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I pray Almighty God that the words I write in this house may be pure and honest—that they be dictated by no personal spite, unworthy motive or unjust greed for gain; that they may tell the truth as far as I know it—and tend to promote love and peace—amongst men.
 —William Makepeace Thackeray.

GARDEN TIME

Poets and philosophers tell of the satisfaction obtained from cultivation of flower and vegetable gardens, but the practice is not as general as could be wished. In many places there is much less gardening than there was some years ago. People have too many things they want to do with their spare time.

In many cities and towns, however, the garden movement has been pushed as a community proposition. People have been urged, in a systematic way, to decorate their grounds with handsome shrubbery and flowers, and some of these communities have developed an amazing amount of this beautification.

Such towns become noted and every minute of time put in on those flower beds is no doubt paid for in the higher value of real estate that is established in such a town.

Home pride is the motive that can best be relied upon to promote the gardening movement. People will usually do what their neighbors do. If you persuade one or two influential families on a street to spend a little more time and money beautifying their places this season, the majority of their neighbors would, within a year or two, fall into line and do the same thing.

As respects vegetables, the advantage of the back yard garden ought to be obvious in these times of high prices. The children of the modern community do not have enough share in the home tasks, and it would do them good to have some regular labors in a garden and they could well do a good deal of its work. But the old folks cannot expect them thus to labor unless they also are willing to do some stunts with the spade and hoe.

EASTER

Easter comes at a glad season of the year. The festival itself, is both commemorative of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and as a memorial to the atonement wrought by the death of the Master upon the cross.

It is hailed with great acclaim in all the Christian churches of the world. In Greek and Latin and in the languages derived from them Easter was known as "Padcha" "Pasch," "Pasqua," "Pasqua," "Paques," etc., from the Chaldee word "Pascha," equivalent to the Hebrew "Pesach." The "Destroying Angel's" act is recalled by the last name in "passing over" the households of the Hebrews when he smote the Egyptians, as disclosed in the twelfth chapter of Exodus.

This year Easter will fall on April 17. The way by which Easter is determined is that of the first Sunday after the paschal full moon—the fourteenth day of the calendar moon, or the full moon which happens upon or next after March 21 and if the full moon happens on a Sunday, then Easter day is the first Sunday following.

As usual local Churches will observe Easter with elaborate programs. It is an event that the children and the grown-ups have learned to look forward to with much pleasurable anticipation; it is an event all should remember with some beautiful thought for the day.

Sometimes a floating indebtedness gets heavy enough to sink.

Some men who stand on their dignity give evidence of not having much else to stand on.

Many a man falls into debt, but the process of getting out is usually one of crawling.



WARNING!
 to truck owners and drivers

DURING the months of March and April, it is against the law to load certain trucks and other vehicles on the highways of Ontario above one half of their rated capacity.

This applies to all vehicles having a carrying capacity of one-half ton or more if equipped with solid tires and of one ton or more if equipped with pneumatic tires, whether motor driven or horse drawn. It applies on every highway in the Province outside cities and towns.

The Government requests owners and drivers of trucks and wagons to obey this reasonable provision, but warns them that the penalties of The Highways Act will be vigorously enforced against those who neglect to do so.

Frost heaves the soil, and leaves it soft, porous and wet. For these reasons, it is at once the greatest fertilizer of the land and the greatest menace to the road.

Foundations of hard-surfaced roads are wet and spongy in spring, even when the top is dry. Heavy loads "churn" them. Fractures take place in the foundations. The surface thus is left weak because unsupported. On stone and macadam roads, heavy loads cut the surface as well. The "metal" is forced down into the sub-grade through the spongy earth.

Expensive repairs follow the abuse of any road in spring time. In an hour one single truck may cause damage which will cost thousands of dollars and take weeks to repair.

As contributions to road building come from local municipalities as well as the Province, such abuses are a particular offence against enterprising communities which provide good roads. In their interest, as well as that of the public at large, the Government makes this request and issues this warning.

Ontario Department of Highways

The Hon. GEO. S. HENRY, Minister

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

"Sober and Dry" is Getting Drier

Editor Liberal,

Sir:— Apparently the word dry as I used it in signing my former letter has been greatly misunderstood. When I signed I am Sober and Dry, I had rather expected that it would be understood that I was in a parched condition and in need of a drink. But horrors of horrors I have been accused of attempting to align myself with these people who have chosen as their patron saints Hon. Mr. Raney and Ben Spence. So to clear up that part of my letter I hasten to explain that I have no desire to be found in that camp.

In one of the replies to my letter we were informed that on a trip of several thousand miles to the coast Mr. Moyle came upon a terrible condition of affairs. In fact he found that a taxi driver who he had hired to drive him had lost a fare through one of his prospective customers yielding to the demon rum, and all this happened under Government Control.

It strikes me that Mr. Moyle went very far afield to locate a man under the influence of liquor, for I believe under the O. T. A. the taxi drivers of Ontario found a great deal of extra business driving customers to and from the illegal liquor dives in this province so that I think perhaps the profits made by taxi drivers under prohibition would easily balance their losses under Government Control.

However I have no intention of discarding the principle involved in my former letter by reverting to a wild harangue of conditions arising out of the sale of liquor. As I stated before, liquor is by the will of the people to be sold under Government Control in the Province of Ontario. And the people of Richmond Hill are to have the privilege of buying and consuming in quantities satisfactory to the commission regardless of whether Mr. Moyle and Open Eyed, etc., like it or not. And if we cannot purchase it locally why we shall either go to the city of Toronto personally or have it delivered by his Majesty's mail to our house. Or perhaps we shall be able to get party rates from the idle taxi drivers and all go down together and bring a load back. However, I maintain it should not be necessary for the citizens of this village to make his or her purchases in the city of Toronto. Speaking from an economic standpoint it could hardly be considered good business. Is it not better to keep the cookie jar on the bottom shelf and instruct the child he must not touch, than to hide it on the top shelf and have him break his neck to get it?

The old ship O. T. A. was never sea worthy. Year by year she sprung more leaks until at last she is settling down beneath the waves of public opinion. If there are those who wish to play the role of Cassabianca that is their business but they should not ask the rest of us to go down too. I am sir,
 Still Sober and Drier than Ever.

Patently Waiting For An Eye-Opener.

Richmond Hill, Ontario,
 April 10, 1927.

Editor Liberal,

Sir:— This is the Sabbath Day and I'm feeling in a grouchy mood so have decided to let Sober and Dry and his contemporaries who have been filling your columns have a piece of my mind. At the last provincial election we discussed and decided the liquor issue so now why not let it drop at least until we try it. Sober and Dry, I think is more dry than he is sober; that is if he were not dry he would not be sober. He has suffered from the Raney-Ben Spence drought so long I don't wonder that he is dry. But even if his tongue is hanging out a foot and he is panting like a blood hound I think he could wait until he got to the oasis of Toronto to quench his thirst. Wait till our beverage dictators see how business is and if not satisfactory there will soon be a store opened here despite all that the apostles of Ben Spence and Co. can avail. Meanwhile hold your peace, Sober and Dry because in my opinion you're going to be a whole lot drier before you gargle any of the soothing syrup from a local dispensary. Let's keep quiet. The less fuss made regarding the opening of the flood gates the better chance there is of having them remain open. The idea of even the wettest government controller never was that there should be a liquor store in Richmond Hill. Such a policy which would place unnecessary temptation in the way of wayward youth would be uncalculated for and disastrous. Let's give the new legislation a chance and not ask that the country which is now promised a little moisture should be flooded. It would be the straw that breaks the camel's back. Let's be temperate and show the world that Ontario can have spirits on sale without all the manhood and womanhood going to the dogs. The new regulations will soon be on trial and if we approve of them it's up to the people whether or not they are a success. One of your correspondents signed as Open Eyed and Mr. Editor I will sign as one who is patiently waiting for an —

EYE OPENER.

Defends Agnes Macphail.

Editor Liberal,

Sir:— I would like through your columns to protest against an editorial about Agnes Macphail which appeared in the Globe recently and which I think is too severe and too unfair.

If it be granted that in her reference to the Boxer rising she erred by failing to give the full and correct causes of that ill conceived movement of national explosion against the Western nations and also may be criticised for not giving another side of Britain's connection with the people of China which as in her man-

datory service for India reflects the highest honor on men who gave their life service for those countries and their people.

But there is beyond all question one side of Britain's connection with the Chinese which does no credit to the British statesmen who were responsible for the development which were brought about under their instructions which include both the opium war and the later one sometimes known as the Bowring war both with the full approval and endorsement of Lord Palmerston. Of the former Gladstone said "that a war more unjust in its origin and more calculated in its progress to cover this country with disgrace I do not know and have not read of." Lord Elgin once governor of Canada wrote, "I never felt so ashamed of myself in my life. I feel that I am earning a place for myself in the litany after the world's plague, pestilence and famine. When I saw the evidences of unrivalled industry and matured fertility combined and beyond them the white mountain range—I thought bitterly of those who for the most selfish objects are trampling under foot this ancient civilization.

We must not forget that the gravest disloyalty is disloyalty to humanity in that respect Miss Macphail stands high among the members of even our parliament and I doubt if there be among her critics many who are trying to bet as true to themselves and to our country as her whom they assail.

HENRY MOYLE.

Was Going Blind

TESTIMONIAL

In regard to my recent recovery from illness caused from Exophthalmic Goitre, I feel it my duty to write this testimonial for the benefit of your medical practice, also for the thousands of sufferers in Toronto and elsewhere. I firmly state I was a total wreck. My heart pulsation was as high as 150 to the minute, my nerves were so bad I could not sit or even lay still for ten seconds. My eyes protruded quite noticeably and were so painful at times they were almost unbearable. I was obliged to wear colored glasses. Even then it was impossible for me to get around at intervals.

I was in the hospital in 1922 and had preliminary operation, had two months electric treatments, which I was given to understand would cure me. But later informed it would be necessary for final operation. The DOCTORS TOLD ME IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO CURE GOITRE IN ANY OTHER WAY.

I had one year of suffering and marking time in hospitals and was sick of it all. What really discouraged me more than anything against the operation was when I first went in the hospital in March, 1922, I met a young man not more than 20 years old, who was suffering from the same complaint I was. He had been in the hospital in Edmonton, and through some mistake or neglect was in a very critical condition. He went under his operation the day after I was admitted to the same Toronto hospital. He had every hope of a speedy recovery, but the operation proved futile. The poor fellow lost the sight of both eyes and is still in the hospital. I did not like his operation at all. His neck looked awful. I couldn't see operation at all after that. So after eight months of hospital and electric treatments and trying to get in shape for final operation, I saw Dr. Thuna's advertisement to "CURE GOITRE WITHOUT OPERATION."

I decided to give it a trial and if possible avoid the awful scar and after effects and I am more than pleased with the results. I am glad to be able to say I feel better than I ever did. I work eleven hours a night and I am gaining weight and looking better every day. People who saw me two years ago are astonished at the wonderful change.

I want everyone to know Dr. Thuna's wonderful treatment. You do not have to take it for years before you notice any result—in from five to nine days you will see a great difference. I am feeling better and can safely say I AM CURED. I have only taken the treatment for six weeks.

I hope that everyone who is troubled with Goitre or any other illness may see or have a friend who will read in the newspaper and put you wise.

I assure you I certainly would have been very thankful if someone had told me where to go. Do not think this is a fake or another or the so-called testimonials you see every day advertising great corn salve or the wonderful Belgian Hair Tonic. This is genuine, I assure you.

Any sufferer wishing to see me in proof of what I say may do so—welcome. Owing to my work at night, you will be obliged to call Saturday, 8 to 11 a.m., or Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m. Wishing all sufferers and Dr. Thuna every success.

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