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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.

Thursday, April 3, 1930

SOLDIERS' PENSIONS

The recent announcement from Ottawa that the Dominion Government is to take steps to see that the disabled veterans of the Great War are given the consideration they deserve, and which they have hitherto not received, will be gratifying to those citizens of Canada who take the country's war-time promises seriously. When the fight was on and enlistments were being made, there was nothing too good for the soldier, but with the war over and many of the returned men hopelessly incapacitated, it seemed that the situation had been reversed and anything was too good. Most of us for a good many years have been of the opinion that the Pensions Board are too arbitrary. Holding their appointment through the Government they were seemingly responsible to nobody, ruled with a high hand and in too many cases decided against disabled veterans who were justly entitled to pension.

Though coming at a late hour for many, the decision to give the veterans a square deal will be welcomed by the citizens generally. It may be interesting, however, to note that as late as 1927, a bill sponsored by Frank S. Cahill, Liberal member for Pontiac, and one of the leading members of the party in the House, would have taken away from the war veterans any little considerations they were enjoying. This bill was to amend the Civil Service Act and Mr. Cahill sought permission to introduce it on the 13th of December, 1926. It appeared for first reading in February, 1927. This amendment would have taken away from the returned soldier the very small preference then given him in seeking employment in the civil service. The disabilities he suffered, the dangers he faced, the time he lost in the service of his country was not to be considered at all if Mr. Cahill's bill carried.

Luckily the resentment of the Conservative members was so keen that the measure was finally withdrawn and nothing happened, though the amendment stands on the records as a lasting evidence of the lack of regard for the returned man by the Government in power. Now that an election is pending the returned man is to be given the consideration he should have been receiving all along.

RADIO ADVERTISING

Every once in a while we note complaints in the press, daily and weekly, about the amount of advertising that is being done over the radio, and how "mad" the fans get when a perfectly good programme is interfered with by somebody telling of the merits of their wares. We have never gone into the matter very fully, so cannot speak with any authority, but as we understand the situation, nearly all the programmes are sponsored by commercial firms and this being true we cannot see where they are transgressing very much when they wish to make some of their business announcements. The radio is a commercial business and an hour's broadcast over any of the stations costs money, how much we cannot say, but it must be considerable in the case of a coast to coast hook-up. Leaving out the cost of the radio and its upkeep, the many musical and other programmes cost the fan the large sum of one dollar a year for a license. Surely he cannot complain if, in an hour's musical and other offerings, he has to listen for a few minutes to some advertising chatter. Refuse these firms the opportunity of advertising their products and they will soon cease broadcasting, and then where are our programmes to come from?

PREMIER FERGUSON IS RIGHT

In refusing to go to Washington to refute the statements of Hon. E. C. Drury, who a few days ago denounced the Ontario Liquor Control Act in Ontario, Premier Ferguson has done just what his admirers would expect. In refusing he is reported to have said that he does not want to urge his views on the liquor question on the people of the United States, who must settle their own problems. Premier Ferguson might have said more if he had chosen.

Ontario's first citizen as the head of the Government is but enforcing the Act the people of the province sanctioned. To do this we would take it that he can be neither wet nor dry publicly, no matter what views he may hold as a private citizen. Despite the assertions of some of the electorate, Premier Ferguson is not allied with the liquor interests. Neither is he allied with the dries. As the premier of this Province it is his duty to enforce the existing statutes, placed on the books by the votes of the people.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson is not interested in the sale of toxicants in the manner some people think, but he is interested in the welfare of the Province generally, and the results of the past three years or so have proven that he has the situation better in hand than any of the extremists, be they wet or dry. And as time goes on these conditions will improve.

THE WEEKLY "INDEPENDENT" HOWL

The Kincardine Review-Reporter last week said: The Ontario Legislature will soon prorogue and the people are still waiting for Premier Ferguson to fulfill his election promise regarding the strengthening of the Liquor Control Act. And when the session loses, we opine, the people will still be waiting."

Evidently the Review-Reporter editor is so blind optically that he cannot read anything in the daily papers that savors of Conservative pre-election promises fulfilled. Even the dear old Globe, which respects Ferguson and the Tories and the Liquor Control Act much like the devil likes holy water, has been forced to admit that Mr. Ferguson and his Government are sincere in their desire to curtail the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Province.

The Review-Reporter is listed in newspaper directories as "independent" in politics, but the editor never misses an opportunity of taking a slap at the Tory party and its leaders.

A MOVE FOR SAFETY

The Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways in the Ontario Government, will have the support of the majority of drivers of motor cars in his

proposed legislation to prohibit the crowding of the front seats of automobiles, the idea being to prevent unnecessary accidents through handicapping the driver of the car. The front seat crowding is practised mostly by the younger set, who possibly see nothing wrong with riding three or four in a row, and who do not take into consideration the handicap they are placing on the driver. Present-day motor cars travel all the way from thirty-five to sixty miles an hour and the man at the wheel must be alert at all times, more especially in case an emergency arises. Hon. Mr. Henry's proposed legislation is sane, too, in that he does not attempt to tell the motorist that he must not ride three in the front seat. It is admitted that in many of the cars two adults and a child, or even three adults, if not too big, may ride comfortably and with no danger, but there are other times when this practice would be positively dangerous.

The motoring problem is becoming more intricate every day and this latest is but another attempt to make the highways safe, not only for those who ride three abreast, but for other travellers who do not.

WHY NOT INCREASE POWER?

After having tried on several occasions to pick up CFCA in Toronto when hockey matches are being broadcast, we are inclined to the belief that the Toronto Telegram was right when it described this station as a "tin-pan" broadcasting station. While successful on occasions in getting the hockey returns, in the great majority of cases the CFCA broadcast has been faded out by more powerful stations on either side. In the daytime we can pick it up with little trouble but this is when the United States stations on nearly the same wave length are silent. Is it not time that something was done in the matter? Are Canadians not entitled to listen in to Canadian programmes? In the past it has been said that the United States stations were getting the preference. This is all too true, but there is a very good reason. United States stations are easier to get and hold than grammas put on in Toronto, but while the broadcasting stations there are easily picked up in the daytime it is often impossible to get them clearly when the nightly continental programmes are on. Radio fans naturally tune in where the programme is clear and where there is the minimum of interference. All too often the Toronto stations are blown off the air and cannot be picked up again. CFRB is badly interfered with by KDKA, CKGW, Toronto's strongest station has quite a time holding its own with WLW, while CFCA cannot be heard at all once WABC in New York and a broadcasting station at Shreveport, La., get going.

It may be that our location in Durham has something to do with it, but the complaints around here are the same in all instances, and it is felt that if Toronto wants to be heard over the air it will have to request isolated wave lengths or install more powerful stations. Failing this, radio fans in this locality cannot be blamed very much if they tune in on the United States stations and stay there.

MAIL ORDER EYE SPECIALISTS

The action of the Ontario Legislature in approving the principle of a bill that may eventually mean the elimination of the mail order optometrist and the licensing of travelling eye specialists is a move that should have been made long ago. This practice of going about the country testing eyes and in a good many cases living off a gullible public, has been sanctioned too long and the new legislation, if it does become law, will be welcomed by the best optometrists and eye specialists in the country. While all travelling eyesight specialists cannot by any means be classed as detrimental to the public interests, there have been too many fakers and these have made it hard for the honest and really competent practitioners. There are some so-called eye specialists who glibly advertise "no glasses prescribed unless necessary" but we have yet to meet one individual who did business with these gentry who were told that eye glasses would do them no good. An eye doctor, like any other tradesman, should be paid for testing eyes whether glasses are prescribed or not. There are too many whose business it is to prescribe glasses. They have to make money, the prescribing of glasses is the only way they have of making it, and as a consequence anything from a watering can to the family cat is fitted with glasses if there is somebody to foot the bill. Evidently the Legislature has taken the stand that the public should be saved from itself, and it is not very far wrong.

The world do move. Only a few short years ago the theatre, to a good many people, was the child of the devil. A newspaper dispatch this week says that there is a movement on to provide special theatres for children in some of the larger cities.

An Iowa farmer milks his cows to music supplied by the radio. We would advise him not to tune in on some of those "Blues" programmes. The cows might reciprocate and the customers complain that the dairyman was putting water in the milk.

Three New York girls made an attempt last Saturday to learn to fly an aeroplane in one day, expecting to make a solo flight before evening. We haven't heard how it came out, but in any event it brings home the old saying: "If it were not for the fools in the world the rest of us would have a harder time making a living."

The Owen Sound Sun-Times says in a news heading "Chatsworth Sage 45 Per Cent Right in Four Months," in his weather predictions. This is true charity! The newspaper might just as easily have stated that he was "55 Per Cent Wrong". And how the mighty have fallen! We note that the Sun-Times refers to the Grey County weatherman as from Chatsworth. Had he been 90 per cent right, no doubt they would have had him from Owen Sound, to which city he is reported to have moved some two years ago.

The Ontario Divorce Bill has been the cause of quite a lot of dissension between the "pros" and the "antis." Personally we can see no argument against Ontario having her own divorce court, and cannot agree that it will make for more divorces in the province. If we simply have to have divorces, we can see no reason why a provincial court cannot handle them better than a Dominion Senate and at half the cost. While we might not go so far as to say that all divorces are wrong, we can at least admit that they are unfortunate. An Ontario divorce court should not at all mean that divorces shall be easier to obtain, and so long as the bars are not let down there appears to us no reason why this province should not handle its matrimonial tragedies as well or better than those to whom this duty is at present entrusted.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DENIES RESPONSIBILITY

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opinion that Listowel is the controlling force in the league. Listowel was ordered to play Paisley in the Junior Series of the N.H.L., this season, in the play-downs. Soft weather halted the series. When cold weather resumed, Listowel voiced a desire to play Mitchell, and the Paisley-Listowel series was cancelled. Who was responsible for the change I do not know, but the fact remains that it was a repetition of the old, old story—Listowel got first choice and final say.

Where the trouble lies, who the trouble-makers are, or what can be done to remedy it, is as well known to yourself as to me. Personally, I did not "fall to back up Mr. Murphy" on the matter under controversy. I believe that once the game was set for Durham, the arrangements should have stood likewise when the game was finally played. But, until I read the excerpt in your paper from the Durham Chronicle, I knew nothing whatever of the matter, and was never consulted by league officers, nor had an opportunity to vote on it.

I trust I have made my opinion clear to you, and hope you understand thoroughly that I did not do the "know-tow act" to Listowel.

"You will quite probably find, upon investigation, that this question as to the scene of the Markdale-Listowel play-off was settled, not by the executive of the league as a body, but by the sub-committee.

"This sub-committee is, I believe, composed of three members from the executive and apparently have the power to settle all disputes and protests so that once the executive is elected, they have nothing more to do with the league's government, except possibly the odd unimportant executive meeting. There was one of these meetings to my knowledge, this winter. I was indirectly notified of it through our local hockey club secretary, but was unable to attend.

"At that meeting a motion was passed disqualifying three Paisley players. I lodged a protest with the league secretary against this action, and on a vote of the executive—myself among them—returning a verdict in favor of the Paisley club, the motion was rescinded. This was the one and only word I had in the management of the loop this winter. I feel sure other members are in the same position.

Yours truly,
C. B. MCKENZIE."

MURDER CHARGED AGAINST PARTNER

Owner of Store at Chesley Arrested by Toronto Police Following Mysterious Death

Abraham Steinberg, aged 50, of 128 McCaul street, Toronto, was taken into custody early last Monday night at Toronto and formally charged with the murder of Samuel Goldberg. The arrested man owns a store in Chesley which has been conducted in his name for some years, and for a time he had a store in Hanover, conducted by his son, Sammy, but the business was unprofitable and was closed down, the stock being moved to Chesley.

The arrest followed a diligent investigation which has lasted since the night of March 5, when Goldberg's charred body was found slumped over his desk in his office at 153 St. Patrick Street, Toronto, after he had been shot through the head. Steinberg, a brother-in-law was arrested on a charge of vagrancy and until Monday had been free on bail of \$1,000.

Acting on information contained in a telegram received from Dr. Wilfred Derome of Montreal, who for the past day or two has been examining the revolver found back of the Goldberg Monument Works two days after the shooting. Inspector Alexander J. Murray ordered Steinberg's arrest and formally charged him with murder.

Preventing Listening In

A telephone device which makes listening in impossible has been successfully applied to some rural lines in the United States. In Chicago where there are party lines in some districts the new invention has given utmost satisfaction. When central makes a connection between two lines none but the two receivers can be in service. If a third receiver is taken down the connection is broken and central knows where the eavesdropping is being done. With the loss of entertainment derived from taking down the receiver when anybody at all is called on a rural line much of the pleasure of life will be denied many harmless people who, while they are listening in are silent, a virtue rarely practiced by many of them. For others having occasion to put in calls over rural lines there are sometimes amusing incidents which could not happen were interruptions impossible. It would be impossible to hear the clocks ticking or birds singing as is often the case now. Now would it be necessary to invent code yarns such as was done in Alliston only recently when a townsman who had occasion to go to Toronto was asked by his brother in the country to try and get a certain liquid article (not liquor). The two men arranged a couple of yarns by which the one could be advised by the other whether the liquid had been procured. The country brother was called and told that the three bottles of rum were in a certain spot behind a certain tree at a certain place. When the man in the country was on his way in to get his goods he passed three men from three different homes on his telephone line. That the three should be out at an unusual hour and their being no apparent object in their errands aroused suspicion.—Alliston Herald.

Young Housewife: "Are you sure this cleaner that you are selling will really take out the dirt."

Agent: "Will it? Say lady, yesterday I rubbed some of it on a copy of 'Scandalous Stories' and when I got through I had the Sunday School Gazette!"



CHATSWORTH SAGE 45 PER CENT RIGHT IN FOUR MONTHS

Forecaster Bowes' Predictions Were Decidedly Off During March Says Owen Sound Sun-Times

Meteorological records give the Chatsworth Sage, Mr. J. T. Bowes, an average of 45 per cent accuracy in his predictions for the first three months of 1930. Only once since his forecast was published in September has he been 100 per cent right. He prophesied the beginning of winter about November 27 and by November 29 all Ontario was wondering if the mercury could go any lower.

December was partly corresponding to the Sage's forecast, except that that most important day, December 25, was far when he had announced it would snow.

January was forecast as "mild and moderate, with one storm near the end of the month." The records show the first half of January was mild, but the second half was very cold. There were no storms.

The unusually mild spell at the end of February was correctly prophesied by the Sage, but the first half of the month was mild too, with the exception of one or two days. For the early part of the month he had predicted heavy storms.

On his forecast for March, the Chatsworth astrologer was away below par. "Milder and dryer than usual with spring coming early in the month," he predicted. The average temperature for the month is higher than usual, due to several very mild days, but March has been 50 per cent wetter than normal. The precipitation this month has been 3.10 inches in place of the average 2.20. And the weatherman echoes the sentiments of a large number of people when he remarks: "I don't think we have spring yet."

The Sage's forecast for April is "Dry weather and average temperatures throughout the month."

SUNDAY ARRESTS ILLEGAL ACCORDING TO OLD LAW

Magistrate Jones of Brantford on Tuesday rendered judgment in the case of Rex vs. Boughner, the latter being charged with obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duties. The case arose over the execution of a warrant for a breach of the L. C. A. Quoting many authorities, Magistrate Jones concluded that the imperial statutes of 1667 provide that upon the Lord's Day "no person shall serve or execute or cause to be served or executed any writ, process, warrant, order, judgment or decree," and no later legislation specifically provides otherwise. The defendant was dismissed.

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THE SAME GOOD SAMARITAN

Last week the Chronicle attempted to give the story of the Good Samaritan couched in modern 1930 language. On picking up a magazine a day or so afterwards we noticed another story as told by a dorky preacher to his congregation. Here it is:

"Dere was a traveler on a lonely road, robbed an' left wounded an' helpless by de roadside. As he laid dere, various pussons passed him, but none ob dem offered him any 'sistance. By 'an by, howsomever, a pore Samaritan come along, an' taking pity on de wounded man, he helped him on his mule on' took him to a tavern, where he ordered food an' raiment fo' de man, an' tells de tavern keeper to send de bill to him. Now, breddern an' sistahs, dis am a true story," concluded the preacher, "fo' de tavern am standin' to dis day, an' in de doorway is standin' the skeleton ob de tavern keeper, waitin' fo' de good Samaritan to come back an' pay de bill."

Fall Up

At a performance of "Faust" in Cork the gentleman who enacted the part of Mephistopheles was so stout that the trap-door was too small to permit his descent to the infernal regions, and all of his person above the waist was still visible over the stage. One of the gallery gods, noticing his dilemma, exclaimed, "Begorra, the place is full!"—Birmingham (England) Weekly Post.

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If you are looking for Bargains you will find them Here

- Children's heavy cotton hose, ribbed fawn shades, in all sizes, per pair.....25c.
- Children's stamped aprons, made up, each.....25c.
- 3-piece stamped sets, buffet set, scarf and centrepiece, all for.....39c.
- Babies' rubber pants.....15c.
- Silk elastic 6 yards for.....15c.
- Wood clothes pins, 5 doz. for 15c.
- 1/2 doz. white cups and saucers 6 plates for.....\$1.19
- 1/2 doz. blue and pink band cups, saucers and plates.....\$1.79
- Fine tumblers, cut design, 6 for.....29c.
- Glass Fruit Nappies, 6 for.....29c.
- Floor mats, large size, 2 for.....35c.

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1929

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Montreal



Movie Actress' Press Agent: "Sorry to mess you up this way, Gloria, but we've got to make this robbery look like the real thing."
—The Passing Show, London.