

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

Spell Christmas Right

With November almost over, Christmas is fast approaching and the name of the great holiday is appearing more and more often in the advertising and news columns of the press.

School Tax Inequality

Government grants cut a big figure in school financing but in few sections do they bulk so largely proportionately as in one of which Inspector J. L. Garvin told the educational gathering at the collegiate last Saturday.

The Doctors Must Live

A doctor was severely criticized by a coroner and jury for not attending an injured child until three hours after the accident. His explanation was in part that the parents had not paid his bill for years.

Reduce The Speed Limit

A letter to the correspondent department of The Globe asks for a reduction of the speed limit for automobiles to 15 miles in cities, towns and villages, and 25 miles on country roads.

great majority of motor accidents—speed, in the hands of a speed maniac, drunk or sober, at the wheel. He will have to take time to use, some day.

Germany fell into disrepute during the war; yet people who have been there for any length of time often hanker for the "Es ist verboten" (it is forbidden) of the German policemen.

Too Much Spending Money?

Do children today have too much spending money, and is that one of the reasons why youth is travelling such a fast clip? There are more ways to spend money now on amusements than was the case when present-day grown-ups were children.

E. E. Gibbs, for thirty years a member of the teaching staff of London public schools, declares for a stiffening up in home discipline and for the restraints of religion to bring modern boys and girls back to the paths their parents trod.

"Children nowadays have too much spending money and they are becoming satiated with expensive amusements. When my scholars marched away last midsummer to attend the annual school picnic, we made a rough census in each classroom and found they had about \$300 in their pockets.

The Terrible Hydro "Mortgage"

Throughout the length and breadth of rural Ontario there is a demand for Hydro; but seldom is a new district taker into the system without a desperate struggle to get three subscribers to the mile.

The contract, binding for a period of 20 years, is magnified by some into a mountain of injustice and oppression. It has been likened to a mortgage hanging over the farm; an encumbrance that would lessen the value of the property and perhaps prevent a sale.

After a rural system is once installed the property owners who refused to subscribe eventually come in, and the mortgage or encumbrance idea evaporates into thin air.

When Hydro was installed at Weldwood, "The Farmer's Advocate" farm during February, 1923, the service charge was \$66 per year. Two years later a rebate of \$50 was received and the service charge was gradually revised downward until now it is only \$28 per year.

If a property owner does not wish to use hydro and feels that he just cannot stand the cost of installation, ranging from \$150 to \$200, it is certainly his right to refrain. Nowadays, however, when farmers everywhere are clamoring for this power the argument against the so-called "mortgage" or "encumbrance" is without weight and substance.

Is This Law Really Fair?

After giving the matter very careful thought, we have arrived at the conclusion that there is one law concerning highway traffic that is not entirely a fair one and that is the law that says if farm animals get out on the roads and any damage results from their being there, the owner of the animals is fully responsible for such damages incurred.

vantage to keep his animals in his fields and the farmer does that to the best of his ability. Let us give two examples from our own neighborhood. One farmer, through whose land the railway passes, turned several horses into a field. At a late hour of the night, a train coming along scared the animals and in their fright they tore into a fence and got out of the field on to the highway.

Protection From Fire Pays A Dividend

Canadian Fire Underwriters have announced that they are making a reduction in the rates charged for insurance in Toronto, Ottawa and some other municipalities that are described as "the better protected places".

One thing Mr. Goddard noted that is worth emphasizing. The statement was that the lowering of fire insurance rates was due entirely to a reduction in fire losses of late. Such authorities as Fire Marshal Heaton of Ontario have long been preaching the desirability of efforts, on the part of municipalities and private citizens, for the avoidance of heavy fire losses.

Protection against heavy fire losses may take a variety of forms. It may be furnished in part by an efficient and well-equipped fire brigade aided by an abundant water supply. It may be given by laws governing the character of buildings that may be erected in particular localities.

Aim of System is to Reform Erring Youths

Special courts have been established in a number of places in Ontario for the trial of juveniles who are accused of violations of the law. Special institutions, to which juveniles convicted of lawbreaking can be committed, and where they may receive reformatory rather than punitive treatment, have also been provided in the Province.

To these institutions youths and young women over the age of sixteen years are not sent and, for that reason, Hon. W. H. Price, the Attorney-General of Ontario, has been considering the possibility of improving the methods in use in the Province of treating delinquents from sixteen to twenty-one years of age.

First-crop Japan teas are admittedly the finest that come out of the land of blossoms. "SALADA" Japan green tea is comprised only of first-crop leaves.



When a woman says she hasn't anything to wear, that is, of course, an exaggeration, but not much of one.

tirely banished from the Borstal in-bred saved from lives of crime. For this reason, prison rules were almost-entirely abolished and were replaced by educational methods. Inmates are committed to those institutions for two to three years. They are kept constantly busy at something during that period.

The Borstal system saves offenders between the ages of 16 and 21 years from contact with hardened criminals in penal institutions, where, it has been said, criminal associations are frequently formed.

"On what grounds are you seeking a divorce from your wife?" "Misrepresentation. When I asked her to marry me she said she was agreeable."



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