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A DEEP LOSS TO THE NORTH

In the death last week of Dan O'Connor, of Connaught, the North bears a heavy loss. He was a fine type of citizen—so fine, indeed, that most people in this North would like to refer to him as a typical Northerner. If the late Dan O'Connor was a typical Northerner, then is the North fortunate indeed, in its sons. He was a true pioneer and gave nearly forty years of his life to the service of this country. After some years in Sudbury where he held the highest office in the gift of the people there, the late D. O'Connor came to Temagami and there built up a tourist business that has benefited the North and the province ever since. He built and operated the first hotel in Temagami, ran the first boat on Temagami Lake, introduced and welcomed the first visitors from the South to the new hunters' paradise and fisherman's delight, the Temagami Islands and the Temagami country. The hotel at Temagami still bears the name of the late Mr. O'Connor, for the "Ronocco" is nothing but the name O'Connor in reverse. It is the only time that this O'Connor was ever in reverse, for Dan O'Connor's motto of life was always "full speed ahead!" Energetic, able, kindly, jovial, with a good word for all, Dan O'Connor had always the forward look. He saw more than a tourist resort in Temagami. He visualized a great iron industry in the Temagami district. He prospected that country and staked iron claims there. Despite all his efforts, despite the time and effort and money he gave to turning the iron ore prospects into working mines he was unable to find other men with his own large vision and his abiding faith to risk their money to bring his dream to life and make the iron country of Temagami a thriving industrial centre. Those who know the country, however, believe that the faith of Dan O'Connor in Temagami's wealth of iron will eventually be justified and a prosperous mining industry at Temagami will be another monument to the foresight and the vision of this outstanding citizen.

After some years at Temagami Dan O'Connor came to the Porcupine district. Since the early days of the Porcupine camp until his death last week, Dan O'Connor conducted a general store at Connaught. That, however, was only a very small portion of his work and his history. He was a pioneer prospector. A number of his properties in the Night Hawk Lake area are undoubtedly mines in the making. It is a great thing in a new country like this to be one of the prospectors discovering new riches. Yet his value to the country did not stop there. It was in his insistent and able advocacy of the possibilities of the country that he gave the greatest service to his land. He had faith and enthusiasm in the resources of the North and better even than that he had the happy faculty of inspiring confidence in others and touching them with the same fire and inspiration for the development of the North that was so strong and continual a feature of his own life.

Single-handed Dan O'Connor did much for the country that he loved, but he had also the gift of being able to work with others. For many years he was a member of the Timmins board of trade, coming occasionally to the meetings here and still more frequently being a Timmins delegate to the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade. His counsel and his wide knowledge of the North were of great service and his efforts assisted in bringing many advantages to this country.

As a citizen, Dan O'Connor was outstanding, but it was as a man that he will be remembered with the deepest affection and respect. Kindly, generous, friendly, there were few more popular than the same Dan O'Connor. He was fond of company but never afraid to be alone. He was at home in the bush, or on the trail, in town or city, with financiers, or politicians, or statesmen. He could hold his own with any of them. He could win the respect of one and all. Dan O'Connor was a personal friend of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, of Hon. Wm. Finlayson, of Hon. Chas. McCrea and many others of the leaders of his day and generation. He was equally the friend of the lowly in station. Scores of people in the Connaught section will miss him sadly. In the last few years he gave generously of his time and attention to help old people in their applications for old age pensions. The poor would never starve if they were in reach of Dan O'Connor's store. He loved children and the youngsters of Connaught have cause to remember his innumerable evidences of interest and kindness. He was enthusiastic for the North and its future, but he never forgot the present and its people.

His life was a true success, because he won the respect of men, the admiration of women and the love of children. He did the work that lay to his hand with energy, intelligence and thoroughness. He met the poor with kindness; he treated his equals with courtesy; and he never feared the richer the powerful.

He would ask no better epitaph than to be written down as a true Northerner. The North could have no greater honour than to be a country where men like Dan O'Connor are the type by which the land is known.

ALL SHOULD PLAY THE GAME

The matter of the cost of relief is a serious burden to-day upon the Dominion, the provinces and the municipalities. The Advance believes that direct relief is a curse and that it retards the return of any reasonable measure of prosperity as well as being evil in its effects upon the morale of all concerned with it. No matter how undesirable it may be, it is nevertheless the only plan under which the unfortunate may be assisted in the majority of cases to-day. There is no excuse for those who would add unnecessary abuses to direct relief. All should play the game fairly and honestly. There have been cases come to attention in Timmins recently where there has been mean attempt to take advantage of the plan of direct relief. One man is said to have secured direct relief through a day or two later he withdrew \$200.00 from the bank. This man should be prosecuted. The taking of relief improperly is no better nor worse than direct theft from the people in these days of trouble. It is not a case of defrauding the government or over-reaching some corporation called the municipality. It is the money of the people that is stolen. The hard-earned money of kindly and generous good citizens. It is the people in general who pay the cost in the final analysis, and because of this any attempt to rob the people at this time is particularly mean.

If those on relief should play the game, it is equally true that others should be equally fair and sportsman-like in this matter of relief. There should be no grudging of help to the truly deserving. There should be no undue jealousy among those receiving

relief; no petty fear that one family should get a dollar more than another. All should play the game.

Above all the work of those administering relief should not be unduly hampered or made more than usually unpleasant by carping criticism or ill-considered stories without foundation. For instance, there was a story told the other day that one man had been receiving relief regularly although he had ten thousand dollars in the bank. If anyone knows of such a case it is the bounden duty of that person to give the information to the relief authorities so that the fraud may be promptly discontinued and plans made to secure the return of any money fraudulently obtained. Instead of the authorities being informed of the facts, if there were any facts to tell, the story was simply peddled around. Anyone knowing of any frauds on the relief funds is not playing the game to simply make a scandal of the matter. The authorities should be told at once. To bring a question like this before a meeting of some irresponsible group or association is not playing the game. One man checked up for repeating one of these stories about relief improperly obtained, made the reply that it was not his business to inform the authorities. If not, surely it was still less his business by idle gossip to spread a story like that. As a matter of fact, however, it is the business of anybody and everybody with any regard for decency and fairness, to see that no frauds are carried out in regard to relief. Not only is the money expended the people's money, but it should also be remembered that the need is great and every case of fraud means so much less for the honestly deserving. There are few things meaner than defrauding relief funds. A thing nearly as mean is to stand back and allow some one to secure relief without deserving it.

Relief in Timmins has been administered with a surprising amount of carefulness and fairness. The town has escaped the serious scandals that have been the lot of many other municipalities. It is true that Timmins have featured work as much as possible and direct relief as little as possible. There are a few cases known of actual fraud, and the intention, it is understood, is to prosecute those guilty. A few police court cases will undoubtedly step any tendency to frauds on the relief funds. In the meantime, all should play the game. None should apply for relief unless it is absolutely necessary. Those who secure relief without need are simply robbing those who can not live without help from others. All who know or suspect that any frauds are being attempted in regard to relief should give any information they may have to the proper authorities. Unfounded or malicious stories about relief that are not warranted are mean and unworthy. All should play the game! It is a time when conditions are too serious for petty theft or for mean and thoughtless gossip. Play the game!

TROUBLE WITH THE COLLEGES

It was that wise old humorist, Mark Twain, who said some years ago that a cauliflower was only a cabbage with a college education. In Mark's day the colleges may have made cauliflowers out of cabbages but in recent times in Canada the universities have failed to do anything so useful. There may be a few cauliflower ears developed in the colleges but in the main the heads remain cabbage. In the present time there seems to be a passionate desire for reductions in costs and expenses. It would appear that the colleges and universities offer an immense field for economy. To judge from what is heard and what is noted in the newspapers in regard to the colleges these days, not only is their usefulness a matter of doubt, but there is proof that in some instances their effect is actually harmful to the making and upholding of good citizenship. For instances, some weeks ago a group of students at Toronto University gathered together and passed a resolution to the effect that in case of war they would refuse to bear arms for King and Country. The presumptuous young fellows had not even the grace of being original, for they were only copying the silly tactics of some college wasters in the Old Country who had passed similar resolutions in their callow cabbage condition. It is said, with some measure of sarcasm, that some people now inclined to condone the action of the college lads in this particular would see the evil of the attitude of the boys if they had taken their pledge that they would pay no taxes under any circumstances. The defence of the country and the paying of taxes alike are duties that none may fairly escape. When colleges mildew into such a condition that students of the age of manhood do not know better than to take such an attitude, it is high time that the craze for economy was given opportunity to get in some of its fine work in reducing not only costs but also in decreasing the amount of evil teaching of the young in poor citizenship.

It is all very well to say that the number of students in Toronto University who are imbued with the idea that they owe nothing to their country and may be rudely derisive about the Canadian Legion and Canadian soldiers, is insignificant. The numbers are perhaps as insignificant as the cauliflowers or cabbages themselves. That there should be enough of them to attract the attention of responsible daily newspapers proves that there are far too many of these ill-trained and offensive fellows. It should be remembered that the colleges and universities cost the people of this province an immense sum of money each year. The people are entitled to something more than the turning out of ill-bred and impudent agitators and fellows who boldly profess that they do not intend to take up life's duties and that they plan to sneer at those who do, just as they sneered at the Legion and the Canadian soldiers.

Perhaps, the vapourings of a group of simple students might not be worthy of serious attention. The truth is, however, that there is reason to fear that this is the sort of thing that has been taught them by some of their professors. Young people going to some of the modern colleges and universities are appalled at the amount of atheism that has been instilled into pupils under the guise of modern thought; and the quantity of evil citizenship that has been garnered from the apparent attitude of the professors who make a specialty of howling for free speech. It will be recalled that the vapourings of a group of the professors in Toronto University a couple of years ago in regard to so-called freedom of speech was followed by groups of student hoodlums burning a large number of copies of The Toronto Globe as a sort of public function. The Globe was an institution of which Canada was proud before these students were born. It evidences a lack of sense, no less than a lack of decency, a lack of toleration, a lack of respect for better things—a lack of all the things that really should be taught in colleges—for students to show the disregard for the people who are called upon to foot the bill for all their folly as well as for their supposed higher education.

Throughout the length and breadth of Canada to-day the salaries of teachers are being reduced to a point that is no credit to the country. The teachers have been building good citizenship, they have been instructing the youngsters not only in matters of knowledge, but also in principles of morality and better living. Their influence has all been for good. These teachers have never been paid anything like the salary they have earned and merited. Yet to-day they are the victims of reductions. If reductions in the costs of education are necessary, it would seem the part of wisdom and foresight to set the axe in the places of the higher education. Curtailment of the costs of colleges and universities would not only be an economy; it would apparently be a blessing to the country in another way because it would cramp the workings of institutions that seem to specialize too much in fostering the poorest kind of citizenship. There is nothing new about the silly doctrines imbibed by the stu-

MERCHANDISING MANAGER OF DOMINION STORES LTD.



In an interview at Toronto this week Mr. Morley Smith, president of Dominion Stores Limited, announced that Mr. W. B. Rennie had been appointed merchandizing manager of the company.

Mr. Rennie came originally from Alliston, Ontario, and joined the Dominion Stores when the company was first formed. After working in the stores as manager and superintendent, he became interested in merchandising according to chain stores ideas, and was appointed buyer for Toronto; later he was transferred to Montreal, where he became general manager for that division. His outstanding methods of merchandising placed him as the logical man to take charge of the important position of merchandising manager when that position became vacant recently.

This Section Indifferent to New Baseball League

(From The Sudbury Star)
Organization of a Northern Ontario Baseball Association as sponsored by T. J. Birney and Bert Flynn, of Copper Cliff, has met with a ready response from North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, North Shore and Manitoulin Island clubs, but "nothing doing" is the report along the T. & N. O.

Timmins and Kirkland Lake while active, seem satisfied to let things drift along as they are despite the fact that the proposed northern circuit indirectly would give them affiliation with the N.B.A.A.

Both Mr. Birney and Mr. Flynn, however, are not going to let the plan drop, and will do their best to organize a league for southern clubs this coming season.

North Bay's splendid showing in the intermediate B. finals of the O.B.A.A. last year assures strong interest in the Gateway City, despite the fact that Pitcher Boulay is transferring to Teeswater—of all places!—in Southern Ontario.

Copper Cliff is capable of fielding an intermediate team with a goodly number of recruits from last year's junior aggregation. For mound duty, there is "Shorty" Henry and Bruno Taus, and for all anybody knows, Arthur Cloutier might swing the old soup bone back into shape, even though he has taken up the practice of law.

For catching duty, Percy Smith, "Fitz" Fitzjohns and Bill Taylor are available, and for the bases, John Bradley, Harry Smith, Lloyd Sleaver, Roy Longfellow, Leonard Kovalva and Albert Lapierre. For the outfield, Jimmy Davidson, Harry Archibald and Guido Signorilli are mentioned.

Bert Flynn announced his retirement last season but that means nothing. It will be recalled that he broke the training rules by getting into action in one game without scarcely any reason at all. It would not be difficult to persuade him to take the field once again. Birney suggests that he might be stuck in the old man's home at third base.

Also Thomas J. Brand's rumour that he himself might try for the slab assignment as ridiculous. His denial is taken by some to be entirely unnecessary, inferring as it does that there was a time when he really could pitch.

Supposing the Cliff wishes to field a junior team, it could do that, too, as there is talk of amalgamation between the juniors of the Smelter Town and the Veterans. Henry is still within the age limit and in the finals last year against Sudbury Canoe Club twirled a nice brand of ball. Other prospects are: Catcher, Bertulli; first base, Johnston and Gobbo; second base, Desotto and Jessup; third base, Shiner and Dwyer; outfielders, Bray and Collins, and a dozen others.

Hamilton Spectator:—Now come forward investigators to report that Spartan bravery was a myth. Don't be surprised if one of these days somebody discovers Mary's name was Nellie, that her Lamb was a goat and that she never went to school a day in her life.

denents of to-day in some of the colleges. These doctrines despite the vapourings of some professors and some others, are as old and as discredited as other forms of evil and shallow thought. The same type of rickety logic used to spring up every once in a while in the places of higher learning in days long ago. Then it was stamped out, just as the seven year's itch or the mumps would have been and for much the same reason. The pupils of a college may imagine they form a new and superior race because their jaws are mumpy. The people in general, however, know it is only a nasty disease of callow youth. It yields to treatment, but for the immediate present it might be well to keep the thoughtless lads from danger of infection by saving the cost of breeding places for the germs. Economy and good citizenship alike would be served by some attention to the reduction of costs in the places where they pretend to turn cabbages into cauliflowers.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Is the Provincial Government forsaking the North? Closing of agricultural farms, closing up of government offices, practical cessation of roadwork! The present government should remember the fate of a previous government that injured the rest of the province by its neglect of the North.

Medals Presented at the Mining Institute Meeting

One of the features of the meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy was the presentation of medals and awards for papers on various mining subjects.

The joint winners of the Leonard Gold Medal are W. B. Boggs, smelter superintendent, and J. N. Anderson, both of the Noranda Mines, Limited. They were awarded the medal for their paper on "The Anode Department of Noranda."

R. D. Parker, general superintendent of mines for the International Nickel Company of Canada, at Copper Cliff, Ont., is the winner of the Leonard Silver Medal for his paper on "The Ventilation of the Frood Mine."

J. E. Hawley, of Queen's University, is the winner of the Barlow memorial prize, for his paper on "The Siscoe Gold Deposit."

H. McIntyre, of Queens University, is the winner of a \$25 prize for a paper on "Methods of Stopping and Timbering at the Wright-Hargreaves Mine."

Honorable mention is made of a paper by W. W. Bake, of Queen's, for his paper, "Mining Floor Pillars at the Lake Shore Gold Mines." A second honorable mention is given to C. C. Wilson, also of Queen's, for his paper, "Coarse Crushing Practice at the Hollinger Gold Mine."

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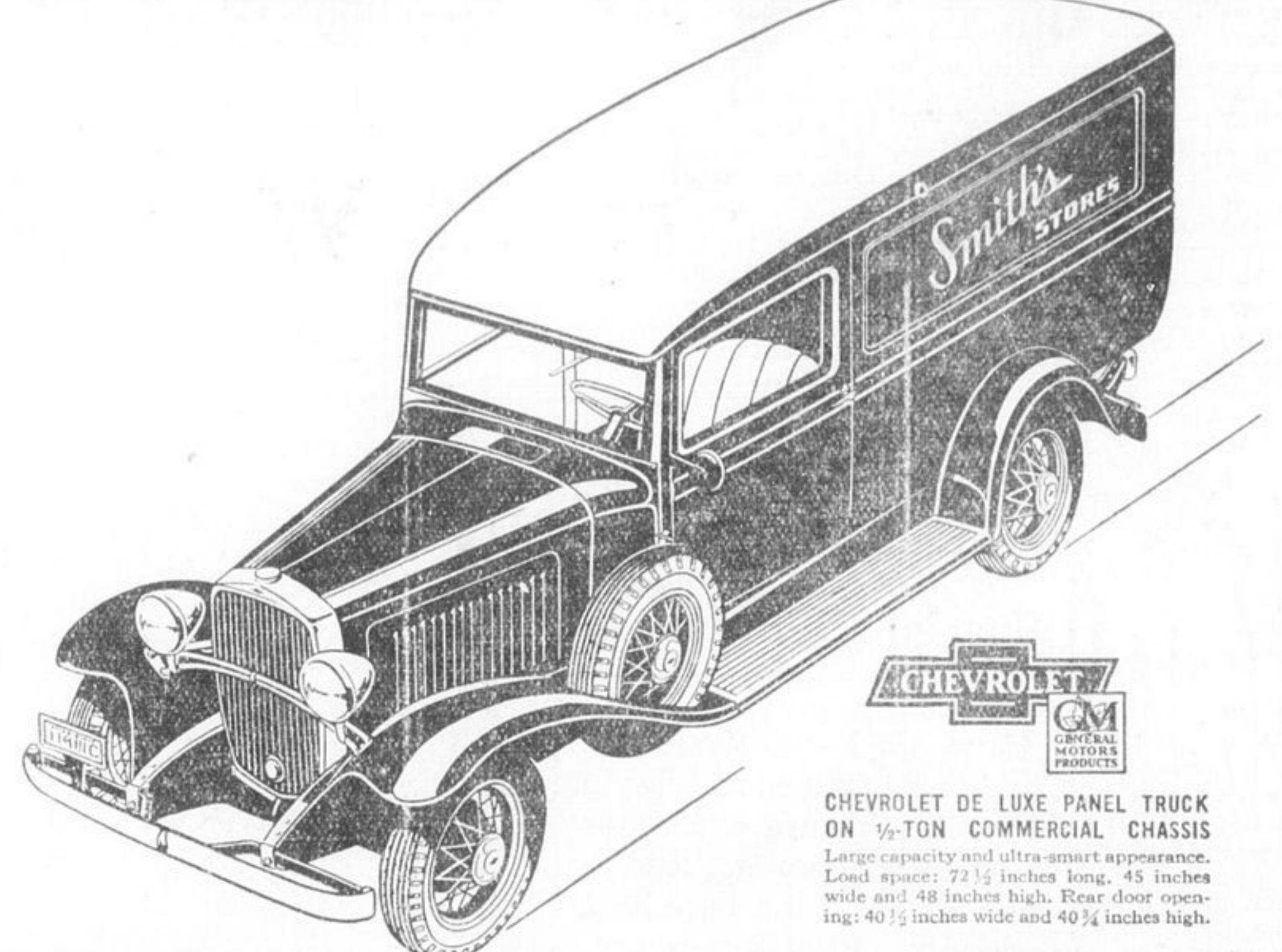
Atlanta Journal:—Chicago, which isn't paying its school teachers anyway, has cut their salaries to 15 per cent. That's very considerate. Now the teachers will not lose so much when they fail to draw their pay.

St. Mary's Journal-Argus:—Jewelry merchants in Toronto find the cocktail shaker is the most popular wedding gift in that city. Brides and grooms find they have as many as three or four booze shakers among their marital gifts.

North Bay Nugget:—Some 70 Communists are on trial in Russia for planting weeds on farms to defeat the collectivized farming idea. Now we know where all those weeds came from in the city's back lots.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—When a member of the Legislature declares that "these imputations are absolutely false and untrue, and made out of whole cloth and without a title of evidence to support them," we understand that the idea of the speaker is to deny them.

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Results Last Week in the McIntyre Bowling League

In the McIntyre bowling league last week Jenkins won four points from Barron. Proulx won four points from MacMillan, and Morandin took three points from Cameron.

August Bettel was high bowler with 100 single and 796 total.

Jenkins' team is now tied with Cameron's for first place with two more matches to end the season, each team having 23 points. Proulx, the winner of the first half of the schedule is in third place in the second half, with 18 points.

Sherbrooke Record:—A grand-nephew of Sitting Bull declares in an interview that "a brave never speaks to his mother-in-law except through his wife." That word brave would appear to be a misnomer. For he is not so brave as he is wise in the wisdom of the ancients. Aristotle, the Greek, and Confucius the Chink, said the same thing in different phraseology.