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## THE REAL REMEDY

What is the cause of wars? Prof. T. Lowden of the University of Toronto gave the answer last Friday evening in his thoughtful and inspiring address to the Porcupine Branch of the Varsity Alumni. His thought in this respect might be summed up in the sentence from the poet Robert Burns:—"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." He did not blame wars upon diplomats, or politicians, or even upon nations. He went to the very root of the matter, and laid the onus upon the individual. Nations, he pointed out, were only individuals in combination. The nation would rise no higher and sink no lower than the level reached by the citizens composing the nation. So long as there was unbridled avarice, selfishness unchecked, dishonesty unscorned and injustice unrebuked, so long there would be danger of war according to the reasoning of the professor.

It is easy to find the same cause for the economic depression suffered by most countries, and for the world-wide political unrest. To Prof. Lowden it seemed a reflection on the boasted civilization of the day that there should be people starving in a world of plenty. There is no escape from the individual responsibility for this condition in the world. It is not so much the failure of system that induces economic ills. It is the selfish folly that forgets fairness and honesty and unselfishness.

Prof. Lowden was not content with suggesting the cause of wars and depressions and the general unhappiness of the world. He pointed to the remedy. He made it plain that what will prevent war will also lift the world from depressions and economic ills. There is enough for all in the world, he suggested. "My idea of peace," he said, "is that man should treat his fellow man with fairness, honesty and unselfishness." "We can only get true peace," he added, "when men are honest, just and unselfish." In a beautiful world, there are also the necessities for prosperity and progress.

Some university professors have been accused of preaching doubt and cynicism and materialism. It was no such message that Prof. Lowden gave. "We must get back to first principles," he urged, "and to trust and belief and regard for the Higher Power."

The close attention and interest that was given Prof. Lowden's address and the long and continued applause that greeted his final hopeful and helpful words showed the response that young men and young women are ready to accord to a sincere and helpful message. Any professor who may imagine that doubt and materialism and cynical attitude win popularity should have been present to note the generous response given to robust faith and earnest thought. The world fairly hungers for faith and the message of truth.

Some time ago The Advance ventured the opinion that the cure for the depression did not rest with systems, so much as with individuals. The path of the new prosperity and progress will be lighted not by new material inventions, but by a new patriotism that will have the fervor of religion about it. The remedy for the ills of the world truly lies in the getting back to first principles—getting back to the individual and the fact that when the individual accepts honesty and fairness and unselfishness as the guiding rules of life, the nation may be trusted and all will soon be right with the world!

## OH, BUGS!

There is a merry war on between some of the leading newspapers of Canada. The Ottawa Journal started it by saying that a beetle is an insect. "Not so!" contradicted The Stratford Beacon-Herald, "it's a bird!" Then an entomologist at Ottawa was conscripted into the enemy ranks. He said a beetle is a cockroach, or words to that effect. He advised The Journal to stick to its guns, though what use guns may be against beetles or cockroaches, is not so easy to guess. Next The Sault Ste. Marie Star joins battle to proclaim that all the others are wrong and that insects, beetles, cockroaches and other birds are of the Algoma wolf family. The Toronto Star and many other newspapers have joined in the fray but the discussion does not seem to progress.

It is high time that The Advance settled the matter. It is not necessary to write anything about the matter because it is already written in The Advance as far back as September, 1918. An editorial in those distant days of war told about all that may be known about cockroaches, beetles and other birds or bugs. The editorial, in part, was as follows:—

"Friend F. C. H. Simms has asked for an article or essay with a subject strikingly out of the ordinary, lively beyond the usual and with a universality of touch. Cockroaches seem to fill the bill. They are not an ordinary subject of editorials; they are lively enough in all conscious; and several in town can vouch for their universality of touch. In addition at the present moment they have genuine news value in Timmins being the possible basis for probable actions at law. Friend Albert just now is seeking lawful redress against Friend Edward because there are standing armies of cockroaches on Friend Edward's premises, and after the manner of military-mad Germany, these armies persist in invading Friend Albert's home. Friend Albert, like King Albert, will not allow his kingdom to be a road-way for any cockroach army. He puts his foot down hard, and that makes a mess like there was in Belgium. Friend Edward's defence is that they are not his cockroaches; they belong to the house; if anybody owns them it must be the Russian who owns the property. Friend Edward is just as opposed to cockroach militarism as Friend Albert or President Wilson. Friend Edward curses the cockroach army as strenuously as Lloyd George. Then there is Friend Torrance (the legal gentleman) who refused positively to have anything to do with the cockroach case in a legal or any other way. "I had enough of them before I moved my office," he said. "I check on the cockroaches!" So Chief of Police Jack was called in and worried with the problem. What are a man's rights in regard to keeping cockroaches? Are people expected to fence their places against their neighbours' cockroaches? "If I were only sure they were contagious," said the chief, "I would have both parties and both cockroaches and their heirs and assigns forever charged under the Medical Health Act for not reporting. Then some bright youth suggested that as the cockroaches were immigrants to this country and without naturalization papers, they were aliens, and being hated by all they were naturally alien enemies. The chief of police began to lose interest. "I intend to treat all aliens just the same as white people," he said, "and your only hope is to call in Bob Allen." There the matter rests—or, rather, there is no rest on account of the matter. The cockroaches, like their European counterparts a short time ago, have things their own way by force of numbers. But just as the black beetles of Europe were

driven back and will be smashed and crunched and destroyed by the forces of good cleanliness; so the Ophietherous insects in Timmins will also eventually be destroyed."

Now what can The Ottawa Journal, The Stratford Beacon-Herald, The Sault Star, the Ottawa entomologist or The Toronto Star add to that? It is history as well as natural history.

And the poor beetle that we tread upon, In corporal suffering finds a pang as great As when a giant dies.

## SELECT A GOOD COUNCIL

It is certainly excellent advice that Dr. Lee Honey suggests to the electors for the voting at the election on Monday next:—"Carefully peruse the names of those who have qualified, and endeavour to select a group of six that will not only be representative of the town of Timmins but that also will be a support to Mayor Richardson."

The 1934 council could scarcely be said to be representative of the town of Timmins, but even more to be regretted was the fact that they have not been able to work in harmony with themselves nor with the mayor. There have been more disagreements and quarrels on the present council than on all the previous councils for seven years. This has not been of advantage to the interests of the town, no matter how much fun it may have created for a few who have the odd sense of humour that does not worry what happens to hard-won money or taxes so difficult to amass.

During the past year there has been an unfortunate amount of bitterness created by some of the drastic actions of the council and even more so by the attitude assumed on so many occasions, the public being given to understand that the general opinion is of no account in the eyes of the city fathers.

In addition it may be noted that the council has paid little attention to matters of vital concern to the town, while time and interest have been wasted on questions really apart from the proper functions of the council. In other words there has been too much comic opera and too little common sense and common courtesy.

There is much useful work for the town council in 1935. In the candidates remaining on the ballot paper for Monday's event there is material for an efficient council, to include some new blood as well as some experienced in council work. Honest and able men are needed to carry on the work of the municipality so that the town may regain its former prestige. In selecting the men for council thought should be given to choosing men who will work together in harmony for the best interests of the town and who will fully support the mayor in the carrying through of his arduous and responsible duties. Select men who will not only be representative of the town, but who will be a support to Mayor Richardson!

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

There appears to be some excitement and also some resentment in Rouyn these days. A group of citizens, led by the Rouyn Council of the Knights of Columbus, has made demands on the municipal authorities that blindpigs, gambling joints and disorderly houses in the town be cleaned up. The chief of police at Rouyn is a comparative stranger to the town and apparently did not realize that conditions were as bad as they are painted. However, the chief agreed to try and close the illegal places. In raids on seven places there seemed to be only one that had not been warned of the coming of the police. In any event the six places all seemed to be practically closed down when the police visited them.

Suggestions are made that someone in authority must be keeping the law-breakers informed of what the police may contemplate. On the other hand the warning to the law-breakers may be due to chance or fortune. No one, however, seems to consider the third alternative,—that the places are as law-abiding as they appear to be when visited by the police on the recent occasions. There appears to be an insistent and determined attempt at Rouyn to have the town cleaned up, and the incidents referred to are only samples encountered by police officers who attempt to enforce the law with any particular energy or forcefulness.

Some figures were printed in The Advance last week, comparing the financial position of the town at November 15th, 1934, with the situation the same time last year. The Advance noted that while the town's overdraft last year was only \$15,000.00, this year it has reached a total of \$125,000.00 on the same date. From this \$125,000.00, it is fair to deduct \$50,000.00 for work on sidewalks, debentures to be issued for this amount and to be purchased by the Hollinger. These debentures will no doubt be issued soon and the money for them will come into the town treasury. In the meantime, however, the town has to pay interest on the overdraft, which is something that previous councils endeavoured (and with considerable success) to avoid. Dropping off the \$50,000.00 referred to, the overdraft of the town would remain at \$75,000.00. From this amount, some suggest that some \$40,000.00 be deducted as this amount is due from the Government for relief. The financial statement does not show any such thing. Instead the figure given in the official statement as due from Government on relief account is \$16,135.86. This can only be looked upon as an asset. The Government may or may not recognize this exact amount. But in any account, even taking this into consideration it leaves the town financially in much worse financial condition than at the same time last year, despite the fact that there was a slight increase in taxes this year, and despite the fact that the revenue from most sources, including the royalty tax, was greater than last year.

It is unfortunate that Rev. Dr. Little last week used offensive language in referring to the nationality of origin of Hon. David Croll, Minister of Public Welfare. In excuse it may be pleaded that the provocation was great. The premier's language previously was most unbecoming and offensive, particularly his suggestion that a man who has devoted his life to the welfare of children and to genuine social service should be associated with the idea of rail-roading. Premier Hepburn and his associates seem to have an unfortunate habit of using extreme and undeserved abuse on the slightest provocation and this sort of thing invariably results in similar wild talk in reply. The Advance some time ago suggested that the premier would eventually rouse retort that would shock the province. He has been fortunate so far in escaping retaliation in kind for some of his wild utterances but eventually he will find his billingsgate met with tirades equally virulent. In the meantime, Hon. D. Croll is the victim of the intemperate and ill-considered language that seems to threaten to become a habit in public life in the province. The Jewish people should not feel offence at Dr. Little, who has made due apology for his language, but they should charge the unfortunate language to the improper example given too frequently in recent months by those high in authority. Expressions by the premier during the past week to church and social workers would be objectionable from any source. Coming from the premier of this province they are doubly to be deplored.

The newspaper reports to the effect that the deputy minister of public welfare for Ontario, Mr. Soroleil, had stated that conditions in the schools of the province were deplorable came as a shock to the people in general, particularly as he was quoted as specifying cases and particulars along lines that were known to most people to have at least some foundation of fact. The evils of cigarette smoking by children are well known to welfare workers and all inter-

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## HEAVY BAIL ASKED FOR MAN HELD ON NARCOTICS CHARGE

Vincezo Monteleone, who was arrested on a charge in regard to narcotics, was remanded to this week when he appeared in court at Kirkland Lake. Bail was set at \$10,000.00. While the arrest was made by the Kirkland Lake police, the case is now in the hands of Constable E. Glendinning of the R. C. M. P. In addition to the narcotics charge there is also another charge of illegal possession of liquor pending against the accused.

## Bus Fares at Haileybury Higher than Electric Line

Although it is not yet known what decision has been made by the T. & N. O. in regard to the electric line connecting New Liskeard, Haileybury and Cobalt, there has been a suggestion that the T. & N. O. would not run a bus line. Private enterprise, however, has come forward offering to operate a bus line. If this private enterprise makes good and does a profitable business there will no doubt soon be agitation for the government to take over the bus lines and run them. That's the way it often goes.

However, last week John McLennan of the McLennan Transportation Co., Kirkland Lake, last week approached the Haileybury council with the idea of securing a franchise for the bus service. He also asked if the municipality had any intention of imposing a tax on operation if his company undertook the service. He had submitted a schedule of rates to A. C. Cavanagh, general manager of the T. & N. O., who had thought the rates satisfactory, but the rates would have to be higher if there were further taxation. The council passed a resolution to the effect that no tax be enacted by Haileybury for the buses passing through the municipality. The rates suggested for the bus service are higher than charged by the electric line. The bus rates suggested by Mr. McLennan were:—25 cents between Haileybury and Cobalt or Haileybury and Liskeard, with return fare of 40 cents. Workmen's tickets would be sold six for a dollar, and the fares for school children would be around six cents.

Hanover Post.—Toronto last year supplied 80,000 bottles of milk for school children who were undernourished and whose parents could not afford to buy it. There are few simpler acts of charity and none which will pay such lasting dividends.

reference to the public schools of the province nor to boys and girls as a whole. He was referring distinctly and directly to the schools for what are termed problem boys and girls. What he has said in this regard is undoubtedly true and while no good purpose may be served by giving the facts publicity, and such publicity is almost sure to result in misunderstanding and misapprehension as in the case at issue, the truth seems to be that Mr. Soroleil did not overstep his duty and is in no way worthy of blame. Any blame due in the incident seems to lie with sensational newspaper articles and too hasty action by the heads of the Government.

## Unpopular Routing Trans-Canada Road

Gives the "Compromise" Friends of Some Years Ago Something to Think About Now. Some Other Comments.

For years past The Advance has been urging that the Trans-Canada highway should be routed by way of the Ferguson highway and west from Hearst. The chief reason for this was the fact that there were communities of importance along such a route, with every chance of more country being opened up and developed. From the start this route would be of value and service and it would also have special attraction for tourists, for on this route they would have opportunity to visit Canada's greatest silver mines, Canada's greatest gold mines, Canada's great paper mills, and one of Canada's greatest public parks and game preserves. Typical Canadian towns and cities would be along the route as well as typical forest lands and farming sections. Further the cost of construction would not be prohibitive. Last week, as noted by The Advance it was announced that the Ontario Government had decided upon the road taking the route along the north shore of Lake Superior. Engineers have been quoted as saying that the cost of this route is practically prohibitive, but why bring that up? Since the announcement The Advance has been wondering what that old-timer H. A. Preston has to say about the choice of route. As readers of The Advance know from his letters he has been a very ardent advocate of the Ferguson highway route and even more ardent in condemning the rocky shore route as impractical, uneconomical and undesirable.

In the meantime, however, it is interesting to note what The New Liskeard Speaker has to say on the question. The Speaker has been a consistent supporter of the Ferguson highway as a part of the Trans-Canada highway. The following is The Speaker's reference last week to the question:

## Recognized Trans-Canada Road Routed via the Sault

"For a considerable number of years The Speaker has, until we have almost felt like apologizing, boosted for the building of the Ferguson highway from Cochrane on through Hearst and then to Fort William and Port Arthur, as the Ontario contribution to the Trans-Canada highway. There has been a spasmodic movement on the part of a few to keep this idea before the Government, but, as a whole, we regret to say, our people, both public and private, have been asleep while the interests along the North Shore have been digging in for all they are worth. The result is not encouraging to those who have the interests of Temiskaming at heart. The fact is that the majority of Temiskaming's representatives, Boards of Trade and other public men have got to forget their politics and "dig in" if we are to enjoy any of the benefits of a Trans-Canada highway through the greatest section of Ontario's North Land.

"In the meantime steps are being made to build a highway from North Bay to South Temiskaming, through what is described as a desirable agricultural territory, which will ultimately be extended up on the east side of Lake Temiskaming and thereby divert all the business down the east side of Lake Temiskaming now coming to the Temiskaming towns. This proposed road is to be built at the expense of the taxpayer of Ontario, after the Quebec Government is alleged to have refused to build an outlet through Quebec. What's the use, they say, if Ontario would do it for us?"

"As a matter of fact, the Ferguson highway for some twenty or more miles north of North Bay, is said to be the most fatal section of roadway in the province, according to lives lost and property destroyed, through the care-

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less driving of some. If Ontario has so much money to expend on highways, as stated in Mr. Heenan's \$17,000,000 proposition, we do not think the people along the Ferguson highway are asking too much when they insist on a first consideration of the already established roads.

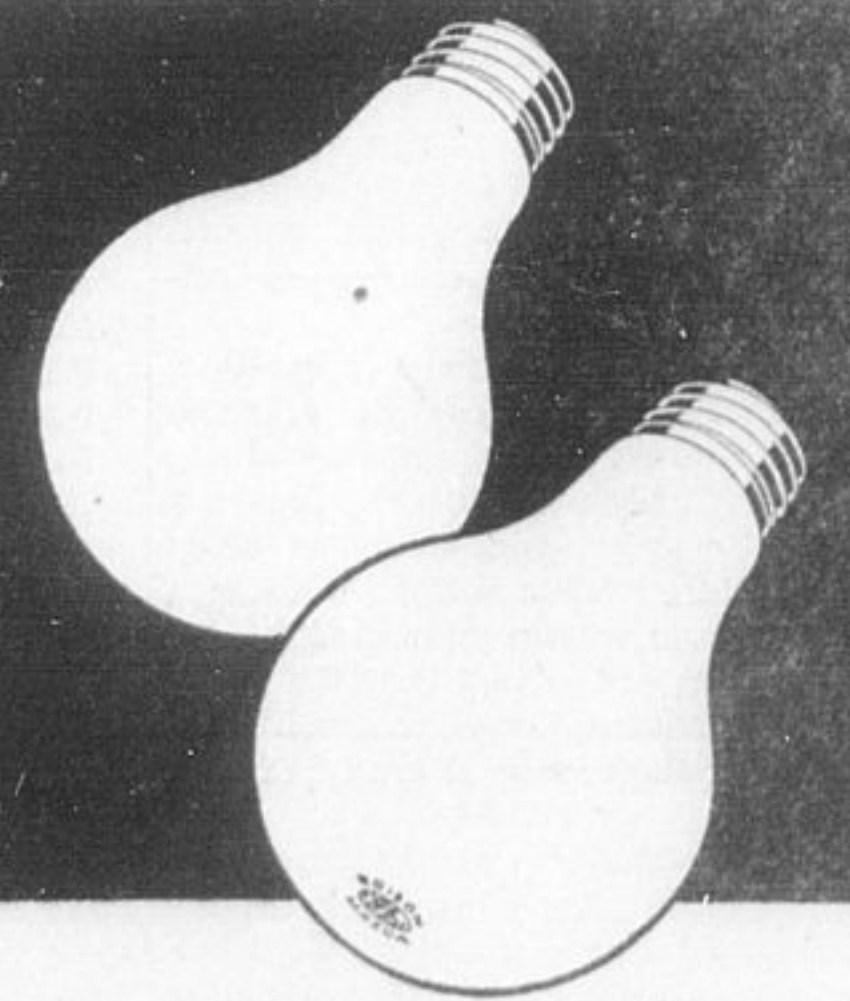
"Since the above was placed in type, Wednesday's Globe announces:—"The Trans-Canada highway question mark has been erased by the Ontario Government. Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands, Forests and Northern Development, last night announced that the Government has designated the long-pending gap in the North—"The route—extending for approximately 400 miles in line—will pass from North Bay to Schreiber by way of Sault Ste. Marie, Michipicoten and White River." "We wonder how our "compromise" friends along the T. & N. O. Railway will like this kind of a compromise."

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