

EDITORIAL

So far the Globe's efforts to find out what Premier Whitney thinks about the so-called Gamey scandal have proven futile. The Globe charges Mr. R. R. Gamey, member for Manitoulin, with scandalous conduct in levying what the Globe calls forced contributions from fishermen in his constituency who receive their licenses through Mr. Gamey. Up to date Sir James Whitney's answer is "I have nothing to say."

Exciting times prevailed at Vancouver, B.C., during the last few days. A party of 350 Hindus were not allowed to land, but refused to be deported to their own country. About 1 a.m. Monday morning nearly 200 policemen and immigration officers went out in a large tug to enforce the Government orders, but the invaders were beaten back with chunks of coal and other missiles. Tuesday evening, however, the Hindus capitulated, and agreed to return across the ocean. The cruiser Rainbow was on hand with Militia ready to board the ship had it been necessary, but fortunately the affair was settled without bloodshed.

"SHAMELESS AND VULGAR"

Friday's Globe contained an article stating that a Roman Catholic paper in Brooklyn had bitterly denounced the practice of young men and young women appearing on the beaches, and dressed in their bathing suits, going through movements that are shameless and vulgar. The paper states that these indecent dances take place before thousands of respectable men and women, not to speak of innocent children whom it must infect with its poison.

And what is true of Brighton Beach is true of many watering places in Canada, where those of both sexes in scanty attire take privileges with one another that would not be permitted in the ball room or dance hall.

Attending the ordinary dance is something that need not be encouraged, but the dangers to which young people are exposed at watering places and summer resorts are infinitely greater than are those of the ball room. And yet experience teaches that many parents and even ministers of the Gospel who are alert to the dangers of the one, apparently close their eyes to the pitfalls that lurk around the other.

ANOTHER SIGN OF THE TIMES

During the first three months of the current fiscal year—April, May and June—there was a drop of over \$7,000,000 in the customs revenue of the Dominion as compared with the revenue for the corresponding months of the preceding year. The huge decrease does not mean that there has been any reduction in customs taxation under the Borden Government; on the contrary, at the last session of Parliament the tariff was increased upon many commodities in order to meet the demands of the Big Interest allies of the Ministry. What the decrease in revenue does mean is that Canadian purchases abroad have fallen off by many millions within the past three months—one more proof of the depression and the serious financial conditions which have come to the Dominion with the present rule.

With development works stayed as a result of the financial stringency, with industrial plants shut down or running part time only, with unemployment evident to an extent never before known in Canada, the purchasing power of the people has naturally and inevitably suffered a great reduction. Increased taxation and falling revenues are part of the price Canadians are paying for present methods of administration.

Returned to Toronto

Last Saturday a man apparently 35 or 40 years of age was found wandering around the woods a short distance south of Maple. Being questioned, it could be seen he was not of sound mind. Sunday morning he was brought to Richmond Hill by Mr. Samuel Ireland, County Constable, and our local J. P. and constable were consulted. They telephoned to Toronto and learned that the unfortunate man, whose name was John Wheeler, had escaped from the Queen Street Hospital on Friday. Mr. Thompson therefore took him back to that institution Sunday afternoon.

Victoria Square

The Victoria Square branch of the Wcman's Institute will hold their semi-annual meeting on the lawn of Mrs. R.F. Klinek on Wednesday afternoon, July 29th, at 2.30 o'clock. The delegate, Miss E. E. Smillie of Toronto, will address the meeting on "Home Nursing". The programme will be provided by the Agincourt Branch. Every person cordially invited.

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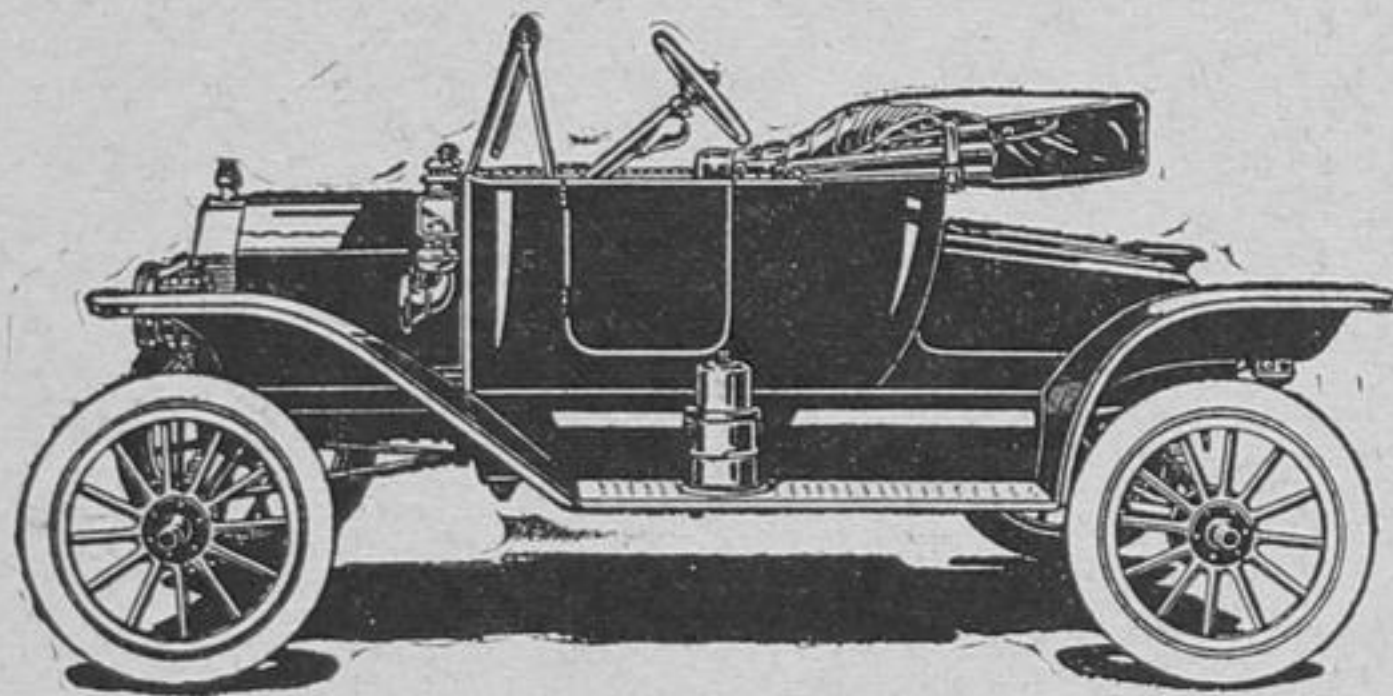
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