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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, June 19, 1930

MAKE THIS A BUSINESS ELECTION

The political "pot" is commencing to boil once more, and from now until polling day the electorate will listen to many arguments pro and con as to the reason why they should vote for this or that candidate. Some one has said that one should not combine politics and business. This may be true among citizens of a community, but what is of more importance to the country as a whole than the election of a parliament? Personally, we think every elector should use his franchise from the standpoint of business. If the government in power has in your opinion been a good business government, then support it. If it has not, then vote against it. Conducting the business of the country, a government naturally takes the credit for any good times that may have existed during their regime. They should also be made to take the responsibility for any of the hard times.

As a rural constituency, South-East Grey must consider matters from the farmer's standpoint. During the past nine years, has our representation at Ottawa done anything for the agriculturist? Are the conditions on the farm satisfactory? If they are, then it might be well to let well enough alone, but if not, a change is in order.

Do the farmers of South-East Grey feel that as agriculturists their business has gone ahead as it should? Do they think that everything has been done for this basic industry that should have been? Are they satisfied that the old saying "the farmer has to compete in the markets of the world" is true? Do they think that the placing of a duty on all food-stuffs grown by Canadian farmers and the curtailing of the imports from foreign countries would be of no benefit to them? Are they satisfied to have their own home market thrown open to the world when over eighty per cent of the world's countries have a tariff to protect their agriculturists against the competition of Canadian and other farmers?

These are some of the things for the farmers to think about. For instance, the Hon. James Malcolm of Kincardine, the member for North Bruce, and the finance minister in the King government, who is also a furniture manufacturer, demands and gets approximately thirty-five per cent protection against furniture imported from the United States. If this thirty-five per cent is good for him, why handicap the farmer by allowing him only approximately five per cent?

It is about time for the Canadian farmer, and especially the Ontario farmer, to demand that the Canadian market be reserved for himself. Until this is done we may expect nothing but hard times for the farming industry.

We have heard for some years the cry to the Grey County farmer to look to his own interests. If he is wise this election he certainly will, but in a different manner than he has been doing for the past several years.

VESTED AUTHORITY

In reading the minutes of the Collingwood town council in one of the Collingwood papers, we note that nearly every question that came before that body was referred to the committee in charge of that work "with power". This is a system that should be adopted by all councils. If not, then why appoint committees at all? In the whole business of the Collingwood council we failed to note one instance where the committees were required to "investigate and report back to council at next meeting."

There is little question in our mind that were the people to take more interest in municipal elections, and the citizens more interested in how their town was governed there would be a big change in the conducting of the affairs of most towns.

We have never yet seen the necessity of discussing some matter in the council chamber, referring the matter to this or that committee to make report at next council meeting, and then discussing the matter all over again. No reputable board of directors in a private business could function if held down in this manner, and in the case of councils there is altogether too much time wasted in the nonsensical discussion of matters that could just as well be settled by the committee in charge. If the chairman and committee of any particular department are not capable of running this department, they should not be there. If everything has to be referred back to council then why have committees at all? Why not have the whole council investigate everything? They would at least have first-hand information when the subject was dealt with at the regular meeting, would save the time of the committee in preparing the report, and reduce the time spent in discussion by fully fifty per cent.

Town councils are elected to function, not to waste time discussing subjects on which seventy-five per

cent of the council have no information, but on which apparently every individual member must have his "say".

A WORK OF LOVE

A trip through the Ontario Hospital at Orillia on Friday of last week has placed that institution on an entirely different plane than any we had ever imagined. Previous to Friday we had regarded it as an asylum, government supported, and one made necessary because of the large number of sub-normal children and adults in the province. Friday's visit has changed our mind. Instead of an "asylum" we found a huge training school in which the fourteen hundred inmates were carefully looked after, educated to the standard of which their minds were capable, and, to all appearances, happy. Escorted through this big institution with other members of the press who attended the annual meeting of the York-Simcoe Press Association, the group in which we found ourselves was in charge of Miss D. L. Hale, principal of the school.

While there is a certain sadness in connection with a visit to an institution of this kind, and for a time after emerging from the various school rooms we did not feel "just right", there is a satisfaction in knowing that these unfortunate inmates are happy, pursue their daily avocations with a vim, and that the staff of teachers in charge performs its duties in the full realization that theirs is a labor of love rather than a charge.

We had the privilege of looking over the entire building and grounds and were much impressed with the thoroughness of the teaching and the aptness of many of the pupils. When one considers that there are inmates bordering on twenty years of age with the mentality of a child of three, it is simply marvellous the work that is being done. Boys are taught organized play and enter into the fun with all the energy at their command. Girls are taught needlework and knitting and some very creditable work was shown us that came from their hands. Both boys and girls are taught to read and write when possible.

There is no one who can go through an institution of this kind and emerge without a feeling of sadness; at the same time it is with a feeling of thankfulness that we know there is in Ontario an institution of this kind which looks after sub-normal children in a manner impossible at home, and which places them in a position of capability that could not be attained, we believe, in any other way. It is with sadness one witnesses the condition of many of the inmates, but this must be tempered with joy when one knows that these unfortunates are being well cared for and so far as is possible made happy under such handicaps as they possess.

PUBLIC SAFETY

After a drive over the roads of Grey County, both north and south, last week, we are more than ever of the opinion that the County Council should join the Ontario "Safety First" movement and place "stop" signs on all roadways leading on to improved county roads. We do not suppose they will do it, but this is our opinion just the same. After passing through a good many towns quite a lot smaller than Durham we are also of the opinion that the Durham Council should erect the same signs on streets leading out to both provincial and county highways. The safety of life and property is of more importance than the few dollars these signs will cost.

In both improved highways passing through the town we believe there is only one street which is "stop" signed. This is Lambton street on the main corner. All the other streets are as they were for years and the absence of these signs may be the cause of an accident. We all know that in driving on a main thoroughfare and when passing through towns, a tourist expects that all cars or vehicles entering this highway should use caution, but when one street is "stop" signed and the remainder left open the touring motorist is placed at a decided disadvantage.

With the increased motor traffic it is the duty of all of us to adopt the "safety first" motto, and towns and counties are no more to be excused from this duty than those who drive motor cars.

But town and county councils are too similarly constituted to be expected to follow any advice. They have been placed in authority by the people and generally resent anything that may appear to usurp any of the authority supposedly reposed in them. They forget that the are the servants of the people, not their masters.

So, as we have said before, we don't expect them to take any action in a matter of this kind. It is our opinion that a town or county council that does not adopt every safety measure possible is as much responsible for accidents as those directly concerned.

The divorced women of Budapest have formed a club. There are married women in Canada who also have clubs—wooden ones.

There's at least one advantage in having a "bay window" so large that you cannot see your feet. It doesn't matter whether or not your shoes are shined.

A Cleveland jury composed of seven men and five women have established the price of a kiss at six cents. We'll gamble the majority of those women jurors were old maids not yet too old to have given up hope.



DR. L. G. CAMPBELL
 who is contesting the riding of South-East Grey in the present Federal election campaign as the standard bearer of the Liberal-Conservative party.

ONTARIO HOSPITAL VIEWED BY PRESS

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interest. Classes are in session for about 40 minutes, when they are dismissed and taken to some other form of activity, another class taking the place of the one that has completed its studies.

Besides the studies the inmates are taught to engage in the simpler games and take much interest in this organized sport.

Previous to our visit to the hospital at Orillia we had our own ideas of the place, but a journey through the big institution has changed our mind until now we recognize it not an asylum but rather a great training school which is doing for the sub-normal children of the province something that could not be successful in any other manner.

The superintendent, Dr. B. F. McGhie, spared neither himself nor his staff in his efforts to show the press members everything about the institution.

Entertained at Luncheon
 The inspection of the hospital was a matter of a couple of hours, after which the party were taken to the dining room, where luncheon was served. This was followed by a short programme under the chairmanship of Dr. McGhie and consisted of toasts to the King and the host, and an excellent address by the Rev. G. Stanley Russell, M.A., of Deer Park United Church, Toronto, who gave a talk on "In Old London". Mr. Russell was a most pleasing speaker and his address was anything but a ministerial one, being full of humor in which he spoke of the impressions he had gained from a residence in London, where he lived for 14 years, and since his "adoption" by Canada some three or four years ago. Mr. Stanley was born in England and his address was very much appreciated and enjoyed by the members of the press and the ladies.

The business session followed, when the varied and important topic of interest to the members of the association were gone into and the officers elected for the coming year. The meeting was presided over by President C. B. Smith of Creemore, who, with last year's officials, were returned by acclamation.

The success of the gathering was due in a large measure to the Messrs. Hale Bros. of the Packet and Time, and Mr. G. Curran of the News-Letter, who arranged for the meeting and the entertainment of the ladies.

Ladies Had Enjoyable Time
 While the men were having their afternoon session the ladies were entertained in a delightful way at the wharf in front of the institution a motor launch "Gloria" was waiting and twenty ladies availed themselves of the opportunity of a trip on Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching. The weather was admirable and the lakes smooth.

The view of Lake Simcoe with its various islands from the top of the hill is worth seeing but when on the water the islands seem even more beautiful. Some are quite large while others are only small bits of land with one or two trees; but all have trees. Indeed all the lake shore seems heavily wooded. The lake shore and Grape are about the largest of the islands. The two lakes are joined by what is called "The Narrows" and from a distance they seem too narrow to get through, however, on coming closer you discover a way through under the bridge. Farther on is the C. N. R. bridge and both are of the swing type but only at times is it necessary that they be opened as the larger boats are no longer on the lakes. On passing through the Narrows, Lake Couchiching lies before. This lake is narrower than Lake Simcoe and not so open, many buoys appearing at various places. Returning along the west side of the lake the monument to Champlain was passed. It is a large white marble erection with the figure of Champlain standing on top while around the base are figures of Indians. The monument is placed on a slope down to the water's edge and is very striking both from the water and from the highway. The Orillia park looked very cool and inviting from this angle with wide, well kept lawns and many shade trees.

After about two hours very enjoyable cruise, the ladies were brought to the

wharf at the "Hermitage" where they were served tea. The Hermitage is a delightful tea room placed cozily among the trees almost at the edge of the lake. The decorations were very pretty in white, mauve and yellow while a small fire in the fireplace added cheeriness. The ladies had a very enjoyable and profitable afternoon and expressed their thanks to Messrs. Hale and Mr. Curran before leaving.

HELD ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY AFTERNOON

South-East Grey U. F. O. Gathered at Flesherton Last Saturday Afternoon in All-Day Session—Officers for the Coming Year Elected.

With the weather ideal for the occasion, the annual meeting of the South-East Grey U. F. O. was held at Flesherston last Saturday. It was an all-day session with an interesting programme, but with a smaller attendance than usual caused, it is believed, by the political nominations held in Durham a few weeks ago.

The forenoon session was one of routine business, reading of reports, receiving the financial statement, and the election of officers being the principal business transacted. Following this session an enjoyable lunch hour was spent, when those present from distant points joined together for sixty minutes of good fellowship.

The afternoon was given over entirely to the discussion of co-operative marketing, a Grey County boy who made a great study of this work under many noted leaders introducing the subject. He told of what is being done by the U. F. O. along this line and spoke for a few minutes explaining the rural evening classes he had conducted and was now holding at Yeovil, Rocky Saugeen, and Chatsworth under the auspices of the educational department of the U. F. O., of which he was secretary. This was H. H. Hannam, formerly of Egrement. He invited all and sundry to attend these classes.

Mr. Hannam was followed by J. J. Morrison, who dropped into the meeting as a visitor, having a warm spot for Grey, as his friends date back to Grange days. He urged farmers to get together and find out how the consumer wanted his product and then give the public that article as they needed it just as much as the farmers needed to sell. His presence was much appreciated by all.

Mr. Charles Zeitman of the live stock department at Toronto was present to answer and lead the discussion on live stock markets. He told of the changing times and how trucks were today changing conditions which we must watch closely to be in the lead with stock. His solution was to ship collectively by rail and reduce the overhead that the net profits might be larger.

Mr. Thompson of the hay, feed and grain department told how his department might help and dealt at length on the contract system which assured quantity and quality, thereby assuring farmers of more equal returns. A resolution was carried to endeavor to advance co-operative marketing to a greater degree than heretofore.

Officers For Coming Year

Following are the officers for the coming year: President, R. T. Carruthers, Markdale; vice-president, R. A. Lawson, Durham; secretary-treasurer, H. McKeehn, Durham; U.F.O. director, R. L. Aitchison, Chatsworth; U.F.W.O. director, Mrs. R. A. Lawson, Durham; U.F.Y.P.O. director, Miss Spoffard, Flesherston, together with one director from each township.

A RECORD RAINFALL

The week of June 15 is a record for rainfall and one that will require some beating. Up to Wednesday night there has been 3.14 inches of moisture. Of this 1.33 fell in a little over twenty minutes on Monday, and 1.81 in Wednesday's rain, which was accompanied by a heavy electrical display. Farmers tell us that some of the creeks yesterday were running fuller than in any of the spring freshets.

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ECZEMA
 Itching Sores in 1 Minute
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TWO SONGS LEARNED BY PUPILS OF NO. 9

During the Years 1896-97-98-99 While Miss Mary Large Was Teacher of S. S. No. 9, Glemelg The Pupils Were Taught These Songs.

Queenston Heights

Upon the heights of Queenston
 On a dark October day
 Invading troops were marching
 In battle's dread array.
 Brave Brock looked up the rugged steep
 And planned a bold attack.
 "No foreign flag shall float," cried he,
 "Above the Union Jack."

His royal hearted soldiers
 Were ready every one
 The foe was twice their number
 But duty must be done.
 They started up the fire swept hill
 With loud, resounding cheers,
 While Brock's inspiring voice rang out
 "Push on brave volunteers".

But ere a fatal bullet
 Pierced through his manly breast
 And loving hands to help him
 Hospital workers pressed.
 "Push on," he said, "Do not mind me,
 For ere this day be done
 Canadians held the Queenston Heights
 And the victory was won.

The Pretty Moon

Oh, mother, how pretty the moon looks
 Tonight
 'Twas never so cunning before
 It's two little horns are so sharp and
 So bright
 I hope they won't grow any more.
 If I were up there with you and my
 Friends
 We would rock in it nicely, you see,
 We would sit in the middle and hold
 By both ends
 Oh, what a nice cradle 'twould be.

We would call to the stars to keep out
 Of our way
 Let us should rock over their toes,
 And there we would sit till the dawn of
 The day
 And see where the pretty moon goes,
 And there we would rock in the beau-
 tiful sky
 Or through the bright clouds we would
 roam,
 We would see the sun set and see the
 sun rise
 And on the next rainbow come home.

MOVIES

RELATED FAME COMES TO WEST'S WAGONERS

Wagon freighters were a breed of men whose services in winning the West have received little recognition, according to Ken Maynard, who appears in "The Wagon Master" at the Star Theatre Friday and Saturday.

"These men hauled supplies to isolated mining camps and army posts in a day when transportation was a matter of extreme difficulty," Maynard explained.

"The very life of the early western communities depended upon the courage and strength of the men who hauled food supplies through rough and dangerous countries. The wagon freighters were a hard-fighting, tenacious crew that stopped at nothing when it came to getting their wagons through to their destination.

"The theme of my picture is the fight for trade between honest and dishonest wagon organization. Food prices in the early West were necessarily high. When the wagon freight trade got into the hands of an unscrupulous monopoly, the camps served were faced with ruin."

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