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**WINTER WILL COME AGAIN**

Summer is here again in its graciousness, and doubly welcome this year because of the ease it gives to the economic situation of so many. The fuel bill is not so desperate a problem. The food casts are lower. Clothing is not so expensive. Even shelter costs less in the summer time to many. And so the burden on the unemployed and those in part-time employment is eased a little, and summer is praised accordingly. But it should not be forgotten that there is a winter coming again! It seems sometimes that governments overlook the coming winters. Otherwise it would seem that their plans would provide more permanent relief. There is no escape, however, from the fact that conditions for the moment are better than they will be when winter comes again. What preparations, what plans, what safeguards, are being made for the coming winter? Preparation for the present winter is really of more vital importance than attention to the immediate situation. It is an optimistic man, indeed, who can see any material change in the offing that will make preparations for the coming winter unnecessary.

It may be asked, "What preparations can be made now to meet the situation sure to develop in the inevitable winter to come?" The answer is that employment will make all other arrangements more or less unnecessary. If people can earn their way they will not ask the governments for anything, winter or summer. Canadians are like that.

To The Advance it seems that whether it is a case of providing temporary relief, or permanent relief, whether it is providing for the present, or preparing for the future, the one logical, sensible, economical plan is the providing of employment. With work provided, all other things seem to adjust themselves. Without employment for the people, all other plans of relief seem inadequate and useless. The work programme of last year did far more than simply provide employment for some tens of thousands of people. It was of benefit to every man directly employed and it kept business more nearly at normal, allowing as it did, men to pay their way. It was of benefit to business men and professional men no less than to workmen of ordinary lines. It is admitted that in some ways it was too costly, but with the experience of the year the mistakes might have been avoided in another year. All approach to graft or undue money-making should have been sternly repressed and the plan continued. There is more than a suspicion that for a lot of rich people the present depression is not a total loss. They have withdrawn their money from industry and business, perhaps in hopes of richer and easier days to come. That was the case in the past. Each previous depression was followed by eras of prosperity where the rich men were wealthier than ever before. It is hoped that after the present depression the average man will emerge more prosperous than he has been, no matter what happens to the wealthy. If there is work provided for all this will be the case.

Although the governments are committed to a policy of direct relief, it is very evident that all logic is pulling against this plan. The "back to the land" plan is a case in point. It is a case of direct relief that is really in essence a providing of work that will mean a building for the future of the families concerned. It is the opinion of The Advance that before the year is closed the governments will find the cost of direct relief much more serious than they anticipate. The evils of direct relief will also be evident and there is hope that the governments will be faced with the fact that there is no effective relief as sure, as permanent, and as economical, as the relief that takes the form of giving the people all they ask—the chance to provide for themselves.

Summer is here! But winter surely comes! Unless the winter is to be the worst in the history of Canada, plans must be made to meet it. The Advance submits that the only plans that can really meet the situation without undue cost in money and morale are those that are based on employment for the largest possible number, thus enabling good people to provide for themselves, and so killing the depression which in its essence is no more and no less than a matter of unemployment.

**INGROWING HYPNOTISM**

Recent flamboyant articles in a Toronto newspaper would seem to indicate that hypnotism is being extensively employed at Christie Street hospital, Toronto. The facts of some of the cases at least would suggest that it has become a sort of ingrowing hypnotism, and the only people who are successfully hypnotised are the hypnotists themselves and perhaps the newspaper in question, though there is a well-known fact in regard to hypnotism that seems to be against the possibility of the newspaper referred to being affected.

In a recent issue of the Toronto journal much space and many glowing words were given to picturing the miraculous cures alleged to have been achieved by a prescription of electricity, hypnotism and hocus-pocus. Of course, the chances are that the hospital authorities had no part in the publicity, or that the newspaper hypnotised the hypnotists in to undue claims and false premises. No one would like to do anything to hamper or belittle the great work carried on by Christie Street hospital in caring for ill and injured soldiers. At the same time the soldiers must be protected from the inevitable effect of impractical imaginings. To judge by the article referred to it would seem that the basis of the new hypnotic type of remedy is laid on the idea that some of the soldiers are not really troubled with paralysis or broken arches, but that the real difficulty is in their sub-conscious minds. Soldiers who have studied out the theory are alarmed for fear that they never were in France or Flanders, but the whole trouble was with their sub-conscious mind. One man here who sports an artificial leg as a memento of the war says he is satisfied that a course in Christie Street hospital would disabuse his mind of the error that he has lost a leg, but even hypnotism, he says, would not convince him that his sub-conscious mind didn't get a shocking bump when the shell exploded in his trench.

The falsity and foolishness of at least one claim in the newspaper article referred to has pathetic illustration in the only case of a soldier coming from this part of the North Land who is alleged to have been cured recently at Christie Street hospital. This soldier suffered from poisoning of some sort after inoculation at Valcartier Camp. In a day or two his left arm became paralyzed and has remained so

since. With only a slight use of this arm the soldier returned to the North and has made a brave and successful effort to make a living for himself and his family. Despite his handicap he managed to get along somehow, and he never even applied for a pension. Some weeks ago, however, the fact that this man should be pensioned was brought to attention. He was taken to Christie Street hospital and underwent the treatment. He says that the electric shocks administered knocked him to the floor repeatedly. He is now in worse condition than ever, the arm jerking and trembling continuously and the whole side of his body being sore. When the treatment was started the arm was supposed to be all right, and the trouble was alleged to be due to his sub-conscious mind. The Toronto newspaper suggests that after a few minutes' treatment he was discharged as cured. Nothing could be much further than the sad truth, the unfortunate soldier being only further crippled and disabled and suffering much more severely than before. It will take more than hypnotism to make this sort of thing palatable to the people of Canada. Their sub-conscious minds recoil against it.

There is great tolerance to-day for the theories and the fads of science, but greater than any tolerance is the desire that the soldiers all should have a fair deal. This is something that transcends all theories in the public mind. The case at issue seems to be one deserving and entitled to pension and the public will have little patience indeed with any effort to evade that issue by talk of the sub-conscious or anything else. Any hypnotic influence at Christie Street hospital should be turned to influencing the pension board to prompt and proper action. Then suitable treatment might be given in actuality for any actual physical condition that is apparent to the conscious as well as the sub-conscious mind.

**SOME DEFEND DANDELIONS**

Last week The Advance published an unequivocal denunciation of the communists of the lawns and gardens—the noisy, pesky, impertinent and over-bearing dandelions. Then along comes a reader of this paper to attempt a defence of the alien weeds. "They don't look so bad from a distance," he said, "and I know horses that eat them with eagerness and seem to thrive on them." The Advance would like to borrow a team or two of that breed of horse and pasture them on the roadsides and in some of the lawns and gardens of the town. It would be so much better for all concerned to have a few horses full of dandelions rather than all the lawns and gardens contaminated with the malicious thugs.

It was only to be expected that someone would rise up to defend the communist pests of the gardens and the lawns. There is always somebody like that! There have been newspapers and public men defending the human dandelions—the yellow-hearted pests that are out of place among civilized folk, and that are so unhappy themselves because they are not allowed to stifle everyone else.

Canada is an immense country. The North Land is not so small itself. It might be thought that there is room enough in such a big country for everybody and everything. It is a beautiful theory, but in practice the common good can not allow tyrannical aliens to come in and take possession. There are two forms of pest that are not natural to this country. They are the potato bug and the dandelion. Is there any sensible reason why either should be welcomed here? Still less is there any good sense in encouraging the breeding of their human counterparts in this country. The lady-like suggestion of newspapers, like The Ottawa Journal, that if we didn't have lawns we wouldn't object to dandelions, and if we stopped raising potatoes, the potato bug would not seem so objectionable, can scarcely be accepted as conclusively logical. The trouble in this country is that with all the immense territory here the dandelions, both the human and the other weeds, seem to refuse to stay anywhere but where they are a positive nuisance and a curse. Do you think that any prolific family of dandelions will stay in pastures to be eaten by friendly horses? No! they insist on flaunting themselves on the roadside, disfiguring church lawns, spoiling the home lots and making a general ugly nuisance of themselves. They are every what as cantankerous as their human imitators, the communists.

There may be a place for everything, but certainly the well-kept lawns of a town are not the place for dandelions, and by the same token the busy paths of decent life have no room for the destructive and malicious human dandelions. If dandelions are desired by horses, let the horses have them. But banish the destructive pests from town and home before they stifle and over-run and kill all that is good and beautiful.

**GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER**

Will some storekeepers, yes, and some parents, as well, take a gentle hint! It is this that on several recent occasions the authorities have been faced with the fact that cigarettes have been sold or given to children with very harmful results to the youngsters. Those in the best position to know are agreed that cigarettes are harmful to children, no matter how innocent may be their effect on adults. Nearly any experienced teacher is able to name the cigarette smokers in the class by the way these youngsters fall behind in their studies and eventually reach a position where it is almost impossible for them to learn. The injury to the children from their use of cigarettes would appear to be enough to stop good citizens from supplying them with this harmful stuff. But the fact remains that a number of recent cases have been brought to attention where children are illegally securing cigarettes. The matter is serious enough that prosecutions will be undertaken. It should be remembered that the law forbids anyone to supply cigarettes to children for money, or otherwise. There are parents who have the ill notion that they have some sort of license to defy the law in this particular. They have not. This is something that has been repeatedly proven in court. The hint here given, if accepted, will make it unnecessary to prove it once again that stores are not permitted to sell nor parents or others to supply cigarettes to children to injure their health, stop their growth and stunt their minds.

A visitor at the meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Montreal last week is quoted as complaining that unless taxes were lessened, all the business interests of the country would soon be able to do nothing more than earn a bare living and pay taxes. It is an interesting point, especially in view of the fact that several hundred thousand in Canada-to-day are not able to either pay the taxes or earn a bare living.

Many were puzzled recently at the statement made in despatches that the murderer of the president of France was what is termed a White Russian. In current phraseology, it didn't make sense. White Russians do not specialize in murder as the Reds do. In the past few days investigation by the French authorities has shown that the murderer is not only a Red Russian but has apparently high standing in that group of thugs and assassins, masquerading under the name of a political party.

**Geo. W. Ecclestone, M.P.P., to Retire from Politics**

Wide circles of friends in Timmins and district will regret to learn that Geo. W. Ecclestone, M.P.P., has decided to retire from active politics after a long and able service to the province as a member of the provincial parliament. Mr. Ecclestone is well-known in this part of the North having been one of the earliest business pioneers, the business now in Timmins bearing his name having been established in this camp long before the average man from farther south had any faith, hope or belief in this country or its possibilities. The Marshall-Ecclestone firm was established in Porcupine in the very early days and Messrs G. W. Ecclestone, J. W. Ecclestone, his son, and H. J. Marshall, the other chief member of the firm must have had both courage and far-sightedness to found the business here and carry it on upon so large a scale as has been the case. G. W. Ecclestone, M.P.P., has been a frequent visitor here during the years, and his active and able career in the provincial parliament has been followed with much interest and pleasure by the people of this camp. The report of his expected retirement from the political arena will consequently be received with considerable regret here.

On Monday of this week The Toronto Globe published a half-tone picture of G. W. Ecclestone, M.P.P., together with the following reference to his expected retirement:—

"George W. Ecclestone of Bracebridge, Conservative M.P.P. for Muskoka for the past sixteen years is quitting politics and will not be a candidate at the next provincial election—whenever that may be called."

"Mr. Ecclestone gave notice to this effect to his own riding association on Saturday. He will, however, continue to sit in the present Ontario House until such time as it is formally dissolved."

"I ran in the 1929 election only after they assured me I would have no personal canvass to make," he told The Globe last night, "and now that I have definitely decided to drop out of the game I thought it only fair that my association should be given plenty of notice."

"In Mr. Ecclestone the Conservative Party will lose one of its staunchest supporters, and a House member whose services in committee work have proved invaluable. In recent years he has been a very active and efficient chairman of the Fish and Game Committee. "Lack of time to devote to his busi-

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**WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT OF NORTH BAY DIED LAST WEEK**

On Wednesday of last week, A. J. Young, well-known business man and lumberman, of North Bay, passed away at Toronto in his 65th year. He was the founder of the wholesale grocery firm of A. J. Young & Co., which later developed into the National Grocers. Some years ago Mr. Young moved from North Bay to Toronto and in recent years he had been identified with various mining, lumbering and other ventures in the North and elsewhere. He was a prominent Liberal. He was active in the Presbyterian church, and also was prominent in Masonic circles. Interment was made at North Bay on Friday of last week.

**WINNER OF TRIP TO ERIN NOT TO ACCEPT THE PRIZE**

Last week The Advance noted that Patrick Cullhane of Kirkland Lake was the winner of the prize of a trip to Ireland given away by St. Patrick's parish, Cobalt. Word later in the week was to the effect that neither Mr. Cullhane nor his wife were disposed to accept the trip, though both are of Irish descent and neither have ever visited the Old Land. While they would enjoy the trip and appreciate the honour of winning, they felt they were not able at present to take the journey, so other arrangements are being made for the disposition of the ticket.

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