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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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HIGHWAY DISCRIMINATION

The Detroit Automobile Club is reported to have advocated the boycotting of Ontario by United States tourists because of the discrimination practised by the provincial traffic officers and magistrates and the fining of visitors from the other side of the line for infractions of the Ontario speed laws. As a result there is to be an investigation by the Government of the alleged charges. This decision will be received joyfully by the people of Ontario as well as by the United States tourists or the Detroit Automobile Club. The Ontario Government or the Ontario people generally have no desire to have the laws of the province enforced so rigidly that prosecution becomes persecution.

Until we have further evidence that the charges made by the Detroit Automobile Club are correct, we must differ with that organization. In our observance of traffic law enforcement by the officers up in this part of the Province we have for a long time thought that the United States tourist had rather the better of the argument. We have seen them do things and get away with it which, if an Ontario motorist were the offender, he would be promptly summonsed.

It is quite possible that the motorists from Michigan, where there is no speed limit, pursue the same tactics when entering Ontario, and if so, they must expect to get into trouble. The fact that a motorist is from Michigan or any other State in the Union where speed laws are unknown does not entitle him to run wild in Ontario where the speed limit is fixed at 35 miles. They could not do it in any similar State at home, so why should they expect the privilege here?

We are in accord with the idea to give the United States tourist even a little better than a fifty-fifty deal, but at the same time we expect that they will abide by the Ontario laws in general when they visit this country. Were we to make a tour of the various States in the American Union we would expect to have to live up to the laws of those States so far as we knew them, and if the speed limit happened to be thirty-five miles an hour we would simply pay the fine and say nothing if we were picked up doing sixty.

It is all very well for the tourists from the United States to dwell on the amount of money they leave in this province each summer. We appreciate this and would like to see tourists encouraged. It is another thing, however, when we are asked to rescind our laws, made for our own people and generally approved by them, in order that a few irresponsible from Michigan or any other non-speed-limit State may burn up our highways with their high-powered cars and make traffic unsafe for themselves and everybody else.

In speaking on this question it is well to remember that each summer Ontario entertains a very great number of United States tourists who drive slowly, sanely and carefully, enjoying the scenery as they pass through the country, and whose trade and comfort is worth a great deal more to the natives of this Province than that of the whoopee class whose main idea seems to be to "step on her, kid". In fact the writer was told only this summer that driving in Ontario with its polite and efficient traffic officers and its reasonable speed limit was to be greatly preferred to motoring in Michigan or New York where speed limits are unknown and accidents common. And our informant was from Michigan and a member of the Detroit Automobile Club!

It depends on how you look at it. If one is out for a "time", and doesn't care what happens, then the speed limit is a nuisance. But if one is merely out for a month or so to take the family on a little holiday jaunt, then a reasonable speed limit and a law that is sensibly enforced is a real protection. We do not think we are giving away any secrets or getting anybody into trouble when we say that it has been quite some time since we knew of any motorist being summonsed for doing up to fifty miles an hour on an open highway. But after that, watch out, be you from Michigan or Ontario. And in our humble opinion fifty miles an hour is fast enough for anybody.

A HOLLOW VICTORY

The recent victory of the dry forces in Prince Edward Island in the voting to say whether or not the province should stay in the prohibition column, is a rather hollow one if one is to believe the dispatch sent from Ottawa by T. H. Blacklock, a staff writer of the Toronto Mail and Empire. Mr. Black-

lock goes on to say that the result of the referendum was expected and gives the reasons.

The accusation is made that Prince Edward Island has had prohibition in name only, that liquor of the best quality, without any excise duty, flows freely from St. Pierre and the West Indies and can be purchased for half the price that is charged in the provinces under government control. It is also said that Nova Scotia, which is also to have a vote in the near future on the retention of the prohibitory law, is expected to carry it, and that, despite the fact that it is under prohibition, is "the wettest in Canada and at the least price."

This is a curious state of affairs to say the least if the report is true, and one can scarcely picture a special writer of a reputable newspaper, under his own signature, writing that which is false.

Without going into the argument as to whether prohibition is right or wrong, we would think that a system of government control where a tab is kept on the stuff is to be preferred to a system which says that liquor is prohibited and then openly encourages smuggling. Evidently this liquor business is a funny thing, and the more it is analysed the less positive one becomes that either is right. We could hardly think that an elector supporting prohibition could justify himself if he bought and drank smuggled liquor, but this must be what they are doing down in Prince Edward Island, and what they intend to do in Nova Scotia when they get a chance.

Surely our Eastern friends have not forgotten that if they "to thine own self be true . . . thou couldst not then be false to any man." If there is anything we despise it is one of these creatures who roam about in public with a sanctimonious expression that the apostles could not mimic and then, when they think they are not being observed resort to tactics that would make a self-respecting yeggman blush. Be yourself. You might a whole lot better be an advocate of government control and say so, than one of these worms who talk prohibition and drink whiskey.

HAS THE BUBBLE BURST?

For the past several years the tales of prosperity that came out of Florida were enough to fairly dazzle one and make him dissatisfied that instead of being in this land of promise and opportunity he had to eke out an existence in this more northern and colder clime. During the past few months the story has changed and now from this most southerly State of the Union come tales of hardship that make one glad he is still a resident of prosperous Canada. Man is a feeble creature at best. The great majority of us crave for a life of ease. A man's is measured by the money he has accumulated and how easily it has been accomplished. He craves for the mild climate of the south in winter time and will praise a climate of one hundred degrees in January that he will curse in July. All the time it is something different that appeals, and the far away fields that look greenest.

Florida, despite the meteoric rise of the past few years, is said to be in the worst condition financially in her history. Banks have closed their doors, business men who a few months ago counted their money in thousands are broke, and everything is in a most unsatisfactory condition. It looks as if the old adage, "Easy come, easy go," is working again, and that the tale of the hare and the tortoise was something more than a fable.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A daily exchange last week said that the price of wheat was "teetering". Let it teeter. So long as it doesn't totter everything will be satisfactory.

That was a mean man who on being informed that his neighbor, after firing five shots at his wife and missing each time, had been arrested, remarked: "He deserved to be."

An article headed "The Men Who Can't Talk" has been going the rounds of the press recently. Now, will someone please write something about "The Women Who Can't Talk"?

The new small United States paper currency is now in circulation here. And now we await the time when some of those who oppose the Canadian "shin-plaster" because it is too small will advocate that the Canadian paper money be also reduced.

"Poured Gasoline to Light Bonfire; Lad Will Recover," says a newspaper heading. The last three words constitute the news part of the story.

"Dog That Bit Woman Not Victim of Rabies" says a heading in a Toronto paper. That should make it plain enough. It is quite evident that the lady must have been thoroughly disinfected before the dog bit her.

We note that an Anglican clergyman's life was saved when he was brought from a post on James' Bay to Sudbury by airplane. He was suffering from emphyema. We looked that up and found it was "an accumulation of pus". We were afraid at first that it was a case of nervous prostration due to worrying over nonpayment of back salary.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

These Family Re-Unions

A few years ago, some genius started the fashion of holding a family re-union. Such an event was usually celebrated on some special occasion, such as the centennial of the settlement of the first representative of the tribe in Canada. The idea has become popular and now every summer sees numerous family re-unions, with no other reason than the excuse to hold another picnic. Indeed, many families, when they gather thus, find the time so enjoyable that they decide to have annual gatherings.

Some people may claim that this is but another passing fad which will soon wear itself out, but at any rate, it brings a good deal of pleasure to those who participate and brings together relatives who might see each other very seldom if it were not for these picnics. It also causes the older members of the relationship to feel that they are appreciated and not forgotten—but if the fashion remains popular, the weekly newspapers will have to start special departments for family re-unions.—Fergus News-Record

The King's Highway

There will be few objections to the latest plan of Ontario's Premier—to name all provincial roads as "The King's Highways." Presumably, the King will have no objection either. "The King's Highway" brings up memories of stories of highwaymen in olden days and of course Ontario can also supply enough bank robbers to fill these parts, although we would gladly enough dispense with their profession.

Premier Ferguson, speaking before a gathering of Veterans, chose an auspicious time to make an announcement which emphasized the loyalty of his government, but a few more visible signs—along the highway or elsewhere—of that loyalty will not come amiss: Every day, we see American tourists passing through Ontario with the flags of their country prominently displayed, and it is quite probable that the ultra-loyal citizens of the United States expect to find in Ontario similar visible manifestations of our loyalty. Indeed, some of them seem to think we cannot eat our dinners until we get the direct permission of His Majesty. These people will welcome the sight of signs with the name "The King's Highway," as confirming the impressions with which they had come to Canada.—Fergus News-Record

The Week-End Toll

Sunday was once a day of rest. It now seems established as a day of slaughter. With monotonous regularity, the week-end casualty lists continue. The day's outing too frequently ends in the hospital or the cemetery. Of the twenty-one deaths in Ontario recorded on Monday morning dailies, ten were attributed to automobile "accidents". In some cases the term accident seems hardly applicable including as that term does an element of the unexpected or inexplicable.

Last week-end's list included two level crossing accidents. In one of them the view of the line is said to have been obstructed by trees, yet in spite of this obstruction the motor apparently ran on into the path of a radial car. In the other, the auto is said to have tried to beat the street car to the crossing. Included in the other fatalities was one where a car, travelling at too high a speed for the nature of the road, swerved from the highway at a curve, and another case where the driver apparently was sleeping at the wheel. In such cases, the term accident is scarcely appropriate.

No amount of regulation will take the element of danger out of the operation of automobiles. Too many drivers fail to realize that constant alertness is essential. But regulation may assist in minimizing the dangers that exist. The frequency of level crossing tragedies should suggest to the Highways Department whether it is not advisable to try out the system now in force in Quebec, of requiring all motors to come to a stop before passing over such a crossing.—Hanover Post.

SAYS THAT SHORT SKIRTS ARE GOOD FOR HEALTH

Short skirts in particular, and abbreviated clothing for women, in general are heartily endorsed by Sir Arbutnot Lane, a distinguished medical authority. Writing in the Daily Mail (London, England) he says: "The first principle to lay down in considering this question is that the best clothing is the least possible in the circumstances. Startling as this may sound, it is conclusively based on our knowledge of the skin and its natural relation to light and air.

"The skin is not merely a mechanical covering of the body. It is alive, intensely and actively alive, and requires for its proper functioning a sufficiency of light and air. Without this the skin rapidly reaches a state of semi-paralysis, a condition of real danger, for no one is as safe and efficient and happy as he might be who has not an alert, responsive, and active skin, which can quickly and easily adapt itself to all manner of exterior circumstances and internal activities.

"So important is this subject that a special committee of medical and scientific experts of the New Health Society has been considering it for more than a year, and I am indebted to some of our scientific advisers for the following information.

"Vitamin D is the only skin food, and this is obtained in large measure from the natural food we eat and from sunlight, and when we are able to obtain it from the latter source we have the trouble of consuming, digesting, and burning up a corresponding quantity of fuel food in order to maintain the temperature of the body. This is another reason for the statement that the best clothing is the least possible in the circumstances.

Physicians Paid by Finance Firm

The installation plan has been invoked by the Chicago Medical Society for the benefit of those who are sick and unable to make prompt payment. The new financial arrangement is called "the modern medical budget plan" and its purpose is to finance worthy sick persons on a cost basis, weekly or monthly installments, over a period commensurate with his ability to pay.

Dr. James H. Hutton, president-elect of the society, said the plan "simply adapts to the sick the modern method of financing employed by the automobile, the radio and other industries and enables the family of moderate means to arrange for medical or hospital care on a time payment plan."

PHYSICIANS PAID BY FINANCE FIRM

Installation Plan System Worked Out to Provide Medical Loans for Sick.

Dr. Hutton said the plan would keep down the cost of illness by minimizing the risk of financial loss to doctor and hospital and by doing away with indiscriminate charity.

Under the plan the patient summons the physician of his choice, who diagnoses the case, indicates the course of treatment and then estimates the cost. The doctor fills out a card, which serves as authorization to finance a loan to the patient at 6 per cent. interest for the physician's individual account.

As soon as the loan is made the physician is mailed a check for 35 per cent of the total bill. The balance is paid to him by the finance corporation in installments, consisting of one-half of moneys still due, principal and interest when and as collected. The patient is completely financed. Dr. Hutton said and the physician finally receives 86.37 per cent of his total fee. The finance organization retains 13.63 per cent as the doctor's contribution to the plan, and it creates a special fund against which all bad loans are charged.

If the loan proves uncollectable the physician receives only the 35 per cent originally advanced, which assures him of receiving at least a fraction of his costs in time and service.

COMPENSATION COSTS

In the half year ending June 30, the Workmen's Compensation Board awarded benefits amounting to \$3,991,646.78, of which \$681,432.39 was for medical aid. The total awards for the half year are nearly half a million dollars higher than for the same period in 1928.

There were 41,515 accidents including 225 fatal cases reported to the Compensation Board for the half year, as compared with 35,202 for the first half of 1928 with 276 fatalities. The drop in fatal cases is important but the increase of over one thousand reported

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The Variety Store

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What is a Bargain?

In this community are hundreds of individuals and families on the watch for an advertisement which will offer them what they want at an advantageous price.

Call them bargain-hunters if you will, but thrifty shoppers would be the better designation. Thrift is a commendable trait and merchants should cater to it.

One family wants a new carpet—the need is not urgent. Another family is looking forward to buying dining-room furniture—it may not be for a twelve month.

One man is thinking of buying himself a watch; one woman a shopping bag; another an umbrella. All can be made to buy earlier—by advertising. Advertising can make the desire so keen that the bargain is forgotten in the fever for immediate possession.

A NOTE TO MERCHANTS

Stimulate business by the offer of some slow-moving lines of special price. Brighten up business by advertising some desirable goods at reduced prices. Make advertising healthful business. Often you can tempt the buyer who is hiding his or her name, to buy from you—at a time of your own naming.

Shop Where You Are Invited To Shop

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. A. VanWier of visiting her sister, Miss L. Mr. Ernest Neaves of visiting his mother in town. Miss Eunice Burnett, visiting with Miss Norton. Miss Amy Kelly of Toronto, visiting this week at home. Mrs. Alex. Hay is at home in Durham hospital. Mrs. G. S. Kearney is visiting this week at home. Mrs. Charles Lawrence holiday in Niagara Falls. Miss Florence Palm is visiting her uncle, Mr. J. J. Jucksch. Mrs. George Burnett spent a few days in H.

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