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EDITORIAL

Farmers' Sun Changes Owners

The Farmers' Sun announced last week the sale of the journal to a new company headed by Mr. Graham Spry. In announcing the future policy of the paper, the Sun said last week: "The Sun tradition lives on. The new owners take over the paper at the suggestion and on the invitation of the leaders of the farm movement and give assurance that the paper does not cease to be the voice of Ontario farmers. The new owners are experienced newspaper men and under their guidance the "Sun" will undoubtedly progress and continue to be an influence for the advancement of the agriculturist."

An Interesting Situation

History is being made these days. The British cabinet has decided to permit members differing from their colleagues to vote as they see fit on tariff proposals. We never could understand the party system of representatives being forced to vote with their party, regardless of their convictions. If such were in the best interests the argument seemed reasonable that it was unnecessary to have so many representatives and if the cabinet decreed the items that were to be passed by the party members, why the necessity of the members? The result of the situation in Britain will be watched with a great deal of interest when the cabinet of the Government in power is not unanimously in favor of the proposals to be put forward.

A Business Summary

In its monthly business summary, the Bank of Montreal makes the following concise survey of conditions in the Dominion at the present time: "There is an improved sentiment in business circles this month, partly accounted for by the fact that Christmas trade proved better than had been expected, and partly by the feeling that current developments give reasonable hope of trade picking up as the months pass and of 1932 ending better than it began. Major clouds, caused by national debts heavy beyond precedent and reparations liabilities weighing upon Germany, need to be lifted before world commerce expands and commodity prices rise, and whether or not this relief can be accomplished the early future should determine. Adjustment of national debts, with consequent restoration of national credits, would be a long step towards rehabilitation of business everywhere. Until foreign markets revive there can be no adequate outlet for Canadian products of field, mine, forest and sea, nor compensating prices for such as are sold. The dislocation of foreign exchange also presents an obstacle to Canada's trade, though not without counter advantages. Imports from the United States have been restricted by the considerable premium on New York funds, and Canadian manufacturing has reaped advantage. Another result of tariff protection and discount of the Canadian dollar has been to produce favorable balance in Canada's external trade, her exports, for the last seven months exceeding imports. Continuance of this trend will aid materially in bringing the Canadian dollar back to par. Of the major industries, cotton, wool and artificial silk are operating relatively actively, but lumber, newsprint, iron and steel, mines and fisheries continue low production. So with the building trades and engineering construction. Railway traffic, too, is much below normal, and the rather serious problem presented by the railways has yet to be solved."

An Attractive Issue

The Provincial loan that is being offered this week seems to be a most attractive one. With five and a half and six per cent. to be secured with Ontario as security, it would seem that the present is a very opportune time for the careful investor. It is seldom that such rate of interest is obtainable on Provincial bonds. Some local investors who had Acton debentures at six and six and a half per cent. felt themselves very favored. With this present issue by the Government it would seem that investors within the Province would readily subscribe and the total amount would be absorbed in much the same manner that the last Dominion issue was taken.

Suspicious

Even the Liquor Board finds conditions baffling to cope with and announces a new 12 ounce bottle of rye whiskey for those who cannot afford the larger size. It's to be a fancy, three-cornered shaped bottle, too. Wouldn't it be better for those who cannot afford the larger size bottle to do without the stuff entirely. It is said the bottle is given the triangular shape so it cannot be conveniently carried in the pocket, and consumed in an automobile. We hope the sincerity of the Board is just as genuine in its promise that the purpose of the act is to lessen and control the consumption of liquor within the Province but there are those who are quite firm in their belief that the purpose growing more apparent is to provide a revenue.

The New Cemetery Act

The new Cemetery Act, which came into force on January first of this year, will bring the care of all cemeteries in municipalities under the direct charge of a Commission. The Act provides for the immediate appointment of a Commission of three members in each County to see that the rural cemeteries are properly taken care of. The chairman of the Commission is appointed by the Government, the other two by the County Council at its first meeting. It will have power to compel all municipalities to clean up their dilapidated cemeteries. The effect will undoubtedly be that many cases of cemeteries that have been allowed to get into terrible condition will be settled and the responsibility for the work will be decided upon by the Commission.

Their Ideals Were High

It would seem that during the past year or two Acton has lost a quota of men who have done much in the upbuilding of the community. In conversation the other day this fact was brought out and it would seem quite easy to mention many names of persons that have gone that the community will miss in many ways. It is not necessary to enumerate the list, lest some be omitted who have played a faithful part well. The example of these individuals remains as a monument to their memory and a generation now coming into responsibility might well select from this group, whose memory now only remaineth, standards that will continue to make Acton take a worthy place in the upbuilding of the nation. Such is life, each living and playing the part as he goes along and each building a monument that lasts longer than those erected, by which his life is remembered.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If a few more hockey teams drop from the groups it will be a bloodless victory for some place.

Some of these times prosperity is going to be collared just around the corner by some one. It just can't keep dodging forever.

A seventy gallon still, with quantity of mash for making liquor was discovered near Oshawa the other day. Let's see, isn't it about four years since a law was passed that was going to stop this sort of thing.

There are 372,000 miles of telegraph wire in Canada over which, in 1930, 17,500,000 messages were transmitted. Six trans-oceanic cables have termini in Canada, five on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific.

Another newspaper man, prominent in the field of weekly publications, passed away last week in the person of Mr. Logan Craig, editor of the Wingham Advance. Friends in a wide circle join in mourning the loss of Mr. Craig to his community and the country.

The new treaty with New Zealand may lower the tariff on butter; it is announced. And the big tariff imposed by the Government in power was supposed to cure all the woes of the farmer. Well, it's been tried, like a lot of other things, and butter is still in the twenty class of prices. These tariffs are not so very important after all—only for politicians.

In 1931 the total export of eggs from the Province of Alberta to outside markets was 200 carloads, exceeding the previous record of 1924 by about 50 carloads. For several years Alberta has been practically self-sufficient in the matter of egg production. The province exports many times the number of eggs that she has occasion to import each year. Alberta also exported 88 carloads of poultry last year.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Early this morning, as I went perfunctorily about my every-day chores I wondered what on earth I should write about this week. Of course the subject of "mud" is by no means exhausted, but that subject, written about once in awhile, is enough—even to the writer. This morning not only was I lacking in inspiration but my brain was clogged, as it were, probably the result of having been confined to the house all week with bronchitis. I had reached the stage of wondering if one had the choosing, which would be the easiest way of dying, when at eleven fifteen a. m. the telephone rang. I haven't got used to it yet. Every time it rings I get a thrill and wonder what I shall hear from the other end of the wire. Generally it is an order for cream, eggs or perhaps a chicken. Sometimes a long distance call and the prospect of visitors. But this time I heard: "Did you know Nina Moore Jamieson was speaking in town this afternoon. I thought you might like to hear her."

Would it? Well, the "caw of a crow was sweet music compared to the sound of my voice as I answered, but still I forgot all about my bronchitis and was out of the house and away soon after one o'clock. I stopped at the drug store long enough to lay in a supply of non-objectable cough candies which I surreptitiously consumed at frequent intervals and was thus prevented from disturbing the meeting.

Mrs. Jamieson was addressing the boys and girls of the Agricultural Short Course and, as one of the boys said in thanking her, it was a pity not to have a copy of her address so that it might not be forgotten. She did not give any title to her address, but the Agricultural Representative suggested it might be of "Ships and Shoes and Sealing Wax," but Mrs. Jamieson said she thought it was more likely to be of "Cabbages and Kings," not forgetting that it is better to be a good cabbage grower than a poor king.

The gist of her address was as follows: "I don't really know much about young people. I have a son, twenty-three, two girls of seventeen and a little boy of seven, and while I know very little, I always feel I am on the verge of discovery. Probably you young people think you are living in very troublous times, but everyone in every age has thought that since the world began. During the War we thought it was the worst that ever happened. From fourteen to twenty is a wonderful time in the life of young people. Some one else is attending to the big things of life, while they are enjoying things which are only of importance among themselves.

The attitude of boys and girls towards each other is most important and what do you want from each other? First of all, you want loyalty. You want to be able to trust your friends. You give them your confidence and know it will be respected. And then your ideas are of vital importance. Girls carry in their hands the ideals of the race and if their ideals are low, God help the boys! But if those ideals are high, then the boys, consciously or unconsciously, will respect them and follow them.

Cigarette smoking among girls is deplorable—quite apart from physical results—it is lowering the moral standard of womanhood. Then there is profanity among boys. If each one of you boys determines to keep down profanity by neither using it nor tolerating it, in time you can influence the whole community. Don't dare to say you haven't the power—there is no end to your power—if you want to use it. And don't forget much work while work is done without pay, after hours, perhaps, in small community gatherings. See to it that you don't misuse your spare time.

The importance of external things must also be remembered. People are apt to size you up according to your personal appearance. Be neat and clean in appearance, quiet in manner, and if you are not always sure of the right thing to do or say, a pleasant smile will generally pass things off all right. Be careful of your English—try to speak correctly—it is of paramount importance, and we'll written books and good class magazines will help you if you read intelligently.

There you have Nina Moore Jamieson's splendid address—not verbatim, perhaps, but as nearly so as I can remember it. There is no need for me to add anything to it, in words or to make any comment but I would give much if I could convey to you the charm and sincerity of the speaker.

SAFE HOME

A motorist had crashed into a telegraph pole. Wires, poles, and everything came down around his ears. They found him unconscious in the wreckage, but as they were untangling him he reached out feebly, fingered the wires, and murmured: "Thank heaven, I lived clean—they've given me a harp."

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PREPARE YEAR-AHEAD FOR DEY LAND GARDEN

Experimental work at Lethbridge, Alta., shows that to ensure a fair measure of success in the kitchen garden on the dry land farm it must be prepared at least one year ahead. Superintendent W. H. Fairfield, M. Sc., B. D., in his annual report, just issued points out that it is desirable to reserve twice the area desired; to apply well rotted manure to the part to be summer-fallowed just before ploughing; to cultivate just enough to curb weed growth; to plough about eight inches deep; to make rows wide enough apart to permit the use of the hand cultivator; and to provide a suitable windbreak on the windward (not necessarily the northward) side of the permanent garden site. Vegetables in a dry land garden usually mature earlier than on irrigated land.

RIDDING PLANTS OF BUGS

One of the aesthetically attractive features of Canadian homes, urban and rural alike, is the house plants which in great variety brighten and cheer by the delicate pastel shades of leaf and vine; and the wealth and profusion of bloom. But one of the big difficulties encountered with house plants is keeping them free from certain species of plant insects. The Dominion Experimental Station at Charlottetown, P. E. I., supply the following useful suggestions: Red spiders thrive under house conditions and are hard to overcome. At Charlottetown good results were obtained by dusting carefully with flowers of sulphur. Sucking insects are controlled with nicotine sulphate, one teaspoonful to one-gallon of water; biting insects with a tablespoonful of arsenate of lead to the same amount of water. Scale insects on ferns may be controlled by miscible oils now on the market.

HUMAN OSTRICH

Lady—"But didn't I give you a cake last week?"
Beggar—"Yes, ma'am."
Lady—"And you are here again?"
Beggar—"Yes, ma'am, your cake was nothing to me. I used to be a sword swallower."

PERJURY PADLOCKED

"Does your husband always lie to you?"
"No, some nights I'm too tired to ask questions."

REBUKED

A little boy had taken his mother's powder puff and was in the act of powdering his face when his small sister, aged 5, snatched it from him.
"You mustn't do that," she exclaimed. "Only ladies use powder; gentlemen wash themselves."

PREFERS SOWS

Mrs. Platt—"That girl across the hall has a singular voice."
Husband (fervently)—"Thank heaven it isn't plural."

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