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EDITORIAL

Must Share the Costs of Road Building

Premier Ferguson made an important statement at a session of the Legislature the other day relative to the proposal by a number of the larger towns throughout the province, to become set apart from the cities in which they are now associated as municipalities. The Prime Minister said that the Government would not approve of legislation enabling urban municipalities to separate from the county. The obvious purpose is, he said, to escape contributing their fair share towards highway costs. The Government believes that the towns should contribute just the same as the rural parts of the province.

All Vehicles to Carry Lights at Night

The agitation for a bill to compel all vehicles using the highways at night to carry lights is still a live issue. The Ontario Good Roads Association in session at Toronto last week, resolved to ask for legislation to compel vehicles to carry lights at night. There was some objection from rural representatives, one of whom said that a lighted lantern would endanger a load of hay, while another was afraid that a demand for licenses for farm trucks would follow. Another suggested that after dark pedestrians on the country roads should also carry lights. As a matter of self preservation it would seem desirable that all vehicles using the public roads at night should carry lights.

Canadian Representative at London

Hon. N. W. Rowell very earnestly suggests a Canadian representative at London, who can get close to the British Prime Minister as can the Ambassador of a foreign country. This representative could keep in touch with international questions that affect the Dominion, could keep the Dominion Government fully advised, "and with an adequate and well-organized department of external affairs at Ottawa, they would be in a position to give the necessary instructions to their representative. If we were an independent state we would have such a representative. How much more should we have one when we are part of the commonwealth of sister nations which we call the British Empire."

Canada's Trade in Meat Foods

The splendid reputation of Canadian meat foods has been fully maintained, and the demands for our inspected foods are undoubtedly increasing, both at home and abroad; states the Dominion Minister of Agriculture in his annual report. He comments with satisfaction upon the fact that Canadian bacon at the British Empire Dairy Show once more won the premier honors, and also upon the other fact that our products show a continual improvement in quality. This gratifying state of affairs is attributed to the rigid examinations conducted by the Meat and Canned Foods Division of the Health of Animals Branch of the Minister's department. Not alone is improvement in the products themselves manifested, but also in the methods of their preparation, much stricter care being shown in the sanitary control and equipment of the packing houses. Careful, practical and scientific labor has resulted in their products being sent into consuming channels in such condition that their healthfulness, wholesomeness and cleanliness cannot be questioned.

Here's One for Canada

There are those who oppose an active immigration policy for Canada, giving as a reason for their views that conditions are not good enough in this country for those already here. There are also those who look to the United States as a better place to live in, this class being attracted by the tales of prosperity in certain parts of that country. According to Roger W. Babson, the well-known American statistician, "the best living conditions on the American continent to-day are probably found in Canada." He bases his statement especially on the question of rents and cost of living. "The Canadians," he says, "have been noted for building substantial buildings with good-sized rooms and lots of light and air. Of course, rents in Canada are greater than before the war, but they show no such increase as do rents in the United States. At the present time, no Canadian cities report increasing rents in any type of buildings. Moreover, a downward tendency is evident in single family dwellings in many Dominion cities. I wonder if the people of the States have any more money left at the end of a month than if they labored and lived in Canada. Moreover, there is something in life more than the laying up of money. There is health, vigor and freedom in connection with living in Canada which is probably unequalled in any part of the world."

The Neglected Rural Cemeteries

Halton County Council would do well to follow the example of the County Council of Bruce and take steps to compile a report on the number, location and condition of all the cemeteries of the county. Under the amendments to the Cemetery Act in 1924 the County Council is empowered to appoint one or more inspectors to inspect the cemeteries in the county to see that they are properly maintained and that the owners carry out the provisions of the Act, and such inspectors are required to report to the Provincial Board of Health. Any steps towards improving the neglected appearance of these "cities of the dead" would be but a tardy recognition of the early pioneers who endured the trackless wilderness and faced the herculean task of removing the great forests and clearing the land and making Ontario one of the most favored spots on earth, and Halton a county of which we are all justly proud.

Canada's Parliamentarians Must Commence to Think Nationally

Sir Arthur Currie, President of McGill University, got into the essence of things when he said last week at the annual banquet of the Ontario Good Roads Association at Toronto, that what Canada needs just now is national thinking. His very succinct words were: "I am not going to introduce any political color in my remarks, but I ask you to-night if there is a single man or woman in this audience that believes our legislators at Ottawa are thinking nationally. You know that what they are thinking about is what they consider will be to the advantage of their own political party." And this characterization applies to all three leading parties there. Canada will only prosper as she should, and as her glorious heritage and magnificent resources warrant her citizens to expect, when party politics are made secondary, instead of a primary consideration, by the men elected to legislate for the best interests of the country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Hon. W. E. Raney has given notice of a question to the Government demanding information as to whether or not the Ontario breweries and distillers, as well as English, Irish and Scotch distillers contributed to the Central Conservative campaign fund in the last election.

Canada is developing a splendid market for draft horses in Scotland, according to word received from the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Glasgow. This is rather turning the tables, isn't it? Some of us can remember when Scotland supplied Canada with nearly all her draft horses.

Wherever liquor is sold, under whatsoever control or conditions, in whatever country it may be, there is corruption. Just now the authorities in London, England, are interested in the "night clubs." These clubs violate the laws just as the old bar-rooms in Canada violated the laws, and are fruitful sources of crime and disaster.

Britain is paying off its debt of four thousand eight hundred million dollars to the United States at the rate of \$500,000 a day, while the Allied nations owe Britain \$10,050,000,000—more than double Britain's debt to the United States—on which she has received very little as yet. No one can accuse Old John Bull of not "playing the game."

The investigations into the notorious smuggling and evasion of customs duties has revealed the fact that the liquor interests who smuggle liquors into the United States often return to Canada with cargoes of silks and other commodities which thus escape paying duties due to the Canadian customs. The liquor business is now, always, and ever will be an outlaw if allowed to exist at all.

Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, has a plan for helping boys, worthy of emulation. Free tickets are given them to ball games, in accepting which the boy agrees that he will not skip school to attend a game, will attend no games against the wishes of his parents or employer, and will uphold the principles of clean speech, clean sport and clean habits. He also promises to stand against cigarettes, profane language and unbecoming conduct.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Highways, has been chosen Premier of Saskatchewan in succession to Hon. Charles Dunning, who resigned to accept the Federal portfolio of Minister of Railways and Canals. Hon. Mr. Gardiner was born near Exeter, Ontario. He has been a school teacher and successful farmer in Saskatchewan since 1904, and has been a member of the Legislature since 1917. He is forty-two years of age.

It seems to have become quite the fashion for certain politicians to read lectures and point morals to the prohibition electorate of the Province. The practice is in grave danger of being overdone. Better turn their verbal batteries on the bootleggers and other law-breakers. Law-makers should really be more concerned about the activities of law-breakers than about the attitude and convictions of a law-respecting and law-abiding section of the electorate.—Orangeville Banner.

After several months spent in the United States, Lord Buckmaster, former British Lord High Chancellor, said he was favorably impressed by the prohibition laws of the United States. "I saw no strong drink or drunken men during the time I was there," he stated during an interview. "If all the facts brought forward by the prohibitionists in the United States are correct, as I have no doubt they are, then I can only draw the conclusion that prohibition has proved an excellent measure for that country."

The Hamilton and Oakville electric railway has gone into liquidation, the Woodstock and Ingersoll electric railway has ceased to operate, the Brantford and Paris electric railway has gone out of business and the Guelph electric railway has repudiated Hydro policy—all this since the project to put these railways all over the province was held up. What a splendid service the government of the day, which happened to be that of Hon. Mr. Drury, did for the province when it determined to put its foot on the Hydro chief's ambitions, says the Alliston Herald, a pronounced Conservative weekly of South Simcoe.

Weekly Fashion Hint



THE CREPE SPORTS FROCK

Paris designers pay almost as much attention to the details of a frock as to the design itself. The trimming interest of this model is dark green flat crepe lies in the high collar and the shoulder yoke, not omitting the original design of the dress. The frock lends itself to development in jersey, cashmere, broadcloth, and other fabrics featured for Spring. Medium size requires 3/4 yard 36-inch or 2 1/4 yds. 54-inch material.

TOO MUCH THRASHING

Country boys are inclined to think that life is easier in the city and comfortable compared with their daily toil in the country, and are apt to find themselves mistaken when they come to town and subject themselves to the high-pressure system of business establishments. An amusing example of this sort is related by a country exchange.

A farmer's boy went to the city, finding the work at home rather tiresome, and obtained a situation in a large "family supply" store, where a "pushing business" was carried on. He "took hold" very well, and his employer liked him.

They were surprised, however, when he came to them, before he had been there two months, and said: "Well, Mr. A., I guess I'll have to get through here next Saturday night."

"Get through?" said his employer. "Why, what's gone wrong?"

"Oh, nothing particular."

"Aren't you treated well?"

"First rate; but I'll tell you just how it strikes me. Up on the thrashing machine once a year, and then we thrashed for three days, and you'd better believe we worked hard; but I'll tell you what—I've been here now seven weeks, and you've thrashed every day! I guess I've got enough of it."

He went back to the farm, convinced that a farmer's life has its compensations.

SCORING THE DEACON

"There are odds in deacons," said Lowell, and the little dialogue printed below is illustrative of the dictum.

"I didn't particularly like your prayer this morning," said a deacon to his minister.

"What was wrong with it?"

"Well, in the first place it was too long, and then it seemed to me that it contained two or three expressions that were unwarranted."

"I am very sorry that it met with your disapproval, deacon," said the good one, "but you must bear in mind that the prayer was not addressed to you."

Notice to Creditors

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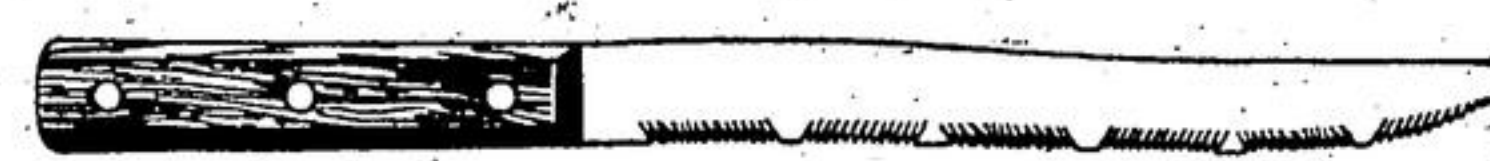
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