

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

Blowing Our Own Horn

In private life, the man who blows his own horn does so because no one else will blow it for him. But the business man who doesn't talk his goods up, verbally or in writing, either is extremely foolish or has nothing he dares talk about. Every wise business man knows that the fellow whose product cannot stand investigation, cannot afford to draw too much attention to it, especially if the publicity requires an outlay of good round iron money! He's bound to be found out! The only way he can get by is the gum-shoe method. That's why it is safest to buy consistently advertised goods, and that's why you can believe the man who repeatedly spends money to tell you about his product. The smoother and quieter an auto is, the more it needs a horn to tell people it is there. It's so with a business, too. The better it runs the more reason to make a noise about it.—Kincaidine Review-Reporter.

Deceptive Prosperity

Throughout the Presidential campaign in the United States, the Republican party stressed two points, namely, the phenomenal prosperity now existing, and the need for farm relief. How there can be sound prosperity in a nation and at the same time agricultural distress was not explained. The situation in Canada is very similar in some respects. The sum total of production in 1928 will reach enormous figures and the actual selling value will be stupendous, of course. But the amount of money actually received by producers themselves is another matter. It is common practice to multiply the number of bushels of wheat grown by the selling price of the top grade and use the resulting figures as the farmer's income. Paper profits and gross receipts are not of much use in meeting taxes or paying interest on the mortgage.

The wheat crop was an enormous one, of course, reaching or exceeding 500,000,000 bushels; but such a large percentage of it is grading feed or something not much better than farmers in Western Canada are using up in revolt. The producers feel certain that the grades they are receiving do not represent the true milling value of the wheat, and that through processing and mixing the grades will be altered before the crop ultimately reaches the millers and the markets of the world.

Outside of British Columbia the apple crop has been light. Potatoes have been produced so abundantly this year that the market value is low. During the summer the prices for commercial live stock soared to very handsome levels, but during the fall, market quotations have receded in a discouraging manner, with the result that the bulk of commercial cattle and hogs have been sold this year at disappointing figures.

In Eastern Canada there is no expansion and no progress in agricultural production. Farmers are attempting to operate without extra labor, and in order to do so have purchased larger implements and equipment. This has increased overhead expenses to an alarming extent and has not furnished the relief sought. The value of farm land in Eastern Canada is actually decreasing.

There is not much farm property changing hands and practically no improvements have been made during the last ten years.

This summary of the situation is made with the purpose of directing the attention of legislators, government officials and the interests which dictate policies to the actual conditions existing. There can be no sound prosperity in Canada until agriculture is prosperous.

No one person, no one legislator and no one government can offer a solution that will be universally effective. The situation calls for a Dominion-wide conference organized with the object of getting the facts and using them as the basis of a solution.—Farmers Advocate.

Protection of Pedestrians on the Roads

To the risks to which pedestrians on highways in the country are exposed, particularly at night, a coroner's jury in Whitby, Ont., has once again drawn the attention of the public. The jury was empaneled to investigate an accident which occurred on a road near Whitby, and in which a young woman was killed. In its verdict the jury recommended that efforts be made to teach the public to walk on the side of the road used by vehicles going in the opposite direction to their own and that something be done to induce the Ontario Government to provide footpaths along highways in the thickly populated sections of the country.

Persons who walk on main highways today certainly do run a risk, if they do not exercise the utmost vigilance, of being struck down by one of the many heavy vehicles which now move silently and swiftly on the smooth pavements. The Whitby jury suggests, as some other persons have done, that pedestrians may avoid danger by keeping to their left hand side of the road. That is good advice. The pedestrian who follows it leaves room on the road, to his right, for the passage of vehicles going in the same direction as himself. He is also able to see vehicles approaching on the path that he is using and can step aside and allow them to pass. While that is so, the surer way to ensure the safety of pedestrians is to construct sidewalks or footpaths of some kind by the roadside and separated from the roadway over which vehicles travel. It may be said that to lay sidewalks along the whole length of all roads would entail a huge expenditure of money, and that such walks may not be needed everywhere. On the other hand, there are stretches of such important arterial roads as Yonge Street, the Toronto-Hamilton Highway, the Dundas Highway and the Kingston Road that carry a dense vehicular traffic, particularly during the Summer, that pass through thickly populated territory and that should be bordered by footpaths. That being the case, the question arises, who should bear the cost of providing footpaths?

It might be argued that the Province as a whole should not be expected to pay for sidewalks in towns or large villages or densely populated suburban districts any more than in cities. It may also be contended that in certain areas where highway traffic is heavy and only a small proportion of it is local, the Province would be justified in contributing to the cost

of footpaths. This view the Government and Legislature of the Province have taken in legislation that the latter enacted at its last session. By the terms of that legislation a township council, with the approval of the Provincial Department of Highways, may construct a sidewalk or footpath on a provincial highway or a county road, and the Department may pay thirty per cent. of the cost of the work. Thus, the township councils are offered the help of the Province in the task of providing footpaths for the protection of their people.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS

November 27, 1928

FORM I A

French

D. Caldwell 90, C. Falconer 90, W. Kent 90, I. Jamieson 87, J. Grant 82, D. MacArthur 82, B. Jamieson 81, A. Turnbull 81, E. Goodchild 80, M. Anderson 78, N. Allan 75, A. Greenwood 67, L. Brigham 65, A. Campbell 54, M. Storrey, 54, B. Brown 52, A. Kress 52, G. F. MacGillivray 64, D. Knight 63, M. Moore 58, I. Henderson 55, C. McGirr 54, R. Willis 53, F. Watson 45, J. Lauder 27. Average, 66.07.

FORM I B

French

H. Young 92, C. McCracken 90, G. Saunders 90, A. Walker 86, B. McKechnie 85, E. Falkingham 83, B. Whitmore 74, C. Wilson 73, O. McDonald 71, F. Melosh 67, R. Lawrence 66, M. Picken 65, F. MacGillivray 64, D. Knight 63, M. Moore 58, I. Henderson 55, C. McGirr 54, R. Willis 53, F. Watson 45, J. Lauder 27. Average, 67.5.

FORM II

Latin

M. Leith, 90, M. Sharp 85, M. McEachern 83, I. Twamley 74, E. Tucker 66, E. Hunter 65, N. Kelsey 62, J. Henderson 60, R. Renwick 58, V. Armstrong 57, L. Jacques 53, J. Falconer 53, M. Storrey 48, T. Milligan 42, J. McDonald 37, A. Adlam 34, F. Murdoch 29, W. Mighton, 20. Average 56.3.

FORM III

Geometry

M. Moffat 60, M. Armstrong 60, D. Smith 59, G. Glass 58, E. Hunter 57, G. McCrae 55, Dorothy Pickering 47, Jean Renwick 41, Clara Traynor 40, N. Lowe 39, N. McIntyre 39, H. McAuliffe 38, M. McFadden 38, F. Noble 38, C. Rowe 37, V. Maclean 37, E. Willis 37, N. Burnett 37, Anna Ritchie 35, D. J. Firth 30, E. Harding 30, E. Baird 29, C. Maclean 25, H. Wilson 23, C. Mitchell 20, M. Noble 19, A. McEachern absent, A. Taylor. Average, 38.

FORM IV

Geometry

B. Murdoch 60, M. Brown 58, F. Bailey 55, R. Tinianov 53. Average, 55.5.

FORM V

French Composition

E. Marshall 81, M. Arnill 80, J. D. McAuliffe 65, I. Matthews 65, D. Young 63, M. Beaton 60, H. Tinianov 60, G. McCulloch 59, M. Mortley 57.

Quarry Becomes A Floral Paradise

"Freeman of the City of Victoria" is a distinguished title which only two men can claim. His Excellency the Governor-General, Viscount Willingdon, is the first on whom this honor was conferred, the ceremony taking place during his visit to British Columbia in the fall of 1927. The other is Robert Pim Butchart, millionaire, philanthropist, and public-spirited citizen.

The ancient ceremony of creating a Freeman of the City had its origin in Great Britain, and the rites followed in Victoria were modelled on those of the old country. Special legislative powers had to be secured for the benefit of Lord Willingdon and such others as may be honored in after years, but it is the intention to limit the number so that the distinction may be one of the most highly-prized in Canada.

The elevation of the governor-general to the rank of Freeman was somewhat formal and hedged in with dignities, but it was otherwise with Mr. Butchart. An ovation such as few have ever seen for the genuineness of its warmth was tendered the recipient and Mrs. Butchart when they attended at the City Hall to receive the official tribute of the elected representatives of 60,000 people. All the municipalities of Southern Vancouver Island associated themselves with Victoria on this auspicious occasion.

After Mr. Butchart had inscribed his name as Freeman on the parchment roll kept for that purpose, Mrs. Butchart was presented with a massive silver tea tray, this being a companion gift with its golden key presented to her husband.

The honor paid Mr. and Mrs. Butchart was in recognition of their public spiritedness in opening their wonderful gardens at Benvenuto to thousands of visitors from all parts of the world, these being rightly considered the "show place" of Vancouver Island. It is estimated that well over a million persons have roamed through the twenty-five acres of trim lawns, flower parterres, and hanging gardens in the past twelve years, for no convention in Victoria is complete without a visit to Benvenuto, while the gates are always open to private parties or individual visitors.

The hanging gardens of Benvenuto said to be the most wonderful in America, have been created on the sheer walls of quarries from which lime, rock and clay have been taken for the manufacture of cement. Mr. Butchart has been engaged in this business since the early 'eighties, though he did not come to British Columbia until 1904, when he was already interested in cement mills in Ontario and all the western provinces. Most of the credit for the Benvenuto gardens is due to Mrs. Butchart, who originated the idea over twenty years ago. Every spring she adds to her floral domain by "stealing" an acre or so from her husband's adjoining farm, but she has sufficient business acumen to refrain from sending her army of gardeners into a quarry until its cement possibilities are exhausted. She absolutely refuses to keep books or accounts in connection with the gardens, wisely explaining that beauty and pleasure cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents.

I. Milne 51, D. Ritchie 47. Average 62.54.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS FOR PAST MONTH

U. S. S. 2, Bentinck and Glenelg IV—Muriel Brown, Rena Clarke, Herbie Miller, Chester Miller Clarence Ritchie. Jr. III—Johnny Vessie. Sr. II—Georgie Miller, Gienna Lawrence. Jr. II—Georgina Vessie, Ewen Ritchie. Sr. I—Marjorie Vessie. Sr. Pr.—Ralph Miller, Gordon Vessie. Jr. Pr.—Margaret Vessie. Islay W. McKechnie, Teacher.

S. S. 3, Bentinck Sr. IV—Lillian Park, Russell Bartman, Joe McCulloch, Jean Coutts. Jr. IV—Charles Mighton, Claren Reay, George Bailey. Jr. III—Grace Reay, Albert Reay, Myrtle Bartman, Clifford Brown, Herbert Wells. Sr. II—Jean Reay, Pearl Bartman. Jr. II—Bernice Wise, Ruth Bartman. Sr. I—Howard Bailey. Pr.—Arthur Wise, Edith Bartman, Ada Reay, Marjory Brown. —Irvin Sharpe, Teacher.

S. S. II, Bentinck Sr. IV—Raymond Hopkins, Arnetta Manto, James Armstrong, Clarence Ritchie. Sr. III—Wilhelmine Manto, Fred Roseborough, Irvine Hiscox, Gordon Dyer. Jr. III—Dawson Vollett, Doris Dyer, Freda Ritchie, Daniel Armstrong, Sarah Dyer. Jr. II—Smith Hopkins, Ella Vollett, Margaret Murdoch. Sr. I—Earl Hiscox, Milton Manto, Elmer Noble. Sr. Pr.—Wilhelmine Hopkins, Catherine Dyer, Ernest Murdoch. Jr. Pr.—Alvin Manto, John Murdoch, Gerald Hiscox. Average attendance 23. * Absent for exams. Marjorie C. Ritchie, Teacher.

S. S. 2, Egremont IV—Vera Johnson, Norma Ferguson, Sadie Davis. Sr. III—Norman Gordon, Douglas Johnson. Jr. III—Jimmy Ferguson, Willie Campbell. Jr. II—Percy Gordon, Ivan Johnson. Jr. I—Bert Marshall, Bobbie Webber, (equal). Sr. Pr.—George Webber, Lenore Davis, Clifford Gordon and Clarence Gordon (equal). Jr. Pr. (a)—Helen Lindsay, Bobbie Mighton. Jr. Pr. (b)—Wanda Stephenson. Best in spelling—Jimmy Ferguson. R. L. Barbour, Teacher.

S. S. No. 1, Nornanby V—Lucy Robins, Jack Smallman*. Jr. IV—Susie Marshall, Irene Petty, Elgin Petty*, Tommie Watson* and Wallace Marshall* equal. Jr. III—Wilfred Marshall*, Allan

Watson*, Melville Robins*, Jesse Marshall*, Howard Marshall. I—Milford Robins*, Bernice Koeing. Pr.—Norman Robins*, Clarence Caldwell*, Florence Petty, Mabel Marshall*. * indicates present every day. —A. McAlister, Teacher.

S. C. No. 12, Egremont IV—John Matthews*, Willie Patterson*, Clara Watson*, Clarence Nelson, Lewis Wells* and George Wilson equal, Dave Daly.

Sr. III—Wallace Matthews*, Clara Falkingham*, Fanny Hargrave*, Clara Hunter*, Reggie Wilson, Annie Andrews*, Frances Daly, Verdun Watson, Jr. II—Gladys Young, Howard Watson, Haze! Watson*. I—Alice Daly, James Hargrave*, Roy Andrews, Kenneth Nelson*, Norman Wells*.

Pr.—Orville Lee, Harold Hunter*, Elmo Scott, Raymond Brown*, Robert Nelson*, Keith Hunter, abs. A—Arthur Matthews*, Bobbie Lee*, Dorothy Andrews*, Joe Daly, Thomas Hargrave*, Goldie Hargrave, Clarence Watson. Number on roll, 41; average attendance, 38. An asterisk denotes present every day. —Violet Mervyn, Teacher.

DISCONTENT

There are two kinds of discontents in this world; the discontent that works, and the discontent that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants, and the second loses what it has. There's no cure for the first but success; and there's no cure at all for the second.—Gordon Graham.

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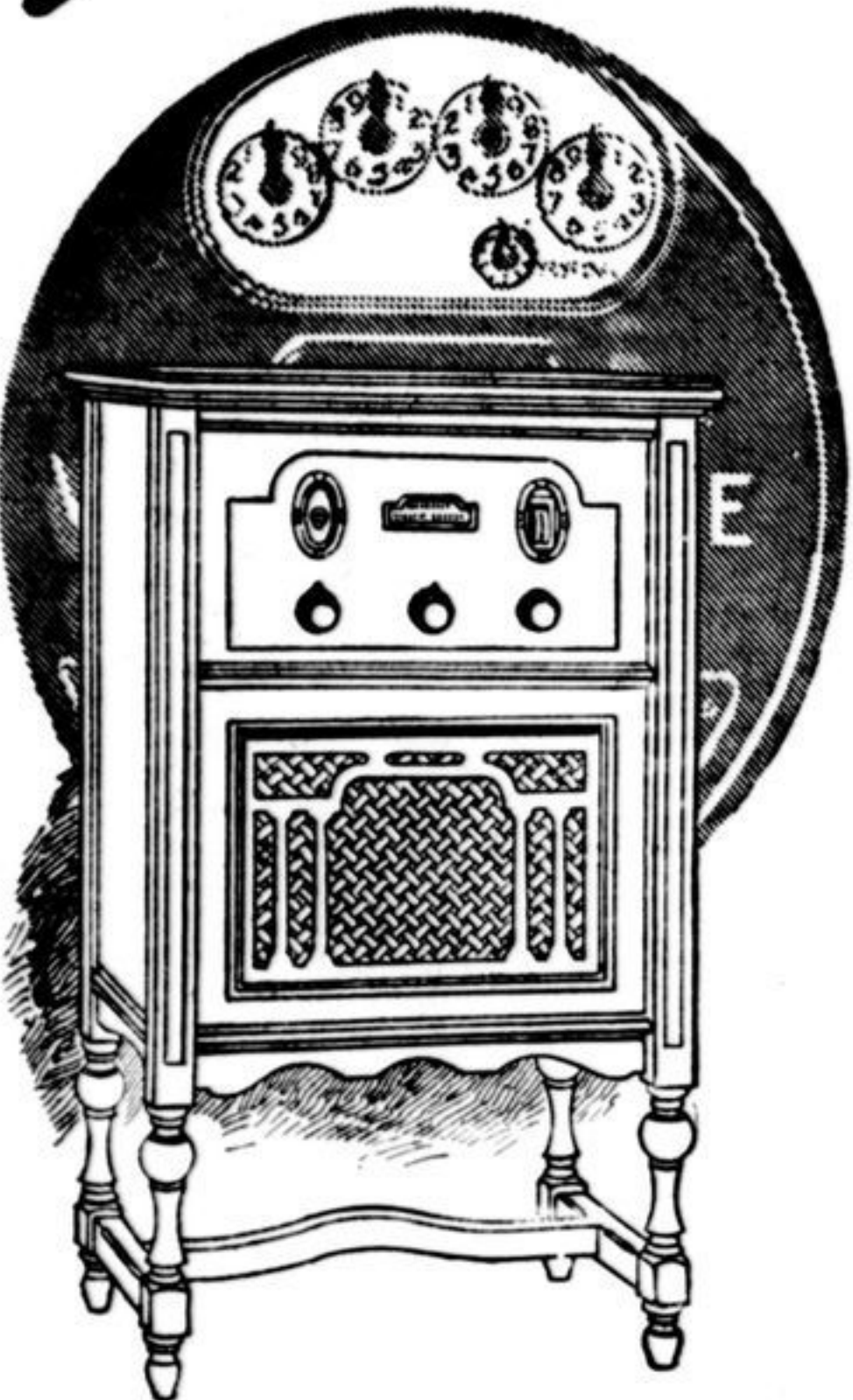
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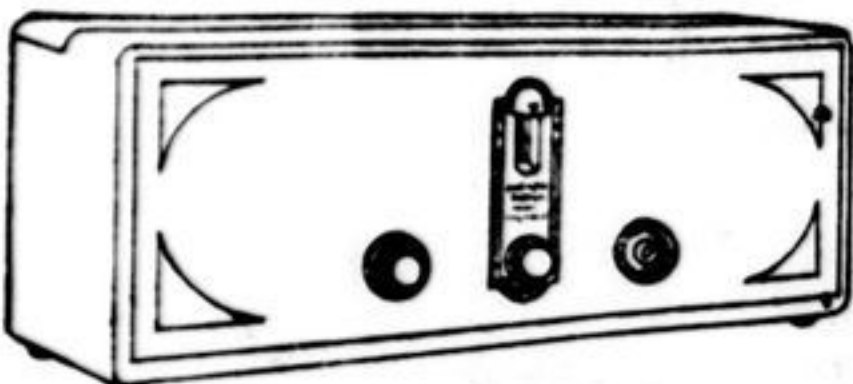
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