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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 TOWN CONSTABLE

The resignation of the Hanover Chief of Police and the advertising for applications for his successor is the subject for an editorial in last week's Hanover Post. The Post says in part:

"It seems to us that when the new man is appointed and his duties set forth, it would be well to consider the advisability of having the streets patrolled during the hours of the night. In the past there has been considerable criticism levelled at Mr. Beamish for not being on duty at night. As he had a variety of duties it was scarcely fair to ask him to work both night and day.

"We do not suppose that the town of Hanover would be willing to hire both a day and night man. Some towns our size have two men, for instance Walkerton. But if Hanover is to have only one man we suggest that he come on duty in the late afternoon and remain until the early hours of the morning, except on days of celebrations here when there is traffic to direct. Hanover is not in any need particularly of a constable during the day time. We submit that it would be better to have him on duty at night as in that event it would have a certain bearing on fire protection as well as ordinary constable work."

The Chronicle most heartily concurs in the opinion expressed by the Post, and has frequently expressed itself along this line in days gone by. Towns like Durham need no constables in the daylight hours. If they do, a couple of special men could be sworn in who could be got in touch with if the occasion arose. But we do think if we are in need of a constable at all he should be on the street from early evening until morning, or, possibly, from eight or nine o'clock on. In these days of motor cars and twenty-four hour travel, a town that goes to bed and leaves its streets unprotected is asking for trouble. Night prowlers become aware of all these facts and act accordingly.

We never have agreed with the small-town method of appointing constables. No man, no matter how efficient, can do the thousand and one duties assigned to him and give satisfaction. If a constable is required to spend his daytime hours cutting weeds, looking after the streets, collecting taxes, looking after the municipal buildings, and other duties, and be ready at any hour of the night to respond to the call of the citizens, he is not going to be very much good at any one of them.

During the motoring season, especially, a town constable should be on duty while the rest of the populace is sleeping. It is about as cheap a fire insurance or burglary policy as a municipality can have.

## "HARD TIMES"

The whole world is passing through a period of hard times at present, and it is with considerable pride the residents of Canada can regard their lot as a little better than the average, if all reports are to be believed. Those countries which expanded most along business lines in the past decade are apparently feeling the pinch most, but an analysis may show that their hardships are quite likely more psychological than real.

The hard times of today, so far as we can see it, consist mostly of our inability to return to a living condition which we never should have left. For the past few years we have become accustomed to getting everything we want; we have lost that old habit of denying ourselves luxuries until we could afford them, and now that we have become accustomed to these things they appear to have become necessities. That is a way things have of doing. What may seem a luxury today, once we have become accustomed to it becomes a necessity. Familiarity evidently breeds contempt.

To facilitate the acquiring of all these things we demand, the manufacturers have very conveniently arranged for the "small payment down" and so much a month. They tell you the amount is so small you will never feel it, but this belongs in the basket with that other old saw that two can live as cheaply as one. It simply isn't done. Nowadays one can buy anything from a second-hand photograph to a Tom Thumb golf course on the installment plan—and too many who cannot afford it are doing it, forgetting at the time that those monthly payments arrive all too frequently, and like time and tide, wait for no man.

We think it is a safe statement that we are the victims of our own foolishness. We have been buying far too much of those things we could do without, and to meet the payments on these luxuries have been doing without a lot of things we should have had.

You cannot have your cake and eat it, too.

Neither can we ride in our private motor cars, listen to our expensive radios, or spend our money on the thousand and one unnecessary enjoyments and expect our bank account to tide us over the rainy days that arrive periodically.

We are not writing this in an attempt to say that we should not have these things. It wouldn't do any good. We shall have them anyway. But it does seem rather inconsistent to spend our money on the pleasant things of life and then wonder, when "times" tighten up, why the old bank account is so small and during the depression we have to scratch gravel to make both ends meet.

## "HOUSEHOLDER" MAIL

The Association of Letter Carriers in session at Calgary, disapproved of the practice of advertisers issuing those circulars known as "Householder" circulars, and which are minus any address. The carriers advocate that all mail matter should be properly addressed, with street number, and also that United States magazines coming into this country should be charged postage as from the office of publication, the postage to be sufficient to prohibit magazine houses from selling their products cheaper by mail than they are handled by the dealers.

There are more people than the mail carriers who object to the present practice of sending advertising matter to the "Householder". So great has this practice become that the average business man is forced to spend altogether too much time opening mail in which he is not even slightly interested. It may be the advertisers are satisfied, but we do not believe except in certain cases, that it is five per cent effective.

By those who have made a study of it and profess to know, the most effective and cheapest kind of advertising is the newspaper, though more benefit can be obtained by supplementing the newspaper advertisement with advertising matter through the mails.

However, one could not expect mail carriers to do anything but object to this practice, as the indiscriminate distribution of mail matter most certainly adds to their labors. There is little reason to think any relief is in sight. Like everything else, the postal department needs the money and during the past few years has permitted a lot of this kind of thing to go on because there is a certain amount of money in it which could not be picked up in any other manner. The cheap postage does the trick.

"In South-East Grey, the Chronicle spent all of election night telephoning here, there and everywhere in an attempt to get the correct voting results," says the Durham paper. And weren't you accused of holding up the telephone lines and preventing anyone else from getting the results?—Kincardine Review-Reporter.

After our experience, if we had thought the other fellow could have got better results than we did, we would have been willing to let him have the line—and the expense.

George Dubois, editor of "The Worker", a Montreal Communist paper, was given a month in jail for illegally entering Canada and is to be deported at the conclusion of his sentence. That's the trouble with a lot of fellows of this kind. They enter a country illegally, are not citizens of it, have no interest in it other than to foment trouble, and yet here are full-fledged Canadians who complain when they are jailed and deported.

The Toronto Globe is not gaining much sympathy in its sniping campaign against Attorney-General Price. In a day or two we would not be surprised to see the Globe accuse the attorney-general of the murder of Rumbold and Mrs. Perri.—Orangeville Sun.

The Shelburne Economist says that "Etiquette is a tyrant that sits up at night trying to plot out more work to give the right hand to do." That's a new one. The editor of the Chronicle has all along been of the opinion that etiquette was a custom that made one eat his meals in the hardest manner possible.

A motorist near Orillia, in attempting to run down a cat on the highway, lost control of his car and went into the ditch, and his repair bill was great. We don't feel even a little bit sorry for him. Any motorist who will deliberately run down a dog, cat, fowl, or any other creature is lacking something and deserves the punishment he tries to mete out to the inoffensive dumb brute.

They are telling a new one at the expense of the C. N. R., or at least that part of it between Durham and Palmerston. A passenger on the midday train due to arrive here at 1 o'clock became exhausted in mind and body as the "mixed" poked around the yards at Mount Forest and Holstein. "Is this train ever on time?" he asked the conductor. The official looked at him in a pitying manner and said: "Oh, we never worry about it being on time. We're perfectly satisfied if it's on the track."

## Clever Quips From Our Exchanges

It is perfectly all right for a woman to want to hold on to her youth, but she should not do it while he is driving. Binding girls' feet was a brutal fad, but the Chinese at least let their small sons have their tonsils. The school bus is a good idea; but if kids can't walk seven miles in snow, what will they brag about in their old age? You may own a great picture but you will not possess it until you can appreciate it.

## OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

"Too Many Dances" "Too many dances" was the brief explanation of one in a position to know, in commenting upon the rather poor showing made by some of the students who wrote on the Middle School examinations, the reports of which are just out.

Of course dancing and study do not go well together. The boy or girl who is a good dancer, is not likely to be a good student, for there will not be enthusiasm for the ball room and the school room. Dancing produces a state of mind which is not favorable to study.

What can be done about it? Not much, we think, outside of home influence. Opportunities for wasting time and energy are all about us, and always will be. Young people cannot be prevented from making fools of themselves if they are so inclined. The saving influence must be within one's self. You may surround a young person with a wall of prohibitions and endeavor to shield him from every temptation, but some day he will have to face the world as it is and stand or fall by what he is made of.—Lucknow Sentinel

## Reckless Motorists and Licenses

Reckless motorists are expected to be driven from the highways by the new financial responsibility law, which comes into force on the first of September. The list of license suspensions issued by the department makes one wonder how many more of these motorists there can be. During the first seven months of this year the licenses suspended numbered 1,437, as compared with 916 suspensions for the same period of 1929, an increase of 521 for the first part of the year. More than half the suspensions this year, were due to reckless driving, while nearly 500 had their licenses suspended for intoxication and may congratulate themselves that they did not become responsible for more serious trouble. This year, with five months still to be accounted for, the suspensions came within 421 of the total for the whole of last year. These reckless, intoxicated and otherwise objectionable motorists seem in a fair way to beat badly last year's record, but the new financial responsibility law may curb their operations. If it does not, the department will be justified in prolonging the period of license suspensions or even refusing any renewal of licenses suspended for these reasons. Such action may be resented by the guilty drivers, but it will be welcomed by careful motorists and the public generally. The preservation of life and property must take precedence over the whims of reckless and incompetent motorists.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

## Keep the Boy in the Village!

The crusade to "Keep the Boy on the Farm" has pretty well spent itself. Meanwhile the boys have stayed on the farm or left it, just as they desired. This was their right, as it is the prerogative of a mechanic's son to be a preacher or of a preacher's son to be a carpenter. However, during all this time when the farm boy has been receiving so much attention from non-agricultural classes the town and village boys have been in a far worse fix. Many towns and villages are merely places of residence, without industries of any kind, without employment for boys and without apparent opportunities. Men of middle age and older, who should enjoy regular employment, may be seen sitting idly on "Main Street" waiting, like Wilkins Micawber, for "something to turn up". Boys past school age are either getting the car brushed up for an evening jaunt or are yawningly waiting for the end of another day. Here is the serious situation so far as the country's youth is concerned; here is where attention should be focused.

Hamlet and village youth are deprived of that employment that tides the teen-age boy over the period when some outlet is required for the youthful spirit that often leads "the gang" into mischief or something worse. The slogan, "Keep the Boy in the Village" is perhaps more ill-advised than the oft-repeated injunction to "Keep the Boy on the Farm". It is more ill-advised because the village is not a good place to keep him. But here is the problem, and a real one which we present to those who have been so solicitous about the country's youth.—Farmers' Advocate.

## Difficult to Comprehend

It is difficult to understand the depraved mentality of some people. That seems a rather harsh statement, but under circumstances such as which we relate in this article, it is not over strong. A man motoring along the road near Durham last Thursday night suddenly saw a large truck loom up ahead of him travelling in the centre of the road and without any rear lights showing. Rather than crash into the bigger vehicle the motorist took to the ditch, and crashed his car.

His wife was thrown partially through the windshield and he was pinned under the car.

Disregarding entirely the cause of the accident or who was to blame; making entirely no censure on that phase of the incident whatever, the men in that motor truck are deserving of the strictest condemnation.

The lady was able to crawl from the wreckage but when she appealed to the men in the truck to assist in getting her husband and daughter out of the wreckage they absolutely refused to give aid.

Suffering terribly from her injuries which included cuts, bruises and a dislocated shoulder, the lady had to go to the nearest farm house for aid. When her husband was removed from under the car it was found the acid from the battery had severely burned him and the result may be the loss of his eyesight.

The immediate assistance of the men in that truck, who may have been responsible for the accident in the first place, due to travelling without proper lights and hogging the road, would have prevented a great deal of the suffering of the motorist and his wife. One is at a loss to account for the terrible callousness of the men in this

case. Certainly any person who would act in such a manner is suffering from a diseased and warped mentality and deserves the harshest of punishment.—Kincardine Review-Reporter.

## A Real Sportsman

Sir Thomas Lipton is in this country in his 6th attempt to life the America's cup. He seems to think he will do it this time and no one deserves the honor more than he. The veteran yachtsman has shown a sportsmanship in all these tests that has brought him the admiration of the entire world. It is easy enough to be a sportsman in winning, but it is another thing to be one when losing. Sir Thomas has shown the world how to lose gracefully and emerge even greater in defeat than he might be in victory. If there were more like him in the sports world we would read less of scandal, manipulation and trickery.—Chicago Referee.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some advice for the help of the unemployed: Let the government stop short on the soup kitchens, take the money they use for unemployment causes and use it up in financing farmers. Let the farmers hire the unemployed. That will give him work, help to kill the weeds and also help to reduce the taxes. It will help to wear out the machinery, start production, the factories and is a sure way to employ the unemployed. It looks like a coming crisis even stagnation to the farmer, if they don't get bigger production and better prices. What we want is not less acreage, but bigger yields per acre. This means less cost per unit of production.

Then we want not unemployment but a scarcity of labor.

Then there is more money to spend and more money spent means better times both among the farmers and laborers.

It is simple enough to solve if the government will pass a measure to help solve it but at the present with the country's capital tied up in 10-15- and 20-year bonds and the government

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spending millions in road building, our railroads standing idle, and feeding the unemployed in place of working them is helping to keep the uncultivated land from producing. I hear them say: "Why does the boy not stay on the farm?" That is easy. Just because there is no money to help him start up in business.

I will just state one instance of my own in 1913. One of my neighbors wanted to dispose of his farm and made me an offer of 100 acres with first class buildings, good fences, land in first class condition for \$25,000.00 to \$150,000.00 in all at 3% interest in 3 annual payments.

In 1920 the same man asked \$6,000.00 for the farm, weeds and all, the roof off the barn, fences down more or less, and no money to buy stock. He wanted at least \$3,000.00 down and 7% on the balance. Now this same man had \$30,000.00 in Victory bonds. I had to start, no money, no place to get any only by hiring out with the farmers who didn't want any help because wages were too high.

Then as to taxes, in the first place they were thirty some dollars; in the second place they were over \$90.00.

Why would I stay on the farm? How could I? What was I to do? Why, go with the rest of the boys to town.

A FARMER'S SON.

## Near Chicken

Diner: "What on earth is this broth made from, waiter? Surely it isn't chicken broth."

Waiter: "Well, sah, cat's chicken-broth in its infancy. It's made out of de watah de eggs was boiled in."

## Chronicle Advt.—the Panacea for "Slow" Business

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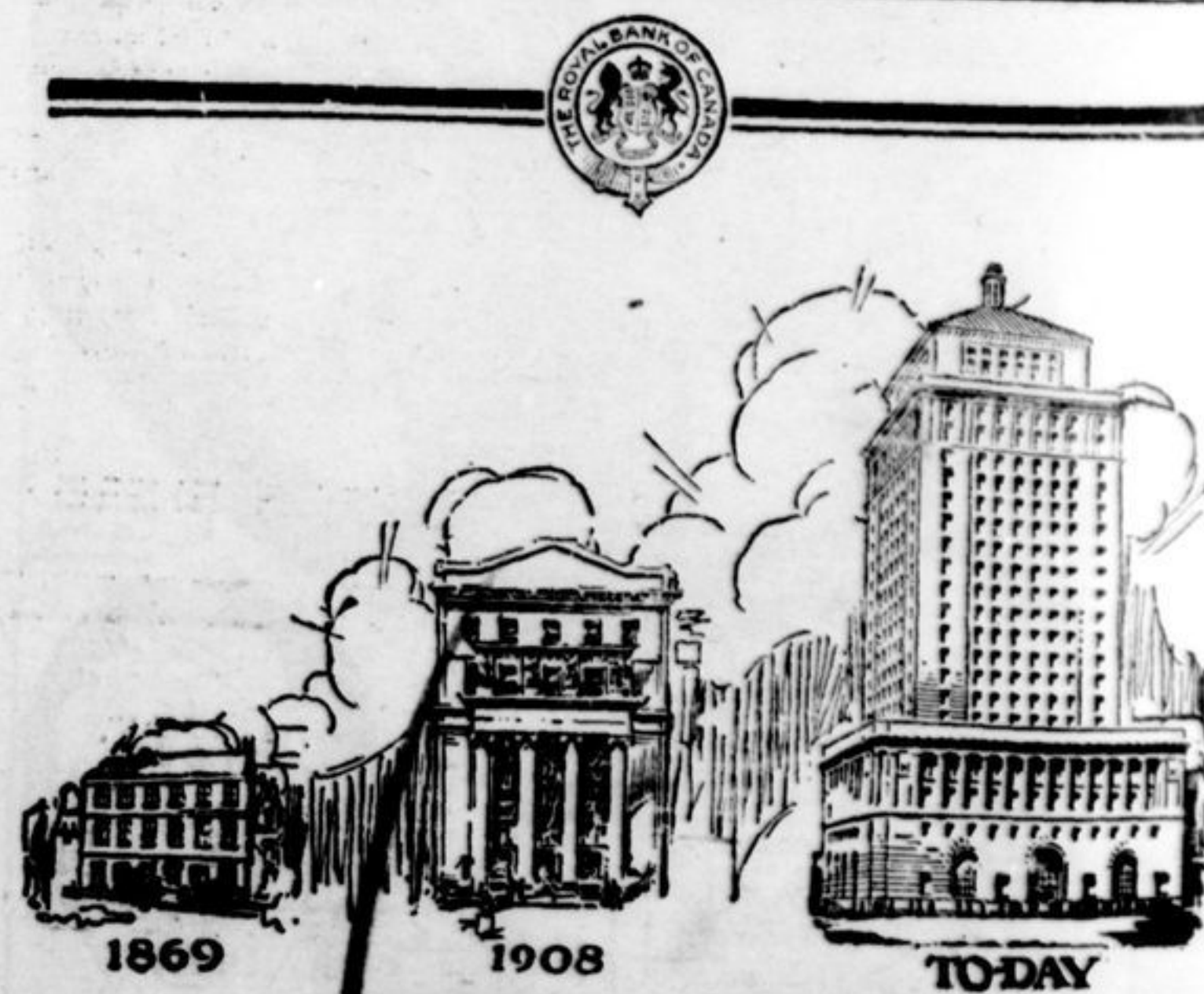
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