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EDITORIAL

A Portrait That Flatters

Some one has said that the way to progress is to form a mental picture of yourself as you would like to be, and keep that before you all the time. Some of you are doing just the opposite. How many of you are all the time telling yourselves that you are so stupid and uninteresting that it is no wonder you are unpopular, or that you are cowardly or vacillating? The mental picture you have of yourself represents a most unattractive personality, and while you think of yourself that way, you never will become attractive. Paint a flattering portrait of yourself. Put in all the characteristics you admire, those you would like to possess. Keep that picture of yourself in your thoughts so constantly that you will continually try to live to it.

Nearly 70,000 Pensioners in Canada

A total of 67,309 persons in Canada were in receipt of Old Age Pensions on June 30, 1932, according to a return issued by the Department of Labor. The average pension amounted to slightly over \$19 per month, the maximum allowed by law being \$20 per month. Five provinces and the Northwest Territories were participating in the scheme under which qualified residents over 70 years of age were pensioned up to a maximum of \$240 per year with the Dominion Government paying 75 per cent of the total and the provinces paying the balance. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have passed legislation authorizing participation in the scheme when the act is proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor, in-Council but have not yet entered into operation. Quebec has not adopted the legislation.

Is There Evasion?

According to a newspaper report, a motor accident happened near Hornby last week, injuring several persons. In police court, one of the women occupants of the car pleaded guilty to being intoxicated and was fined \$10 and costs. A charge of reckless driving has been laid against the driver of the car it is reported. Can it be that men are now teetotalers and women are inebriate? We only know these facts as they are given in the newspaper report, but it seems to be getting quite the common thing, in reports, that persons are not charged with being intoxicated when they are driving a car. Perhaps that is the reason that an editorial in a Toronto daily was able to use the heading "More motor accidents but fewer intoxicated drivers." According to a recent report quoted in this article, out of 1,394 drivers involved in accidents, only 14 were reported as being intoxicated. One is almost led to wonder, sometimes, if charges are not so arranged between the parties so that the penalty of the law may be evaded and the best settlement of damages secured. While this method may be most satisfactory in the individual case, it is not removing the menace of the drunken driver from the highways. The enforcement of the law is not alone up to those officers in charge but a duty also devolves on all who use the highways to support law enforcement with their evidence when called upon to do so. Only through co-operation between officials and all motorists can the highways be rid of the menace of intoxicated drivers.

New Things Cause Confusion

It seems that new things invariably cause confusion, while a slipping back to former methods occurs without a ruffle. For instance, it took over a week for Acton to get adjusted to daylight saving time, while the reversion to standard time this week was accomplished without comment and almost in the twinkling of an eye. Is not the same thing true of present conditions. On Friday it was our privilege to hear the address of Mr. John W. Dafeo, at the directors' luncheon at the Canadian National Exhibition. The speaker gave what most recognized as the foundation principles for greater stability and yet they appeared so advanced that one would hesitate to predict their adoption in the near future. Mr. Dafeo strongly urged an international standard of exchange and the full co-operation of national central banks not only to raise prices, and promote a flow of trade through world channels, but to keep such conditions stable. "If international co-operation of a general nature can raise commodity prices, let's get busy, but I'm a bit skeptical," he said. "I think, however, that we must look forward to a policy of national co-operation within each country. There is no sense ending the depression and raising prices if we are going to sink into a slump again in five years or so. Nor is there any sense to it if we must look forward to some idiot in high places starting to shoot up the world. We must have real outlaws of war along with our economic reconstruction. Stability is more to be desired than inflated prosperity." If all the signs could be believed, he said, it appeared that the current depression was commencing to fade, but leaving behind it lessons of difficulties and disaster more intensive than encountered in any previous slump. "If we are going to have depressions again," he said, "we must expect to see huge sums of public money expended to alleviate their effects. This was the first depression in which we saw public treasuries drawn on as if a war was being fought. But the moral wreckage of this depression has been greater than that of any war. It has been ghastly and terrifying to see the destruction of the self-respect that had become so marked a feature of Canadian citizens. We see wandering armies drifting across Canada, homeless, discouraged, denied their keeping wherever they go because they have no residence qualification. The passing of the buck by the various spheres of authority has created a problem that will linger not only with this but with the next generation. We are turning Canadians of perfectly good stock and previous respectability into hoboes, panhandlers and thugs who will perpetuate their kind." Is it not true that we would all be more keen to accept immediate prosperity or solution rather the slower regaining of normalcy and take the chance on creating conditions that will again put us into a turmoil in a few years. If we are not prepared to pay the price of a slow and stable return to normal conditions, then the present depression has not gone far enough to accomplish a worthwhile purpose. New things are usually the hardest and most resented to accomplish, but surely none want to go backward.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A race isn't a race unless there are two contestants for first place.

Honey produced in Canada in 1931 totalled 27,867,397 pounds, valued at \$2,058,094. Honey is produced commercially in all the provinces of Canada.

Even the great Canadian National Exhibition is slipping back in the matter of attendance this year, after many years registering an ever increasing gate record.

Astronomers tell us that it will not be until July 29, 1963, that another total eclipse of the sun will occur in the same path as the one last week. That's something to look forward to.

One wonders just how the rules of the Harmsworth Trophy race would have operated if Gar Wood had not finished on Monday and accepted a tow without crossing the finishing line. But then, he didn't do that, and really no one expected he would.

Salt production in Canada in 1931 amounted to 259,047 tons, valued at \$1,904,149 as compared with 271,695 tons worth \$1,694,631 in 1930. Ontario is the principal salt producing province in the Dominion, though salt is found in commercial quantities in the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

A rumor persists in banking circles, although it is denied by the principals, to the effect that there is shortly to be an amalgamation of the Globe and Mail and Empire. It is known that both have suffered in the general decline of advertising during the depression and have had to effect important economies. The disappearance of either of these journals will be much missed, but these are days when a lot of things are missed. The newspapers have felt the depression, along with other businesses, and the toll has been taken in all fields.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

And now the children are back to school again and, as the Scotsman said with an expressive sigh after the passing of his wife, "It's verra quiet, but verra peaceful." Yes, back to school again for the fall term—one more sign that poor old 32, with its problems and perplexities is definitely nearing an end. The excitement on the first day of the arrangements, many and various, and the personality of their new form and conjectures about whether they will be very strict—apparently they will be upon which the average parent is concerned. And then they brought home their list of supplies and when Partner and I went over to see what a sign of relief that we are not at present trying to raise a family of ten.

Text books, note books, art books, crayons, pencils, paints and all the usual paraphernalia, which, when all totted up represent a goodly sum in dollars and cents but oh, how gladly we would have it just a little bigger if their list of supplies included needles, scissors and thread; hammer, saw and plane.

Why is it that the Canadian Public School has no place on its curriculum for manual work for boys and sewing classes for girls? Perhaps the boys will not suffer unduly but the girls? Are we fostering a feminine generation who will grow up to throw away stockings rather than mend them, watch for bargains at the "ready-to-wear" counters and later, buy their layettes from the department stores where such things are sold by the hundred and all very much of the same quality and pattern? Are the days gone by when young prospective mothers will take a delight in making garments long before they are needed and spend many happy months of preparation in fashioning the dresses with exquisite embroidery and knitting all kinds of delightful little woolies? Perhaps the girl of the coming generation will have the same desire to do these things as her mother and her grandmother did before her, but how ever great the desire she will be handicapped by lack of knowledge and thus be cheated out of one of the loveliest thrills of motherhood. Fine sewing cannot be learned in a day and while, perhaps, anyone can cobble up a dress in a stocking and get away with it, yet it takes years of practice to make a respectable darn, as a matter of course.

Perhaps the other side of the argument may be—"These things should be taught at home!" Perhaps so and, as a matter of fact, they often are, but show me the girl who will work at home at a given task as well as she will at school. It isn't natural. Competition is lacking, discipline is lacking and very often patience on the part of mother and pupil is also lacking. In the days when I went to school we had sewing lessons twice a week for forty minutes. We learnt darning and patching, the proper way to turn the heel of a stocking, how to sew and how to sew seams and how to turn the heel of a stocking. My mother was a wonderful needlewoman, but I know that what sewing I can do now is because of what I learnt at school, and it was always our form teacher who taught us.

Ah, perhaps that last sentence opens up a new angle. Where now, would you find teachers to teach sewing? Imagine any Board of Trustees interviewing hundreds of applicants and having to put query, "Can you sew?" Perhaps the girls might even have to bring samples of their work. If such a qualification were at present necessary, it would, at any rate, reduce the number of "suitable" applicants. And Public School inspectors, what of them? Would they also need a special course in their qualification? I don't remember any inspection during my school days, but I do remember that every teacher I ever had was well qualified to instruct her class in every kind of elementary sewing.

So here's hoping that someone, sometime, will revolutionize the rudiments of education and wake up to the fact that practical work is of vital necessity to our which would otherwise lie dormant.

Simple sewing classes in Public School might be followed by dress-making classes in High School, taught by a visiting teacher just as music is now taught in some Public Schools. If older girls knew how to mend and make it would lighten the work of many a busy mother, ease the financial strain of young married couples and lessen the burden of widowed fathers.

Young girls now dress far more than they used to, but very few of them can make or mend. They, in turn, will marry and what chance will their children have with needle and thread if the schools won't teach them and their mothers can't?

Is it true we are living in an age of advanced education? I wonder!

BUTTER FOR 2,762,372,396 SLICES OF BREAD

Canada's export of butter during the twelve months ended last May were eight times the volume of the exports during the previous twelve months. This has been worked out by some ingenious statistician as sufficient to butter 2,762,372,396 slices of bread from 197,312,314 loaves. He arrived at these extraordinary figures by basing them on the bread and butter consumption of the dining car service of the Canadian National Railways during one year of operation.

SLATS' DIARY
BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—A ole trend of Ant Emmys was here at are house today and she was telling Ant Emmy and Ma that her husband went and died on her about six months A go. ant Ant Emmy ast her was he in Comfable Strumstances when he died and she replied sed No he seam-ed to have right smart. Puff round the neighborhood of his hart.

Saturday—Ant Emmy went up to the city and cum home mad. her and her sister & law went into a bank to cash a check and the Casher sed he didden no her and Ant Emmy sed her Sister & law did identify her and the casher sed he didden no her neither so Ant Emmy interduced them to each a nother but he still wuddent cash the check so Ant Emmy cum h:m mad at the way they run the Banks.

Sunday—Jake & Me played hooky from Sunday skool today and we tuk a can of dried beef and a can of worms and when we got home after I had et my lunch I emplyed my pockets & found the dried beef still there. well enny ways I et sum thing at lunch time. Munday—Mrs. Quell is home from Yurrop and Ant Emmy ast her did she stay in Venice and Mrs. Quell sed she was scairt to deth prit nigh on acct they was having a offe stud wile she was staying there.

Tuesday—well ma give me a job plichek grapes tonite and I clumb up on toppa the Ladder and then when I cum down I fell and spilt all the grapes and skum my shins pritty bad. Now I remember thry was a step missing when I ist went up. & it was still missing when I cum down.

Wednesday—Joe Hix is in the Hospittles today. He was to a Party last nite and sum-buddy suggested that he wassent fit to walk home so he tuk a car and drove home. He hopes to be out by Thanksgiving Day mebbly.

Thursday—well I am throv with Pug Stevens. He past me up when he went by in his 2nd handed ford tonite. He shows to much parashanty. he had 8 uther fellows in his ford.

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