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EDITORIAL

Time for Consideration

A timely note of warning is sounded in a recent issue of the Bulletin of the Canadian National Parks Association. Press reports give the information that the Lake Minnewanka arch is to be taken from Banff Park for power development. The article very reasonably contends that the Alberta gas and coal fields remain practically undeveloped while Canada's parks, which belong to all Canadians, are to be sacrificed to allow of power development. By figures and comparison the article points out the feasibility of establishing a power plant in the Alberta fields and utilizing the immense amount of power going to waste there in natural gas and coal, before it will be necessary to disturb the great national park of the Dominion. It is well to stop and consider at this time if our great rush for the development of all water power is not working to the detriment of our other resources and if means are available of maintaining and conserving all these it is clearly the duty of all Canadians to oppose the destruction of our great national parks in an effort to secure power which can be supplied by other means and the park areas left undisturbed.

A Sharp Contrast

The news columns of THE FREE PRESS last week carried two articles which more than the editor must have pondered upon. A young lad made a couple fraudulent cheques and cashed them locally. The amount involved was about forty dollars, and the father made restitution, and the boy was sent to the Industrial School to learn a trade. It would seem a very amicable and a fair settlement and a chance for the young lad to see the error of his ways and yet make himself useful in the world, and at the same time an adequate punishment. The other item which makes for such a sharp contrast is the matter of handling the resignation of the Superintendent of the Old People's Home. According to the report, over \$2,000 was admittedly wrongly taken and returned by this official, who held such a responsible position. His dealings were not with business men but with old people, whose money was held in trust and made possible, apparently, by the laxity of the bookkeeping methods to which he was responsible. And up to the present the only move made is to accept his resignation. We are given to understand that the committee of four, who investigated the irregularities were equally divided on accepting the resignation and reinstating the Superintendent with another opportunity. This equal division of the committee, we understand, necessitated a special session of the County Councils, with an expenditure that would be in the neighborhood of \$300. And possibly another such session will be necessary to hire a new Superintendent at a like cost to the Counties. It is one bright spot to learn that the method of handling the public business was not unanimous with the Councils and that there were those Councilors who favored the same treatment as was accorded the young lad mentioned in the opening of this item. Thoughts will come to every editor and every ratepayer. With such sharp contrasts between methods of ordinary business dealings and the transaction of the public business, it is hard to stifle such thoughts without giving vent to expression. Such methods may in a measure be responsible for the ever-increasing County rate. We could elaborate but we leave the matter there. The public may have their own thoughts. We have ours, with but the expression given to sufficient of them to relieve our feelings.

Steadily Improving

There seems to be no lack of evidence from many sources that a general resumption of trade activity may be expected this fall. The wheat situation, which has been so fluctuating and uncertain, would appear to have grounds of ultimate solution, in the fact that crops in other sections of the world will not allow of importations from many of them. Ontario factories will increase their output and the effect of the tariff will undoubtedly be to have American companies establish Canadian plants for the manufacture of their products in Canada, as was also bound to have been the case with the countervailing duties planned. The \$20,000,000 appropriated to relieve unemployment will be an immediate assistance in the start on public works and improvements. In view of world-wide conditions, Canada has little to complain of and much to be thankful for. The outlook for the future in this young Dominion can cause no fear of anxiety but be the cause of a real spirit of optimism.

The First Step

The initial move made by the Council at the last meeting to have the by-law prepared by the Clerk, to form a Cemetery Board, with a view to inaugurating a perpetual care scheme will meet with approval by many who have hoped for this move for some time. It will be necessary to secure the assent of the people to this by-law before the Cemetery Board can be formed, and it is planned to take this vote at the municipal elections at the first of December. As the Council went into the details in connection with a programme of improvement for Fairview Cemetery, they early discovered that nothing of a really consecutive plan could be undertaken by the Council, with its possible changing personnel each year. The work can only be undertaken by a Board, with not over one of its members changing each year. The work of the Council is also too varied to devote the necessary time to getting this plan into a workable state. The forming of the Board will be the first move toward permanent care of the Cemetery. For many years we have advocated the adoption of this plan and now that the Council has made the first step, like many others who have desired its fulfillment, we are very gratified and hope for the careful study of all the features in connection with it. Its fulfillment will be the culmination of a desire of many of the older residents who have hoped for the adoption of this plan.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The ways and means of distributing the \$20,000,000 for unemployment are proving much more difficult of administration than the act of getting the appropriation through.

And now the Toronto Daily Star has been denied access to the sources of information at Osquode Hall. Just how far these Mussolini tactics will be tolerated by the general public will be interesting to know.

The 150-year-old Turk who has been in the United States since July, was struck, last week, by an automobile and seriously injured. These are days when men of fewer years have to tread cautiously to keep out of the way of traffic.

Mr. Malcolm MacBeth, editor of the Milverton Sun, was chosen by the annual convention at Halifax as head of the Weekly Newspapers Association. A capable man in every respect for this important position, Mr. MacBeth will do honor to the weekly newspapers of Canada during his tenure of office.

Commercial fruit production last year in Canada had a value of \$19,591,240, of which Ontario accounted for \$8,056,007; British Columbia \$6,706,550; Nova Scotia, \$2,830,083; Quebec, \$1,145,846 and New Brunswick, \$192,659. This total will probably be somewhat reduced for 1930.

Judging from the reports of most of the rural Fall Fairs, these institutions are far from being a thing of the past, where real energy is being put into their staging. Few of them indeed seem to be in the same category as the C. N. E., with decreased attendance, except where unfavorable weather prevailed.

The estimates of the County Council included \$10,000 as the amount required for Old Age Pensions this year. Hon. Hugh Guthrie has promised, however, that the Dominion Government will assume this amount so that undoubtedly this will be the last year that the County will be called upon to provide this amount.

The manufacturers or jobbers or whoever is responsible for the increase in prices made possible under the new tariff regulations deserve to lose their privileges. If business undertakings given the Government, cannot be kept, it surely does not behoove the government to provide protection to the detriment of the public at large.

Immigration to Canada for the first four months of the present fiscal year totalled 58,273. This compares with an immigration of 64,214 for the same period a year ago and shows a falling off of 35,041 or 38 per cent. Most people think it just as well for the present period of depression that the bringing in of emigrants be limited to the lowest possible number.



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Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

One day this week Partner walked into the house and said, "What on earth are you doing?" "Tidying up," I answered, at which he looked still more perplexed. Perhaps there was reason for his bewilderment as there were papers all over my writing table, the floor and every adjacent chair. "Well," said my good man, "all I can say is, if that's tidying up, you're making a horrible mess of it!" He was undoubtedly right. Nevertheless, there was method in my madness as I was ruthlessly sorting out an accumulation of letters, papers, cuttings and dear know-nothings. In the end I restored order out of chaos and had a great pile of clippings, etc., to paste into books which will keep me occupied for a good many evenings to come. It was quite a job all right and I had had enough of it by the time I got through, but still it was very necessary as I was in danger of getting swamped with papers, etc.

The trouble is I do dislike destroying anything in the nature of reading material, as one can go back to a good magazine, for instance, after many months and still find something of interest. Anyway, it was a change from picking and a change of work is as good as a rest.

Partner, I am glad to say, is on the high road to recovery. He can even get along without a stick, but I can't say he covers the ground very rapidly. However, he feels very pleased with himself as he managed to put in a few acres of wheat by riding on top of the drift. Since then he has started plowing with a riding plow and, although he feels very tired by daylight—his feet, though stronger, is still very painful—yes he has the satisfaction of knowing he has accomplished something.

Yesterday the cows also accomplished something. Indeed yes, very much so. Evidently they believe in the theory that distant fields are always green and decided to test it. The time they chose was when it was pouring with rain, and Partner was away taking Molly to school. Partner, or rather Pernickety Peg, to give her her full title, managed, with remarkable agility, to climb over a wire fence near the house. When I caught sight of her I didn't waste any time before trying to make her return from whence she came but alas, while I was using my persuasive powers on her other cows also broke through. Then Bumpy started to bark and the cows in their anxiety to get back to safety, broke the wire fence down completely. Crack, smash, went one post after another and further up the field another cow got her head and feet tangled up in the wire. In the middle of things Partner came home, much to my relief, and to cut a long story short, those wretched cows succeeded in knocking down three fences and two gates before we could bring them to order. We had also to deal with a travelling salesman—why do these men always appear on such inauspicious occasions? Need-

less to say, Partner was busy for a good many hours fixing fences after that little episode.

Yes, it was quite a worrisome morning but yet for every calamity there seems to be something good to balance it. This time it was rain. Such a wonderful life-giving rain. I am sure the tender green wheat shoots will feel instinctively it is a good old world and poke their heads above ground to find out for sure. It is quite a treat to see muddy tracks across the floor for a change, because then I know it really has rained.

We thought we were going to have a sick boy on our hands this week, as Pat went to bed one night with a temperature of one hundred and two. In the morning he was quite normal again, but we kept him at home for two days, in case anything should develop. My "in-laws" always laugh at me about my thermometer, because I place such great faith in it, as indeed I do. At the first faintest of complaints from the children I take their temperature and if it be raised away goes that child to bed with absolutely nothing to eat but as much water as he likes to drink, and a good dose of milk of magnesia. This treatment is continued with the addition of diluted vinegar until the temperature is restored to normal. If there be vomiting then I give slightly beaten white of egg two or three times a day. This is healing, nourishing and always vomiting. Many minor ailments are the result of over-worked internal machinery, and a rest cure is the surest way to bring about quick results. Of course a return to normal must be made gradually or one has the same trouble all over again. Our kiddies give us very little cause for worrying during the summer, but we always dread the winter, as they are both subject to bronchial trouble.

To-morrow is our local fair day. Partner does not think his feet will be equal to walking around in a crowd, so I suppose I shall have the questionable pleasure of taking the children alone. The first thing to do will be to find them when I get there, as nothing else will do but they must take part in the regular parade. I often think children get fair as they do from the exhibition. The merry-go-rounds and stalls, with their ridiculous array of gaudy monstrosities make a colorful background and provide the kiddies with all the necessary thrills. Given these, and the companionship of their own playmates and for them, the acme of enjoyment has apparently been reached.

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