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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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THE FIGHT IS ON

With the issuing of the proclamations and the setting of the date of the Dominion election, from now until the 14th of September things political will become warmer as the days pass and the final ballot is cast four weeks from next Tuesday. The time will not be long in passing.

In the Liberal camp the alleged unconstitutional behavior of Governor-General Lord Byng in refusing Mackenzie King dissolution is to be one of the main talking points, while the Kobb Budget is to run it a close second in importance.

Followers of the Conservative party attach much importance to the recent Customs scandal, the adequate protection by tariff of the industries of the country and the consequent return from the United States of many of Canada's sons when Canadian industry opens up.

The pith of the whole situation seems to be that all these questions are to be regarded from the angle as to what political faith the man to whom you are talking belongs. If he is a Liberal, he sees nothing but good in everything Liberal, and nothing but evil in anything put forth by the supporters of Hon. Arthur Meighen and the Conservatives. If the man happens to be a Conservative, the reverse of the case is true.

What is wanted today in Canada is an honest discussion of all these matters from an independent point of view. That there has been something seriously wrong with the Customs Department is very evident from the manner in which it was attempted to hush up the investigation. To the average elector it matters little whether it was the Liberals or Conservatives who were in power when the alleged stealing from the Canadian Government took place. The important point is that the country was done out of millions of dollars that it should have had, and the steal is made doubly bad when it is considered that some of the Government heads are alleged to have been implicated.

From the standpoint of the average citizen, the loss of a dollar is of just as much importance if filched by his particular political party as if stolen by the opposite party. The recent customs exposure should be investigated without delay, and investigated in such a manner that those supposed to be implicated be either convicted or the stain removed from their names.

The action of Lord Byng, too, is mostly discussed from a political standpoint. Liberal papers condemn his action, while the Conservative press laud it. This is not as it should be. Lord Byng was in a position that whatever he did would be criticized, and THE CHRONICLE has too much faith in the man to think that there was anything behind his action other than the good of the country. Even the leading legal lights of the country express their opinion from the standpoint of their political leanings, and about the only thing left for the common voter to do is to stick to the old adage, "where there is so much smoke, there must be some fire," and demand a thorough cleaning up in the customs department.

The Robb Budget, too, is a thing that should be considered from other than a political standpoint. The Budget reads well as a vote-getter, but an examination of the tariff policies of any political party may disclose discrepancies little thought of. The big thing for the electors to think of is just how much good this budget is going to do the country and themselves.

It is all very well to dwell on the reduction of the duty on automobiles. This will please the man who wants to buy one of these machines, but what of those who have already bought, or those who yet cannot afford such a luxury? The man who bought his car before the

budget came into effect paid the import tax and may not feel it is just quite right that his next-door neighbor can now buy a car at a considerable saving. The man who cannot afford to buy a car at all may, at first thought regard himself as not particularly interested. But why should he not be?

Governments require a certain amount of money to run them. This they must have if they are to carry on business. It stands to reason that if they fail to collect it from those who purchase motor cars, it must go on to the taxes somewhere, or the duty on some other commodity increased. Just how enthusiastic motorists who have already bought their cars and paid the higher import duty will be to now assist in their general taxes, the man who proposes to purchase under the reduced tariff, we are not prepared to say. Neither can we judge the enthusiasm of those of our citizens who feel that they are too poor to afford a car of their own, when they are called upon to pay additional taxes to finance the Government, and at the same time assist their neighbor pay the duty on his limousine.

During the next four weeks, the electorate will be told many things by the various candidates and outside speakers. They would be well advised to think strongly for themselves so that they may intelligently cast their votes on the 14th of September.

If there is one thing more outstanding than any other in Parliamentary circles during the past year, it is the failure of the three-party system. Had there been no third party at Ottawa, either the Conservatives or the Liberals would have been in power, and the Government in power would have had to stand on its own feet in the coming election. As it is, nobody was in power, and in the present campaign, all parties alike will disclaim any responsibility for the miserable fiasco of the past session which stands without precedent in Canadian history as one of the worst sessions imaginable. That the three-party system is responsible for the condition of affairs goes without saying. The Progressives the smallest group of the three, held the balance of power. Even this might not have been so had had they been united among themselves, but party feuds often divided them, and we think they can look with anything but pride on the showing they made. We think that it is not going too far to say that the country would have been better off even with considerable "bad" legislation than with none at all. Had the two-party system been in vogue, the electorate would know whom to blame, but at the present, it looks to us as if the campaign is about to develop into one of the "you're another" type.

Small groups in parliament have never proven a success, especially if they held the balance of power. This system of government is responsible for the most of Europe's ills, and Canada will have to watch her step if the same thing does not find a footing here. A Government to govern must have a clear majority over all parties, and if the legislators of a country are split up into small groups, there is too much chance of bartering in order that the different cliques may obtain what they are after, with the inevitable result that in the end, no one party can be held responsible.

Despite what has been said against the two-party system, Canada was a whole lot better governed, more legislation of value was passed at each session and the country's business more stabilized than it has been since the third party made its appearance.

Neither can a tirade against any particular party accomplish much. Anyone can criticize, but destructive criticism without some constructive ideas behind it is of little value in the present case. There is little doubt that the "two old parties" may not at all times have been all they should be. The same can be said of the new third party. Intelligent use of the ballot seems the only thing in the present election, and when the votes are counted at the close of the polls, it is to be hoped that some one of the three parties will have a majority over all other groups so that when the election of 1930 or 1931 comes around, the electorate will know positively upon whom to rest the blame.

NOTES AND COMMENTS It may be merely a coincidence, but it certainly looks "fishy" to us. In North Grey the Progressives have refused to nominate a candidate, and the Grits and Tories are to fight it out. In South-East Grey the Liberals are to forego the nomination of a candidate, and the

Tories and Progressives will have the battle to themselves. The rumor that there is a tacit understanding between the followers of Mackenzie King and Robert Forke for the overthrow of the Conservatives seems to have a good foundation.

Cameron R. McIntosh, sitting member for North Battleford, Sask., in the last Dominion Parliament, was tendered the unanimous nomination of the Liberal convention at that city last week.

A New York barber sailed for Europe on a vacation, the funds being provided by a banker whom he had shaved for 21 years. We publish this merely as a hint to the fellow who sometimes shaves us.

Booth Tarkington thinks that within fifty years the skirt as an article of women's apparel will have disappeared. Why the fifty? It takes good eyesight to see most of them now.

Toronto Exhibition is to be officially opened this year by Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya, who represented all India at the British Empire Exhibition. For convenience sake, and in order that C. N. E. officials may emerge with dignity, we suggest that he change his name to Smith.

In order that the police of Baltimore, N. J., may be better known as "polite cops," the mayor of that city has instructed that they smile at all law violators when they arrest them. To make the circle complete, all law violators should in turn be requested to smile at the "cops" when they are arrested.

We had a drummer in our office the other day trying to sell us an adding machine. One argument was that it would add up to \$1,000,000.00. It's no use to us. It doesn't add high enough.

BUENESSAN CLUB HELD PICNIC

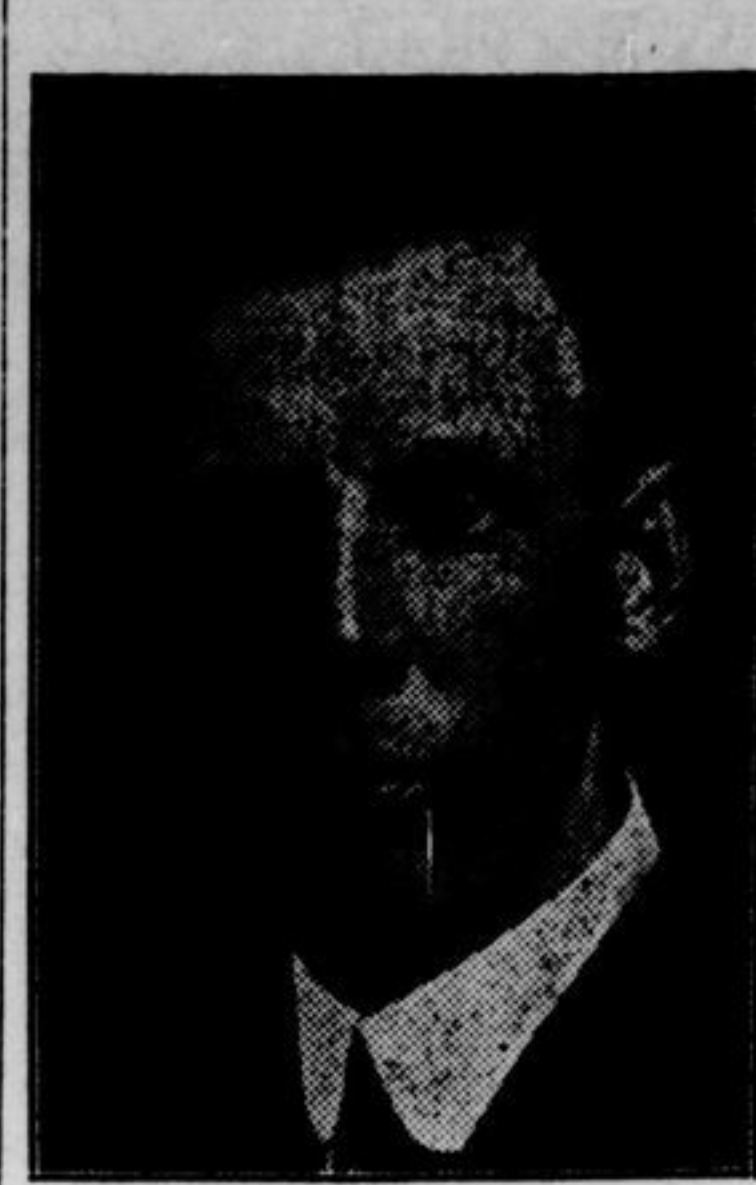
Annual Outdoor Gathering of U. F. O. Held in Beaton's Grove Tuesday Afternoon.

The annual picnic of the Buenessan U. F. O. club Tuesday afternoon in Beaton's Grove was quite a success, and although the crowd was not as large as in other years, especially in the afternoon, there was a large number present for the evening's festivities, not the least of which was the big dance held after it became too dark for other sports.

During the afternoon, in addition to some vocal selections by Messrs. Peter Ramage of Durham and W. Ramage of Priceville, the Swinton Park Pipe Band was in attendance. At 5 o'clock a softball game was played between Buenessan and Durham girls' teams, the former winning 7 to 6 in a five-inning contest.

Addresses were also delivered by Miss Macphail and Messrs. Farquhar Oliver and R. T. Edwards, the first and last the candidates for the Dominion House, and Mr. Oliver opposing Dr. Jamieson in the Provincial.

After the serving of the picnic supper, mixed teams representing Edge Hill and Rocky Saugen engaged in softball, the former winning 14-13. At the conclusion of the sports, the dancing commenced and was continued until an early hour. Music was supplied by the Haw Orchestra from Swinton Park. The proceeds at the gate amounted to \$60.00.



HENRY E. SPENCER He has again been nominated as Progressive candidate for Battle River, Alberta. He represented that constituency in the last parliament and was Progressive Whip in the House.

GOOD PROGRAM AT KNOX GARDEN PARTY

Favorable Weather Called Out Big Crowd to Annual Function of Normanby Church.—Anniversary Services Well Attended on Sunday.

The annual anniversary services of Knox Presbyterian church, Normanby, were held Sunday last, morning and evening, and were well attended, the church being well filled at all services. The preacher of the day was the Rev. Mr. MacWilliam of Chatsworth, and the message delivered was one that appealed to all who heard his discourse. The church treasury too, we are told, was considerably augmented by the special offerings of the day.

On Monday night, the annual garden party was held, and this, too, went "over the top" in the matter of attendance, there being over 800 taken at the gate despite the small admission charge. With the grounds electrically lighted, and the usual booth to cater to the wants of the multitude, the warm evening was much enjoyed by one of the largest crowds that ever attended a garden party under the auspices of this well-known congregation. The gathering was held in the school grounds about a mile north of the church on the second concession.

The program on this occasion, too, was about as good as ever heard in the section. It was opened by an address by the Rev. Mr. Hill of Oak Park, Ill., and was replete with varied selections from talent scattered over a wide territory.

There was a mixed quartette, a rainbow drill by the Misses Petty, a duet by Mesdames Drimmie and Renwick, some choruses, and an excellent solo by Miss Gertrude Lawrence of Egremont. A duet by the Misses Lennox of Egremont was also a good number, and a men's chorus gave a couple of good numbers. Mr. Wes. Noble of Bentinck gave a couple of good instrumental numbers on harmonica and guitar, while Miss M. McAllister gave a reading from Tennyson, "The Northern Farmer." A short recitation was also given by Master Jackie Smallman.

At the close of the program, the ladies of the congregation served lunch, bringing to a close one of the most successful anniversaries in the history of the church.

She: What's wrong with the car? It squeaks dreadfully? He: Can't be helped; there's pigniron in the axles.

TELLS OF TRIP TO OLD QUEBEC

Miss Chrissie McGirr Interesting Speaker at Monthly Meeting of Meeting of Women's Institute Held at Home of Mrs. J. C. Hamilton Last Friday.

About fifty ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hamilton on Friday afternoon last for the August meeting of the Women's Institute.

The meeting commenced with the usual opening exercises. Arrangements were made to hold a millinery short course the first two weeks in October if that date. A few of the members signified their intention of competing in the competition at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, open to Institute members. The exhibit is to be a girl's first school dress.

This was the girls' meeting, and the business over, Miss Mary Brown was elected to the chair. Miss Macphail was an unexpected visitor, and she was called on to speak. She spoke for a few minutes on the increasing use of women. A generation or two ago women had no other future to look forward to but the hope that she would have a home. Failing this she was something of a failure in the eyes of the world. Today with so many other outlets, church work, nursing, teaching, etc., one may marry or not as they choose or enter any of these vocations. It isn't many years ago that any woman entering a profession was thought to be somewhat "off the track." They were subject to much comment, but slowly women are obtaining equality with men in all these professions, and were found to be quite as capable. Women have a double moral standard. A man may frown on an erring brother for a few days or months, but soon they are re-instated in society again, but with an erring woman, she is cast out almost entirely. Women should stand by their sisters and try to reinstate them. As Nellie McClung puts it, regarding a man's view that "expect everything's all right, we haven't heard any complaints," and to get anywhere, the women will have to make themselves heard.

A Trip to Quebec Miss Chrissie McGirr was also an interesting speaker and told of the trip to Quebec she and Miss Ursie Matheson took. They spent a month at Quebec, Montreal and Shelter Bay, the latter some 25 miles from Labrador. She said she was afraid her idea of romance in this historic province might be shattered, but it was only intensified. She described the Dufferin Terrace, with its wonderful scenery. Dr. Farquharson was with them in Quebec and made the sight-seeing trip more interesting with his explanations. Miss McGirr described the fortifications of

the French, the citadel, the guns carefully kept, lookout towers, the gloomy prisoners' cell. Quebec had many beautiful monuments of Wolfe, Montcalm, Champlain, etc. The speaker described the churches, particularly that of the White Sisters, where seven sisters dressed in white offer up continuous prayer. Shelter Bay, a lumbering town, was also vividly described. For a sight-seeing trip, Miss McGirr strongly recommended Quebec.

A humorous debate and other numbers could not be given owing to the absence of some of those who were to take part. Community singing was also a number on the program.

Lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

MRS. ROBT. NELSON DIED IN EGREMONT

For Years a Resident of the Township, She Was Among Best Known of Its Citizens.—Funeral Took Place Wednesday to Maplewood Cemetery.

After an illness of over two years from pernicious anaemia, Mrs. Robert Nelson died at her home in Egremont Sunday evening. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Gammon and was born in Normanby Township on the 9th of August, 1863, and had lived at her late abode for the past twenty years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son and two daughters, William Nelson, Mrs. E. Love and Mrs. J. Dixon, all of Egremont. The funeral was held Wednesday to Maplewood cemetery, and the large attendance was indicative of the esteem in which the deceased was held.

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Mother: Listen, Joseph, the Vicar found that poor little waif had been left on his doorstep, and he's adopted him, and is going to give him a home at the Vicarage. Joseph: Oh, mother, does that make the vicar a step-father?

Farmer: An' how be Lawyer Barnes did, doctor?

Doctor: Poor fellow, he's lying at death's door.

Farmer: There's grit for 'ee, at death's door an' still lyin'.

DURHAM MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods like Live Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes.

Advertisement for J. S. McIlraith The Cash Shoe Store Durham, Ont. featuring 'Specials This Week' with prices for men's and women's shoes.

Advertisement for McKECHNIE MILLS For Best Quality FLOUR and FEEDS. Includes feed prices and flour prices.

Advertisement for Why Lay Yourself Liable For Accident Damages? IT is up to every automobile owner to protect himself against accident when driving his automobile. Why not let us carry this risk for you? We protect you from loss by accident for any amount you may desire.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL Mrs. Joan McKenzie, of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Toronto, is spending a week in town with Miss Jean Derby. Mr. Charles Sanford of Windsor spent over the week-end with the Moore and Crutcheley families in town. Dr. C. E. Wolfe, who has been holidaying at the parental home here for the past two weeks, left by motor Sunday for Toronto. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Phoebe Wolfe, who will visit with Mrs. George Wilmshurst at Elm New York, before returning. Mrs. Thomas Greenwood is visiting for a week with Mrs. friends. Miss Ethel Greenwood is visiting at the parental home for a few weeks. Mrs. J. B. Moore of Markdale is visiting with friends in and around Durham. Mrs. E. A. Hay and family are holidaying for a time at Osgoos on Lake Seuzog. Mr. Hay intends joining them in a week or so. Mr. J. A. Hunter, of Minnetonka, Minn., arrived in town Monday noon and is spending a short visit with his mother, brothers and sister, at "The Hedges." Mr. W. Jolly of Weyburn, Sask., visited over the week-end with his sister, Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Jolly. He left Tuesday for Brandon, where he will visit his mother for a few days before returning West. Miss Elsie McCostery, of Rochester, N.Y., who had been visiting for the past couple of months with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Melnis in Oshkosh, is this week visiting her mother, Mr. and Mrs. John McCostery, in Durham. Mrs. W. C. Vollett is visiting her sister in Toronto for a few days. Mr. T. A. Lander, wife and family, of Hanover, are holidaying for two weeks at his parental home here. Mrs. Oliver McCaslin and children are visiting her mother at Allison. Mr. James May of Oshkosh, Mass., who has been visiting with Mr. James Hay and family, Proton Township, for the past couple of weeks, was in town Tuesday and gave us a pleasant call. Mr. May purposes returning to Massachusetts in about two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilmore visited for a few days with his uncle, Mr. George McKay, and left Thursday for a short visit with Mrs. Bert Craigie at Paris. They leave shortly on the return journey to their home at Lorain, Ohio. Mrs. W. Chapman and two children, Kenneth and Doris, Syracuse, N. Y., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George McKay. Mrs. Will McKay and children, St. Marys, are visiting her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George McKay. Mr. and Mrs. John McAdams of Detroit have returned to town for the summer. Miss Frances Hopkins is in Toronto this week attending the millinery openings preparatory to opening up her business recently purchased from Miss Hazel Goldwell. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rowland and family are holidaying in Montreal for a couple of weeks. Mr. P. H. Ross of Toronto is taking Mr. Rowland place as manager of the Royal Bank branch here during his absence. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vollett and family and Miss Adian, motored to Guelph Sunday morning, meeting Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Switzer and family of Toronto. They spent the day together in the Guelph tourist camp. Miss Jessie Wingham and Master Austin of Hamilton are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold. Mr. and Mrs. D. Allen returned this week from a two weeks' visit in Port Carling, Muskoka, spent at the summer home of their son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gadsby, where Mr. Allen obtained much enjoyment from the excellent fishing in Ontario's hinterland. Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Miss Faith of Mount Forest, accompanied by their mother, Mr. George Firth of Grand Valley, visited with friends in town Sunday. Miss Marion Walker of Bradford is visiting at her home here. Dr. and Mrs. Fred Laidlaw of Windsor spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Laidlaw. Mrs. Griffin of Toronto is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bryon. Misses J. Weir, M. McClocklin, A. Grant, M. Mackenzie, E. Hunter and M. Hunter left Tuesday for Owen Sound where they embarked on the Caribou for a week's cruise around the Georgian Bay, and on Lake Superior as far as Michipicoten Island. Mrs. Philip Lawrence is spending a few days with friends in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stauden of Stratford were in town over Givn Holiday, the latter remaining, and will take Miss Fettes position as matron at Durham Hospital during the latter's absence on holiday. Mrs. Thomas Barker of Toronto is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. A. Cook. Mrs. James Colville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gowatlock, at Port Elgin. Miss Ella Kinnee of Toronto is visiting her father and sister here. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Nichol, son Harry and daughters Zella and Myrl, motored from their home in Montreal