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EDITORIAL

Fraternizing

Last Friday the editor of THE FREE PRESS took a day off and mingled with an assemblage of other individuals who have chosen to make their business that of conducting weekly newspapers. We learned that our problems are common with those of other centres similar to Acton. For a morning and an afternoon we listened to troubles and their solutions, or attempts at solution, that have met us throughout the past year. It did one good to find that all the difficulties were not confined to one community, but were at least spread in some measure over Ontario and Quebec. The exchange of ideas with a view to making better newspapers in the various communities was a feature helpful to all. And then there were the brief periods between sessions, which allowed a time for social meeting and the intimate inquiry regarding the communities which were presented by the various editors. The business sessions were culminated by a banquet at the Royal York Hotel. Good food, a bright entertainment by a trio of artists and a brilliant culmination with an address by Mr. Norman Sommerville, K. C., but that address must be the subject of another editorial.

A Message of Faith

As we mentioned previously, the outstanding feature at the gathering of weekly newspapermen was the address of Mr. Norman Sommerville, K. C. His subject was "Some Recent Observations in Central Europe." Mr. Sommerville had just returned from a three months' tour in Central Europe and had such intimate touch with his subject that his treatment of the matter made one of the most delightful and informational addresses it has been our privilege to hear. It left off feeling that here in Canada we have a great deal to be thankful for. We wondered if ever again in fairness we should mention that Canada has suffered a depression. Of course Mr. Sommerville had the delivery and personality of a master in his presentation that will be lost in our passing on any of the points, but tell some portion we must.

In Austria and the City of Vienna, the speaker told of the utter poverty of the people. How the currency had been depressed until mortgages and holdings worth \$15,000 had been sold for \$1.00 and municipalities with debenture indebtedness of \$100,000 had been redeemed for about \$7. The poverty of Vienna was so pitiful that only on one day a week were the poor allowed to come out on the street. And in Germany Mr. Sommerville told of the conditions. Every port is clogged with ships waiting for something to happen. Every dock is thronged with sailors with nothing to do. The people of Germany have tried all means to re-establish themselves, even to six general elections in one year. And to-day the average German citizen says: "Since 1914 everything we have done has gone wrong. What is the use of trying?" A word picture of the present leader, Hitler, described him as a circus manager; a presentation of the facts of his actual power in ruling Germany; the circumstances leading up to his election, and an interpretation of the actions of the government, gave a background for a clearer understanding of the articles which now feature the press dispatches from that country. The lack of faith in the future, in the leaders, the institutions and the

country at large now characterizing the countries of Central Europe, was vividly portrayed.

Then Mr. Sommerville came across to England. He pointed out the faith that had been brought back to that country in the last twenty-one months. The picture of the Bank of England faced with the necessity for the first time in history, of having to go to the government for the backing of loans from the United States and France. The events which led up to the formation of a National Government to meet a national crisis. Then the historical financial achievements that have been accomplished following the formation and endorsement of this national government were given in vivid word portrayal. The repayment of the loans to the United States and France within a few months; the prepayment of money owed the United States, and the refunding loan, all of which were accomplished in the past few months. But the greatest feature of all was the re-establishment of faith and co-operative endeavor for the common good of the country. A faith that was on the wane a few months previously, and a faith that was utterly lacking in the people of Central Europe.

Coming back to Canada and viewing our own country with this background of conditions as shown in Central Europe, and the re-establishment of faith in England, one could not help but have a spirit of deep thankfulness. As the speaker pointed out that if your anchor but holds during a hurricane, real progress has been made; and in Canada our anchor has held. We have unshaken faith in our leaders and institutions, and the future.

It was a group of newly inspired newspapermen from Ontario and Quebec who went back to their communities with renewed faith and a spirit of thankfulness. Opportunity was afforded following adjournment for meeting Mr. Sommerville and in leaving the building in the elevator and the conversation which followed meeting, we found that he was a personal friend of a native of Acton, Mr. C. A. G. Matthews, who commenced his activities in printing at THE FREE PRESS, and has later made such a success in the city and in the art. And Mr. Sommerville assured us that Mr. Matthews was just as loyal and proud to speak of his home town to his friends in the city and elsewhere as we here have continually found him and known him in Acton.

Central Europe, England, Canada, and back to a contact with one's own home town, all in the same evening. We have found difficulty in condensing this item and expressing our pleasure in listening to an outstanding address.

Both Parties Seem Agreed

Now that Premier Henry has made quite definite the stand he takes on the beer and wine plan, and the Liberal party has definitely decided that no plank of this question shall be in that party's platform, surely the liquor question has been put out of politics. The liquor interests have been very insistent to have either party adopt a wet policy to go before the electors. The liquor interests are always willing to try any plan to increase the sale of intoxicating liquor. It is quite apparent that thus far they have failed to interest either the Conservative or Liberal parties in their latest scheme to have beer and wine sold in hotels and restaurants and a re-enactment of the scenes of barroom days. The decisions are to the credit of both these parties. If an expression of public opinion is required on this freer sale policy, let it be decided by a vote of the people. A vote free from the influence of party leanings and truly expressive of the wish of the public without the entanglements of party affiliations. But the liquor interests will not be satisfied with this decision of the parties. The agitation will continue. There is no such thing as satisfying the ambitions for expansion of business by those who deal in intoxicating liquor. Both parties will need to beware that means are not negotiated to make them the means of securing greater volume of consumption of beer and wine and whiskey. The ruination of the young folks means nothing to these interests; who put profits above everything.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Hydro policy of installing water heaters in the homes in Acton is meeting with splendid success. Those who are now enjoying the comfort of hot water at all times are loud in their praise of this utility and it looks as if many installations would be made.

An amendment to the Tariff Act Board will be introduced this session to increase Mr. Justice Sedgewick's salary from \$12,000 to \$14,000 per annum. The two other members just receive \$10,000 per year each. It's nice to hear of somebody's salary being increased, but we wonder how the taxpayer, who foots the bill, feels about it.

According to newspaper reports the families who went to Northern Ontario to establish themselves on farms, with the assistance of the Government, are now returning to Southern Ontario. With so much land close to the markets available in the older sections of the provinces, the scheme seemed doomed to failure from its inception. One winter and an effort to exist there on \$10 per month has proven sufficient for the experimenters.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for
The Free Press by
GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

If I write about the tremendous rain-fall, we had this week and how it held up work in the field, no doubt many readers will be quite surprised and wonder what I am talking about, yet this is just exactly what happened in this neighborhood. I never saw so much rain in such a little while. At least I did not exactly see it, because it fell in the night, but I certainly heard it and saw evidence of it the next morning. The innocent looking little creek that runs through our place is quite a good distance from the barn and yet it had overflowed and at one time during the night had been only a little way from the stable door as we could see by the reeds and rubbish it had washed up and left along by the fences. Part of the lane was a flood and the mud in the yard was unspicable. Partner's first thought was the bridge in the back lane, which once before had been washed away in a flood. This time, thanks be, although obviously weakened, it had stayed in its place. In this we were more fortunate than our neighbor, whose front lane bridge had drifted away completely.

Now I ask you, can you imagine a more awkward state of affairs than to be separated from the main road by swiftly running water? For personal navigation a plank may be all that's necessary, but a plank won't carry a car or a team and wagon. Partner and I went over to have a look at things and as I surveyed the wreckage it reminded me of the old mill house and castles in England, to which in the old days, the only means of access was over a drawbridge. There used to be one of these old mill houses near my old home, and its stagnant green water always had a fascination for me. One could look at it in two ways—either as romantic evidence of past history or as a breeding place for mosquitoes. Many of these old mill houses still exist but in most cases the drawbridge has been made stationary. When you think of it, a house surrounded by water is the effectual protection one can imagine but still, forcible protection is these days is hardly to be desired.

How little we realize the power of running water and how terrible must be the damage in low lying countries when restrained forces break loose. This little creek, for instance, which a few months ago was almost bone dry, had, in a few hours, gathered unto itself sufficient strength to wreck a sturdy bridge, hurl its logs along the banks of the creek, carried away heavy planks and strewn them over the fields and along the road. Work destroyed by nature in a few hours will take man many days to replace. In every walk of life man tries to over-rule nature and often succeeds, but when nature takes the notion, she can, at one fell stroke, over-rule man completely.

Naturally a rain heavy enough to wash away bridges has temporarily suspended seeding operations but only within a certain radius. Farmers a few miles above and below us, report they did not have enough rain to stop work in the fields at all. Now I wonder since the rain was not general—did it fall upon the just or upon the unjust?

It has not been at all good weather for little chicks, either hatched or unhatched, and I hear from a good many sources that setting hens are refractory, incubators unsatisfactory and fully developed chicks show a marked disinclination for getting born. They seem to chip their shell, take a peep at the world and then change their mind about coming into it. The mother hen of my first brood has managed to kill a few more chickens but the poor old biddy really couldn't help it, because, as I ultimately discovered, she had rheumatism so badly she couldn't stand up on her feet. Poor old biddy, who can wonder at it with all this wet, dull weather. I declare I won't be able to stand on my feet either if we don't soon get some sunshine and dear knows what or who I shall kill if my feet start floundering around without any sense of direction!

But still, dull weather notwithstanding, there is generally a bright spot in every day, and that is when we get our daily paper. What do I look at first—the funnies? Not I—my first anxiety is to get the latest quotation on the market price of wheat, and you know it really is going up. By the way, I think that should be printed in very small print, in case it isn't true! After the wheat I turn to the farm produce page and it, too, looks more healthy. Is prosperity really rounding the corner or is it still only a rumor? Whichever it is, we can thank God for the rumor, anyway, because even a rumor can help out a lot if it be of the right variety.

Speaking of rumors—have you ever noticed what a gossip the robin can be? Something tells him when rain is coming and he loves to get on the topmost branch of a tree and sing his loudest to spread the rumor that rain is in the air, or as one of our neighbors says—"The robins are yelling"—you can be sure we are in for a shower!

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The Voice of Understanding

Many have been swept from their anchorage into gloomy hopeless and futureless state of mind, having succumbed to the pressure of circumstances and are being driven before the wind. Out of the darkness without warning this wind has come and in a moment they find themselves staring at what "can't" be true but "is" true—the tumbling under the ruins of their dreams. Many a ones faith is crumbling under the pressure of life.

Edgar Guest says — "Faith is the strength of the soul inside and lost is the man without it."

Faith is an active upward force, not just waiting and believing. It is spiritual rather than intellectual process that is needed for the confirmation of our hope and faith. We must have faith to believe that although there may be heartaches to-day, and trails seemingly too big to bear, that these are not permanent. They only form a part of the sum total of life.

Many years ago on a Gallien Lake when some weary fishermen were being swept before a storm, there came a Man speaking to their weary, waiting, watching hearts this message. "Be of good cheer. It is I. Be not afraid." Then we are told the "wind ceased," and they drew near to the shore.

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