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COMING INTO PROSPERITY

As the stars come out at night, first one or two and then the rest in large numbers, so come the signs that Canada is coming into a period of prosperity again. In the past few weeks, there has been indications that better times are on the way and with the news that British and foreign capital is coming into this country for industrial purposes, these indications grow stronger.

Reports from government sources tell us that Canadian exports have jumped tremendously of late, which means more employment for Canadian labour.

New homes, new offices, new factories are springing up noticeably throughout the country. The Ontario Minister of Labor, Hon. N. O. Hipel, says his department has approved in the last three months some \$2,482,885 worth of projected factories, shops and office buildings. In the city of Toronto, the building trades employees are going to work with full dinner pails.

Many Canadian business houses, reading the signs, are laying in increased stocks in readiness for accented buying by the general public in the fall.

Officials of the Canadian National Exhibition who have contact with all types of Canadian business declare that executives are optimistic, are buying more space at the Exhibition grounds to exhibit their wares. Only the uncertainty as to war holds back a tremendous rush, they feel.

The wheat crop in the west seems safe now, and it's a bumper one. With the price set at 70 cents, travellers from the west say that citizens out there are already beginning to spend as they haven't done for some years.

The aircraft industry in Canada is in the midst of a distinct boom, and with increasing orders from the old country there seems no end to the possibilities of the business.

All of which should be reflected before long in towns, villages and farming areas throughout Ontario.

RECKLESS BICYCLE RIDERS

There is a rising tide of resentment against the careless and selfish bicycle rider and editors all over the province are voicing the opinion of motorists in this regard. One editor recently had the following to say:

"The bicycling boom of the gay 90's is being reenacted at present but under more hazardous conditions.

"Unfortunately the great proportion of those who are now riding are not readers of the many warnings contained in reports of accidents nor are they likely to peruse this column. These are the school children whose wheels again through the streets of the towns and cities and frequently the highways. These boys and girls are often so intent upon their conversations with others beside or behind them that danger is entirely forgotten. Their courses follow devious lines and they are more than likely to do the unexpected to the horror of motorists.

"Several lads riding abreast will continue this formation without heeding the warning of a following car and this practice should be checked by the police. Careful motorists are quite satisfied to slow down to accommodate bicyclists but they have every reason to resent the thoughtless way in which many ride.

"Figures show that one in every ten accidents on the highways of Ontario a cyclist was involved and it goes without saying that he suffered the brunt of the crash.

"It seems hardly fair that those who drive should have to do most of the worrying for those who ride."

THEY HAVE LEFT A GREAT HERITAGE

A few weeks ago we chronicled the death of Dr. Charles Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., U.S.A., one of the heads of the world-famed clinic, a clinic that transformed a quiet town into a flourishing city.

This week it is our sad duty to pay tribute to the other brother, Dr. William Mayo, whose death followed that of his brother with tragic speed.

The world is left doubly bereft, therefore, of two men whom it could ill-afford to lose. In these days of modern materialism when the rank and file are wholly intent upon advancing their own personal interests and aims, the continent-blessed "Mayo Brothers" were measuring their success in terms of service to humanity. Their one ideal was that of alleviating human suffering and they followed their ideal with a tenacity that will imprint their memory in the minds of thousands of American and Canadian citizens.

They founded the great clinic after learning the rudiments of surgery from their father, Dr. William W. Mayo, a pioneer surgeon in that area. In 1936 the clinic treated its one-millionth patient.

The saying, "the good that men do is oft interred with their bones," is not applicable in the case of these great brothers. The clinic, which they founded, will remain as an imperishable monument to their unselfish greatness, to the brilliance of their achievements and the skill and inspiration that has been passed on to those who will follow in their footsteps. May that Mayo torch be held high.

SUPPORT HOME MERCHANTS

One of the most essential factors in the life of any small community is a hearty spirit of co-operation among its citizens. It is vitally important that home industries, merchants and business men receive local support if the town is to make progress. During recent years every community such as Richmond Hill has become infested with representatives of large business firms who canvass from door to door in an effort to draw trade away from local merchants. When dealing with such individuals it would be well for all citizens to keep the following facts in mind:

1. The merchants and business men who faithfully serve this community are among the largest taxpayers, and without them, this town would sink into oblivion.

2. Local industries mean employment for many of our citizens who, in turn, are enabled to pay taxes, rent and other financial obligations.

3. Our business men and merchants, unlike their out of town competitors, are vitally interested in the maintenance of public services to all worthy local enterprises.

4. They maintain established business locations in this town, and are eager to offer you service—not merely for today, but throughout the year.

DOIN' THE WORLD'S FAIR

By Byron M. Fisher

The bookies were shouting themselves hoarse on the latest odds, the mutual boards were undergoing constant changes, track loafers and railbirds mingled with the elite of the world's society as the racing steeds of 24 states and several foreign countries waited for the gun that would send them creeping and trundling along to new speed records at the Fair. The World's fastest turtles were the competitors, turtles shipped from all parts of the United States and from distant continents, turtles to make the chef's mouth water and his eyes dilate with malicious greed. Favorites for the big derby were Crusader, Calrod and Nina, the "dark turtle" of the event. Crusader won the world's turtle racing championship earlier in the year when he dashed across the ten foot diameter of the racing circle in the astounding time of eleven and a half seconds. Calrod came very near this time, and was working under the handicap of a missing flipper. In other words, Calrod is a three-legged turtle. Nina is a Florida turtle and has been clocked in time bettering the record of Crusader. Rules governing the race were strict and included an iron-bound edict that all turtles failing to start within five minutes after the gun had been fired would be eliminated. Sporting final results were not ready when we went to press, as this was written just as the big card was scheduled to get under way. Results will be published at a later date, however.

Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia has announced a scheme to alleviate the falling-attendance problem and it is felt by many that his plan, if accepted by Fair officials and New York business houses, will greatly boost the totals that are each evening rung up on the huge National Cash Register in the Amusement Area. Mayor LaGuardia states that every person in the City of New York should be accorded the opportunity of seeing the World of Tomorrow. So he is recommending to all business firms that they close their plants or rotate their employees, if the former is impossible on Saturdays, so that all may have time to visit the Fair when the new fifty cent admission price is in effect. He also recommends that the Fair give a greatly reduced rate to persons on relief, a rate that would make it possible for those of the most limited means to see the big show.

We were emphatically informed by Mr. Russell, publicity manager of the N.T.G. Congress of Beauty, that his show has no intention of closing immediately, as was reported from some sources. He surmised that the report might have been started by persons who were peeved over the fact that the N.T.G. didn't advertise in certain publications.

New York City and Long Island have been in the grip of a drought which is seriously threatening crops. Insect pests are worrying the gardeners also. One neighbor in Flushing remarked to us: "If my potatoes aren't burned up for lack of rain they'll be eaten up by potato bugs. I wish I knew a method of exterminating the things." So we told him about a farmer in New Brunswick's upper Saint John valley, one of the east's greatest potato producing areas, who found a "sure death for potato bugs." He answered an advertisement and sent one dime for the "sure death". He received a small package. It contained a wooden block and a little hammer, and the terse directions: "Lay them on the block and hit 'em hard".

America's finest accordion bands, drummers, bands and bugle corps competed for championship trophies in the Court of Peace recently as one of the highlights of the Association of Music Merchants Day at the Fair. Bands competing came from all parts of the nation. One of them, the Wurlitzer Accordion Band, contained 1,000 pieces.

A group of 21 college students representing the International Confederation of Students arrived at the Fair recently for a two weeks' tour of the exhibits. They came from all parts of the world, including Asiatic and African as well as European countries. They ranged in age from 18 to 26.

The Imperial Pearl Syndicate exhibit in the Consumer's Building is attracting a lot of attention of late, with a display of actual pearl diving and fishing by Japanese professional pearl-divers. The pearl-divers, incidentally, are young ladies. The visitor is shown just how the industry is carried on in the company's pearl farms in the South Seas Islands. Baskets in the water show how the oysters are planted on the pearl farms and how they are raised.

Turnstiles chattered in merrier swingtime than has been their wont during the last month or more, broad smiles replaced the worried frowns that had wrinkled the faces of Fair officials, and the grounds which had at times been almost deserted teemed once more with people during the last few days and that in spite of a sweltering heat wave. Several reasons were given for the sudden increase in attendance records across the top of the giant cash register in the Amusement Area, but probably the greatest contributing factor was the reduction in entrance fee from seventy-five to fifty cents for the weekend, which brought New Yorkers pouring in. The first "reduction weekend" saw well over 400,000 people shell forth their ducats, whereas 125,000 per day had recently been considered a good weekend figure. Succeeding days held up admirably, however, hitting above the 100,000 mark in comparison to recent 75,000 bands. Comes the first comprehensive official resume of Fair gate receipts this week also. During the first 66 days of the Fair (up until early in July), the average daily attendance was around 85,000. Average daily "gate" was roughly \$65,000. And the total gate hit the \$4,370,000 mark.

We have long wondered just what per centage of Fair-goers were from New York and what from out-of-town. Accurate figures aren't available, so we decided to do a little snooping. We came to the conclusion that either the out-of-town trade is as great or greater than the local, or else very few New Yorkers come to the Fair in cars. We went to a parking lot and picked out a dozen cars at random. Here's the tale of the license plates: Florida, Missouri, New York, Quebec, New Jersey, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Alberta and Ohio. To generalize on such meagre data would be to court the eternal condemnation of all statisticians living, dead and yet unborn, but we were very interested in that line of parked autos.

Last week was "Farm and Home Week," and the conquerors of the soil were monarchs of all they surveyed in the World of Tomorrow. The festivities got away with the "wedding" of Laird Della, the prize bull from the Electrified Farm, and Miss Elsie, attractive young cow from the Borden Milk Exhibit. Much splendor attended the affair, one of the most outstanding weddings of the current social season. Miss Elsie was becomingly clad in a hide which had been carefully groomed for the occasion, while the groom wore an expression of bovine dignity befitting his exalted position in the Fair's livestock world. A series of interesting displays, ceremonies and tours had been arranged for the visiting rural folk. One hundred and fourteen "champion farmers" were honored by the Fair Corporation and signed the distinguished guest book. Each was a champion in some form of agriculture. They came from every corner of the United States. Thousands of Canadian farmers joined hands with their southern brethren of the sod in celebrating the week's events. One unusual contest on the program was a "duck for ducks" affair. Two hundred ducks were freed in the pool on Constitution Mall and the guests waded in and tried to capture them. Another was the weight-guessing contest. Farmers competed for prizes in guessing the weights of cattle, calves and horses. Addressed by distinguished agriculturists and dignitaries in other fields featured the week's program and emphasized the important rules played by farmers in the life of the nation.

If you want something distinctly different in the way of non-alcoholic fruit drinks, try a glass of naranjilla juice. It's obtainable at the Ecuador Pavilion for a dime per bottle. Naranjilla is a small greenish fruit of the tomato family which grows in no other country but Ecuador, and there only at an altitude of 6,000 feet. It is very perishable and cannot be exported, but the juice is now being sent abroad by this progressive South American country. The juice is very sweet and very palatable, but aside from that we can't describe it. It's like nothing we've ever come across previously.

Farmers came to the Fair last week from far distant points, but we believe we discovered the longest-distance couple when they visited the New Brunswick booth. It's Mr. and Mrs. James V. Meyers of Berwyn, Alberta. They left their home on June 2nd and arrived at the Fair just in time for Farm

Week. During the intervening time they've travelled some 7,000 miles—not in a straight line, of course, since they visited relatives on the way. Berwyn is near Peace River, which is 460 miles north-west of Edmonton, the "key" to Canada's north. Now they plan to drive back through New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and the West to arrive home in time to harvest their 1100 acres of crops.

A lady came up to a New Brunswick booth attendant the other day and said: "I know New Brunswick. I'm from there. What do you mean by mentioning paved roads? There isn't a mile in the province." The attendant blinked. "My dear woman, practically all of the trunk highways are surfaced with the highest grade asphalt." She snorted. "And that magnetic hill you're talking about is silly. I'll bet you don't know what it's all about." The attendant explained the illusion which causes a motorist to think his car is "backing up hill" very carefully. After some more similar remarks the visitor broke down. "I guess you know your stuff," she admitted. "I was just trying to see if you were some Broadway cowboy who'd been hired for this job, or if you were really a New Brunswicker." Heigh-ho! What will they try next on the harassed counter swain?

Fair officials have exercised the utmost care in keeping "fakes" of every kind out of the World of Tomorrow and the freaks on display in "Nature's Mistakes"—living, healthy animals born with some strange deformity—are all on the

up-and-up. Most valuable is Dolly, a huge 1500 pound cow who has two heads. She breathes and sees with both heads, but can eat with only one of her mouths. Other unusual specimens include cats with only one pair of legs and which resemble kangaroos when standing erect, a horse with two sets of hooves on each foot, a cow with five legs, another with the tail halfway up the back and another with the face of a bulldog. Dolly, incidentally, is said to be insured for \$100,000.

You've probably all heard by this time of the honest gentleman who mailed the World's Fair two cents because he unthinkingly carried a pop bottle away with him.

"Care, thoughtfulness and mutual consideration," according to Mrs. Harry Shaw, Orangeville, is the recipe of herself and her husband for happy wedded life. They celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary last week.



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1st Prize \$5.00, donated by Dunn & Levack

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200 yards for Men—Prizes donated by E. G. Burton
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100 yards for Boys, 14 years and under.
25 yards for Girls, 10 years and under.
25 yards for Boys, 10 years and under.

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