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EDITORIAL

We Judge Others by Ourselves

Some one has said that we are the windows through which we see the world, and nothing truer were ever said. The people who look out on the earth through a window of blue glass see a gloomy place. Those who view it through a dirty windowpane, see a world speckled and spotted. To see it as it is, the pane must be clean, transparent, and shining. When somebody tells you that every man has his price, do not trust him with a dollar without a receipt. Shun people who take the ground that those who seem most upright are base and indecent in their inner lives as you would a leper. Each of us is a window through which he sees the world. By the interpretation a man puts on human life and conduct, he reveals himself. Put no confidence in the one who has no confidence in others, for he has the best of reasons for his doubt, what he knows of himself.

A Feature of Canadian Pride

To-morrow the great Canadian National Exhibition swings open its doors to the public for the fifty-fifth time. Many have been the changes in that time, but it can never be said that this annual exhibition has not kept pace with the forward march of the times. It is now over twenty-five years since we had our first view of the Ex., and the advancement we can recall is truly wonderful. Through the fat and the lean years this event has never failed to attract its thousands of spectators and each year one feels that it is an event which cannot be missed without leaving a blank in the year. No doubt this year will see the same thousands congregating there who visit it every year and always the portrayal of the latest and most modern makes it a trip that is enjoyed and very educational. Ever a varied programme, a catering to the tastes of all classes, a beautiful ground and the establishment of permanent buildings have made this an institution in the Canadian life that appeals to young and old, and provides the magnet to assemble the crowds each year.

Acton Fair Encouraging Agriculture

Acton Fair prize list will this week be in the hands of the Secretary, and being a printer it was our privilege to read the story before it was done. It would appear that the directors have overlooked no feature to ensure the success of this event. There is a notable feature in the fact that Acton Fair is endeavoring to provide each year more features for the farmers for competition. This year the Jersey Calf Club is among the added events calculated to encourage the farmers in exhibiting. Fall Fairs are, at the present time, undergoing a good deal of criticism and the future of them hangs in the balance. The Durham Chronicle says, in this connection: "Do the farmers want the fall fair continued? This, in our opinion, is the big question. If the farmers have tired of the fall fair as an institution, there seems nothing to do but call it off; if they want it, then it is worth the government grant received. Perhaps the first thing necessary is a canvass of every fall fair district. This would give us something to work on." The attractions and the facilities for the fall fairs are well organized and there must be co-operation between town and country to ensure their success. It is not enough to have a splendid prize list issued. There must be competition for all classes. The farmers must continue to maintain their

interest in putting up a good competition and good exhibits. Judging by the inquiry for prize lists already this interest of the district about Acton has been retained. Now is the time for farmers and farmers to prove to a doubting people that they are institutions worthy of their continued patronage and support. Let everyone co-operate to make the exhibit the biggest and best this year ever.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

What It Costs the Country for a Session at Ottawa

What does a yearly meeting of the House of Commons and of the Senate cost Canada? People think that it is only the salaries of the Senators, which were \$483,993 in 1931-32 session, and \$1,277,140 for the salaries and travelling allowances of the House of Commons. Add these together and we have \$1,761,133. But there is a more expensive story to be told, over a million more, for the total cost of these two bodies meeting in 1931-32 session was \$2,936,993, or a few thousand dollars short of three millions. Though members and Senators all travel free on railway passes, the to-and-fro costs for both bodies mounted up to \$20,980. This does not include the travelling expenses of eighteen Cabinet ministers, which costs appear in the departmental reports and do mount up. How does a million and three-quarters mount up high to three million dollars? There is an army of officials in the building, some of them merely for the session, but others tarry there in the offices the year round. There are clerks and assistant clerks, reporters of debates, editors of debates, translators, custodians, porters, messengers, librarians, cataloguers, reference clerks, a staff of permanent clerks who draw \$470,976 a year, of which \$83,280 is due to Senate and \$273,331 to the Commons, and the balance to library and contingencies. Then there are temporary clerks and stenographers, doormen and a reserve reporter, altogether costing \$196,303. Each Senator has not his own private stenographer but he can press the button at any time and get one within a few minutes to attend to his letters, either private or public. Sessional clerks and extra employees for the House of Commons cost \$66,313.43, whilst there are 88 members' stenographers, or an average of one for every three members. The Sergeant-at-Arms looks after the pages, who answer a thumb snap by any member, and also all the sessional managers who earn from \$1,830 down for not more than six months' work. The sessional pages cost \$6,746, and the charladies, who keep the buildings clean, get \$26,217 altogether. The Sergeant-at-Arms had a motor allowance of \$1,985.86, or \$14.14 less than the hypothetical \$2,000. He paid his restaurant staff \$16,786.86. This was a Mr. Coghill, who received \$4,520 salary and a house allowance of \$600 in lieu of inside residence. The Sergeant-at-Arms has an assistant Sergeant-at-Arms in J. L. Williams who, in addition to his salary, was given \$500 in cash in lieu of a free residence. The secretary of the leader of the Opposition received \$3,960 salary, and the Speaker of the House got \$3,000 to pay his rent outside the House, whilst Armand Lavergne, Deputy-Speaker, accepted \$1,500 in lieu of free residence. The list of clerks in the House reads like an inheritance list of the members and Senators, as the honorable gentlemen have taken their cue to practice nepotism.—Sherbrooke Record.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.

An item that has ceased to be regarded as news is the state of health of Ghandi during any of his numerous fastings.

Queer how Canada can always spare its representative to England while the Canadian National Exhibition is in progress.

Haven't yet discovered the youngster who is looking forward to September 5 and the opening of school with any great yearning.

There are the brown shirt, red shirt, blue shirt and black shirt organizations, but the fellow with the dirty or soiled shirt is usually the one who is accomplishing something worth while.

Nobody has ever added up the value of a smile. We know how much a dollar's worth and how much is a mile; the distance to the sun, we know, but no one here can tell just how much a smile is worth.

A number of citizens have expressed approval of the suggestion to build a swimming tank in the grounds at the schools. It seems all that would be necessary would be an organized effort to get the project under way.

A news item tells of the police searching for three youths who threw a skunk into a prayer meeting in Oklahoma. Surely the trail of these culprits should not require the sensitive nostrils of bloodhounds to pick up.

A total of 747 municipalities in the Province of Ontario are supplied with electric power by the Ontario Hydro Power Commission; a publicly-owned organization. The 747 municipalities include 27 cities, 95 towns, 267 villages and 358 townships. The total revenue of the Commission last year was \$31,216,210. The net credit balance on the year's operations was \$1,837,273.

Three cheers, and then three cheers more—the season's crop is piled high and dry in the barn—"all is safely gathered in" and all we have to remind us of our labors is a kink in our backs, aching muscles and a few blisters. But all that is merely a detail, which, in a few days, we shall have entirely forgotten. Of course there is still the alfalfa, which Partner is hopefully leaving for seed. I say "hopefully" but perhaps he isn't quite so "hopeful" as he looks. He would have heard reports from alfalfa threshing have been very poor indeed. Spring crop is turning out surprisingly well—how it ever grew and headed out is a mystery to me. A neighbor was telling me to-day that twenty years ago there was just such a dry year as this—in fact it was worse, because that year farmers in many cases had to buy hay for winter use. O well, one year in twenty is not so bad—if a dry spell doesn't come any more often than that I guess we can stand it. We haven't any choice about it, anyway, so we might as well make a virtue of necessity!

One day this week I went on strike and the "Optimist" and I went off for a day in Toronto, but, of course, it was a business trip, otherwise I wouldn't have taken the time when we were busy. I intended driving as far as the main highway and then take a bus, but as I drove along I became more venturesome and thought I might as well go on to the outskirts of the city until I could get a street car. Then, when I got to the street cars, I got even more daring and went still further, until some fellow in a big car backed out from where he was parking, turned around and drove across the street in front of me. After that I got cold feet and so to where I could park my car. So often one hears complaints of the incivility of sales clerks, civil servants and city officials, but it is very rarely I speak to anyone without being treated with greatest courtesy in return. This policeman for instance—first he recommended a service station a little way up the street on the left hand side, but said I had better inquire first as they might not have room for my car. The traffic was heavy and as I hesitated he said—"Just you wait here, I'll find out for you." And away he went, returning presently with the information that it was "O. K." and if I didn't want to drive across the traffic the garage man would come and fetch the car. However, I took it across myself and now, dear readers, listen to what I did—but I hope this doesn't catch the eye of any masculine readers, because I can just imagine the scorn with which they would say "If that isn't just like a woman!" Well, I left my car, with my coat and my keys, boarded a street car, and was proceeding city-wards when I suddenly realized I had forgotten the name of the number of the garage! It was an awful moment and I wondered what on earth I should do, because I didn't even know the stop where I got on the street car. I thought of going back but decided I might as well get through the day first and worry afterwards—if worry I had to. I hadn't very much time to spare, and it was past six o'clock when I boarded a Dundas car en route for home, and oh dear, was there ever a car so slow or were streets so squallid and depressing! I asked the conductor if he went to the terminus. "As far as Rummymede," said he. "Where do you want to go?" Where did I want to go—what a question—things were getting worse and worse—how could I tell the man I wanted to get off where my car had been left and didn't know where it was? I hadn't the faintest idea where Rummymede was—at least not the Toronto Rummymede—the only Rummymede I knew anything about is the one where "King" John signed the Magna Charta on the bank of the English river Thames. But knowing one Rummymede, didn't help me out with the other, so I sat tight and decided to get off at the end of the track and walk back in search of my unknown garage. After riding for what seemed like at least an hour, and end of the track nowhere in sight, I suddenly noticed a gas station which I thought looked very like the one where I had stopped my friendly policeman, but of course I couldn't be sure—you know how one gas station looks much like another. But I took a chance on it and got off; walked up the street a little way and, sure enough, there was my garage, just as I had left her. To say I was relieved is putting it mildly. Gladly I paid the man his fifty cents and went on my way rejoicing. And, oh, how grand it was to get out again into the sweet-scented country air. Those poor little children on the streets—somehow or other I couldn't forget them—they just didn't belong to the noise and bustle of the streets. The country seems to be the natural environment for little children, but what a small proportion of them, are able to take advantage of it. Yes, we have our problems and very definite worries these days as to how to keep our heads above water, but at least we have pure food and health-giving air and sunshine. Thank God for the country and all that it means.

As a vermicide an excellent preparation is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It has saved the lives of countless children.

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Sports events Sculling race for the world's professional champion-rival Olympics Friday, Sept. 1st, between the champion Ted Phelps of England and the famous Bobby Pearce, formerly of Australia. Will the sculling crown change hands this year? Come and see. Eighth world's championship Marathon Swims, Women's, Friday, Aug. 25th. Open, Wednesday, Aug. 30th. Also international amateur sports competitions. Harness races, including \$6000 futurities, Tuesday, Sept. 5th to Friday, Sept. 8th.

The greatest Pageant of them all "Montezuma"—gripping, glittering, glamorous drama takes you back to Mexico of the 16th Century, and unfolds the thrilling story of the conquest of the Aztec Empire by Cortes and his Spanish adventurers—truly a tremendous production by 1500 costumed characters on a 1000-foot stage. Aug. 28 to Sept. 9.

Music The regimental band of His Majesty's Scots Guards will be here from England and along with 30 other famous bands, will delight music lovers daily.

Downtown official free information bureau. List of carefully selected approved private homes available to out-of-town Exhibition Visitors. 46 Yonge St., Phone EL 7816.

Make reservations at once for Grandstand Pageant "MONTEZUMA". Opening performance—Monday, Aug. 28. Reserved seats 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Box Seats \$1.00 (5 chairs in each box). Mail cheques to Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.

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