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EDITORIAL

Outlook is Encouraging

In a summary of general conditions in Canada one of the leading chartered banks states that most of the manufacturing plants in Canada are working at an unprecedented level of activity and labor is well employed. The agricultural situation is reported as excellent, though it is as yet too early to form any estimate of the prospects for this year. The mines in the Dominion are producing more than ever and prospects for the future continue to improve. Wholesale and retail trade show a healthy improvement over 1927. The summary does not show inflation or boom conditions, but, rather, a well established prosperity where production in most lines is being kept well in proportion to the dictates of world demand for Canadian products. Conditions are such as to warrant optimism concerning the maintenance of prosperity in the immediate future.

On the Wrong Side

Blue ruin talk was prevalent in Acton by some last week when the rink by-law was up. It will always be found prevalent among certain people. But such predictions were hardly expected from a man of such high standing as the Hon. R. B. Bennett, as he gave in a recent address. There is one sure way to bring on such conditions and that is to father them by the thought. There is nothing that will put a people into hard times quicker than looking for them at every corner. And not many people are particularly anxious to have them at any time. The calamity however is prevalent in every community, but fortunately he is little heeded. If Mr. Bennett has aspirations to head the Government at a future date, he would be well advised to direct his remarks on the brighter side of the splendid prosperity that is prevalent in Canada in every quarter. The optimists are in this in the majority and politics are run by majorities.

Help Prevent Accidents

Before the days of the automobile, playing ball on the streets—while not legally permissible—was oftentimes tolerated. There was no danger to players but the upkeep on boulevards and the expense of new window panes made it undesirable. Now with the automobiles on all streets a danger to the children participating has crept in. In the excitement of their play the children forget all except the game and a run after the ball often means a motor fatality or a little one crippled for life. Parents and police must cooperate to prohibit the playing of games on the street. They can be stopped by recourse to law and will be if the police is notified. But wouldn't the help of parents in this matter be an easier way to prevent accidents on this source? Every member of the "Just Kids Safety Club" will, of course, of their own accord, not indulge in this dangerous practice.

C. N. R. Earnings Increase

Increases in gross and net earnings for the month of March and for the first quarter of the present year are shown in the summary of earnings and expenses issued recently by the Canadian National Railways. Coincident with these increases there is a decrease in the operating ratio. For the month of March last the gross earnings of the National System amounted to \$21,157,050, which compares with \$20,267,106.32 for March, 1927, an increase of \$890,943.68, equivalent to 4.35 per cent. in favor of March of the current year. During the month the working expenses amounted to \$16,422,877.66, while in March, 1927, these expenses totalled \$15,981,200.38, an increase of \$441,677.28, or 2.76 per cent. for March last. The net earnings in March, 1928 amounted to \$4,734,772.84, while in March, 1927, the net amounted to \$4,285,906.04, an increase in favor of the month of March past of \$448,866.80 or 10.47 per cent. The operating ratio in March last was 77.62 per cent. while in March, 1927, it was 78.85 per cent. During the first three months of the current year the gross earnings of the National System amounted to \$59,018,023, while in the similar period of 1927 the gross earnings amounted to \$54,994,629.89, an increase in favor of the first quarter of 1928 of \$4,023,393.11 or 8.41 per cent. In the first quarter of 1928 the working expenses amounted to \$49,094,028.87, which compares with \$46,718,911.05 during the similar period of 1927, an increase of \$2,375,117.82 or 5.08 per cent. The net earnings for the first three months of 1928 thus total \$10,523,994.14 as against \$8,275,718.84 in 1927, an increase of \$2,248,275.29 or 27.17 per cent. in favor of the first quarter of the current year. As a result, the operating ratio during the first quarter of 1928 has been reduced to 82.35 per cent. from 84.05 per cent. in the similar quarter of 1927.

Not Control; But Increase Upon Increase

A report in the Montreal Witness draws attention to the startling increases in the Quebec provincial liquor business. From the annual report of the Quebec Liquor Commission it is shown that the total sales of spirits and wines had last year an increase of 17 per cent. over the previous year. The increase in the production of beer was 12 per cent. and the combined sales of the Liquor Commission and the brewers was over 14 per cent. Moreover, notwithstanding the professed control, these combined sales have increased more than 38 per cent. in the past six years. Previous to the introduction of Government control there were only 90 wet municipalities in Quebec, but these have increased in six years over 300 per cent. There is no doubt in the world that so-called Government liquor sale control is a law after the hearts' desire of the distiller and the brewer. Ontario is finding this out to her sorrow as well as Quebec.

Garbage Collection System Needed

During the spring and summer months the need of some system of collection of garbage for Acton is brought forcibly to the fore. No home has sufficient garbage litter in a week or two to hire a wagon and team to draw it away. Most citizens would, however, be willing to pay a nominal sum for this service for the season for regular collection of the refuse that accumulates about the home. In Fergus this year the Council has outlined the duties for such work and advertised for tenders. Their plan calls for the collection and deposit of garbage from householders and places of business once a week. The collector is made responsible for the condition of the municipal dump. Acton Council might take steps along similar lines and provide this necessity for the citizenry. Or failing a plan by the Council, individual solicitation of this work would prove a profitable undertaking. But the municipal plan would, in all respects, be the most satisfactory to all.

Another Call

Now that the ratepayers have given their sanction to the new closed arena for Acton, and shown their interest in the welfare of the young people of the community, it would be very encouraging if the young people would show their interest in the providing of sports. If the arena is placed in the Park it will make this the centre of all the athletic sports activities. A beaten path should be there year around. This baseball plot for the year should have been organized some weeks ago. But if it is too late for participation in this sport, local softball teams might well be organized yet. If the arena is completed in time this sport could be continued into the late fall months indoors. It seems rather early to round up the hockey team for next winter, but some thought, even at this early date, can be given to this organization, too, if success is going to attend the sport next winter. If a real interest is shown by the younger folks in the formation of good baseball, and hockey teams, etc., the older people will feel that their efforts have been appreciated. Last week the call was to the ratepayers. Now it is the time for the younger people to provide the sports for the Park the year round.

Total Wealth of Canada

Upon authentic statistical returns the total of the tangible wealth of Canada is estimated at \$25,673,174,000, according to a survey made by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics for the year 1925, which is equal to \$2,772 per head of population. This total does not include undeveloped natural resources. There was an increase of \$3,000,000,000 in Canada's tangible wealth in four years, as a comparison with the survey made in 1921 discloses. In the distribution of wealth by provinces Ontario ranks first with estimated aggregate wealth of \$9,000,727,000, or 35.1 per cent. of the total; Quebec second, \$6,228,284,000, or 24.5 per cent. of the whole; Saskatchewan third with \$2,870,314,000 or 11.2 per cent. of the total for the Dominion. While Ontario led in absolute wealth, the western provinces came first in per capita wealth; Saskatchewan held first rank with a per capita wealth of \$3,544; British Columbia second with \$3,539; Alberta third with \$3,459, and Manitoba fourth with \$2,909. These figures may be compared with \$2,901 and \$2,495, the per capita wealth of Ontario and Quebec respectively. The total agricultural wealth is placed at \$7,832,942,000, the largest item in the national wealth, and 30.51 per cent. of the whole.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The total trade of Canada for the 12 months ended March 31, 1928, is valued at \$2,350,412,763, an increase of \$60,947,116 over the 12 months ended March 31, 1927. Imports had a value in the period under review of \$1,108,956,466, an increase over the previous corresponding period of \$78,063,961.

According to rumors and press comment in the county, the position of Sheriff is much sought after. Mr. Hillmer, the local member of the Provincial House, is very much sought after with friendly recommendations for the post. One suggestion is that Mr. Hillmer may assume the position himself.

Canada certainly deserves the title of "One of the great graineries of the world." The flour and grist milling industry of the Dominion now produces annually over 19,000,000 barrels of flour with a value of over \$131,000,000. There are in the Dominion 1,294 mills representing a total capital investment of \$58,000,000 and giving employment to 6,348 persons.

The right corner that the Government at Ottawa found themselves in the other day on the vote for furnishings for Rideau Hall would not have materialized if the spirit of economy had been uppermost in all minds. \$70,000 is a lot of money for furnishings for any house. Householder and landlord must realize the same spirit of economy that is prevalent among all Canadian people.

A dispatch from Sunderland, England, says, "Britain to-day has to face the competition of a sober nation, for the United States is rapidly becoming that, and Britain cannot hope to compete successfully while it has 80,000 public-houses and spends \$1,500,000,000 a year on intoxicants. Teetotalism has meant in the United States industry a 20 per cent. increase in speed and accuracy."

Neighborhood News

BRIDGING

Man. Cogg, of Orillia, spent the weekend in town renewing acquaintances. In the first game of the carpet ball league played last night, L. G. C. defeated B. Luke's by the score 19-7. Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel McGrath and son, Billie, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., spent Sunday with Miss K. McGrath. Mr. and Mrs. C. McGrath left on Friday last for Providence, R. I., on an extended visit with their daughters there. The Rev. Dr. Geo. A. Wilson, of Vancouver, and the Rev. Dr. W. A. Wilson, who has just returned from India, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wilson, Burlington Avenue, last week. At the last meeting of the Council it was decided to purchase a strain for a fire alarm. We believe the decision of the Council will meet with the approval of the citizens generally, as it has been felt that the present alarm was practically useless.—Gazette.

GEORGETOWN

Es-Warden J. L. Elliott, of Milton, was in town to-day. Mr. John Pindley, of Toronto, spent at his home during the week. Misses Tyndal of Toronto, visited Sunday at the home of their brother, Mr. Will Tyndal. Mr. J. McCulloch, who has been employed to his bed for some weeks, is slowly improving. Mrs. H. G. Hamilton, who underwent an operation at Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday, is progressing nicely. The remains of the late James Appleby, who died at Lindsay, were interred in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown, on Friday last. Deceased formerly resided at Stewarville. Mr. W. G. M. Brown, who was severely injured in an automobile accident last week, was brought home from the hospital at Toronto, and is progressing favorably. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.—Herald.

OAKVILLE

Two automobiles collided on the Toronto-Hamilton highway on Sunday afternoon, two miles east of Oakville, and persons in each car were severely but not seriously injured. Wm. Waz was met with a painful accident on Saturday afternoon when his car turned over in the ditch east of Oakville, but he is now able to be around again. Geo. Coote, M. P., was up from Ottawa over the week-end, visiting his mother and other relatives. Mr. Coote expects the Ottawa session will close about June 15.

MILTON

Miss Roberta Mielke, of Acton, formerly of Milton, has been visiting relatives here. Mrs. W. J. H. Richardson, of Whitby, has been visiting her sister, Miss M. Howes. Rev. B. W. and Mrs. Hann and boys, of Jettichener, spent last Friday evening and Saturday at Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hare's. Ben. Branfield, who has been residing in Toronto for some time, has returned, with his family, to take up his residence here. Miss Mildred Wiseman and N. Brock (radio), of Oakville, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Penmore, Jasper Avenue.

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Prisoner (as reported in Passing Show) "Dred" (his name) "bill for ten pounds." "Jailer"—"We've just found out that you are the wrong man and that's for a couple of months of board and lodging."

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KIRK

W. G. Griffin, of Detroit, called upon her recently. Mrs. J. E. Mcintosh, of Toronto, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller. Mrs. Archie Arnett, of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rider. Messrs. Harry Knight and Robert Armstrong made a business trip to London last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kennerly and Mr. J. Nunn, of Acton, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bingham. Mr. W. J. Baxter, of Acton, conducted the opening services at Kirk Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, when a large congregation turned out. This place of worship has been closed during the winter and the congregation are pleased to have Mr. Baxter with them. Several selections by the male quartette, who accompanied Mr. Baxter, consisting of Messrs. Wilfred Cole, Clarence Knapp, Chester, Blank, and Howard—McCaskle added much to the service.—Advocate.

SEE STARS ALL RIGHT

An Englishman at an American bar in Paris ordered from the list of drinks a cocktail called the "Stars and Stripes." When served he saw that it was composed of liquors of different denatures, the whole producing a striped effect. "That's all right for the stripes," said the Briton, "but what about the stars?" "Drink the cocktail," replied the bartender, "and you'll see them."

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Lot 34, Plan 28, Years in Arrears, 1924, 1925 and 1927:

Taxes	Costs	Penalty Due	Total
\$52.31	\$2.54	\$44.03	\$112.48

Assessed in the name of the Warden Estate and Richard Warden, Smithville, Ontario.

Said lands are patented.
H. N. FAIRMER,
Treasurer of Acton.