by all employers under compensation in Ontario, including 322 death cases. In the same ten months of 1925, there were 49,743 accidents reported, including 284 fatalities. The decrease in death cases is most encouraging and means much to the whole province. A comparison of compensation awarded is most illuminating. In the first ten months of 1924 the Board awarded \$5,282,908.29 and for the same time in 1925 the awards totalled \$4,592,236.85, or a decrease of approximately seven hundred thousand dollars. This decrease in death cases and the decrease in accident costs is part of the general evidence that the more severe, more costly type of accident, is being slowly reduced in number and that the accident prevention movement is "getting somewhere."

The Financial Value of Tourists to Ontario

It is conservatively estimated that an addition of \$40,000,000 has been spent in Ontario by tourists from outside the Province. This new found money goes into every possible channel, from food products to costly souvenirs. Switzerland, Florida and California are outstanding examples of how tourist traffic effects development. Ontario's revenue has been the result of an open door policy and advertising by railway companies, and district organizations. It can easily be imagined that a province-wide movement to sell Ontario to particularly our wealthy neighbors to the south of us will have the effect of increasing this amount annually. Through provincial organizations in Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia remarkable results in the development of tourist traffic have been achieved. During the past year The Tourist Association of Ontario has been formed and at the First Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto on November 27, definite action will be taken to advertise the holiday possibilities of the Province of Ontario. Our natural heritage of scenic beauty, a climate tempered by the Great Lakes, fishing and hunting in close proximity to the most thickly populated areas in the United States tend to make Ontario the mecca for holiday seekers. Here, therefore our natural possessions as an attraction for tourists have been taken little advantage of, whereas by judicious selling they can be made a source of revenue second to none. Experience has shown that the tourist of to-day is the settler of to-morrow, and with untold possibilities for the development of our natural resources, it can easily be imagined that capital will find its way to Ontario by this first hand knowledge by the tourist. In every way an economical province-wide movement for the development of tourist traffic to our Province should be encouraged, and one of the greatest channels through which all business can be stimulated.

Energetic Immigration Policy

Only an energetic immigration policy, carried out on scientific lines, will help to reduce taxation in this country, while at the same time aiding in the solution of our railway problem. As was said at Winnipeg the other day, "At present our population is stretched like a thin line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. One of our problems is to give depth as well as length to our area of settlement." Canada has received some unenviable publicity from certain politicians which must have kept down the natural flow of immigration from Great Britain. But some enlightened Englishmen, who visited us to see for themselves our possibilities, have brought back better reports. There is, therefore, no reason why a tide of immigrants should not find their way here, once they are convinced that Canada offers them homes, education for their children, comfortable conditions and a somewhat freer outlook on life than they enjoyed in the country of their birth.

The Party Platforms in Elections

Parties exist only to carry out certain purposes in Government; at least that was the original intention when the Party-System of Government was formulated. In some countries, indeed in most, the determination that those purposes shall be left more or less to the acknowledged leaders. Lord Salisbury, for example, on the one side, and Mr. Gladstone on the other, not only led a body of followers in carrying through a policy, but each conceived the plan, or policy, to be executed. In the United States a party draws up a statement of its principles and purposes, and this statement, adopted by a convention representing the party, is termed its platform. In Canada, as seen in the recent Federal Elections, the platform of each party was very largely that of the respective leader, and unfortunately these leaders were more or less vacillating in their adherence to their own platform, or policy, as they traversed the broad Dominion. Territorially they adapted themselves too largely to the conditions prevailing where they were addressing the electors. Each party should have a definite policy and the leader course enough to announce it and adhere to it. Let purpose or courage be lacking and the country suffers. If a party or its leaders have no serious and honest convictions upon public questions, the only object in the election is, manifestly, to get the offices of Government. That is not a sufficient reason for the existence of a party. In politics, as in other relations of life, candor and honesty deserve respect; evasion and prevarication deserve contempt.

What Makes a Town?

Here is a short editorial clipped from an exchange which all of us in Acton might well read, and having read, ponder over and act upon: "What makes a town anyway? Is it the wealth evidenced by the homes and splendid store buildings? These may attend the stability and the thrift of certain people, but they offer no great inducement to commercial and moral progress. Is it the spirit of good order and law observance? That is a factor only. The sleepiest old hamlets that dot the country may have this spirit in rank abundance. Is it the schools and the churches? May their number increase, but they don't make a town—they only culture it. Is it the geographical location of the country surrounding the shipping facilities, the natural advantages? None of these are essential. Well, what is it that makes a town, anyway? Just one thing—the unity of the people, the existence of a common bond which causes business and social enemies to put aside all differences when it comes to boosting the town. No town ever made real progress in the way of substantial success without the get-together spirit unanimously adopted. It has rejuvenated old hulks of towns that were yawning their way into endless sleep. It has infused new life blood into the heart of commercial life and made thriving cities out of paralytic villages. Natural advantages count for much and prosperity cannot be built upon shifting sands, but any town with half a chance can be made to expand and thrive when its citizens join with one accord in the boosting programme."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Revenue derived from tourist traffic to the Dominion exceeded the value of pulp and paper exported from Canada to other countries, and in twenty-five leading products exported, was only exceeded in value by one, that of grain and its products.

The consumption of beer in Great Britain for the first fiscal year was half a barrel for every man, woman and child in the country. In addition to this, there was an average consumption of over three gallons of wine per person. Is it any wonder there is so much want in the land?

"Economy with Efficiency, Progress with Order," are the new Mayor's watchwords for the ensuing municipal year; and very good watchwords they are, too. Most people will say that they have heard them before, but they cannot be heard—or, better still, practised—too often.—Acton (England) Express.

Sir Thomas White, formerly finance minister of Canada, who, addressing the Dominion wide conference of Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, in Winnipeg last week, stressed the need for national goodwill, and voiced confidence in Canada's ability to solve her present economic problems.

A newspaper editor from New South Wales, who travelled through Canada from east to west during the past summer months, says: "Canada is not a country, but a continent, boundless in rich resources, and richer still in the indefatigable energy of a people whose most conspicuous social characteristic is their devotion to education and research in wise foresight of the future."

Some people in small towns complain that the big cities draw all the business from rural communities. This is a mistaken idea. All over the country there are shining examples to prove that manufacturers, publishers, writers, merchants, mill operators and numerous other productive enterprises are established, thrive and distribute their products more economically from a small town than from a populous centre. Many successful businesses to-day are manifest in small towns and in rural districts. The small town which will analyze its possibilities and then go for it, the business can build itself up along industrial and commercial lines.

THE YOUNG MAN'S ONLY CHANCE

If one were to choose a single word by which to characterize the present condition of the young man in the world, it would be "practical." This is by no means the same as saying that the materialism of the day is materialism. The really practical in action wholly materialistic. It includes such things as spiritual, sentimental and idealistic. But "practical" in the sense of the word, and among practical subjects there are no more vital than work and wages, savings, and the security of income in old age.

These are essentially questions for young men, for modern methods of industry and modern tendencies are making this a young man's age. Old men find it more and more difficult to make their way in the world. Even those who know that they are starting when one of the great companies recently established an age limit of thirty-five years. It is aptly called "the employment of young men."

Daniel Webster's Childhood

The childhood of Daniel Webster did not show the man, he was a crying baby and a pale, weak, sickly boy almost child in the family; but at the change had large stately frame. He was a robust and a living a frugal and temperate life.

Webster's early life contradicted the popular notion that man is the product of circumstance. He, on the contrary, was a product of his own will. His early life was a study in the triumph of the will over circumstance.

WHAT HE HAD LOST

A naturally, who is both an ardent student in his branch of science and a devoted father, who has recently celebrated his silver wedding. Many guests were invited for the occasion, and the house was manfully for the reception of the company.

GOT BEYOND THAT

One of the principle stockholders in a promising gold-mine was explaining to his partner to a capitalist and prospective investor the possibilities of the mine in which the miner was working. He showed him specimens of the ore, and the written opinions of experts.

THE HEDGEHOG VARIETY

Some one has designated a certain sort of forgiveness as the hedgehog variety, and most of them are in the meaning implied without any explanation. Some people take satisfaction in making an apology in order to make the giver as uncomfortable as possible. They make little insinuations instead of falling like hail upon some sore heart, is a prickly, uncomplaisant effort to get rid of the offender. Do not mistake the diversity of

NEWS FROM THE HOMETOWN

On Sunday, the preacher at Acton Baptist Church will be Mr. W. J. Underwood, one of the foremost Baptist preachers of the day.

TAPPING ON THE PANE

It is not only when the beam depends upon the strength of arm or resiliency of the knee that the help of another may be needed. There are additional causes for all the differences between victory and defeat. There are many instances in which a man may be afforded at the right moment, the support of an understanding and sympathetic ally. There is a story in favor of right.

AN EXACT EQUIVALENT

There are many instances of "getting even" which are at once just and ungenerous, and although we may sympathize with the return thrust, we can hardly avoid a twinge of disapproval over the bad manners involved. Indeed, it is a well-accepted fact that no man can go out of his way to seek witty revenge without lowering his own dignity.

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