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EDITORIAL

A Confession

Did you ever go away for several days' holidays and come back and feel so lazy that you couldn't get back into the harness again? Well, if you have had that feeling, you'll understand if this week's editorials aren't along the usual line. You can't concentrate on a fishing trip for three days and get right back to a pen again overnight. Call it spring fever or whatever you will, it certainly exerts a powerful negative influence to the usual trend of thought and endeavor. Maybe it would have been just as well if we had obeyed that impulse that kept suggesting all the time, "Oh, cut out the editorial for this week." We have not obeyed the impulse, as you will see, but hope to struggle through this week and possibly give a clearer interpretation in future weeks on further writing as a result of the relaxation we are recovering from. There, we've made our confession and can go on filling the balance of these columns.

Believing in Your Best Self

A certain amount of self-confidence is necessary in order to go on with the business of living. A child would never learn to walk if he did not believe he could. If you stop to think of it, such confidence is rather extraordinary. When you grow older, that splendid self-assurance weakens sometimes. You seem to find it hard to believe in your best self, that strong, dominating, aspiring self, which, with God's help, may be more than a match for all the temptation in the world. You whimper "I'd like to but I'm not able." You believe in your weaknesses but not in your strength; in your failures, but not in your triumphs. Your best self is worthy of your confidence. Believe in it. Believe you were born to be master of your environment; born to be stronger than temptation; born to rise to undreamed heights. Only through your belief will you realize your possibilities.

Over Half-Million in Customs Seizures

Proceeds from seizures made during the last fiscal year by the Customs Preventive Service amounted to \$534,500, according to a report issued by the Department of National Revenue. This sum accrued from court fines, automobile and vessel penalties. The value of clothing alone confiscated last year was \$10,700. Total seizures for the twelve-month period were 4,521, an increase of 444 over the preceding fiscal year. In the Customs Branch, 3,005, and in the Excise Branch, 1,426 seizures were made. A total of 20,069 gallons of liquor were seized, of which 17,420 were taken in Nova Scotia, and 1,058 in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia topped the list in this respect. Ontario, however, led the rest of Canada in beer seizures, its quantity of this beverage being 13,352 out of a total of 10,210. Quebec followed Ontario with 55,240 gallons. Cigarettes taken totalled 710,920. Quebec seizures led in this phase, with 434,807 cigarettes. Nova Scotia was second, with 123,205, and Ontario third, with 74,937. In tobacco seizures Quebec also took first place, with 2,708 pounds out of a total for the Dominion of 3,104 pounds. Only two provinces reported seizures of narcotic drugs, British Columbia and Ontario. In the former Province 233 ounces were taken, and in the latter 90 ounces. Other seizures for the 12-month period were: 23,336 gallons of alcohol; 1,046 cigars; 347 complete stills; 418 automobiles; 48 vessels. The summary gives first place for seizures to Ontario, with 1,345.

Cattle for Britain

An experimental shipment of finished beef cattle by farmers in the Melfort district of Saskatchewan, who took advantage of the Provincial Government's stocker-feeder policy of last autumn, is en route to the British market. If results justify expectations other shipments will follow. Four carloads of steers, comprising between forty and fifty head, constitute the shipment. The cattle, which were inspected, sorted and weighed at Winnipeg, were embarked with a consignment of Alberta cattle arranged by the Western Council of Beef Producers.

Newspaper Fatalities

Newspaper mortality is high. During the past ten years two hundred and ninety-two Canadian weekly newspapers have suspended publication. Some of that number were, of course, amalgamated. During the past few weeks seven weekly newspapers closed out business. In the daily field during the past decade the mortality has also been high; so much so that there is scarcely a city with two papers, outside of the metropolitan centres. Losses in newspaper publishing can come quickly. An evidence of this is found in the failure of the New York World, which has been amalgamated with The Telegram.—Renfrew Mercury.

Future of Retail Store

At a meeting at which a move to establish a co-operative store in Durham was under advisement, Miss Agnes McPhail, M. P., took occasion to say that the day of the retail store was over, the same as that of the home-made socks and mitts. With this the Hanover Post takes exception, saying that while it may be the case with some stores it will not be with those that are run on up to date methods. Those who give way do not put enough "kick" into their business. They do not carry an attractive stock. Many of them do not advertise at all, and even if they do, they do not put enough time or thought into their copy. Weekly papers are received at this office that fairly teem with bright, well written copy. They come from wide-awake towns where the merchants are hustlers. Other papers are received which carry very little home town advertising. The public nowadays are not willing to accept "something just as good." They demand service. The chain stores, without a doubt, are making the going hard for the little fellows. The town of Barrie, for instance, has five chain groceries. The small town merchant, concludes the Post, will survive if he puts brains and push into his business.—Collingwood Bulletin.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tuesday was church gathering day in Acton. The Halton Presbytery met in the United Church here and the Presbyterian meeting of Guelph Presbytery was held in Knox Church.

The week-end traffic on the highways is getting heavier as the weather becomes more congenial. Don't plan such a lengthy trip but what you can accomplish it with the "exercise of every care" throughout the journey.

Here is a fact which Canadians are not at all proud to contemplate: In New York City, under a prohibitory law, there are less than 15 per 10,000 of the population; while arrests for drunkenness in Toronto, under the Liquor Control Law, are over 106 per 10,000.

The annual meeting of the Hockey Club last week showed that not only was success achieved in playing last year, but that the finances of the year's activities were in a splendid condition. A surplus of over a hundred dollars, after all expenses were paid, was another very happy outcome of the season.

It is expected that the Budget in the Dominion House will be ready for presentation by May 19, or at least before May 28. The news expected when it is presented can await just as long as possible—so far as most of us are concerned. Taxes are likely to be up and not down, as has been the case in late years.

The announcement this week of the Dominion of Canada 1931 Conversion Loan offers the careful investor an opportunity for the investing of his surplus funds in a security which will relieve any anxiety. They carry interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent, and some idea of the popularity of the issue may be judged from the fact that in the first day of selling one hundred and thirty-three millions were purchased. The issue is for \$250,000,000 and there is a probability that it will be over-subscribed.

In the death, last week, of Blaney McGuire, founder of the Orangeville Banner, one of the best-known of weekly newspaper editors is removed from earthly surroundings. At all newspaper gatherings he was a man who was always the centre of an interesting group of his conferees in newspaper circles. Always, with a smile and a hearty greeting, Mr. McGuire will be a figure that will be much missed from these gatherings. Weekly newspaper men all over the Province regret to learn of his passing and mourn with his relatives the removal of this useful life from its earthly associations.

SLATS' DIARY
BY ROSS PARQUHAR

Friday—well pa tried to get Harl Kees to work in the yd. this a. m. to clean it up and ect. But Harl's wife sed' he coudent cum over for a couple days becuz he had painted the garage and was busy now leting the paint get dry. Witch reprohence the sloofy of many out of wk. Saturday—well pa got his short story back from a nuther magazine today for the 7th time. he says he cant understand why they keep sending it back to him. I think I no what is the reason

but I hate to tell him what I think it is but I am satisfied they done none of them want the story. No intruding and etc.

Sunday—Mrs. Oroposes nellow has went to skool for a couple yrs so he cud study to be a meterologist I gear that in something about learning when it is a going to rain or snow or get hot and etc. I think Ant Emmy was rite when she sed that was all foolidness becuz you can find out about that every evening by reading the nose paper. Also by just waiting and see.

Monday—ma wanted to go to the show tonite but pa refused flat. he sed tacks paying time was a coming and he had to begin to think about his saveling sum money and ma sed. Well cant you think about it in the show as well as here at home.

Tuesday—well Mrs. Tressel called up and sed she wood drop in onto us for the evening and ma was wondering what we wood talk about. but diddnt need to worry none about that becuz Mrs. Tressel had had a operashun recently.

Wednesday—well pa made me get busy and spread fertilizer on the yd tonite so the grass wood grow better and he wood not let me wear no gloves. well I am sure of 1 thing emy how. I dont think they will ever half to cold me for biting my finger nails no more.

Thursday—well ole Mr. Gunt dyed today and the doctors never new what was the matter of him for 3 yrs. Ant Emmy says she in of the pinton that he was vicktim of a fatal sickness probly.

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