

BE AN OPTIMIST

Some of our own citizens are our hardest knockers against the town. Knockers are to be found in every community. In cities, their influence is not generally of very much account, and whatever they fancy they have to grumble about falls flat, as a rule. If the opinions of travellers are worth anything, we are blessed with a town that for general business has few superiors of its size. That's the opinion we hear from outsiders, and we do not imagine for a moment that they don't mean what they say. The fault, it seems to us, is more with the individual than with the town. The knockers are often misfits, and wherever they would happen to be placed in life, they would be misfits anyway. Everyone should take sufficient pride in his own town to think of it as the best place on earth. No man can better his condition by finding fault with things as they are. Very often, if the fault-finder would use as much energy in righting the wrongs as he does in wronging the rights, the world would have reason to feel when he passed off the stage of action, that it was well he had lived. How many of our readers feel that the lives of some have been a blank, and they have been a blank only because they were always looking at the dark side of things. It's just as easy to be an optimist as it is to be a pessimist, and it is much more profitable to the community at large. We don't mean to say that a person can always help worrying, but he can avoid some of the worries he is often too ready to yield to. Many of our troubles are self-made, and those of us who complain must have a never-ending job on our hands.

LET US PULL TOGETHER

How easy to give advice, but how hard it is to act on it. Few escape trouble, but some take their troubles to heart more than others. Most people have trouble enough originating within themselves, but outside influences often cause additional worry. It takes a strong man to master himself, but the task of mastering himself and others is often more than he can bear. The nervous irritability so frequently seen, is often the result of an overload of trouble, needlessly imposed in not a few cases. The cranky, thoughtless, inconsistent husband may drive a naturally strong woman into a state of nervous prostration, from which she will never recover. A peevish, petulant wife is often a detriment to the success of an ambitious husband. In school, the nagging teacher will produce nervous pupils, and under such unfavorable conditions, little good can be accomplished. The same unsatisfactory results grow out of a similar relationship between employers of labor and their employees. The best results in domestic and business affairs can be expected only where a mutual friendship and a fair measure of confidence is found to exist. A principle of philosophy shows the greatest resultant when all forces act in the same direction, and the least resultant when the forces are opposed. The same principle applies to business. The greatest results can be acquired only when all pull together, and pull in the same direction. No business ever was a success where there was contention and opposition in the management. No one man ever knew everything, and it isn't likely such a being will ever exist. Sir Walter Scott, we think it was, was ever ready to discover good in others. He is credited with saying that he never met a man from whom he couldn't learn something he never knew before. How different he was from those who always looked for the faults and overlooked the good points. If we would look for the virtues rather than the vices of those who come in contact with, there would soon be a change for the better in the whole of us. Few ever improve in mind or morals by having their faults forever in the limelight. Men and women are only boys and girls of larger growth. Every teacher knows that boys and girls have virtues, if they can be found. In some it is harder to find them than in others, but once they are found and used in the right way, the individual begins from that point to develop into a better specimen of manhood or womanhood. Many a

man and woman is serving time to-day because his or her faults were magnified, and their virtues never sought for. There are exceptions, perhaps, but not so many as appear at first sight.

HALF ROAD, PLEASE

Ignorance of the law is not going to excuse a man when he comes before the bar. Many people are apparently ignorant of the law when driving along the public highways. The snow this winter hasn't been very deep, and of course there are fewer reasons of complaint. The man or woman going on foot along the public highway has a right to half the road on meeting a team, or when the team is passing him. It does not matter whether the team is loaded or not, the pedestrian has his legal right to half the beaten track. Likewise, a horse and cutter has similar rights, and, if so disposed, may insist on them. Few men or women will refuse to step into the snow to allow a loaded team to pass, but they are not bound to do so. Some people seem to have the idea when driving a team that all light conveyances and all pedestrians should give them the whole road. Instead of turning out, or appearing to make any effort to do so, the writer has actually seen teamsters keep the whole road, and let the pedestrian turn out, or be teampignorant of the law, but they are ignorant in other ways, and a good way to bring them to their legal senses would be by the imposition of a suitable fine. Don't insist on a team turning out and upsetting a load, but we have a right to half the beaten track, and can insist on having it if we feel so disposed.

AFTER THE WOMEN

William McDonald, M.P.P. for Centre Bruce, brought before the Legislature last year a measure designed to give parliamentary franchise to all women who have now the right to vote at municipal elections. The Bill was never brought to a vote. This session, he is going to try it again, and growing stronger in his opinions regarding women's suffrage, he declares that he will force the members on both sides to go on record. Mr. McDonald, known as "The People's William," is evidently imbued with the idea that his action will be a source of strength in his future campaigns. He learned no doubt during his career as a teacher that by getting the good will of the women and children, the good will of the "old man" will be easily secured.

SHE'S A PEACH

The Toronto News gives the expressions of a few ladies who economize in some ways, so as to meet the high cost of living. One points out that physicians tell us that the cheaper cuts of meat contain just as much nourishment as the dearer ones, and explains how to cook it, so as to save fuel as another economy. She then goes on to say:

"I do all my work, cooking, baking except bread, ironing, dressmaking, millinery, plain sewing, candy making, and in addition I teach languages part of the day, and find time for study, reading, Irish crochet, embroidery, painting, music and attending to window plants. I make my husband's shirts and keep his clothes pressed and in order. I take lots of outdoor exercise. My housekeeping bills, including soap and what I pay for dry washing, average \$6.50 weekly for four persons. I do all my own buying, always for cash. I get potatoes from a farmer by the sack, and I buy enough to last until the new crop is ready. We live well, have fresh fruit twice daily, also hot meat, and never have the same dish twice in a week."

That's just the kind of a wife we've been hunting for, and as soon as that husband of hers ceases to need shirts and have his clothes pressed and in order, a card to this office will take us to Toronto next train. The testimonials are gilt-edged, and we'll make no question about looks.

A CASE OF BIGAMY

Sam. Donaldson, aged 35 years, is locked up in Cobalt jail on a charge of bigamy. The limit of imprisonment for bigamy is seven years, but leniency is too often shown to those who disregard the sanctity of the marriage vows. When men are so false and fickle, there is something wrong in their

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OUR OTTAWA LETTER

BIG PROBLEM BEING SOLVED

The scheme of the Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, by which he proposes to encourage the national industry of the Dominion on a scale hitherto unattempted by any of his predecessors in office, has elicited praise from all parts of the country. Political opponents have joined in recognizing the foresight of the minister, who proposes to spend, so that the country can afterwards save. Mr. Burrell exhibited his strong grasp of the needs of the agricultural community when he said: "To increase the farmers' output, to improve the conditions of rural life, to swell the number of those who till the fields—to do these things we are going to solve the greatest problem and avert many of the manifold evils that face us in modern life."

HIGH COST OF LIVING

We doubt if any subject to-day is touching the general public more forcibly than the increased and increasing cost of living. It is a question of vital importance with everybody, and how to relieve the pressure is a big problem. Many solutions are given, but all fail in their practical results. The problem of paying producers of food-stuff more for their products and furnishing the lower prices has not yet been satisfactorily solved, and there seems but little chance for a satisfactory solution. The growing inequality between the producer and consumer of agricultural food-stuffs, or, in other words, the increasing demand over the supply is a big factor in the increased cost. If again the manufacturer and artisan have to meet an increased expenditure for cost of foodstuffs, their wages will assuredly have to be increased to meet the changed conditions. That the increased cost of artisan and skilled labor will cause a higher cost in their product is, we think, a logical conclusion. Everybody who is forced to pay more for what he gets must get more for what he gives, whether it be the product of his factory, the product of his farm, or the product of his hands. The artisan and the unskilled laborer must get more pay for what he uses. After all, it is doubtful if the higher wages of to-day, offset as they are by the higher prices he has to pay for what he needs, leaves the laboring man in a better condition than he was a few years ago, when he received less for his services and more for his money. A great difficulty lies in the general antagonism towards the payment of higher prices, and the unwillingness of those who reap the greatest benefits to pay more for the hands that helped to make the profits. The relations between capital and labor are still in need of adjustment.

CANADA'S JANUARY FIRE LOSS NEARLY FOUR MILLIONS.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The Monetary Times' estimate of Canada's fire loss during January amounted to \$3,919,385, compared with December's loss of \$1,769,935, and \$3,002,650 for the corresponding period of last year. The following is the estimate of January losses: Fires exceeding \$10,000, \$1,921,506; small fires \$1,481,438; estimated for unreported fires \$510,441; total, \$3,919,385. This loss has only been exceeded twice during the last two years, viz., in July, 1911, when the Forcuna conflagration increased the loss to \$5,384,500, and in June, 1912 when the destructive Chicoutimi blaze sent the total for that month up to \$4,329,412. During January there were 22 fires where the loss exceeded \$10,000, the largest being that which destroyed the Burns Packing Plant at Calgary. Alberta contributed half of the total; Ontario's loss for the month totalled \$584,000; and Quebec's only \$167,182. The deaths from fire for the month were relatively few, number 14, as compared with 27 for the same month in each of the three years previous.

CANADIAN TRADE MUST GO OVER CANADIAN ROUTES AND BY CANADIAN PORTS

That the Government intends to live up to the terms of its agreement for the development of Canadian routes and ports, and that it intends to see there is no improper diversion of Canadian traffic to American ports was made very clearly by Premier

The Value of Medicine is in Its Potency

Unless a Medicine is active it cannot very well perform the required service of relieving sickness. The action of a drug depends on its quality and freshness. Every drug entering a prescription or family recipe must possess these characteristics. Take them to a druggist whose dependability is known to be equal to that of the doctor who tests you, a druggist who selects his stock of drugs, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, with a care and a knowledge born of experience and training; whose equipment is modern and ample and who employs a system that precludes the possibility of error in compounding, who fills every prescription or recipe accurately without substitution, imitation or adulteration. His medicines have the power to produce definite results.

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CARNEGIE DRIES TEARS WITH A DOLLAR BILL.

New York, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Catherine Rooney's little boy thanked his stars to-day that his name was "Andy." Young Patrick Rooney is also glad that his brother has a name the same as Andrew Carnegie's. Mr. Carnegie visited Ellis Island this afternoon to see how the United States received its immigrants. Among the hundreds in the detention pens were Mrs. Rooney and her sons, Andy, four years old, was crying. "What are you crying for?" asked the giver of libraries. "I want to go back to county Mayo," sobbed Andy. "What is your name?" "Andy, sir." "My little man, you should not cry," said the ironmaster. "This is a grand country, and you shall have as fine a chance to be rich here as though you were the son of a King or an Earl." The prospect of the future wealth failed to comfort Andy, but when Mr. Carnegie handed him a two-dollar bill he quickly dried his tears. Andy's younger brother, Patrick, witnessed the transaction and sidled up to the philanthropist. "I'm his brother, Patrick," he said, insinuatingly. Mr. Carnegie smiled and drew out another bill. It was only one dollar, but Patrick was satisfied.

DURHAM RINK

Skating Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 8 to 9.45 p.m., and Saturday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.45. Rink phone No. 48. Residence phone, 29.—J. A. Brown, Proprietor.

MARKET REPORT

DURHAM, FEB. 12 1913

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Milling Oats, Feed Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Dried Apples, Flour, Oatmeal, Chop, Live Hogs, Hides, Sheepskins, Wool, Lard, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Fowl.

New Clubbing Rates

Table with 2 columns: Publication and Rate. Includes The Chronicle and Weekly, The Chronicle and Empire, The Chronicle and Weekly, The Globe, The Chronicle and Family, Herald & Weekly Star, The Chronicle and Weekly Witness, The Chronicle and Weekly Sun, The Chronicle and Farmer's Advocate, The Chronicle and Canadian Farm, The Chronicle and Toronto Daily News, The Chronicle and Toronto Daily Star, The Chronicle and Toronto Daily World, The Chronicle and Toronto Daily Mail and Empire, The Chronicle and Toronto Daily Globe, The Chronicle and The Grain Growers' Guide.

INDIA'S WANDERING ACROBATS

The wandering acrobats of India, says Wide World magazine, are recruited from a low caste of people called "Dombaranos," who live by this profession alone. The children are trained from their earliest childhood, and do not receive any education in school. They travel from village to town, and give their performances, which are really wonderful, in the open air.

dollar cash than another a small Sale

Men's and Men's \$18.50 Men's Clear Over EXTREME ADVANCE

BUNES We understand to start on this line which will be a gift to the farmers. Mr. Archie held at Mr. Archie a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Dan, McInnis, an auctioneer, is holding an auction sale this month, to dispose of farm stock and implements. Wm. Seth had to have his knee while cutting wood. Miss Bell Binnie's friends around Mr. We were pleased with Isaac Hooper in the West the past few years hasn't returned on Isaac's appearance a great many good in the land sun. The storm of the blocked up many and south roads. seems a little sad used to the mild we had at the winter. Mr. Dan, McCorn his 100-acre farm. Walter Ewing, for \$2,300. He intended in March, after we to the West, with acres of Alberta's soil. Land seems to hands quite free line. A short time McKeeown purchased farm, including implements, for \$2,000. This is a good Mr. McKeeown, farm. Last summer Brown bought a farm of 150 acres \$3,900. Who's new Miss Eliza McKeeown's friends would like Mrs. Kennedy, confined to her time, on the way to say. This week, the death of an old respected citizen in Mr. Wm. Jackson peacefully away February 1st, at Glen, after an illness of 3 months, at the age of 83 years. Mr. J. Irishman by birth 1829. After immigration with his wife predeceased forty years ago. born five sons, one son, Thomas years ago. The are John, Frank all in British Columbia member of the