

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

On Buying Canadian-Made Goods

In Toronto last week we heard the head executive of one of the leading industries of that city place great emphasis upon a matter of which the people of this country need constant reminding. The appeal for Canadians to purchase goods made at home is not by any means new, but in view of the undisputed benefit which practically everyone in Canada would derive, in time, if we all bought articles of Canadian manufacture, when it is possible to do so, the subject will bear re-emphasizing.

Millions of dollars are spent annually by Canadians in purchasing goods made outside the Dominion, principally in the United States. The question for us to ask, when shopping, is "Was this made in Canada?" While of course there are exceptions, generally we can be well suited by acquiring goods manufactured at home, and what we should keep in mind, is that our money will re-circulate in Canada, not cross the border. This is the most effective way of providing work for our own countrymen, and, consequently, building up Canada.—Walkerton Telescope.

A Dangerous Practice

Among one of the most annoying conditions that motorists passing along the town streets have to contend with is the practice of children playing ball and other games on the streets, especially the main thoroughfares. Recently there have been several occasions when accidents were narrowly averted, and if this continues someone is either going to be injured or the police are going to become interested in the matter. Youths who have been offending should take notice of this and do their exercising on some untravelling area.—Listowel Banner.

Change in Chairman

"Strong Man" Hanna has resigned the chairmanship of the Ontario liquor commission and is succeeded by Sir Henry Drayton, M. P., for West York. Dr. Manion, another member of the board, has also resigned, but the name of his successor has not yet been announced. It was rumored at the time of their appointment that Mr. Hanna and Dr. Manion would fill the positions for a year in order to get the new liquor law working smoothly and it is generally admitted they have succeeded in their task. Premier Ferguson is certainly making an honest effort to solve the liquor problem in Ontario and there is a disposition on the part of the vast majority of people to give the L. C. A. a fair trial.—Orangeville Sun.

Opposed to Township Boards

For a third time Premier Ferguson withdrew his bill at the last session of the Ontario Legislature to do away with rural school trustees and form township boards the paid members of which would engage the teachers, hire caretakers for each section and do all the work now being done by three trustees in each section. The Premier's bill had the support of only 11 out of nearly 2,000 rural trustees at the session of the Ontario Educational Association in Toronto last week.

The chief reason for the change as advanced by its supporters is that it would lead to greater interest being taken in school affairs in rural communities and would lead to the union of certain sections where the attendance is small. As a matter of fact a section may have only a small attendance one year and the next year this may be considerably increased. In Scone school the attendance was only half a dozen a few years ago and with the moving into the section this year of families with children of public school age the average attendance this year is about 20. What is true of Scone is true of other schools. In the backs of the heads of those who want to do away with the small section trustees is Consolidated Schools and the farmers are aware of that. Most sections have up-to-date rural schools with splendid equipment and farmers, who have been taxed to pay for these schools are not keen on building a big school at some central point and scrapping the little red schoolhouse.

At the O. E. A. convention one rural trustee called out "The life of our school sections is at stake," another accused Premier Ferguson of breaking his word and a third said: "The Premier may put this over but he will not stay in power." That's how the ruralites feel to



Over a thousand women from all parts of Canada gathered in Ottawa at the first national conference of Liberal women. Mrs. John G. Ahearn of Montreal, who is No. 1 on the LEFT, was one of the speakers at the conference, and

wards Township Boards and Consolidated Schools. The rural trustees also found fault with the Ferguson Government for taking away from County Councils the power to dismiss inspectors who are not giving satisfaction. With the power to dismiss a road superintendent taken away from members of rural councils, rural trustees have become alarmed that the principle of local autonomy would receive another blow if they consent to give up control of their sections.

By disregarding the vote of a considerable majority of the electors of Ontario in favor of retaining the O. T. A. and supplanting it with Government Control, the Ferguson Government has lost the confidence of a great many of its farmer supporters who are jealous of any interference with the rural school system which was given them in the days of Egerton Ryerson, the founder of the Public School System of Ontario.—Chesley Enterprise.

Should Learn Facts

In this country there seems to be no closed season for the manufacturer. Anyone, however meagre his own sources of information, seems to feel himself privileged to challenge as untrue, representations made by a manufacturing interest. There are certain parts of Canada where it is the political custom to represent the manufacturer as something lower in the scale of humanity than the pickpocket, and even men of ability and prestige are apt to represent the leaders of industry as habitually lacking in candor.

There is for instance, Mr. E. J. Garland, M.P. for Bow River, Alta., deservedly admired for his illuminating discourses on the virtues of the "Wheat Pool." He knows the importance of accurate details in presenting the facts about his own special interest, but recently when the condition of the woolen industry in Canada was the subject of discussion in the House of Commons he scoffed away any claims that the industry was in need of consideration. This, despite the fact that it is one in which countless farmers engaged in mixed farming are interested.

Mr. Garland said he could produce "proof" that the woolen industry in Canada was not suffering seriously under present tariff conditions, that it was, on the contrary, in good condition and making money, and its future was assured so far as that of any industry can be assured. This was very emphatic, but what was his proof. Nothing more than a two-line despatch from Bradford, England, to the effect that John Moore, a woolen manufacturer, had decided to discontinue his mills there and transfer his industry to Victoria, B.C. The true facts about this item are that Mr. Moore has no intention whatever of establishing a woolen cloth industry at Victoria.—woolen cloth having been the subject of

the debate, in which Mr. Garland intervened. What Mr. Moore proposes to do is to dismantle a worsted spinning plant which has been for some time idle in Bradford, and establish in Canada a mill to spin woollen yarns for the knitting trade, an absolutely different business from woollen cloth production. Moreover he is receiving very generous consideration for so doing. For a year or more Victoria has been anxious to obtain manufacturing industries, and is providing him with a free site, exemption from municipal taxation until 1934; free water up to 200,000 gallons per month for a similar period and will guarantee the securities of the company up to \$125,000. Moreover the knitting yarn industry enjoys protection as follows: 12 1/2 per cent. British Preference, 17 1/2 per cent. Intermediate and 20 per cent. General. It is also said that Victoria capitalists are subscribing three-quarters of the initial investment. In short, Mr. Moore is establishing an aided industry under conditions which might well be envied by the woollen cloth manufacturers, and which do not affect their contentions in the slightest degree.

The point is this: Mr. Garland would be bitterly indignant if an Eastern editor or manufacturer misrepresented the Wheat Pool and to all intents accused its sponsors of untruth, on the basis of a chance newspaper item, the meaning of which had been wholly misunderstood. He ignored all the facts available to him in evidence which occupied several sittings of the Advisory Tariff Board last June. Politicians have been so accustomed to slamming the manufacturer whenever they felt the need of a little exercise, for so many years, that anything goes, facts don't matter. The same thing happens whenever a representative of the agrarian interest discusses one of the staple industries of Canada.—Toronto Saturday Night.

Lessons of Life

Every person should go to the cemetery at least twice in life. Once at the end of life, and first, early in life to reflect on the brevity of life and the insufficiency of worldly goods. There is no place like a quiet churchyard for meditation and there is room in every life for more serious thought.

The tombstones hold a moral for all living. There is inscribed the human virtues, but among the inscriptions there is no record of estates left behind, fortunes made and spent and worldly fame attained. The magnitude and sculpture of the stone or the vault alone remain to remind the world of "the best of heraldry and the pomp of power."

Why should human beings worry and struggle through life's fleet span in pursuit of wealth, fame, luxuries, vanities and all those other evanescent things we choose to call riches? The poor are distressed by too little money, the moderately wealthy by the thought

that others possess more wealth than they, and the rich by too much money.

The Garden of Paradise was Paradise only so long as Adam and Eve entertained no thought of worldly things. There were no pestering bank accounts, no troublesome servants, expensive automobiles, business worries and social and fashion detractions in Paradise.

Few people have learned the secret of living well. Most of us measure contentment in terms of dollars and social position. The number is negligible which views life as a golden opportunity to work and think and be joyful.—Teeswater News.

The Quality of Newspapers

Within recent months The Globe and Toronto Saturday Night criticized rather severely the tendency to sensationalism in style being adopted by "certain Toronto Newspapers"—quite evidently The Toronto Daily Star and The Telegram.

These two daily newspapers are following in the steps of the big (big in circulation and money-making power) United States papers. Evidently the managements find this is a good course to take, from a business view-point, for they proceed more and more in that direction, and both, evidently are money-makers.

The same criticism often has been passed upon the big United States dailies, and the "tabloids"; but these persist and prosper "beyond the dreams of avarice."

The better type of newspapers do not prosper in a business way as do the sensational sheets. There is a reason for this. Almost everybody who can read now reads the daily newspaper. (This is more especially true of the big cities) and the great majority of these readers prefer the sensational rubbish of the "tabloid" to the important and well edited news with which the better class of newspapers are filled. Editors of the big sensational dailies frankly admit that their productions are not intended for the intelligent readers. They appeal, they say, to readers whose mentality is that of



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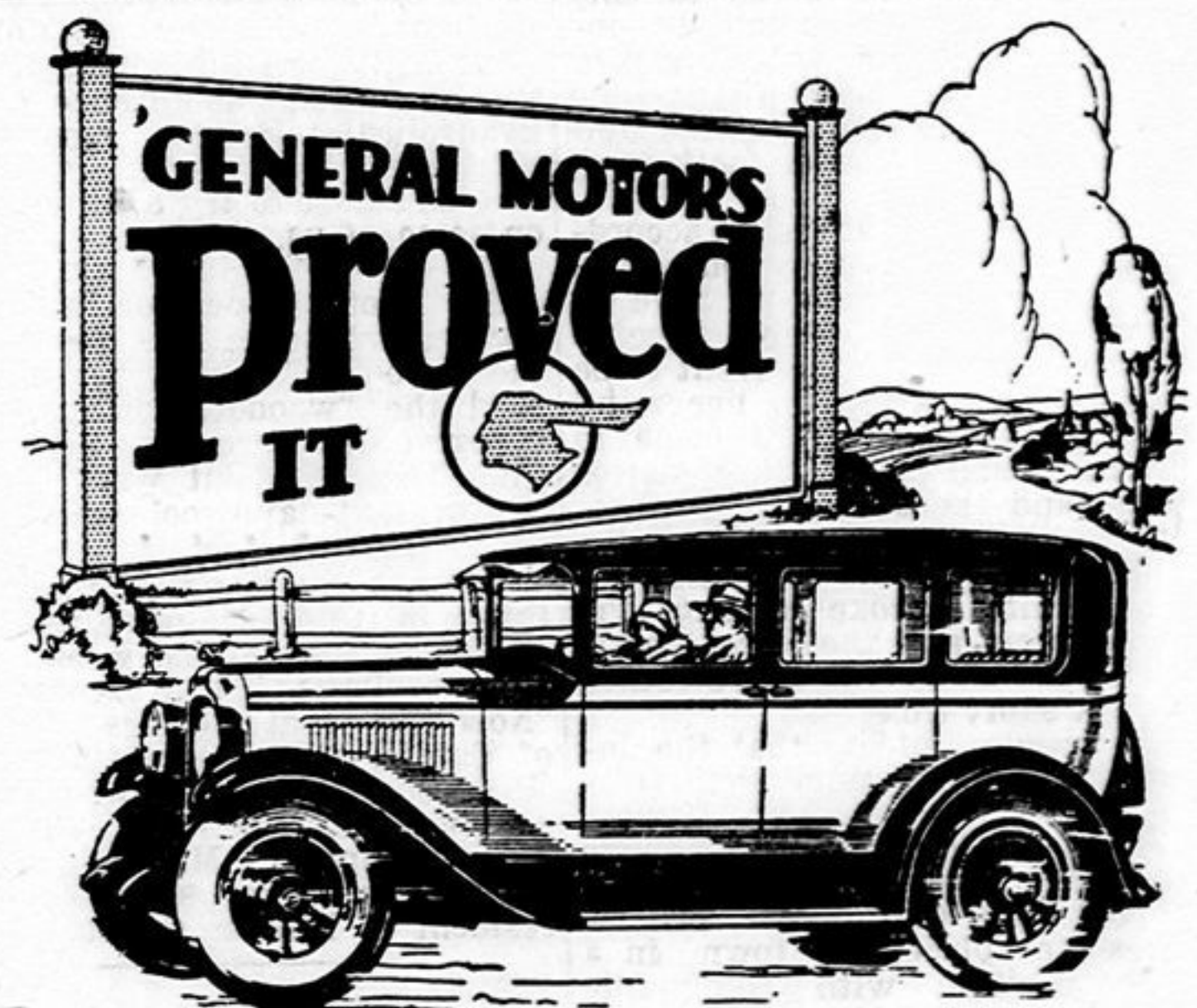
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