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WORLD'S POULTRY CONGRESS IN OTTAWA NEXT SUMMER

The World's Poultry Congress exhibits will cover more than two hundred thousand square feet of floor space. This exhibition will make a record for any single branch of agriculture. The national educational exhibits will occupy a floor space of fifty-five thousand square feet. There will be approximately ten thousand live birds on exhibition, and these will include specimens of every breed and variety in the American standard of perfection.

Commercial exhibits will be one of the main attractions, and one incubator manufacturing firm has already taken seven thousand square feet of space. Those desiring to exhibit should communicate with their national committees or direct with the World's Poultry Congress Secretary, Ottawa, Canada. Letters such as this should receive immediate attention, in order that every detail may be complete for the opening of the Congress, July 27, 1927.

THE WORLD'S OUTLOOK KEEPS ON IMPROVING

In an editorial note this week The Toronto Star says:—
 Studying the housing problem on behalf of Mayor Walker of New York, August Hecksher suggests that five hundred wealthy citizens of that place might be induced to contribute \$100,000 each annually for five years as a nucleus towards the elimination of slums. The very fact that such a suggestion is made is a commentary not only upon the wealth of the largest American city, but upon the interest which wealthy men are nowadays expected to manifest in social welfare undertakings.

A BOY'S EXPLANATION OF THE FLAG AT HALF-MAST.

The following is from The New Liskeard Speaker last week:—
 "What's that for?" asked Jones, Junior, pointing out a half-mast flag to his pa.
 "Oh," said pa hurriedly, "that's because somebody's dead."
 "But why is the flag in the middle of the pole?" persisted the youngster.
 "Dash it, I don't know," answered his sire crossly, burying his nose once more in the "Daily Whimper."
 "I suppose," remarked the son and heir after two minutes silence, "it's like that because the people aren't sure whether the man's gone up or down."

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF T. & N. O. TO PARRY SOUND

In the last issue of The Haileyburian there appears this paragraph that will certainly rouse some wonder, as well as interest. It is not the first time there has been talk of extending the T. & N. O. southward, but the people in general have been taking it for granted that anything like that has been forgotten for some years. Any extensions of the T. & N. O. that are made should be made in the North, where the probability of opening up new and profitable country seems to be so much greater. However, here is the item from The Haileyburian:—
 "According to The Parry Sound Canadian, the mayor and members of the North Bay city council held a conference with members of the Parry Sound council in regard to a proposal to extend the T. & N. O. Railway from North Bay to Parry Sound. The paper states that Lieut.-Col. Arthurs and Dr. Harcourt were the principals in a company that recently applied for a charter to build the extension and nothing can be learned of the results of the conference until these gentlemen have been heard from."

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THE CREDITABLE RECORD OF THE FERGUSON GOVT.

Redeemed Financial Standing of the Province. Helpful Legislation Passed

Two weeks ago The Advance editorially suggested that the ideal platform for the Ontario Government to use in appealing to the people would be one in which the liquor question would be but one plank, while other questions would have their rightful place. "Wet," or "dry," this country has to carry on, and there is more to politics than just the question of a "liquor" or "temperance" plank. The O.T.A. has proven itself as undesirable in its results, but after the O.T.A. is disposed of, the country will still go on, and various other interests must receive proper attention in the country. Fortunately, the Ferguson Government has not allowed the O.T.A. to monopolize the stage political. Other planks are provided. Reduction of income taxation is promised; good business methods are assured in the administration's work; helpful legislation along social and health lines is promised; and further interest and assistance are guaranteed for the development of this great North Land. That these promises are not simply empty talk is surely proven by the past record of the Ontario Government. In an editorial article last week The Ottawa Journal thus sums up the Ferguson Government's record:—

If in the coming provincial election the people were called upon to vote solely upon the Ferguson Government's record, there could hardly be doubt as to the result. For, beyond any question, Mr. Ferguson has given Ontario the most efficient administration that this province has had in years. It has been honest, vigorous, progressive, and able.

Under the Drury regime amateurishness and political fads brought Ontario to the point of oppressive taxation and an annual deficit of \$15,000,000. By return to sanity, by practising economy, and by business methods, Mr. Ferguson has wiped out deficits and taxation is reduced. His administrative record, summed up, is this:

1. A deficit of \$15,000,000 wiped out.
 2. Plans made to pay off the province debt.
 3. Taxation reduced (a) reduction of the amusement tax; (b) reduction of the tax on motor licenses; and (c) by heightening the exemption on municipal income tax to \$3,000.
 4. A vigorous and successful policy of development has been carried out in Northern Ontario.
 5. Agriculture has been vigorously promoted by (a) more generous expenditure for agricultural training; (b) assistance in improving methods of production and marketing; (c) encouragement of co-operative organizations; (d) the enlargement of markets for farm produce; and (e) by a policy of putting settlers on the land.
 6. Social and health legislation of a sane character has been passed.
 7. The Hydro policy has been protected, encouraged and expanded.
- Taken all in all, it is a splendid record. It constitutes an additional reason, perhaps, for the public not permitting itself to be carried away by emotionalism and hysteria over the liquor question in the coming campaign.

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The public are very prone to compare the success of mining ventures with the stability of other industrial ventures. So far as the mining industry is concerned, that would be all right, provided the public kept within the facts and based their opinions upon actual statistics. The way, however, is to miss all the successes in mining, and emphasize the failures,—which are usually not mining ventures at all,—and then compare the result with the successes only in the industrial field. Even from the standpoint of the public, too much stress can not be laid upon the truth that the mining industry to-day is conducted on a plan that might with advantage for investors be copied by the general run of industrial concerns. The Fortnightly Mining Review puts the matter very clearly and concisely in an editorial article in a recent issue. The Fortnightly Mining Review says:—

"For years it was a common practice for uninformed writers to compare mining and industrial enterprises to the detriment of the former. In almost every case the risks attached to mining were emphasized if not exaggerated to gain effect. The fact that the chances of a mining enterprise, according to reliable statistics, far exceed those of the average industrial undertaking was entirely ignored in these comparisons, nor was it explained that only in those uncontrollable features such as the deposition of mineral did the element of risk enter into mining to any greater extent than in industrials. As a matter of cold fact, there are few industrial enterprises which can compare in efficiency with an up-to-date mine such as Hollinger, McIntyre, Lake Shore, etc. Few industrial companies supply their shareholders with such easily comprehended annual statements as the average mining company. Few industrial companies pay the scrupulous attention to costs that the mines do.

"For instance, Hollinger in calculating costs run their figures out to the fourth decimal. The reason for this is that while one cent per ton does not look very big, in a year's time it amounts to \$20,000. It is by paying attention to the fourth decimals that the mines have been able to show such substantial reductions in costs, and every reduction in costs, no matter how insignificant it may appear means an increase in ore re-

serves. This for the reason than only material on which a profit can be made is figured as ore reserve."

IROQUOIS FALLS PAYS TRIBUTE TO ERNIE TATE

Held in Highest Regard as a Sportsman and a Gentleman by Those Who Played Against Him

The Broke Hustler, of Iroquois Falls, this week says:—

To those who knew Ernie Tate, his untimely end coming in the manner it did, was a distinct shock. Ernie was exceedingly popular in everything he did, business, social and more particularly in the athletic line. Always of the same disposition, which could not be affected either in victory or defeat, this possession along with many others drew the friendship and admiration of even those who rooted against him. No one ever saw Tate play a bad game of ball simply because he always gave his best, and that best made him one of the most feared batters in the north country for the last half dozen years.

At one time, Ernie was a pitcher, and he excelled in this line. In the heyday of his baseball career, he could oppose any amateur pitcher in the country, and hold his own. Of late years, he played first base for Timmins, and in heat of battle and times of stress, the Timmins supporters cheered when Ernie came to bat, because almost invariably, he delivered a hit.

While his ability to play ball drew a lot of admiration from friend and foe, it was Ernie's disposition which drew friendship. No matter if on the ball field, or in the every day walk of life, he always had a cheery word and a smile for those he knew. The writer cannot recollect ever having heard Tate kick on a decision in recent years when he was not pitching. Several Falls players have played with Tate, and found him a splendid team mate.

The Iroquois Falls Baseball Commission sent a handsome wreath to the funeral, and everyone in the Falls who knew Tate, and there were many, extend their sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and family.

INSPECTOR CONSTABLE WAS A KINDLY OFFICER

(From The Broke Hustler)

Harry Constable was the officer in charge of the O.T.A. in this district. The nature of his work ordinarily made it the opposite to make a man popular, yet Harry's method of going about his work earned for him the respect of the whole north country and he had friends even among that class which his activities were directed towards. There is no case known in which Harry did not first warn a man. When he found that a man was breaking the law, he made a thorough investigation to be sure and then walked in on the man and warned him that he knew he was breaking the law and told him to cut it out or he would have to take action. If the man cut it out, that was the last he heard of it and he could count Harry as a friend. If, however, he persisted in breaking the law, Mr. Constable would bring him to court and prove the case which meant a heavy fine.

He was a man of splendid character, a great home man and besides took an interest in many charitable societies and in any movement which tended to the betterment of the community.

It is sincerely hoped that his murderer will be brought to justice and got the justice he deserves.

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