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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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Editorials

IS THIS POLITICS?

The Temperance Advocate is the new paper that takes the place of The Pioneer, for many years back the official organ of the Prohibition party in Ontario. In the issue of June 29, we thought we must have picked up a political journal instead of one which has the morals of the province at heart, and with politics banned as part of its make-up. This is what we read:

A great deal of discussion has arisen over the new list of King's Counsellors appointed by the Ontario Government. The claim is made that it is exceedingly difficult to determine the principle on which the appointments were made. One thing, however, is certain, that though in the last Provincial election there were several outstanding lawyers, who might be eligible, but who ran in opposition to Premier Ferguson's liquor policy, not one of them was recommended as a K.C. When one considers all the circumstances of the appointment, who makes the recommendation, etc., perhaps the action was to be expected.

Now, we haven't the least objection for The Temperance Advocate criticizing the Ferguson Government, or any other Government, for that matter, when any liquor policy is concerned. Frankly, we would be disappointed in The Advocate if it didn't lambaste the liquor trade at every opportunity, but when it comes to interfering with a political party's appointment of King's Counsellors, The Advocate is getting out on thin ice. These appointments may or may not have been made through party pull; The Advocate or any other paper may think so, they may be right or wrong. There may just be a possibility that The Advocate, like its predecessor The Pioneer, while professing neutrality politically, will carry on a quiet campaign for the benefit of the Liberal party under the guise of Temperance.

NEWSPAPER BALLYHOO

We notice by the Toronto daily newspapers that George Young, the Catalina Channel swimmer, who is training for the C. N. E. Marathon next September, had a falling out with his coach and trainer, who announced that they were "through" with him. The next day came the gratifying news that they had made up their differences and that everything was how lovely as a norm in May.

Following the Dempsey-Tunney ballyhoo in the North American daily press, we are especially suspicious of the genuineness of the "fall-out" between Young and his managers. Is it not possible that the Toronto swimmer and those who have his interests in hand are looking for some cheap publicity? In the last Dempsey-Tunney fiasco the newspapers were falling all over each other in an attempt to "scoop" their opposition in news of the big fight, and of course that old owl, Tex Richard let them do it and incidentally raked in the shekels. Baseball, racing, and other such sport also receives a good deal of the "free" stuff from the press, and we were much interested in an article in the last Chicago Referee, edited by Bert Collyer, a former Durham boy, who said that "when the publishers are awakened from the lethargy and lay down the law to the avaricious baseball magnates and make them pay in proportion to the space devoted, just so soon will we have not only a better brand of reporting but also better baseball."

There is one thing that can be said for the city sports promoter, though, and that is he is always willing and anxious to supply the press with all the publicity stuff at his disposal. It is good business for him. Smaller town sports are worked on a different programme. Here the local press is expected to boost whatever game

is being played, there is no head nor tail to the management and as a consequence there is no place to go for data, and in one instance when The Chronicle mildly upbraided one of the local sports managers for not giving out certain information, we were told that it was up to us to "dig it up."

ROADWAY IRONY

It pays to have a sense of humor. Last Sunday morning we went to Wasaga Beach. It had rained heavily the night before, and as we approached a piece of roadway now under process of construction, we were met by a sign which told us to drive slowly as there was "fresh gravel" ahead. We obeyed the instruction and ran into about the finest bunch of mud we have ever encountered. There may have been some gravel in it, but as far as we could make out the greater part of the mess was nothing less than some of the soil that had been scraped off the side of the road and placed in the centre. We remembered the fresh gravel sign, smiled at the irony of it, and stopped through an eighth of a mile or so of the finest mud we ever laid an eye on.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

"Send Your Messages by Mail, Swift, Sure, Private", is an advertisement hanging in the post office. Alongside it is another notice offering large rewards for the capture of bandits who robbed the mails. We don't understand how your messages can be swift, sure and private when the mail bandits can get them, but it is quite probable that the fellow who wrote the ad. has not yet heard of the big mail robbery.

Statistics throughout the world show that here is one automobile to every 64 people. From the way we have to jump to dodge them sometimes, we had thought there were 64 autos to each person.

"Skirts Will Just Cover the Knees," says a prophetic heading on next year's women's clothes. Well, that's a lot better than most of them are, doing this year, anyway.

VARIETY MEANS VITALITY

The other day a friend asked me, says a writer in Answers, if I thought a change would do him good. He meant a change of air and scene, but his question gave me a chance to tell him that what he really wanted unless he wished to die ten or fifteen years before his time, was about forty changes.

For years he had had the same sort of breakfast—porridge, one boiled egg and two rashers of bacon. It was served in the same way on the same plates. His Sunday dinner had always been leg of mutton. His vegetables—potatoes and cabbage—had never varied.

He had always read the same paper and sat in the same chair. He had always had cup of cocoa before retiring and always went to bed at the same hour. He went to the same place of worship every Sunday and sat in the same pew. Every evening he went to the same club and talked with the same men on the same subject. In summer, he always went to the same seaside town and stayed at the same hotel.

I could continue, but the story amounts to this—that everything he did was done to schedule. He was in a groove and was deteriorating both mentally and physically. Soon his arteries would have hardened and his circulation grown sluggish. But our conversation came just in time to save him. Now, instead of his old "regular" life, he lives irregularly. He's eating leeks and carrots; has sausages, fish and other changes for breakfast; has joined another club; takes two papers and in short, has got out of his groove.

The change in him is remarkable. He has learnt that variety is the spice of life—variety in food, in recreation, in friends, in everything. I grant that an ordered routine is necessary to business efficiency, but in our personal lives it kills. To maintain your vitality up to standard you must have variety.

What of yourself? Cannot you make your life more varied? In such a simple matter as how you go to work there is for many a chance of introducing variety. Train one day, bus the next, walk occasionally. Vary your diet, don't tie yourself down to one recreation. Don't get into a groove. Why does everyone enjoy a picnic? Because it is a change from the usual environment of eating.

Serve with Whipped Cream

Never use soap on hair brushes. Dip the bristles up and down in hot ammonia water. Rinse and dry with vanilla and raisins.—Denver News.

Straight From the Shoulder

Asked to pray for warm weather so that her grandmother's rheumatism might pass away, a five-year-old girl knelt and said: "O, Lord, please make it hot for grandma."

Deferred Payments

We got this from the Denver (Col.) News: Arizona Judge Sentences quintet to hang in three instalments.

Knows Her Insect

"My dear," remarked Jones, who had just finished reading a book on "The Wonders of Nature," "Nature is marvellous! When I read a book like this it makes me feel how puny, how insignificant is man." "Huh!" said his wife. "A woman doesn't have to wade through 400 pages to discover that."

SOCIETY

Mrs. P. Ballentine and son of Toronto, and Mrs. Burton of Inglewood, Calif., formerly Misses Eva and Gertrude Campbell, visited with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell and family the first of the week.

Miss Jean Coutts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Coutts of Bentinck, who underwent an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago in the Red Cross Hospital here, is progressing most favorably and expects to be able to return to her home in a couple of weeks. Her case was a serious one but she is responding nicely to treatment at the local institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Graham of Montreal are spending a week with his sister, Mrs. W. Calder. Mr. and Mrs. Graham are on their annual holiday and motored from the Quebec city, coming to Durham by way of Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit.

Major Alex. Firth of Brampton is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. F. Wright, for a week. He was accompanied here by his brother, Mr. William Firth, who had visited him for the past week and who has spent the summer in Durham. Major Firth intends going up into Muskoka in a week or so for a holiday. We were pleased to have him call and to see him looking so well after his recent serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harbottle and family of Pine Falls, Manitoba, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. Lauder. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Noble, and other relatives.

Hon. Lincoln Goldie and Mrs. Goldie, Toronto, were guests of Hon. Dr. Jamieson and Mrs. Jamieson at their Wilder's Lake cottage over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fall and family leave this week for their home at Edmonton, Alberta, after spending the past month or six weeks in the East, where the former attended meetings of the Swift Packing Company in Toronto, Montreal and Chicago. They take the boat from Sarnia to the head of the lakes, making the remainder of the journey by rail. Mrs. Fall visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Aljoe.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan returned this week from at trip out West, during which they visited their daughter, Mrs. Roy McCracken at Munson, Alberta, and with friends and relatives at Portage La Prairie, Man., and other places.

Mr. Joe Whitechurch and mother, Mrs. Whitechurch, Toronto, visited with Mr. Whitechurch here the first of the week, the latter being en-way to the Consolidated Sand and Gravel plant. While here they were guests of Mrs. H. Morlock and family. We were pleased to learn that Mrs. Schooley, mother of Mrs. Whitechurch and well-known in Durham, was quite well, though she did not make the trip with them, which was made by motor and in a hurry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McKinnon and family left Winnipeg Tuesday to visit his sister, Mrs. John Burgess, here.

Mrs. Neil McKinnon and sons, Dr. Neil and Bobs, and daughter, Ella, Toronto, visited Sunday with the Smith and Weir families.

Mrs. James Smith and family of Holstein were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Coutts of Conn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McArthur over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McDonnell and daughter, Mary Louise, of Toronto are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. McDonnell for two weeks. Mrs. Robert Gregor and daughter, Grace of Mount Forest, visited over the week-end, with her sister, Mrs. Johnny Long, and her niece, Mrs. John Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis of Bright were week-end visitors with Rev. and Mrs. Fiddes and Mr. and Mrs.



Here are the four members of the crew of the dirigible Italia reported starving as they await death or rescue on an ice floe off North-eastland. Lieut. Lundborg, who rescued Umberto Nobile, their commander and subsequently was taken off the pack after an unsuccessful second attempt at rescue, says the men are going mad. Even with stringent rationing the food supply has been exhausted and the marooned men have lived solely on bear meat. They cut the meat of the polar bears with scissors, as the encampment possesses no knives. It is cooked with soft-dried alcohol and eaten with a horn, as there are no table utensils. Their plight is disheartening, for rescue appears next to impossible as the ice is fast breaking up, destroying chances of a plane landing near them. The four are: (1) Lieut. Alfredo Viglieri, (2) Felice Troiani, (3) Giuseppe Biagi, and (4) P. Behounek.

McLEOD-MUIR

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Muir, Ceylon, when their daughter, Ruby, was united in marriage to Earl, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William McLeod, Priceville. The bride looked lovely in her gown of peach georgette with silver trimmings, and carrying a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and fern. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie McLeod, sister of the groom. Mr. Stewart Muir, brother of the bride, supported the groom. Rev. F. Sullivan, pastor of St. Columba United Church, Priceville, was the officiating clergyman, while Mrs.

J. S. McIlraith. Mrs. M. J. Beatty of Fergus visited her cousin, Mrs. (Rev.) Fiddes on Tuesday.

Mrs. Alex. Russell of Toronto visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allan.

Miss Margaret Harris of Hamilton visited with Miss M. A. Hunter and other friends, last week. Messrs. F. F. McIlraith and C. H. Moffat are in attendance at the meeting of Masonic Grand Lodge at London this week, representing Durham Lodge No. 306, A.F. & A.M.

Mr. W. J. Elliott of Kingsville was in town yesterday afternoon and we had the pleasure of a brief call from him. It is 36 years since Mr. Elliott was in Durham, and while here he was inquiring for "Dave MacKenzie and Jack McArthur," two old school chums of 35 years ago. He has not seen either of them since school days. He knew that Dr. MacKenzie was located at Fort Frances, but had been told that Dr. McArthur was practising in Durham. We have no knowledge of a "Dr." Jack McArthur of Durham, but when it was mentioned that he was a great athlete we called up Mr. Angus McArthur north of town, but unfortunately he was out and we could get no information. Mrs. McArthur, however, told us that she thought "Jack" had taken a medical course, and Mr. Elliott and ourselves came to the conclusion that he was one and the same person. Mr. McArthur is now a resident of Vancouver and is in the real estate business. Mr. Elliott, who left for his former home at Desboro, is a school teacher on the staff of the Kingsville school.

Mr. Roy Vickers of Wiarton was in town yesterday visiting with Mrs. Vickers, confined in the hospital here for the past month or so. Mr. William White of Toronto is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John White in Bentinck. Mr. White was born 76 years ago in Durham, England, and the first paper he remembers reading was the Durham (England) Chronicle. He has been a resident of Canada for the past 45 years, and as he has a daughter married to a son of Mrs. White, thought he would come up and see what the counterpart of his old home in England looked like. We were pleased to have a

call from him. Mr. John Duffield of Owen Sound visited for a few days with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duffield. Mrs. Trotter of Owen Sound was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Duffield, the first of the week.

Mrs. A. J. Lloyd and son Arthur are visiting with Toronto friends and relatives. Mr. Harold Sharpe and friend, Miss Gwladys Richardson, Toronto, are holidaying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Sharpe, for two weeks.

Mrs. Charles Ogg and the Misses Ogg of Guelph, have rented the E. A. Hay cottage at Saugen Park for two weeks and are holidaying there.

Mr. J. H. McIlraith of Toronto was in town over Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McIlraith.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson visited friends at Mitchell the first of the week.

Harry Huston, sister of the bride played the wedding music. Following the ceremony the guests, who were the immediate families of the bride and groom, sat down to a sumptuous wedding repast. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod left later by motor on a honeymoon trip to North Bay, New Liskeard and Cobalt. The bride travelled in a navy and red ensemble with blonde shoes and hose.

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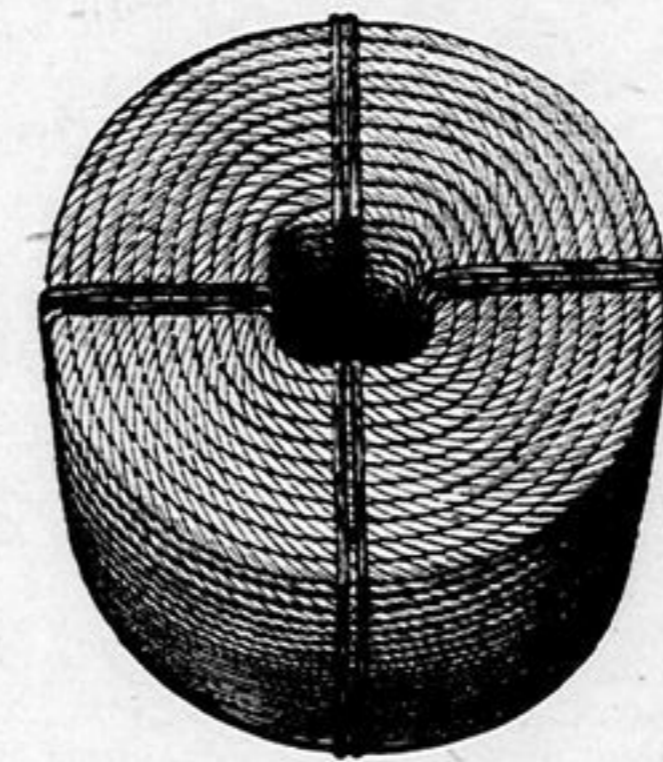
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BRITAIN NOT TO BLAME FOR CHINESE OPIUM WAR

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opium smoking against the desires of the Chinese Government; and another that "China vainly struggled to free herself from the grip of opium, a trade fostered by Great Britain."

Now what are the facts? Is it true, as alleged, that the use of the poppy, except for medicinal purposes, was unknown in China until the British "forced" it upon the Chinese people? It is not; the Chinese had old acquaintance of the poppy; their standard medical works describe the plant and the collection and preparation of its juice.

Proponents of this idea of British force to compel the importation of Indian opium are prone to refer to a group of five pioneers whose examination of the situation has been fairly comprehensive, and of whom three, Dr. Peter Parker, Dr. Bridgeman, and Dr. W. Williams were American; the other two, Dr. W. H. Medhurst and Benjamin Hobson, being British. These five men have long been spoken of as the principal authority for the myth of the "opium war."

What do they say themselves? Dr. Peter Parker, five times American Charge d'Affaires, said: "In the spirit of true friendship, the foundation of all different nations between China and foreign nations is the unwillingness of China to acknowledge England, France, America and other great nations of the West as equals and true friends."

Dr. W. Williams, six times Charge d'Affaires for the U.S. in China, and probably the most outstanding figure of the five, says of the Chinese that "they maintained a patronising, unfair and contemptuous position, which left no alternative but withdrawal from their shores, or a humiliating submission that no one, feeling the least independence, could endure."

Not one word of opium is to be found in his utterances which can by any amount of ingenuity be construed into a foundation for the myth. At another point he refers to the Chinese as "this proud government, which deliberately rejected the offer of peace." But more conclusive is his direct statement that "it was not to force opium on a people all too willing to buy every ounce that could be bought, but to secure that essential personal contact and acquaintance that British arms undertook their unwilling and ungrateful task of warring with China."

H. B. Morse, of the Chinese maritime customs, confirms this when he says: "The real cause of the war was that the Chinese refused to treat on terms of equality, either diplomatically or commercially, with foreigners, and the latter insisted on the right to be so treated."

Dr. Hawks Pott, in his "Sketches of Chinese History" informs us that "apart from opium, a collision was inevitable—the denial of equality was the real cause of war."

Celeb Cushing, first Plenipotentiary to China from the U. S., writing in 1844, stated: "The late war with England was caused by the conduct of the Chinese authorities at Canton, in disregarding the rights of public officers who represented the English government."

In some instances, where it appears indelicately to directly charge the British government with responsibility, the myth is sustained by accusing the British East India Company. This Company, however, itself did not engage in the trade, though its first trading station was established in Canton in 1684.

Prior to this, Dutch merchants had been established for almost a hundred years, the nationals of both countries holding the field until 1784, when the Astors and Griswolds of New York and the Girards of Philadelphia entered into a vigorous competition with both the Dutch and the English, making inroads on the tea trade of the latter, as into the silk trade of the former, opium, acquired by the Dutch, was not handled by either of the competitors.

Long before any of these interests entered the field, however, the boot-legging of opium was carried on with lucrative connivance of Chinese officialdom and continued, both before and after the alleged "opium war."

To return to the incidents leading up to 1840, from the reign of Kienlung, the Portuguese, Dutch and British trade through Canton was subjected to many vexations and restrictions as a result of which Britain sent Lord Macartney on an embassy to Peking in 1795. Again in 1816, Lord Amherst was a special ambassador. Both these embassies proved abortive, and Lord Napier became Minister to superintend the foreign trade at Canton in 1834, coincident with the cessation of the British East India Company's monopoly. After Napier's death, Admiral Sir Charles Elliott became superintendent.

In this period the Mandarins, who had accumulated vast fortunes by their traffic in opium, resented more and more its importation through the channels under the superintendency of the minister of trade, by which it contributed to the sources of taxation, and commenced their opposition to the trade so handled.

Sir Charles (then Captain Elliott) agreed in 1839 to deliver all opium in the hands of English merchant to the native authorities, and to act a pledge from them that they would no longer deal in the drug. It soon became apparent, however, that this was but a thin veiled item of dispute, and when Lin Tze-sun, continued to press his further insulting and extortionate demands, the war of 1840 followed. The resentment of the Mandarins