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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, December 25, 1924.

WATERWORKS A NECESSITY

Speaking at the nomination meeting in Toronto last Friday, Mayor Hiltz, in his appeal, naturally dealt with the city business transacted under his regime, and, in promising economy in the administration of civic business if elected for 1925, gave his hearers to understand that economy does not mean blind voting "No" on every proposed expenditure.

There are two public works that cannot be trifled with; these are water and sewerage. A city may get along without pavements, without parks, and even without schools, but it cannot get along without plenty of good, pure water.

There are a number of towns in Ontario today flirting with paving schemes that would be better advised to look carefully and without bias into their water supply.

As towns grow older, the ground on which they sit becomes more and more polluted with the discharge from pit closets, cess-pools and like and the day is not too far distant when, if the municipalities do not act, the government will step in and force them to install a modern waterworks system as a protection to the public health.

Mayor Hiltz is right. A town or city can afford to do without a good many things in order to assure itself an adequate supply of good, pure drinking water.

CANADA'S FREIGHT RATES

"The freight rates on wheat" has long been a point of discussion with western farmers and a point on which many of our political orators like to dwell at times. For years we have been informed that the Western Canada farmer has been discriminated against and that if something were not done soon he would of necessity cease to be a competitor in the world's wheat market at Liverpool.

It was, therefore, with something akin to astonishment that we read the editorial quoted below from the Minot, North Dakota, Press. Not being possessed of the figures, we cannot affirm nor deny the assertions contained therein, but do feel, from the quotations made, that the editor of The Press must have known at least a little of his subject. Believing that the great majority of our readers, we give it in full so that they may read and judge for themselves. The Press says:

"In January, 1924, the Omaha Bee published the results of an exclusive study it had made with reference to the cost of producing and marketing wheat in this country, as compared with wheat in Canada. One of the most significant features of this report was the difference in cost of transportation to the Canadian wheat grower and the American wheat grower. It showed that the Edmonton, Canada, wheat grower can reach the Chicago market by lake and rail haul for a rate of 30 1/2 cents per hundred weight. The same rate prevails to the wheat grower in the Calgary, Canada, district. But the American wheat grower who ships to Chicago from American Falls, Idaho, must pay a rate of 63 1/2 cents per hundred weight to get his grain delivered in Chicago, or more than twice what it costs his Canadian competitor to reach the same American market. The rate from Billings, Montana, to Chicago is 52 1/2 cents per hundred weight; from Cheyenne, Wyoming, 50 1/2 cents; from Denver, Colorado, 50 1/2 cents; from Grand Island, Nebraska, 37 cents; from Mitchell, South Dakota, 32 1/2 cents.

"For export purposes, the Edmonton wheat grower can lay his wheat down in New York, using a lake and rail haul, at a rate of 47.17 cents per hundred weight. The same is true of the wheat grower in the Calgary district. The wheat producers who ship from American Falls, Idaho, for export to New York, must pay a rate of 83.17 cents per hundred weight, using lake and rail hauls. From Billings, Montana, the rate is 72.17 cents; from Denver, Colorado, it is 70.17 cents; from Grand Island, Nebraska, it is

56.17 cents; from Mitchell, South Dakota, it is 52.17 cents.

"From this it will be seen that the cost of transportation is much less in Canada than in the United States. The difference is so great that it amounts to many cents per bushel. The cost of railroading is about the same in both countries. If any difference exists in the cost of operating the railroads, the lower cost should be in the United States where climatic conditions are more favorable. If the Canadian railroads are losing money, that money goes to the producers. If there is no loss to the railroads from this low rate in Canada, then, surely, the railroads in the United States are making immense profits from the rate they are getting.

"It has been charged that the railroads in Canada have been losing money. That may be very true. It has not been charged that this loss can be traced to the low rate charged for hauling wheat. If the loss now suffered by the Canadian railroads could be turned into a profit, would it be necessary to increase the rate there to the same rate charged in the United States? The loss suffered by those railroads may not be a result of too low grain rates. The loss may be incurred from too low rates on other commodities. The rate on each commodity should be a compensatory rate. No commodity should be favored with a rate so low that it is carried at a loss, and then have the rate on another commodity boosted high enough to cover that loss.

"Anyway, the freight rates on wheat here in the United States seem to need revision."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Victor Catton of Toronto is a holiday visitor in town.

Miss Katie Kerr, who teaches school at Elora, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr of Varney.

Mr. and Mrs. Armin Belfry and Mr. Norman Belfry of Hanover are Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belfry.

Mr. Harold Sharpe of Toronto is a holiday visitor in town.

Miss Kathleen McLean, who has been attending the Northern Business College, Owen Sound, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McLean.

Miss Florabel Nichol, student at Toronto University, Toronto, is home for the holidays.

Misses Althea and Edith Grant of Toronto and Mr. Brock Grant of Welland are Christmas visitors at the parental home.

Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Grant and daughter, Jean, of Walkerton, and Mrs. A. Muir and son of Ceylon are Christmas visitors in town.

Mr. Ernest McGirr of Galt is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Thomas McGirr, and other relatives in town and vicinity.

Miss Clara Aljoe of Toronto is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aljoe.

Miss Alice Edge of St. Catharines, Miss Edith of Sault Ste. Marie and Miss Mary of St. Thomas are spending the Christmas holidays with their sister, Miss Margaret Edge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Heugan, Irma and Caldwell of Milverton are visitors in town with Mr. and Mrs. John Aldred and Mr. and Mrs. J. Heugan.

Miss Chrissie McGirr of Parry Sound arrived Monday to spend the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Thomas McGirr.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ivan Edwards of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy and little son, Marshall, of Shelburne are Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Aldred.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hoy of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Harper McGirr of Detroit are visiting over the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. T. McGirr.

Miss Margaret McKenzie of Toronto is holidaying in town.

Those spending the holiday out of town are: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. former's mother at Weston; Mr. and Mrs. George Gagnon and three children, with Mrs. Gagnon's father in Simcoe; Mr. John Burns of the Chronicle staff at his home in London; Mr. C. H. Darling, with his father in Simcoe; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McClocklin with relatives in Toronto; Miss Donald McEachern, at her home at Conn; Miss Annie McDonald, at her home at Ripley; Miss Lizzie Schafer, at her home in Peterborough; Miss Richmond at Cornwall; Miss Gresswell, near Cornwall.

Mr. Bert Barber of Detroit is home over the holiday.

Mr. J. J. O'Shea is spending the holiday at his home in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Putnam of Mount Forest are Christmas visitors with the latter's mother, Mrs. William Caldwell.

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Mr. Cecil Wiggins of Stratford Normal is visiting over the holidays at the parental home here.

Mr. Lorne McNally of Detroit is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McNally.

Miss Amelia Blair of Toronto Normal is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss May McClocklin of Toronto is a holiday visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McClocklin.

Mr. John Darling of Calgary is visiting his brother, Mr. C. H. Darling and his sister, Mrs. George Gagnon.

Mr. William Crutchley of Detroit is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Crutchley.

Miss Lavina Mortley, teaching near Richmond Hill, is spending the holidays with her parents at Latona.

Miss Mary Bell, attending Normal school at North Bay, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. John Bell, over the holidays.

Miss Mary Turnbull, teaching in Frontenac County, is holidaying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Turnbull of Benlueck.

Mr. W. B. Edwards, who is attending school in Toronto, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Edwards, Traverson, Ont.

Miss Edna Burnett and Mr. Royden Burnett, students at the University of Western Ontario, London, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burnett.

Miss Violet Mervyn of Stratford Normal has arrived home for Christmas.

Mr. Albert Kress, who attends the University of Western Ontario, London, is home for the holidays.

Miss Clara McCrae, who is attending Stratford Normal school, is holidaying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCrae.

Mr. Martin Lauder of London is holidaying at his home here.

Mr. Wilbur Traynor of Chicago arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. H. Traynor.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hopkins of near Drumore spent a couple of days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr, Varney.

Misses Rhena Livingston of Northern Ontario and Ora Livingston of Hamilton are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Livingston, Benlueck.

Miss Annie Cross of Guelph is visiting over the holiday with her mother and brother here.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTED GOOD PROGRAM

Popular Annual Event Held in Town Hall Last Thursday.—Big Crowd in Attendance.

The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School was held on Thursday last. This annual event always creates a flutter of excitement amongst the young folks, and a great deal of interest is centred there in their parents. Consequently there was a large band of entertainers prepared to do their best, and there was a full house of eager watchers and listeners.

The programme opened with a "Welcome" chorus by a whole platform full of youthful singers who rendered two other choruses in a whole hearted effort to please. Following the "Welcome" chorus was a short address by the chairman, Rev. J. E. Peters. Then came a long list of miscellaneous numbers. There were solos by Olive Yirs, May Miles, Gertrude Glass and Wilma Smith; recitations by Ross Wilson and Edna Elliott; two choruses entitled "Very Little Tots" and "Little Sleepy Head Dolly" by the little folk; two duets, one by Christine and Frank Goodchild and the other by Christine Goodchild and Ellen Hay; a quartette in costume, "Nobody Knows What the Next Style Will Be"; two dialogues, "The Barber's Shop," by several boys, and "How Nellie Made Good," by a number of girls; a patriotic number entitled, "Canada," a monologue, "Fren's Fancies," by Ada Metcalf; a reading and a solo on the horn by Mr. Padfield; and a pantomime in which the motions were gracefully performed by a number of young ladies, while the hymn was sung by Mr. Benson.

Every item was rendered in a very pleasing manner and showed the painstaking training of the committee of lady teachers who had the programme in hand. Before separating, the children of the Sunday School were given boxes of candy and nuts as a little token of Christmas.

MUSICAL SERVICE LAST SUNDAY EVENING

Large Crowd Present at Christmas Service in Methodist Church.

The Christmas service in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening was entirely musical, and the large congregation that assembled in spite of the unpropitious weather, thoroughly enjoyed a splendid treat.

Miss McCrae and her full choir were in splendid form—they aimed to please, and they certainly succeeded. "The Cantata" rendered was entitled "The Herald Angels" by Carrie B. Adams. The music was both spirited and sweet, and was so varied that there was no monotony during the rendition. There were solos for each of the parts; a trio and a quartette for the ladies' voices; a male quartette, and a number of choruses all of which were faithfully and skillfully interpreted. During the interval a pleasing violin solo was rendered by Mr. George Yirs and a short address rendered by the pastor.

The Cantata is to be repeated during the service on Sunday night.

Usually you can tell by looking at a girl what kind of a past she is going to have.



THE SHEIK'S JUSTICE

The sheik of an Arab tribe, says Mr. Paul Harrison in a recent issue of Asia, exercises unlimited power; of him it may be said as it was said of Nebuchadnezzar, "Whom he would, he slew; and whom he would, he kept alive." The only check upon his actions is public opinion and the likelihood of his expressing itself in the form of assassination if he becomes too unpopular. The office is hereditary, and in the natural course of events, passes to the eldest son; but occasionally, if the heir is obviously a man of no force, or one of the other children assumes it instead, "the ablest ruler is the man wanted and the one eventually secured. No one cares much to what family he belongs."

Able some of the sheiks certainly are, and according to their rights and traditions, just, although the frightful severity of the punishments inflicted would often seem to the more merciful mind of the Occident, out of the question. The ablest ruler is the man wanted and the one eventually secured. No one cares much to what family he belongs."

Ibu Jilawi, Governor of Haza, holds his court in Hofuf, the capital. He rules with a rod of iron, and the rich and powerful may expect no favors at his hands. He is absolutely incorruptible and impartial.

One day there appeared before him as complainant, a poor and ignorant villager whose cow some boys on a hunting expedition had shot and killed. A careful description of the party made it possible to gather the entire number before the governor. The villager did not know the name of the ring-leader, but on being asked if he could identify him at once pointed him out. To his horror, he then learned that the lad was Ibu Jilawi's own son.

"Did you do this?" the father asked sternly.

"Yes, I did it," acknowledged the boy.

"The boy had a very fine mare, a recent gift from his father, and at the father's command, she was brought in."

"Would you," asked Ibu Jilawi with the utmost courtesy, "be willing to regard this mare as an adequate compensation for the loss of your cow?"

"Certainly," replied the villager. "She is worth many times the value of my cow, but I hope you will excuse me from taking her. If I had the least idea who the offender was, I should never have entered a complaint."

"No doubt that is true," replied Ibu Jilawi with a smile, "but nevertheless you will not be excused from taking the mare. The boy will apologize to you unqualifiedly, and if you will then consider the matter settled, I shall be sincerely indebted to you."

So, having received the apology, the villager led off the mare. The child's heart was almost broken, but it was not until some time later that Ibu Jilawi bought the mare back for him, and then at a thousand riyals, or Maria Theresa dollars, a sum sufficient to make the villager independently wealthy for the rest of his life.

We shall not get excited unless some statesman comes forward with a plan to save the country without passing a new law.—Duluth Herald.

WHAT DID YOU GIVE LAST CHRISTMAS? Toys for the kiddies—most of them broken by now. "Something useful" for the grown-ups—now worn out or forgotten. Cash to your employees—appreciated but soon spent. Other presents—hurriedly bought and perhaps ill-chosen. Are they remembered now?

Suppose this year you give them each a Bank Book containing an initial deposit, and urge them to add to it regularly. Could anything be more suitable?

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Table with columns for various flour and cereal products and their prices. Includes items like Live Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Hay, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, Hides, Sheepskins, Ducks, Geese, Chickens, Hens, and Turkeys.

GLEBE COUNCIL. Council met December 15, according to statute, in Township Hall, chair, Minutes read and adopted. The following by-laws were passed: No. 661, appointing nominating committee for 1924, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, holding places and Clerks, as follows: Polls, No. 1, at school house, Section No. 2, R. McArthur and John McGirr; No. 2, at Angus McArthur's house in 2nd Ward; No. 3, at D. H. Wilson's house; No. 4, at James McGirr's house; No. 5, at James McGirr's house; No. 6, at James McGirr's house; No. 7, at James McGirr's house; No. 8, at James McGirr's house; No. 9, at James McGirr's house; No. 10, at James McGirr's house; No. 11, at James McGirr's house; No. 12, at James McGirr's house; No. 13, at James McGirr's house; No. 14, at James McGirr's house; No. 15, at James McGirr's house; No. 16, at James McGirr's house; No. 17, at James McGirr's house; No. 18, at James McGirr's house; No. 19, at James McGirr's house; No. 20, at James McGirr's house; No. 21, at James McGirr's house; No. 22, at James McGirr's house; No. 23, at James McGirr's house; No. 24, at James McGirr's house; No. 25, at James McGirr's house; No. 26, at James McGirr's house; No. 27, at James McGirr's house; No. 28, at James McGirr's house; No. 29, at James McGirr's house; No. 30, at James McGirr's house; No. 31, at James McGirr's house; No. 32, at James McGirr's house; No. 33, at James McGirr's house; No. 34, at James McGirr's house; No. 35, at James McGirr's house; No. 36, at James McGirr's house; No. 37, at James McGirr's house; No. 38, at James McGirr's house; No. 39, at James McGirr's house; No. 40, at James McGirr's house; No. 41, at James McGirr's house; No. 42, at James McGirr's house; No. 43, at James McGirr's house; No. 44, at James McGirr's house; No. 45, at James McGirr's house; No. 46, at James McGirr's house; No. 47, at James McGirr's house; No. 48, at James McGirr's house; No. 49, at James McGirr's house; No. 50, at James McGirr's house; No. 51, at James McGirr's house; No. 52, at James McGirr's house; No. 53, at James McGirr's house; No. 54, at James McGirr's house; No. 55, at James McGirr's house; No. 56, at James McGirr's house; No. 57, at James McGirr's house; No. 58, at James McGirr's house; No. 59, at James McGirr's house; No. 60, at James McGirr's house; No. 61, at James McGirr's house; No. 62, at James McGirr's house; No. 63, at James McGirr's house; No. 64, at James McGirr's house; No. 65, at James McGirr's house; No. 66, at James McGirr's house; No. 67, at James McGirr's house; No. 68, at James McGirr's house; No. 69, at James McGirr's house; No. 70, at James McGirr's house; No. 71, at James McGirr's house; No. 72, at James McGirr's house; No. 73, at James McGirr's house; No. 74, at James McGirr's house; No. 75, at James McGirr's house; No. 76, at James McGirr's house; No. 77, at James McGirr's house; No. 78, at James McGirr's house; No. 79, at James McGirr's house; No. 80, at James McGirr's house; No. 81, at James McGirr's house; No. 82, at James McGirr's house; No. 83, at James McGirr's house; No. 84, at James McGirr's house; No. 85, at James McGirr's house; No. 86, at James McGirr's house; No. 87, at James McGirr's house; No. 88, at James McGirr's house; No. 89, at James McGirr's house; No. 90, at James McGirr's house; No. 91, at James McGirr's house; No. 92, at James McGirr's house; No. 93, at James McGirr's house; No. 94, at James McGirr's house; No. 95, at James McGirr's house; No. 96, at James McGirr's house; No. 97, at James McGirr's house; No. 98, at James McGirr's house; No. 99, at James McGirr's house; No. 100, at James McGirr's house.