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Whoever 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.

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WHAT NEXT?

Decent citizens might well ask what next they may expect from some of our so-called big Canadians. First it was Peter Smith, Charles Matthews and Amiluis Jarvis, Sr., now doing time for fleeing the Province of Ontario. The stench from this investigation had scarcely blown over before the Home Bank investigation was in full swing and five of the directors convicted and sentenced, another getting suspended sentence.

Following in rapid sequence, came the Kitchener election fraud, which is being investigated as we write. The latest to come under our notice is the alleged graft at Guelph in the furtherance of relief work in that city this winter, when groceries and other necessities of life, intended for the poor and needy, are alleged to have been appropriated by the officials in charge of their distribution and apparently turned to their personal gain. The investigation is now being held under Judge Spotton at Guelph. It is little wonder that we "common" people are developing rather pessimistic ideas regarding the high moral qualities of our public men.

THE SHIPPING WAR

The Dominion Government, has, so to speak, thrown down the gauntlet and will wage a freight war on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The plan is to subsidize a certain marine steamship company—the Peterson Line boats—which, with the Canadian Government Merchant Marine boats, will carry freight on both the Atlantic and Pacific at considerably reduced rates as compared with the present charges.

Whether or not this good business remains to be seen. Before the taking over of the Grand Trunk, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railways, and the consolidation of them into the Canadian National Railways, the Government and everyone else thought the public was being robbed right and left by the charging of exorbitant freight rates. With an annual deficit of approximately \$70,000,000, it now seems that the railroads were not as big sinners as at first believed.

The Toronto Street Railway system is another well-known case. Under private control, the company was refused permission to raise its rates from five to six cents. Three or four days after the city took it over, the rate went up to seven cents.

It is a far cry sometimes from what a person thinks to what is actually the fact. If the Dominion Government has, by investigation, proved to their own satisfaction that freight rates are higher than they should be, then, we would say let them step right into the subsidization game. It will be little comfort to the citizens, however, if the recent scheme means only that the Canadian Government intends making good the companies' losses through carrying freight too cheaply.

BLOCKING PROGRESS

Under the heading, "Leave the Fire Chief Alone," the London Free Press criticizes the action of the London City Council in uncalled for interference with the fire department. Commenting on the matter, the Free Press says there should be no outside interference in the matter of discipline or internal organization, and if the chief of a department does not merit the confidence of the Council, he should be replaced.

The Free Press has struck the right note, and we believe the censure is applicable to a good many places besides London. Aldermanic interference with town officials tends but to cheapen the office and make the official in charge a mere jumping jack for the Council in charge. If a man is not capable, he should never be given the position; if he is capable, he should be let strictly alone. No man can please everybody, and any attempt to do so usually results in failure.

CAR OWNER MAY SUE

According to a decision handed down by the Ontario Appellate Court at Sarnia last week, a car owner may sue a driver for dam-

ages. A Sarnia garageman, whose car, owned but not driven by him when it injured a woman, was the complainant. He had lent the car to a friend, who ran into and injured a woman who subsequently sued the owner of the car and obtained judgment for \$1,265. In the district court, the garageman, who sued the driver of the car, got judgment for \$208.50 for damages to his car, but nothing for indemnification for the damage suit which went against him. He appealed the case, and the Appellate Court, in allowing the appeal, said: "The owner of a car is liable for any damages inflicted by his car, but if he is not the driver of the car, he can recover his losses from the driver." In allowing this appeal, it is believed the Appellate Court set a precedent.

Motor car owners have for too long been made "the goat" in cases where some one else was actually at fault, and the Court's decision that the owner is entitled to all damages in case of accidents should tend to make temporary drivers more careful of their actions when on the highway. It is high time that everybody should be required to exercise reasonable care on highways and in motor traffic and not place the whole responsibility on the motorist.

QUEER JOURNALISM

The Toronto Star is at it again. The Star's tendency to "yellow" journalism has been known for a long time, but it was at least hoped that it could pick an occasional piece of reliable news.

Before the orders of the day were called in the Legislature Friday, M. A. McCallum, (Liberal, Bruce South), drew attention to one of The Star's statements imputing to him the assertion that he was in agreement with the step taken by the government in reference to the O. T. A. Mr. McCallum says he made no statement whatever. Mr. McCallum then went on to say that a correction appeared, but that was also incorrect.

William Keith (Conservative, York, North) registered a similar protest with regard to a statement printed in The Star in which he was alleged to have said that the Government's action was a betrayal of faith.

It is a long, long time since the writer learned that The Star's news service was not reliable, but we would never have dreamed of accusing a metropolitan journal of garbling the opinions of public men to make them read to suit its own purpose.

PURE WATER

Pure drinking water is shortly to be a live question among a good many Ontario towns, especially those in which waterworks have not already been installed.

A few weeks ago, an examination of the wells at Fergus showed that out of 130 investigated, 124 were affected. Residents of Durham know the result when a census of this town was taken in 1923. We would like to know the percentage of wells unfit for use throughout the whole province, and venture the statement that Durham and Fergus would not show up too badly in comparison.

What will be the result of this investigation?

To us, the handwriting on the wall is perfectly legible. The older towns of Ontario—those without waterworks—are shortly to be forced into installing them. We make this prediction confident that we are right. This legislation may not come for a year or so, but coming it is, just as surely as that the sun will rise tomorrow morning.

The fact that there has been no outbreak of typhoid or other illness attributable to the water supply, the fact that the wells are contaminated with seepage from cess-pits and closets is sufficient cause to stir the Provincial Health authorities into action. The provincial authorities are not going to wait until the outbreak occurs. Instead, they are going to take no chances, but rather remove the cause before an outbreak occurs.

The older towns of Ontario like Durham are going to be checked up pretty closely during the next year or two, and may as well make up their minds to the inevitable.

GET OUT OF THE RUT

Business men, generally speaking, are too prone to get into a rut. The acquire the hallucination that their business cannot run unless they are forever on the job. If they would but analyse this idea, they would find it wholly false. The well-run business is one that goes on whether the boss has his nose to the grindstone or whether he is miles away on a fishing, hunting or golfing trip.

A business man with the proper executive ability should gather around him help of the right kind, train them in the office routine of his establishment and in time, be able to let up a little and take things easy so far as routine work is concerned.

To our notion, the majority of businessmen, especially in the smaller towns, are too self-centred. They are too busy for that and

the other thing, and as a result, do not associate enough with their fellow men. Business all day and home all night is a poor existence at the best. Not enough variety, and a man gets too narrow in time to appreciate even himself.

What towns like Durham want is a good, live citizens' club—a Canadian Club, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions or similar organization that has for its object the betterment of the community and the advancement of the people. Such organizations bring a man out of his shell, take his thoughts off himself and give him that glow of pleasure obtained only by the doing of something for others without pay.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Pope Pius is likely to make a tour of the world, according to a London, England, newspaper, which says there is considerable likelihood of a concordat being shortly reached between the Pope and Premier Mussolini. Since the days of Garibaldi, the Popes have been voluntary prisoners and have never placed foot outside the Vatican.

The Ottawa Government is talking of "reforming" the Senate this session. Sure thing. Just appoint a few more "reformers" to sit in it.

Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives at Ottawa, wants the tariff lowered still more. J. S. Woodsworth, leader of the Labor group, wants wages raised. The Citizenry generally cry for a reduction in the cost of living. Somebody is in for a busy time at the national capital if all are to be satisfied.

Wellington County has more radios than bath-tubs. In other words, more wrist motion adjusting the dials, than elbow motion scouring off the dirt.

"Western Europe Swept by Storms" says a heading. Well, we're glad to know it's getting cleaned up some way.

We're living close to Royalty this week. "King George has a Feverish Cold," says a news report. So have we.

Donald Sutherland, M. P., says W. T. R. Preston, who investigated the North Atlantic Shipping combine, is a "barnacle" on the ship of state. W. T. R. certainly must be called a "sticker," anyway.

CRISP COMMENT

If the early bird catches any more worms now, it serves the worms right.—Toronto Telegram.

And so the soapmakers are at each others' throats. Well, it should be a clean fight.—Hamilton Spectator.

Twenty years ago the only static in our lives was the telephone operator's "Thr-r-ree!"—Detroit News.

Many people are so improvident they haven't even saved their smoked glass for the next eclipse.—Ottawa Journal.

The fellow who puts everything off till the last moment will have an awful time on his death bed.—Kingston Standard.

With the days getting longer and the price of gasoline rising, who can doubt that spring is on the way?—Chicago News.

Possibly an export duty on pulpwood would prove to be an acceptable substitute for an embargo.—Hamilton Herald.

New Jersey is planning on getting rid of mosquitoes by starving them to death. Is this a sample of Jersey justice.—Buffalo Post.

"Ain't nature grand?" One February thaw can do more snow removing than an army of men.—St. Catharines Standard.

A surprising thing about us Yankees is the great amount of good advice we give we won't take ourselves.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

EMERSON HEADS LIST OF GIANTS IN LITERATURE

Dr. Eliot Makes Selection of Ten World Leaders.

The ten leading men in the educational history of the last 200 years, as selected by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, were announced to the university of Chicago in the publication of a booklet called "Men." The 90-year-old educator also named the ten leading men in 2,300 years.

Ralph Waldo Emerson was the only man named in both groups. The greatest of the last 200 years were given as Adam Smith, Michael Faraday, John Stuart Mill, William Ellery Channing, Horace Mann, Herbert Spencer, Ernest Renan, Charles Darwin, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Louis Pasteur.

Listed as the greatest in the educational history of the last 2,300 years are Aristotle, Galen, Leonardo da Vinci, Milton, Shakespeare, John Lock, Immanuel Kant, Francis Bacon, Isaac Newton and Emerson.

NOTED FLORACULTURIST TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. Bennett, St. Thomas, to Address Business Men at Banquet Next Wednesday Evening—Public Meeting At 8 p. m.

Dr. Bennett of St. Thomas, Canada's noted floraculturist, and the man who put St. Thomas on the map as the "Flower City," is to address a gathering of the business men at a banquet to be held here next Wednesday evening. As all plans have not as yet been completed, we cannot go into the matter in detail; suffice to say, Dr. Bennett will be here next Wednesday.

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Horticultural Society and has for its object the creation of local interest in the planting of flowers and town beautification.

Dr. Bennett's reputation extends far beyond the confines of Ontario, as next week he is billed to address noon and evening meetings at some of the biggest clubs in the larger cities of Ohio State.

Following the banquet, a public meeting is being held which it is hoped everybody will arrange to attend.

NOT ENOUGH MARRYING CLAIMS SUDBURY PRIEST

Rev. Father Traynor Talks Plainly to His Parishioners About Marriage.

That they should give serious thought to their duty to society and should not put off the choosing of a life partner for too long a time, was the advice given to the young men and women of St. Joseph's parish, Sudbury, by Rev. Father Traynor on Sunday morning. There are too many of the English speaking young men and women of the country, and of this district particularly, who apparently prefer the "blessed solitary state," he said. His remarks among the English speaking members of his congregation were made following the reading of the bans for five weddings which are to take place in the near future. The parishes are all of Polish, Italian and French extraction.

"The Irish Canadians are not maintaining the traditions of their forefathers who came as pioneers to this country," Rev. Father Traynor said. "Today the French Canadians the Polish and the Italians are marrying young in Canada, and the children of these nationalities are prospering. The Irish fathers and mothers who came out to this country in the early days were young and established their homes and raised their families while they contended with the hardships of pioneering. They gave Canada many of her best citizens. The attitude of the young men and women of Irish descent seems to have altered with the changed mentality of the world. But, the law of God and of His church has not changed." Father Traynor stated, "Man's duty remains the same."

"There are many young women holding positions in Sudbury who would be better working in their own homes, and there are many young men who spend lonely hours evenings wandering about the streets and lounging in hotel lobbies, who should be establishing homes of their own," he observed.

SUNDAY NIGHT BOXING BOUT WINDS UP IN POLICE COURT

As a result of a boxing bout held in one of the livery barns at Goderich on Sunday evening while church was on, a number of young men appeared in police court on Thursday before Magistrate Reid. Messrs. Curry and McNeil, who appeared to be the promoters, were each fined \$50 and costs, totalling \$89.50. Mr. Jeffries, father of one of the principals, and McNeil, one of the principals, were fined \$25 and costs. Jeffries, another principal, left town Monday morning, but action on his offense will be taken up on his return.

Reports as to the number at the bout vary, but it is believed that some twenty-five or thirty persons donated fifty cents each to make the prize money. McNeil, who was proclaimed the winner, drew \$12 as his share of the purse. Provincial Constables Whitesides and Pellow investigated the affair, with the latter laying the charges.

AS GOOD AS NEW, OWNER HAS NO USE FOR IT

Some people have a subtle way of delivering a bit of criticism, says the argonaut, and Tom B— is one of them. One day after his fellow workman had made a very stupid blunder he remarked: "Joe, I wish you would will me your head when you die."

"What do you want of my head?" asked the other unsuspectingly.

"Why," said Tom, "it would be just like a new one; you never use it."

DURHAM MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods including Live Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, Hides, Sheepskins, and Chickens.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Tippet of Kincardine is the guest of Mrs. R. Moorhead.

Miss Moorhead of Palmerston attended the hockey match Tuesday evening, and is the guest of her brother, Mr. R. Moorhead.

Mrs. (Rev.) Morris and children of Woodstock returned home yesterday after visiting for two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Limin.

Miss Irene Whittaker of Toronto is a visitor in town with her aunt, Mrs. M. Kearns.

Miss Violet Mervyn of Stratford visited over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mervyn.

Mrs. Robert Shortreed of Priceville spent over the week-end in town, the guest of Mrs. J. M. Burgess.

An interesting visitor to Ottawa just now is Miss Maxine Lyons, of Markdale, Ont., a little girl of twelve years of age, who was the winner of the public school speaking contest for Grey County. While here, Miss Lyons is the guest of Miss Agnes Macphail, M. P., and she attended the opening of Parliament—Ottawa Citizen. (Miss Lyons is a grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Allen of Durham.—Ed. Chronicle.)

Mrs. Alex Hastie is visiting friends at Harrison.

Mrs. Thomas Henderson was removed to the Red Cross Hospital Thursday of last week suffering with stomach trouble. Though very weak at present, and not allowed to see the public, her condition is quite satisfactory. She will be in the hospital for two or three weeks yet.

Mr. William Grant, at the Red Cross Hospital here since last fall suffering from a broken leg sustained when run into on the highway last November 20th, is recovering slowly. It is expected Mr. Grant will be able to return to his home in about a month's time, although he will be by no means recovered from the effects of the accident.

Mr. Thomas Petty, highly respected resident of this vicinity for many years, suffered a slight paralytic stroke last Sunday. We are pleased to note he is slowly improving and will be able to be around again shortly. Mr. Petty is upwards of 75 years of age and remarkably smart on his feet for a man of his years.

Mrs. John Wells of Bentinck, who has been in the hospital here for some time, is, we learn, in pretty much the same condition as when admitted.

Baseball Etiquette

The office boss rushed into the boss' office with his hat on one side of his head and shouted, "Hey, boss! I want to get off to go to the ball game."

"William," said the boss, "that is no way to ask. Sit here at the desk, and I will show you how."

He went from the room and returned with his hat in his hand saying, "Please Mr. Smith, may I go to the ball game this afternoon?"

"Sure," said Billy; "here is 50 cents for a ticket."—The Continent (Chicago).

HYMENEAL

NOBLE—MARSHALL

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Durham Rectory at 6.15 Wednesday morning of this week when Miss Iva E. Marshall, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marshall of Normanby, was joined in wedlock with Mr. Reuben C. Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Noble of Durham, and formerly of Hutton Hill. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Whealen, the only attendant being the bridesmaid, Miss Mary A. Marshall, sister of the bride, and the groomsmen, Mr. Wesley Noble, cousin of the groom.

The bride looked very charming in her wedding gown of cinnamon brown satin charmeuse. She wore the gift of the groom, a rope of pearls, and carried a bouquet of carnations and maidenhair fern.

The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a brooch, and to the groomsmen, a pair of cuff links.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble left on the 7.40 morning C. N. R. train for a honeymoon trip to Detroit and other points, the bride travelling in a black velvet dress with hat and coat to match. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Noble will commence home-making on the groom's farm near Hutton Hill.

The Chronicle joins in wishing the young couple every success and happiness in their new life.

McKECHNIE—VICKERS

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage at Hanover on Wednesday, February 11th, at 3 p. m., when Jennie Derby, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Vickers of Bentinck, became the bride of Mr. Archie McKechnie, a popular young man of Durham, and third eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKechnie. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. P. Latta, pastor of Hanover Methodist Church. The charming young bride was prettily gowned in sand and burnt orange wool crepe with head and floss trimming, and wore the groom's gift, a gold bar pin with diamond setting. After the ceremony, a fowl supper was served by the bride's parents to a number of intimate friends and relatives.

In the evening, a reception was held in honor of the bride and groom. The many costly and beautiful gifts received testified to the popularity of the young couple.

J. A. ROWLAND MOURNS DEATH OF MOTHER

Friends of Mr. J. A. Rowland, manager of the Royal Bank here, will sympathize with him in the death of his mother, which occurred last Friday after a long illness.

Mrs. Rowland, who was 78 years of age, was born near Orono and had been a resident of Newcastle for 56 years. The funeral on Monday from the Newcastle Methodist Church was very largely attended, and a glowing tribute to the memory of an old and respected member of the community. Mr. Rowland died in 1917.

Besides Mr. Rowland of Durham, six other members of the family were present at the obsequies.

Advertisement for Buckeye Incubators and brooders. Includes an image of a machine and text: 'Make Larger Poultry Profits With BUCKEYE Incubators and brooders. GO to your county agent or to any successful poultry raiser... Specials For This Week A Large Assortment of Mitts and Pullovers at Sacrifice Prices. You Need the Mitts — We Need the Money. Genuine Horsehide Mitts and Pullovers. Regular \$1.00 price \$1.35, for... Horsehide Mitts, with elastic cuff. Regular price \$1.19 \$1.50, pair for... Cross & Sutherland Hardware Co., Limited Durham, Ontario'

Responsibility of Father to His Boys Explained

(By Will. Spearman, Boys' Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.)

The father and son movement, which is taking such a prominent place in the development of our boys' work today, had its beginning about 18 years ago in the city of Providence, R. I. M. M. Russell, at that time boys' work secretary of the Providence Y. M. C. A., foresaw the benefits to be derived from a closer relationship between father and son.

It is not so long ago that fathers used to think that our responsibilities ended when we had fed, clothed and housed and sent our boys to school. By so doing, we were leaving the real job of bringing up our boys to somebody, anybody, everybody, in fact, except ourselves.

Too many intelligent men are merely an animated appetizer with a skin pulled over it. Our boys, according to the decrees of custom, were to be seen and not heard, were a sort of necessary nuisance that had to be tolerated for the sake of the man that was to be. Today boys are the hope of the world in which lies buried the future of mankind.

Problem of the Dad

The present problem of the Canadian boy is really the problem of the Canadian dad, and no one can solve it that problem.

The church, school, Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts and many other organizations are called upon to help, if they do, but they cannot solve the problem.

Being the father of a boy is undoubtedly the greatest privilege given to any man, but there is a great responsibility that goes with that privilege, an untakable responsibility for the development and training of the boy, that he will make a great and adequate man.

We have in Canada many cities and towns that are famous as seed centers as manufacturing centres. We have communities of national importance because of their wealth in minerals. We have wheat centres, lumber districts and notable fisheries, in which in all of Canada is there a city, town, village or hamlet that is famous for its Canadian boyhood.

The call today in every walk of life is for leadership. The world needs men! She needs them now, and a few years hence she will need them much more.

Where are they coming from? Where can they be found? That is the pertinent question. Boys are boys, is the answer. Boys are boys, material from which these leaders are to be made. The church and Sunday schools are not doing their "boy opportunity" because of the shortage of leadership. They are at least six tremendous reasons why the Canadian fathers should realize their responsibility to their boys.

Six Good Reasons

First, because boys represent the greatest unspent energy in any community. Consider the sum total of boy energy in any fair-sized city of population going to waste merely for the want of a leadership, a kind of leadership that only a father can rightly offer.

Second, because boys are at a very high of susceptibility to persuasion. Boy time is the hero worship time, the copy period—days leave these impressions to chat. Boys go where dads go, not where dads tell them to go. Character largely caught and father and home should be the great source of character infection.

Third, because the boys of today will be completely in power tomorrow. What we wish this nation be 10 years from now are dads-plant in the present crop of Canadian boys.

Fourth, because modern society the great battleground of our day. City life stimulates a boy to do before his self-control is developed. Canada has many problems before her, and not least of them is the four-fold development of her boys. Such a thing, however, will only be possible when fathers fully realize their responsibility in making better the environment and conditions existing today.

Fifth, because of the organizational strength of commercialized amusements. Solve in a more normal the recreation problem of boy and to a large extent, you solved the problem of character development.

Sixth, because every boy has a right to be well born and a to a normal, all-around development. We have not yet begun in Canada to turn out the best possible of boys, and we never will until there everywhere unite in an understanding of mutual sympathy partnership of mutual sympathy understanding to help every boy become a Canadian, or better, a citizen of the four-folds the maximum of the four-folds. Fathers, it is up to us; let us to it with an energy that is eclipsed by that energy along right channels, so that our boys be a real factor in the development of Christian ideals in the world.

A Mystery

An old lady asked a keeper London Zoo which animal he considered the most remarkable. "Well, mum," he replied, "I've careful consideration. I've the conclusion as the biscuit the laughing hyena." "Why," said the old lady. "Well, mum," answered the logical expert, "he only has once a week, he only has once a month, and he only drink once a year. So what to laugh about is a bloom to me."