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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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THE TIPPING NUISANCE

The announcement recently in an overseas cable that the waiters in Paris, France, do not like tips, came as a bolt out of the blue, and the statement will no doubt be received with a grain of salt by those who are fortunate enough to have the time and the money to slip over to Europe every summer. We had always thought that France was the home of "tipping" but from the manner in which it is becoming the custom in Canada the Canadian flunkies are very apt scholars and apt to surpass their masters.

We have never heard anyone except, perhaps, those who are benefitted, defend the tipping system, and we have never known anyone who travels to admit that he did not do it. Even in a trip to Toronto the tipping commences when first one pokes his nose in the front door of the hotel and ends only when he steps off the train at home. Every servant, from the red cap at the Union Station to the porter in the parlor car, has had a crack at him and it is little wonder that he lands home out of sorts with himself. People who put a nickel on the collection plate when they attend church can sometimes be seen passing out quarters and half-dollars for some problematical service when on a journey.

It is the custom now to tip the bell hop for showing you to your room. You pass out a tip to the girl at the door of the dining-room who looks after your hat, and then, after paying for your dinner, are expected to pass out another shilling to the waiter who brought you your food. It seems to be the rage in the city but there is no self-respecting man in the smaller towns who would expect or accept his living in this manner.

The barber who shaves you when in the city smiles when you drop an extra "acknowledgement" in his hand and damns you when you don't. Of course there is no law to make you do all this, but a man might as well be dead as out of step.

Why should tipping be the prevailing custom, anyway? Why should a man be called upon to pay from three to six dollars for the privilege of sleeping a few hours over night in a hotel bed and then wear out his pocket and his patience handing out tips to the human bloodsuckers standing with palm extended who have really done nothing? If this sort of thing keeps up it may soon be the custom to tip all the business men of your acquaintance. When you issue a cheque for the winter's coal, why not add an extra ten per cent as a tip for the coal man? This suggestion may sound foolish, but it is just as wise as some of the tipping that goes on at the present time.

But why worry over the matter? We all "tip", we swear about it, and few of us miss the opportunity to "grease the bell hop's palm." Like the high cost of living, the tipping system is with us and likely to remain. We all cuss it, but very few of us ever do anything to rectify the evil that makes present day travel a nightmare.

THE CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

The selection of Mr. J. N. Perdue of Holland Township at the Liberal-Conservative convention here last Thursday was a wise one. Not only has the Conservative party selected a man worthy of its traditions, they have as well chosen one whose past is not to be assailed by any petty platform charges and whose record in his native township as a most successful farmer, and honest, upright citizen, is too well known to be easily attacked.

Over the long distance telephone on Wednesday morning of this week the Chronicle learned first hand that Mr. Perdue is in the fight and will, to the very best of his ability, endeavor to redeem South Grey for the Conservative party.

An outstanding man contesting a good cause, he should win. He has something to fight for. There are few places at the moment where the Conservative Government can be successfully assailed. It is not to be expected that all will be satisfied, but even in his campaign speeches so far, W. E. N. Sinclair, the leader of the Opposition, has not scored very heavily. The Mothers' Allowances Board, the Old Age Pensions Commission, the help given rural hydro in the past and the additional assistance promised for the future are all contributing to the general satisfaction of Ontario as a whole with the Ferguson Government. There is no opposition to the statement that it is a foregone conclusion that the Conservative party will be returned to power at Toronto, and with this knowledge it is altogether likely that South Grey will again register a satisfactory Conservative majority and elect Nelson Perdue as their representative.

THE "REDS" AND LABOR

For the past few years there has been the idea in far too many circles that the great Labor party in Canada was, if not directly, at least under a mantle of respectability, allied with the Communists, or "Red" element and that the sympathies of those in power in the party were against anything that savored in the least of the "big interests". The writer has often been ashamed of some of the utterances put into circulation in Toronto and throughout the Dominion by men who, unfortunately, were too high up in the ranks of the Labor party. It is true that the "Reds" belong to the laboring class, generally, or falling this are mere opportunists who take up the cudgels for labor on the assumption that they themselves may gain by it; but it must never be forgotten that there are thousands of laboring men, members of the Labor party, who, like ourselves have little use for a good many of the statements of the so-called leaders.

To those who have previously entertained the

thought that the term "laboring classes" was synonymous with Communism, we present the following from the last issue of the *Labor Leader*, Toronto, which under the heading, "Why Not Give the Reds the Boot? They Use Bombs and Bullets," in no uncertain manner defends Chief Draper of Toronto in his stand to wipe out the Red menace from that city.

The *Labor Leader* says:

"It is surprising how much sentimentalism can be stirred up by the picture of a man lying on the ground and a policeman standing over him—a sickly sentimentalism that becomes nauseating in the light of pure reason. To illustrate the point: Most people remember the Hickman case, where a young girl not yet in her teens was kidnapped, brutally murdered, her body mutilated, and the pitiful remains thrown to the broken-hearted father after he had given the murderer the ransom price. Hickman was caught, condemned and executed, as God knows he deserved to be. Yet thousands of people wrote letters and slobbered over the vile murderer as though he were a martyr suffering in a just cause. Some of our Liberal papers, and Conservative papers, too, for that matter, are trying, we suppose for political reasons, to stir up the same kind of sentiment on behalf of the Reds. It is a mistaken idea, wherever possible, the armed uprising of the proletariat, and the murder and the pillage of all those who oppose them.

"The only way to oppose force is by the use of stronger force. It is a waste of time to argue or debate with a hungry tiger.

"Some people will say: 'Oh, but the Reds could never murder and pillage the Canadian people.' To which we answer: 'Given the opportunity to do so, who is going to stop them?' Certainly not the Hyde Park method as advocated by the anvil chorus of a sentimental, sloppy, circulation-grabbing press. Hyde Park methods are all right in a Hyde Park environment. But unfortunately Canada lacks this environment. The Hyde Park environment is 90 per cent British, probably more: A people steeped for centuries in Parliamentary traditions; a people who will vote Conservative one year, and elect a Labor government the next; a people who have won liberty for the workers of the world; in other words a people who value and know how to use this liberty for their permanent good. In Canada we have a mixture of races, where those of British birth and descent are in a minority. These aliens know nothing of British tradition, and the majority of them care less. The new freedom they possess under the Union Jack is strange to them, and, given an inch, they feel justified in taking a mile. And what Canadians have to consider is, shall these people be allowed to organize a force capable of attempting to overthrow constitutional authority, or are Canadians and Canadian institutions to be protected from the menace of direct action.

"Provided it is agreed that law, order, and constitutional government must prevail, then methods of doing so must come up for consideration; and in considering the question it should be remembered that the fundamental principles of liberty are at stake. Before passing judgment on the action of Chief Draper and the police force let us ask the question, 'What would the Reds do if the positions were reversed?' We never did like Czarism, but, when thinking of the Russian revolution a picture persists in our mind: A simple-minded man, his wife and children, shot like cattle, by men who could neither read nor write, and who knew nothing of the world outside a squalid Russian village. We think of 30,000 people in Leningrad, thrown into prison, tortured and shot, because they dared to question the dictatorship. We picture a country where every written and spoken word is censored by the Red chief. A country where a man may not, even in the privacy of his home, dare speak a word in criticism of the Soviet, in fear of imprisonment or death.

"In view of this it is a very great crime to take a Red by the seat of his pants and kick him out of a park? When the Reds enforce their laws, they speak with bombs and bullets, not boots.

"After all, why should we allow the paid emissaries of a murderous regime to use our streets and parks to promulgate a doctrine utterly opposed to democratic procedure and Christian thought? Why should we tolerate a group of alien propagandists who, if given the opportunity, would institute a reign of terror, and cause the streets of Canadian cities to run red with blood as they did in Petrograd and Moscow. Impossible? Stranger things have happened, and there have always been numbers of people who never could see the woods for the trees.

"Apart from the regrettable but scarcely avoidable interference with the rights of a few peaceful citizens, we are of the opinion that Chief Draper's prompt and firm action in dealing with the Red menace is to be commended rather than criticized."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The last issue of Maclean's Magazine contains a lengthy article on "Can Lacrosse Come Back?" According to some of our local exchanges, lacrosse is not dead, or even dying. If this be true, then why write about it?

We have already figured Nelson Perdue's majority at 725. And no doubt this will grow, and grow, and grow.

Toronto's Communists lost their nerve and failed to hold their gathering in Queen's Park following the declaration of Chief of Police Draper that he would be there with an adequate police force. They simply faded away. The Communists are the first to quit when their own medicine is employed against them. Draper's methods may not be polite, but they are effective, and results are the only things that count these days.

King George of England has, through the Dominion Government at Ottawa, entered suit in a Chicago court. Now for an outbreak from Mayor Thompson, the "Wild Bill" of the Lake Michigan waterfront!

Another week of excitement gone. Moving machinery and erecting partitions does not make the issuing of a newspaper any sincere. The *Chronicle* is published under difficulties this week but hopes to get back to normal soon.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

Taking the Joy Out of Life
Meaford takes pride in being the home of big fish, but does not propose to stand for big fish lies. To guard against the latter, certificates, signed and sealed by the Mayor, are given, stating the time of the catch and the weight. Thus is another pleasure and pastime of many piscatorial sports destroyed. Truly, it's a cruel world.—*Collingwood Bulletin*.

Is The Telegram Fair
Notice in the Toronto Telegram a picture of a resident of that city, preparing for exhibition visitors, and announcing, "the coal bin or the sink for me." The poor gent is made to pose as one of those Toronto sufferers who sees his bed given over to country relatives, the hair-covered sofa in the parlor providing a resting place for his aunts, while the cousins take to the floor with the piano drape and the rag carpets thrown over them. But when these Toronto folk saunter out in considerable plurality and visit with the people on lot four concession ten.

They take no stock whatever of the hour of good time they consume when the people should be out milking the brindle cow and teaching the stubborn calf to drink out of a tin pail.

Nor do they estimate the manner in which their rapacious sprout once they get away from the city and start to sniff the country air.

The Telegram artist should draw the sequel of his picture and show the cause and effect of reasons leading up to the raid upon relatives in Toronto during Exhibition days.—*Walkerton Herald-Times*.

A League of the World's Youth
That the Boy Scout Movement is forging ahead in no uncertain manner for world brotherhood and peace is proved by the recent gathering of Boy Scouts held in England, when 50,000 boys from 72 different parts of the world and representing 42 countries, gathered in one huge camp, where they lived together, worked together and played together. This great camp was nothing short of a league of nations of the world's youth. The Scout Movement in the world today—what a brotherhood! Differences exist, we know, between the peoples of the world in thought and temperament as well as in language and physique, but this great gathering of youth has taught us that with mutual give and take under a common weal, sympathy and harmony are established. How touching must have been the scene when the World Chief Scout, Baden-Powell, spoke to this vast throng. "If it be your will," he said, "let us therefore endeavor to develop such comradeship through the world-wide Scout spirit of brotherhood that peace and good will may henceforth reign among men. Are you willing to join in this high enterprise," he flung the challenge. The response was a heartfelt shout: "We will, by God's help we will!" A league of nations of the world's youth, yes; first a league of youth, then a world-wide league of full-grown men! What a power for good lies within this organization.—*Kincardine Review-Reporter*.

Trained Heads Win
"You'll Go No Further Than Your Head Will Let You"—just as a head will go no further than its head will let it—this is the battle-cry thrown out by training schools to the young people of today. In that one sentence lies a wealth of advice and truth, for the people who rise to the high positions get there by "using their heads."

Business today offers untold opportunities to young men and women. The business world is ever anxious to secure the services of young men and women who are ambitious and willing to accept responsibility. The young man or woman who says there are no opportunities today is sadly disillusioned, for the knocker on the door of opportunity has never had to be replaced. Trained heads win everywhere. Especially in office work the old apprentice system has fallen on evil days, and business executives are demanding business-trained assistants. That is why at this, the opening of another training season, we pass this tip on to young men and women who are undecided what to do. There's no time like the present to commence training for the higher offices of life, and it is the person who is trained and from that training adapts himself accordingly is going to gain the high po-

sitions and earn salaries commensurate with the office. A delay of a year or two, after leaving school, has been proven to be detrimental when study is resumed. Education of any kind requires concentration, and concentration is not easy when one has been away from the discipline of school for a year or so.

We would encourage those who have recently passed their Entrance or spent a year or two in high school to continue their studies at high school or at a business training school. A high school course is very beneficial, whether for stepping stone to Normal School or to university studies. The individual who has a teacher's certificate or a university education has especially excellent opportunities lying before them in the academic or professional world. The higher one's education goes, the more professions are opened to the trained mind. The remuneration increases accordingly.

Therefore, if we might advise young people at this appropriate season, we would say, set your eyes on the goal ahead and don't be afraid of a little personal sacrifice to attain the mark you have set for yourself in the world. Opportunity never beckoned more reassuringly here in Canada, and if a day, he has no one to blame but himself.

Trained heads win everywhere!—*Dundalk Herald*.

One flyover owner installed a carburetor that was guaranteed to save 20 per cent on fuel. Then he put in special spark plugs that were guaranteed to save 20 per cent. Then he added an intake supercharger that was guaranteed to save 20 per cent. Next he added a special rear axle that was also guaranteed to save 20 per cent. He put on

blowout tires that promised a 20 per cent saving. And now, with a fuel economy of 120 per cent, he has to stop every 100 miles and bail fuel out of the gas tank to keep it from running over. Honest!

WESTERN CROP FAILURE DISCUSSED BY BEATTY

One Bad Crop Not Enough to "Break" Country, Says C. F. E. President.—*Railways W.M. Assoc.*

"It takes more than one short crop to break Canada," said E. W. Beatty, president and chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway, when queried regarding the Western Canada wheat crop situation.

"Of course the railways will lose," he said, "but only on that one source of revenue. Mining, lumbering and other industries have developed to such an extent in the last year or two that we will more than make up."

Mr. Beatty said the railways will lose, not to any great extent, but lose, nevertheless, through not bringing out farm laborers from Great Britain. The Canadian harvesters from the east to the prairies and probably no more than 10,000 will be needed, he said.

"We only bring the men out for the harvest from the old country because every one of them is a potential settler and may make his home in Canada," said Mr. Beatty. "But when we see Canada does not need them we will not urge them to come. We will not bring any out this year."

He said the C. P. R. was not considering any new developments in its service such as an aviation branch.

"Does your wife really obey you?" "Yes. When I say 'Go ahead and never mind me,' she always does!"

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. John L. McKinnon who is visiting with Mrs. A. D. McKinnon at Pricville, was office on Wednesday of McKinnon's visit was enjoy his annual call only regret being that in a hurry and cannot long enough to tell us while Western Canada through hard times. Mr. McKinnon told us and the districts north of us so much from the weather as some other turns to his duties at university in a few days. Mrs. John Bolger and who have spent the office on Wednesday with Mrs. S. H. Bolger and returned to their home. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. son of Toronto are and Mrs. J. S. McIlra Mrs. Tolchard of L. with Mrs. S. H. Bolger friends and relatives vicinity. Mrs. C. Ector of S. visiting with her sister Macdonald. Mrs. Ector a couple of months here before returning to the West. Mrs. T. E. Arkell, Master Allan Collicott were visitors the first

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