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EDITORIAL

From a Financial Standpoint Alone

From a financial standpoint prohibition is evidently a money-maker for the country, in which it is in force. The United States has prohibition. Its national wealth is more than one-half of the wealth of all the remainder of the earth—\$320,000,000,000. Its wealth is \$200,000,000,000 in excess of that of Great Britain, whose national wealth is rated at \$120,000,000,000. It would pay Great Britain, even from a financial standpoint, to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; and the same thing applies to Canada.

Newfoundland, Canada's Tenth Province?

Periodically since Confederation the proposition to add Newfoundland to the Dominion has been proposed with more or less official backing to the scheme. Informal conversations between persons in authority which fall just short of the status of official negotiations, are reported under way at present, and these are expected shortly to evolve into a full-fledged conference. Progress in the plan to unite the ancient colony with the Dominion has reached the stage, it is said, where a date has been set for a round-table discussion at Ottawa to explore the situation, and, if possible, reach a basis for decision with the Canadian provinces. A delegation of Newfoundland citizens, bearing with them the tacit authority of the government to express its views, are expected to reach Ottawa shortly and the date when they will meet persons capable of talking for Canada is said to be March 22.

Guess We are Just Naturally Thick-Headed

In our criticism of the method of paying hospital accounts of indigents by the County Councils, the Barrie Examiner thinks we are quite astray. It contends that "Notice of the indigent being admitted is sent by the Hospital to the County Clerk, who then notifies the municipality concerned. Thirty days is allowed the municipality to look into the account and disclaim liability if it so desires. If the municipality does not disclaim responsibility the bill is paid and half charged to the municipality. It will thus be seen that the municipal Councils have every opportunity to protest any account which they consider improperly charged and the full responsibility rests on their shoulders." Quite a simple round-about way of settling the account, of course. And provided all the notices are sent immediately and acted upon at once, and the protest registered and the responsibility properly placed within the required time, it really should be feasible. We may be Scotch (although we can't trace it) but we even yet fail to see why it couldn't be easier dealt with by the local Council without the extra loop of being delegated to the County Council and eventually paid for anyway by the municipality in the county rate they have to pay. The Examiner will, of course, pardon our stupidity.

A Surplus at a Cost

Balanced, staggered and surplus budgets seem to be quite the rage these days in the governments and the one by Hon. Dr. Monteth brought into the Provincial House last week follows suit with the general trend. From a purely financial standpoint they are splendid. They are heralded as new eras of financing by the parties who bring them in, as a juggling of figures by the Opposition. But the fact remains it is a real relief to know that our receipts are greater than our expenditures after years of the reverse. And there is no new taxation and with the Dominion Government a decrease in taxation. There is still some surplus needed yet, however, before Ontario will have overtaken its debt of \$157,000,000. There has been \$3,000,000 paid off the debt in 1927 and the estimated surplus for 1928 is set at \$177,000. Apparently we are to be prepared for not such good results the coming year. The surplus for 1927 was \$3,000,000. But how was the surplus accumulated? It is claimed by a lowering of interest charges, highest ordinary revenue in history of the province. The Hydro pays Treasury over seven millions, and last, but not least, a profit of \$2,800,000 in five months from the Liquor Control Board. And in order to secure this profit from the liquor trade \$17,533,659.41 worth of liquor was sold in Ontario. A surplus is acclaimed by most everyone but none who have the good of the Province at heart can help but feel that the cost to secure the surplus has been too great a sacrifice to the moral welfare of the people.

Average Values of Farm Lands

The average value of the occupied farm lands of Canada as a whole in 1927, including both improved and unimproved land, as well as dwelling houses, barns, stables and other farm buildings, is given by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics as \$38 per acre, as compared with \$37 in 1926 and with \$36 in 1925. By provinces the averages are: Prince Edward Island, \$41; Nova Scotia, \$37; New Brunswick, \$30; Quebec, \$57; Ontario, \$65; Manitoba, \$27; Saskatchewan, \$26; Alberta, \$28; British Columbia, \$19. The average values in 1927 for orchard and fruit lands, including buildings, etc., in the fruit-growing districts, are estimated to be as follows: Nova Scotia, \$104; Ontario, \$143; British Columbia, \$321.

Will Samson-Keep Pace?

It is interesting to note that in the five month period of operation of the Liquor Control Act a surplus of \$2,800,000 was secured. It is still more interesting to note that for this year the estimated receipts include \$7,000,000 from the Liquor Control Board. It is quite evident that the Government is anticipating no decrease in the drinking of the Province for this year. The talk of educating the people to drinking less is fading away in the light of the huge profits from the sale of liquor. If our memory serves correctly Mr. Hanna (he of Samsonian fame) said that the law, in order to be a success in the eyes of the Board, must have a lessening of profits and a gradual dwindling off. With an estimated surplus for the year of \$7,000,000, where is the dwindling off coming in? Like a lot more of the statements from this source, the public is awaiting verification of the predictions by the facts of the case. And, of course, after a fair trial and no favors the public will await to see if the backers of the game will be big enough to down the monster they have coddled along. Ontario will await the development of Samson and his retinue to keep pace with the growth of their charge.

Waiter or Merchant—Which?

The Philadelphia Record says: "Storekeepers may be divided into two distinct classes—Waiters and Merchants. The waiter is a storekeeper who picks out a location, stocks it with a jumble of unknown brands of goods, which the silver-tongued salesman assures him will return a long profit, then complacently sits down and waits for customers to come in. He makes no effort to find out what the customers of his neighborhood wants or to build up his trade in any way. Such a man is a waiter, and nothing else. But the storekeeper who is a real merchant uses his head for something else besides a parking place for his hair. He studies the needs and desires of his neighborhood and carefully buys to meet them, instead of being influenced by vague promises of long profits. He actually sells goods by calling customers attention to them by means of attractive window or counter displays, and introduces new goods and brands to his trade; he lightens his labor, and saves his time by stocking advertised, well-known brands which require little effort to sell, and, under all circumstances, he is kind, courteous, and obliging to all, rich and poor, big buyer and small buyer alike. He is a merchant. Are you a merchant or a waiter?"

EDITORIAL NOTES

The recent recession in nearly all the mining stocks has made some people wonder if they were really worth as much as they had estimated they were at the beginning of the year.

With a speed limit of not over 35 miles per hour on any highway (lawfully) it would seem that the claim of the most of the motor cars to develop more were a useless feature in the machine.

The development of Ontario's mining area truly goes on apace. Almost every mail brings a chance to get in on the ground floor of a new mine. If the brokers were as well aware of some vital facts as we are, they would save a lot of money in postage supplying a printer with these opportunities.

March should be a busy month on the farm, says the Farmer's Advocate. The purchase of seed should be made; new implements should be got home; repairs should be made to farm equipment, and things generally put in readiness for spring. The farmers who attend to these important matters are usually the farmers who win success.

A reader of the Farmer's Sun having suggested the need of a dictionary when reading its editorials, the editor made this reply: "Editorially, the Sun has never felt the need of writing down to a low level of intelligence, as obviously is the necessity of journals circulating chiefly in urban centres. Rural folk, as a rule, are discriminating and demand a higher standard of literature than the average city dweller." The Sun editor evidently reads the Toronto evening newspapers—Barrie Examiner.

The prompt action of the C. N. R. in having the train service for Acton so promptly accommodated to their convenience is appreciated by all. The evident willingness of the officials to accommodate the travelling public as far as possible with the train service is indeed the true spirit to prevail in a public institution and all will congratulate the officials on this concession so graciously given to serve the public of Acton.

In four Western Provinces of Canada about 91,000,000 acres of farm land are under occupation, and 147,000,000 acres suitable for agriculture await settlement. Canada has the cheapest farm land with the highest yield per acre in North America. Up to the end of December, 1927, the total wheat exports from Canada for the preceding five months amounted to 131,311,550 bushels valued at \$185,632,290 as compared with 139,515,118 bushels valued at \$194,246,019 for the same period in 1926.

The first farm house connection on the rural Hydro lines from outside Acton was reported last week. The line is being extended up the third line to the "Trout Pond" property and no doubt other farmers will avail themselves of this opportunity to secure this great convenience in their homes and farm buildings. Soon the farm homes, with their electric lighting and water systems will be enjoying all the conveniences of town life and farm young people are gleefully realizing that after all the life on the farm has many privileges that are not enjoyed by the city dweller.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 11

General Lesson Title—Jesus Feeds the Multitudes.
Scripture Material—Mark 6: 31-44.
Golden Text—I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.—John 6: 25.

The Text Explained
31.—Unto them—That is the disciples. A desert place—That is an uninhabited place. The word does not imply barrenness or lack of fertility. In fact, both Mark and John refer to the plentiful grass.
32.—The boat—Presumably the same vessel which they had already used. It was probably the property either of Peter and Andrew or Zebedee and his sons. A desert place apart—It was in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. There have argued that there were two Bethsada on the shore of the Sea of Galilee—Bethsada-nallus, Bethsada of Galilee on the eastern and western shores of the sea. It is probable, however, that there was but one Bethsada (Hebrew, House-of-Fish, or House-of-Fishermen—"Palington"). It was located on the northeastern shore of the sea, about one mile east of the Jordan. Its probable site is now known as "Tel-Fel".
33.—They ran together—The crowd saw Jesus and His companions embark and followed the course of the boat along the shore so that when the boat landed, they found the multitude awaiting them.
34.—Because they were an sheep not having a shepherd—Mark's use of this simile suggests to our minds that very likely Jesus Himself made this comparison, noting King David's words, "I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd.—Bethsada and a number of smaller towns that were within walking distance.
35.—Two loaves of bread—The word here translated "shilling" is "denarios," a Greek coin worth about seventeen cents. The equivalent of the shilling in American money would be therefore about forty dollars. But as the purchasing value of money is much greater in the ancient Orient than it is in America to-day, it would perhaps be best to think of it as "two hundred dollars."
36.—Leaves—These "leaves" were about the size of large biscuits or "English muffins". In shape, they were round and rather flat.
37.—A little boy in the crowd had brought these with him, for his own lunch, says John 6: 9. The boy's name was "John," a peculiar word for a fish—"oparion." Probably a small fish about the size of our "sandwich" fish, which were generally sold or pickled and were regularly eaten with bread.
38.—Sit down—We should picture the multitude as recumbent upon the grass rather than sitting upright.
39.—Blessed—This was the regular Jewish custom for the head of a household to give thanks before eating, on behalf of his family and guests.
40.—Took the baskets—Each of the apostles like beds or vegetable in a garden.
41.—He blessed—It was the regular Jewish custom for the head of a household to give thanks before eating, on behalf of his family and guests.
42.—Took the baskets—Each of the apostles like beds or vegetable in a garden.
43.—Five thousand men—Matthew adds "beside" his children.

Lesson Themes
The Call of Human Need.—Jesus and His disciples were in search of rest. They had withdrawn to the vicinity of Bethsada, east of the Jordan, because they were not as well known as in Galilee, in the hope that there they might find some opportunity for meditation and quiet converse. But Christ could not be hid, and the multitude sought Him out. Then His compassion and His love for the same choice as on all other occasions where the alternative was solitude or service. On one hand He was aware of His own need for physical rest and spiritual refreshment, and of the great need of His disciples for quiet, personal instruction; but on the other hand was the immediate need of this great crowd of people, "like sheep without a shepherd." He gave up His hope of rest and solitude that He might serve. It has ever been thus with God's saints. Moses might not remain on His mountain, because the call of his needy people in Egypt. John the Baptist was compelled to leave the wilderness in order to preach repentance to sinners. Bishop Coleman had to leave his study and the books that he loved, to preach the gospel to God's needy children in South Africa. Saint Francis of Assisi loved religious meditation much, but loved the suffering poor more; therefore is Saint Francis remembered, while dreamy anchorites and self-centred hermits are forgotten.
A Little Boy's Lunch Basket.—It is John who tells us whence came the loaves and fishes, with which Jesus fed the multitude. There was in the crowd a little boy with a lunch basket containing the lunch which his mother had prepared to satisfy the needs of a healthy small boy—five biscuits and two loaves. There are four elements that enter into the composition of this miracle of the great miracle. First, we behold a great throng of hungry people. Secondly, we see the Master's infinite compassion and in power. Thirdly, our attention is turned to this little boy and his lunch. Fourthly, there comes to our aid a quiet man named Andrew, who delighted in bringing other people to Christ. The disciples could readily have said, "Master, here is a little boy who is willing to give his lunch." The work of Christ's kingdom to-day is still dependent upon the little boy who also give what they can, and folks like unobtrusive Andrew, who bring others to Jesus.
The Lord of True Efficiency.—Some people seem to suppose that intelligent methods and the use of system are somehow unholy. They shudder at the thought of businesslike methods in connection with the church. It is well to point out to such people that our Lord insisted that the multitude should sit down in an orderly way, grouped in companies with "staves" between (looking, as Mark says, "like beds of vegetables in a garden") so that they might be served most conveniently. Let us remind them also that our Lord caused the fragments that remained to be carefully gathered up for future use. Although Lord of miraculous power, He did not deem it beneath Him to take full charge and supervise the details of serving the supper in the most efficient way.
For Further Discussion
Could it be said that Jesus never took a vacation, nor ever tired? In spite of His arduous, arduous, and Pharisaic He looked upon the people as sheep without shepherds: how do you account for that? What would you say of a survey that left out of account the immeasurable power of Christ? The disciples could readily have undervalued the boy with his picnic lunch: are we not in like danger of undervaluing the small church?

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From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 12, 1908

Mr. Hugh McDougall and family will move into their new home on Frederick Street next week.
The morning service of the electric lighting system will be discontinued after next Saturday until next fall.
The members of the Canadian Press Association had an enjoyable day at the G. T. R. Camp, on Saturday.
Mr. J. J. Clavel has disposed of his laundry business to Mr. James Webster. Mr. Clavel will remove to Dunville next month.
The season at the skating rink was closed last Wednesday night.
Ex-leave Williams is the first on deck with a new brood of spring chicks. They were hatched the first of the month. Mr. Williams is quite a poultry fancier.
A fine collection of blue-geese being constructed at the Acton Turning Co. works. A new vault has been put in and other improvements are being added. After more than forty years of faithful and interrupted service, Mr. Samuel Laird has been placed on the pension list of the G. T. R. Mr. Laird has been for six or seven years a watchman at Waterloo, where the railway crosses the Main Street.

BOHN
GAMBLE In Acton on Sunday, March 8, 1928 was Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gamble, a daughter.
BROWN In Acton, on March 9, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown, a son.

Health Service of the Canadian Medical Association
Sound Teeth

Whether or not a building is safe and sound depends upon the materials used and the skill of the workmen. Our bodies are alike in the building-up process, and they must be given good material to be sound teeth, there must be provided the materials from which to build such teeth.
Mineral elements, such as calcium, form a large part of the teeth, which in many ways, are like bone. The outer surface, or crown of the tooth, is much harder than bone. This outer surface or enamel is the hardest substance in the body.
These mineral substances can only be secured from the food eaten. In other words, proper food must be eaten if we are to have sound teeth.
The kind of food a child eats depends upon the food his mother ate before his birth, and upon what he received during his earliest years. The beginning of the tooth is laid down very early in life, at the tenth week of fetal life, to be exact. This is one of the reasons why expectant mothers should know what to eat.
In these foods that the expectant mother and growing children must have for the proper building of teeth, the most important elements are milk and milk products, whole grains, leafy vegetables, such as celery, lettuce and fruits.
It will be remarked, whenever the question of diet is considered in relation to health, that milk and milk products are of the first importance, and, following closely, are the green leafy vegetables and fruits.
When, as a nation, we begin to eat intelligently, many of our ills will disappear, and we will become a sturdier, healthier people.
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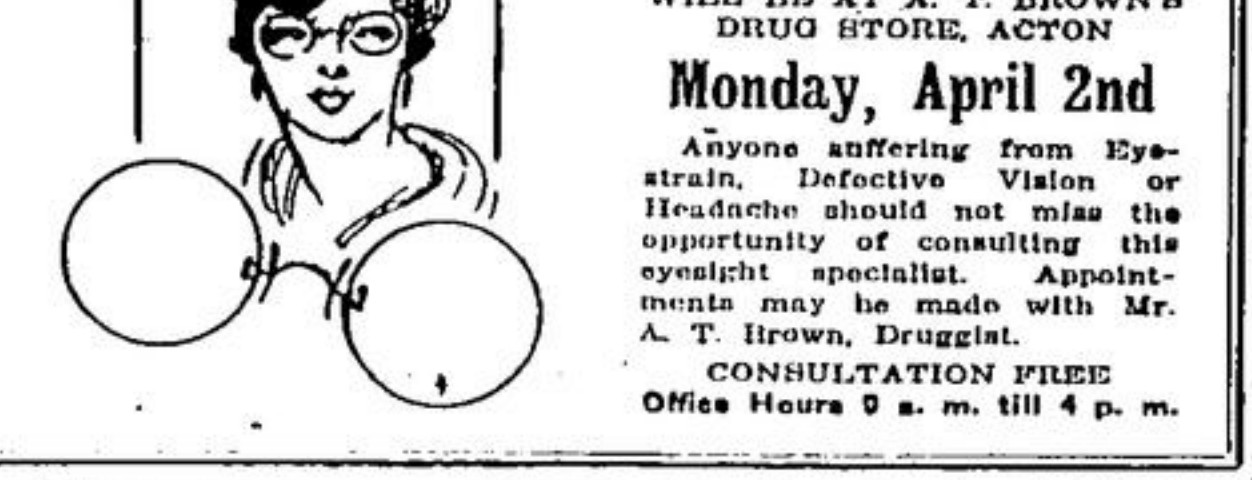
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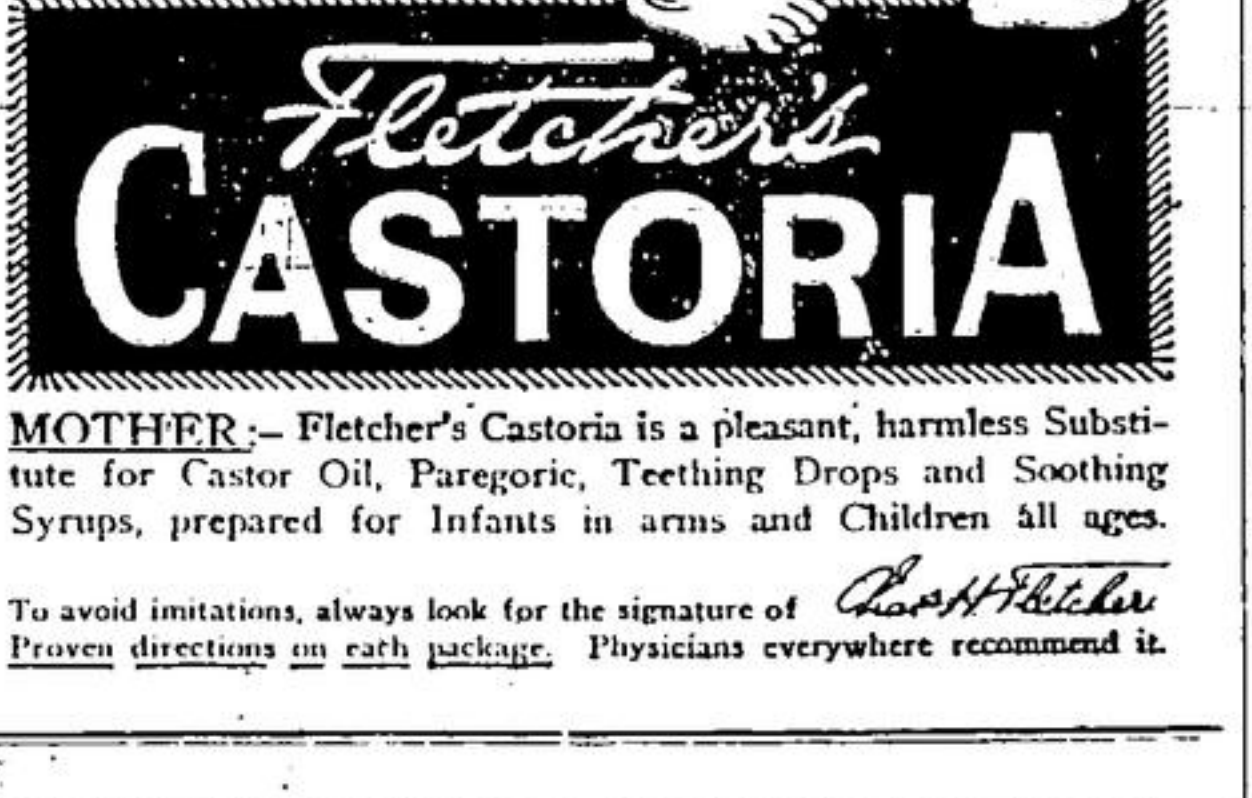


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