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THIS CIVILIZED (?) WORLD

We like to think of the world today as being more civilized than it ever was. In one sense that is true, if by civilization we mean the multiplication of human wants and the means of supplying them.

Good business—and civilization in a strictly commercial sense.

But does civilization begin and end with such material satisfactions? Can people be called civilized who plunge nations into war?

What the world needs is not more “modern improvement” but more of the ancient doctrine of the brotherhood of man.

THE MUTED TAXPAYER

Mayor Jamieson Bone, of Belleville, told a convention of Ontario mayors that 1,500 property owners in his city provide its entire population of 15,000 with fire and police protection, paved streets, various other services and free education.

Incidentally education takes a third of Belleville's taxes.

High property taxes have so discouraged property owners that there is little building. The building trades have been crippled. And about 60 per cent of Belleville's population is dependent upon the building trades.

In Winnipeg, property owners pay 92 per cent of that city's taxes. As voters they are outnumbered two to one by those who, all together, contribute but 8 per cent of the municipal revenue.

The same sort of picture could be drawn of most Canadian cities. The demands of the majority who pay little or nothing are met by increasing imposition upon the minority who pay nearly all.

Forgotten is the fable of the goose which laid the golden eggs.

What is true of municipal spending is true of all government spending. There is a plethora of spending agencies, but only one set of drained taxpayers.

There would be less unemployment were there less spending by governments and more spending by property owners and business.

The Rowell Commission has noticed no shortage of briefs from the government spenders, who all want to get more to spend.

But who is going to enter a brief for the taxpayer?—McLean's Magazine.

FACTS FOR HOG PRODUCERS

Annual exports to Great Britain of Canadian bacon, hams and pork cuts show a continuous increase during the past few years. In 1932 the total was 35,820,400 pounds; in 1934, 120,410,220 pounds; in 1936, 158,049,600 pounds, and estimated exports for 1937 were 190,000,000 pounds, or the equivalent to 1,583,000 live hogs.

(1) Exports for the first seven months of 1937 were equivalent to 1,129,000 hogs.

(2) From January 1 to July 31, 1937, only 646,840 select hogs were marketed in Canada.

(3) Too many hogs are found to be unsuitable for export because of not being within the weights most desired. These weights are 140 to 170 pounds dressed.

(4) Only 52 per cent of all hogs marketed are within the desired weights, 140 to 170 pounds dressed.

(5) Forty-five per cent of the hog carcasses weighing from 140 to 170 pounds graded select.

(6) If all hogs marketed were within the 140 to 170-pound weights, the percentage of selects would be increased from 25 per cent to 45 per cent.

(7) This would mean that hog producers would receive \$760,000 additional premium on select hogs.

The solution is that live hogs should be marketed as nearly as possible to 200 pounds.

SPEAKING OF TAX RATES

Talking about tax rates, as our town and township councillors are doing just now, the village of Richmond Hill seems to have come through the last depression with flying colors. In ten years the village council has wiped out a large bank overdraft and has reduced the mill rate from 55 to 45 mills, an average of one mill a year.

HIGH COST OF CRIME

A statement issued from a Government department at Ottawa shows that the average cost of a prisoner in the penal establishments of the country is over \$2 a day, or in round figures about \$750 a year. The \$2 covers foods, clothing, heating, building, salaries of wardens and guards and other maintenance costs.

Many a young man and woman living an honest life and doing a good day's work has to exist on less than \$14 a week.

THE WORLD WILL ALWAYS NEED O.A.'s

By John Edwin Price

Even in Russia these men get more money. What men? Why, the men I'm going to tell you about. These men are like a woman in this community, several women, in fact.

In every Ladies' Aid society there is at least one woman who can make a church supper a great success. This woman may not be able to bake as well as the next one. But when she takes hold of an affair the good cooks like to work for her. Why? Because they know their efforts will not be in vain. The woman is an O.A. (Organizing Accomplisher, to you Oswald).

Carnegie became great because he surrounded himself with men who knew more than he did. But through him they accomplished more than the best of them could have without him.

Other men had ideas about gas engines when Henry Ford was first working in his little garage. But Henry was an O.A.

This doesn't mean simply that he could think out plans for mass manufacturing. He had the tireless urge that begins, organizes, directs and sees things brought to a satisfying and satisfactory conclusion.

The world needs trained craftsmen and loyal persevering laborers. These are today coming into their own as never before. The world also needs men who save something of what they earn. However, the best machinery would be useless, the most expert workmen would be twiddling their thumbs and wealth would be good for nothing but to hold the mould of months of idleness were it not for the man with a plan, the man who can, the man with an inner fire that burns relentlessly until desired results are achieved.

Then let's say, "Hats off to the O.A.s! and a generous consideration for them at the pay-off!"

SWEAT SHOPS AND SLUMS, MANSIONS AND MILLIONS

By John Edwin Price

We lay no claim to being great economists but we believe that extra initiative and extra effort should ever be rewarded with extra honor and remuneration. The other way lies softness and human retrogression.

On the other hand, with all the goodwill and human interest which thousands of years of religion and several decades of fraternal orders and service clubs have created, it would appear that in a land of great God-given resources sweat shops and slums don't hardly make sense beside mansions and millions.

There just isn't THAT MUCH difference between a laborer's and a manager's contribution to on-going society.

The Rockefellers aren't far from right in the matter of doing away with undue display of wealth. Men who manipulate capital don't need several mansions apiece.

The Standard Reference Work published in 1924 says the following concerning Andrew Carnegie: "Carnegie was the first multi-millionaire to feel the moral obligation of the ownership of great wealth. He felt that millions acquired by employment of man as good or better than than himself were not all his. His fortune was approximately \$6,000,000,000, of which he gave away—or perhaps we might say in lieu of the above—transferred to others, \$350,000,000 before his death. The statement that it is 'a disgrace to die rich' is attributed to Carnegie. That he did not succeed in avoiding such calamity is probably due to the difficulty of wisely disposing of such enormous wealth. It is not probably that the future will allow of any such aggregation of capital."

The Good Samaritan was a good, palliative sort of fellow. There will probably always be some need for his kind. However, we prefer the more effective Dewey type who eliminates some of the thieves who make Good Samaritanism necessary. Rescuing the perishing is a noble business, but improving conditions so they don't start perishing is nobler—and better sense. The Christ Himself set the yeast germ working which may yet make even the Deweys unnecessary when He said, "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." That yeasty influence is today working in the hearts of more men and women of wealth and political power than in any day since Christ walked earth.

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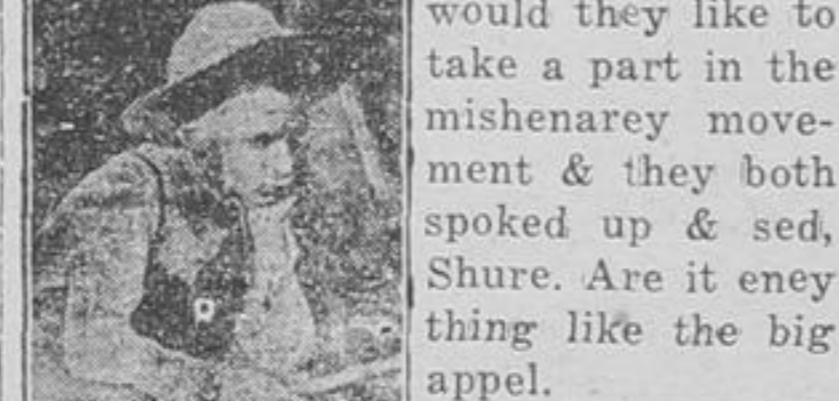
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SLATS' DIARY

(By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: Talk about dum dames and you discribe Jane & Elsy. Both of them. At S. S. this a. m. the teacher ast them would they like to take a part in the mishenarey movement & they both spoked up & sed, Shure. Are it eney thing like the big appel.

Monday: After supper this evning Pa and Ma got to discussing husbands witch can pay detts on the 1st of the month & thoes witch cant & Pa finely sed thoes witch cant is becos they are generelley to good to there better 1/2. Ma ackied enulted & turned the rageo. To get even I guest.



Tuesday: Unkel Hen told a Joak in are fambly sirkel tonight. He sed a Ireshmen died & 2 other Ireshmens & 1 Jew who was his fronds sed they would give 5 \$ \$ a peace to get him threw pergatorey & inat the 2 Ireshmens each put a 5 \$ bill in the coffen & then the Jew put in his check for 15 \$ \$ & took out the change. All of us xcept me laft out loud. I diddent see nothing funny about it.

Wednesday: The teacher of the class ast Blisters who were the 1st man & Blisters replide & sed Geo. Warshington & that he was 1st in war 1st in peece & 1st in sum thing elts. No sed the teacher the 1st man were Adam. Well sed Blisters I diddent no you ment forrinors. Then the teacher seamed to be registred.

Thursday: Jake got into a fite with Muggsy Mulligan & took home a black eye & a bluddy nose & all most no close & etc. His Ma sed Diddent I tell you not to play with that naughty Mulligan boy & Jake sed Do I look like I was playing with him. But it were a fine fite tho Jake sed & you otto see Muggsy.

Friday: This is the day that shows they are still some milk in human kindness as Napoleum sed. For tomorro & Sunday they issent no school & the base ball & fishen sesens are arived. Hooray for libertie.

Saturday: Not so hot. It rained big & muddied up both the B. B. dimend & the crick. Besides witch theys greef for tomorro when S. S. & church are due to bring more of the same. Oh my!

The applicant for a job in the country asked what his duties were to be. He was told he would have to be up at 5 o'clock to clean and harness the horses and do various other jobs about the farm. After breakfast he could help around the house. The farmer was going through a long list of other duties when the applicant interrupted him to ask if by chance the soil of his farm happened to be clay.

Farmer—"Why?" Applicant—"Oh, if it was clay I thought I might make a few bricks in my spare time."

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Powder Snow In The Rockies



Nothing in Europe, according to the most enthusiastic visitors, can compare with the Canadian Rockies for ski-ing. Record crowds of visiting winter sportsmen this season have found superlative snow conditions in the Banff and Lake Louise districts of the great mountain ranges in Western Canada. Owing to the altitude of this mile-high playground, the ski-ing will remain good until early summer. The Canadian Rockies are experiencing a great increase in popularity. Special trains have brought large crowds of skiers regularly from Western Canada and United States to enjoy the fine powder snow surface on the long, sweeping slopes of Mount Norquay and Sunshine Lodge, and many parties have penetrated to the unsurpassed Skoki Valley and Mount Assiniboine districts. Other large parties have come from Toronto, Boston, New York and distant eastern centres. Among their numbers have been celebrated skiers acquainted with the most famous ski-grounds of the world, all of whom have been impressed by the scenic grandeur, sense of exploration, and the perfect snow conditions. The pictures above include two scenes from Mount Assiniboine and Skoki Valley and action shots of expert skiers enjoying the deep powder snow.