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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, or religious to the test of free discussion, is sure in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

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STICK OUT YOUR CHEST—BUCK UP

Cycles of hard times are just as natural as fleas on a dog, and just about as hard to get rid of. There is nothing human which can prevent these periodic business depressions descending upon us.

The remedy then seems to be to buck up. Quit thinking about them. Jump into the old overalls and back to work and to sanity. To a good many of the hard times of 1930 are real, but the fact is are still spending too much for luxuries we could do without.

THE R-101 TRAGEDY

The destruction of the R-101, the world's largest lighter than air dirigible in France on Sunday was a shock to the whole world, but particularly to Britons, to whom she belonged. On a trip from England to India, she came down in flames, and when the facts became known 47 victims had been burned and recognition in a lonely spot in France.

LIFE IN THE COUNTRY

Our Crawford correspondent this week tells of a party in that neighborhood which has a membership seventy-four and which has just been reorganized for the season. This set us thinking, and we wonder at the time just what would happen if some society in a town like Durham could boast an active membership of seventy-four!

like Durham, we can't see very much difference. It may be slow in the country during the fall and winter months "when de win' she blow" but how much better off are we in town? In Durham, and Durham is just as good as any of the average small towns, one can see the same fellows standing in the same place at the same hour every evening, wondering if nothing is going to turn up to give them some pleasure. One can do as much as this in the country.

It looks to us it is a matter for ourselves to settle. If we belong to a community in which the social life runs in cliques, or where it is dead altogether, then we are in for a slow time. But if we live in a community where the people enjoy themselves together, then it matters not whether it is town or country. Personally, the writer can picture nothing more miserable than to be a stranger in a big city with nothing to do and all night to do it in.

THE BOY AND THE BICYCLE

The Owen Sound Sun-Times tells of a narrow escape experienced by a couple of boys in that city who were riding the one bicycle along the street. An approaching motor car got the bigger boy confused, the smaller one commenced to scream, but an accident was averted when the motor car was brought to a stop.

Boys riding bicycles on a much-travelled highway are a menace, not only to themselves but to the motoring public. It would be unreasonable to say they should not be allowed to use these highways, but we think it is quite in keeping to insist that they use care, courtesy and good sense while so doing. A boy on a bicycle can throw more scares into a motorist than anything we know. Zig-zagging all over the road, there is no telling what may happen next, and so we would say, in the interest of public safety, allow the boys to use the pavements, but insist that they shall proceed in a straight line. It is better that the police should appear too strict than that any boy should pay with his life for his own foolishness or daring.

The Ontario Government has recently passed an order-in-council that all bicycles shall be equipped with lights, front and rear. Let this law be enforced. For far too long now motorists have been held responsible for many things for which they were not to blame. A motorist has far too much responsibility in looking after his own car and the traffic generally to be held accountable for the foolishness of the other fellow. No motorist wants to be the central figure in a court case, and it is foolish in the extreme to hold him responsible for everything.

In the case of bicycles on the highways or on the streets in towns or cities, we would say the police are within their rights in insisting that no jay-riding be permitted. It will be one more cog in the Safety First wheel.

Old Dobbin is coming into his own. A newspaper heading says: "Runaway Horses Scare Hearse Driver." And it isn't so very long ago that motor cars were scaring horses!

"Rochester Lead Cut by Defeat" says a newspaper heading in telling of the Little World Series baseball contest. Naturally. Not many of us can increase our lead by losing.

It is said science has hopes of being able to tell the seasons a year in advance. That should be easy. Even now, the Chronicle predicts hot weather in August, 1935, and some not so hot in February, 1936. Science be hanged!

Babies born in the United States last year were 78,063 fewer than in 1928. The States will have to change this sort of thing or they won't be able to win the next war when it comes along.

Edward Johnson, Canada's famous tenor, says that more attention should be paid to the musical education of the young. After hearing a lot of the older and middle-aged fellows trying to carry on with the National Anthem at the end of the show, we are heartily in accord with Edward's opinion.

"The Conservative party under Mr. Bennett has done what it always threatened to do but never did before—put the tariff up substantially". This from last week's Meaford Mirror. Where does the Mirror get this stuff? Or perhaps the rest of us have been fooled all along and never knew it! The Conservative party has always been the "tariff" party, though never the "high" tariff party its opponents would have the country believe.

Clever Quips From Our Exchanges

In South America a lamb that can run forty miles an hour has been discovered. It will have to make that speed to keep up to Mary these days.
The horse is man's best friend—until he bets on him. British nobleman has just married a dressmaker. She should make a model wife.
Woman's fondest hope is that she will be weighed and found wanting.
Today a woman can have almost as much freedom as she is brave enough to take.
Among the influences that make you do crazy things without intention are liquor, fever and salesmen.
Mexico has luminous auto license plates. The crying need however, is for phosphorescent pedestrians.
Probably observed that the grapefruit is the only fruit that manages to get itself into the public eye without the aid of the newspapers.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

A Check on the Unemployed
Unemployment figures in urban centres are augmented each winter through the migration of men who work steadily on farms in the summer, and rather than accept a smaller wage for the winter months, or perhaps merely comfortable board, they journey cityward in hope of sharing in the jobs handed out by benevolent city councils. Urban municipalities should keep a close check on these migrants and refuse to increase the burden upon their municipalities and the country at large by maintaining these men in semi-idleness for five months out of the year.
It will be grossly unfair to taxpayers everywhere if part of the twenty million dollars appropriated by the Dominion Government, and the thousands of dollars that are added to it by the provinces and municipalities is used to maintain the migratory class of labourer who has been offered winter employment and turns it down in order to share in the millions voted for unemployment relief.—Farmer's Advocate.

Small Towns Coming Back?
Many of the towns and smaller cities of Canada, particularly of Ontario and Quebec industrial areas, have failed to share in the general forward sweep of Canadian prosperity in recent years. Some have actually lost population. Most of them have seen the decay of local industries that were once the pride of the towns and the main support of the populace. Modern economic development and the tendency to larger centralized manufacturing plants have been no inconsiderable factor in the movement. First the grist mill has shut down then the local woolen mill and the carriage factory, and then other industries. But the steady lowering of the tariff on many lines has also contributed to the decline of industry in scores of once important Canadian towns and cities. The citizens of these places have lost heart; the older folks no longer try to stimulate anything more enthusiastic than Old Home Week.. The young people have drifted to the larger cities.
If the new Government enters upon a policy that provides for some measure of tariff adjustment upward then a new spirit may be breathed into these communities. A higher tariff won't bring back the grist mill, but it may start the woolen mill going again; or it may put a few men to work in the mill, or the lock factory or the overall plant, or whatever the town has. The chief advantage, however, would be in stimulating and inspiring the local citizens to some feeling of hope and enthusiasm. If they could be made to feel that there were some chance of industrial revival for them they would be aroused from their lethargy and probably multiply the modest effect of any tariff changes a hundred-fold.—The Financial Post.

Two Dog Tales
The Meaford Mirror came out with the best dog story of the season. Two farmers of that neighborhood traded dogs one Saturday night "sight unseen." The one, a Mr. Patterson, was not greatly impressed with the look of his new canine but he decided to give it a chance, so he sent it off to bring in the cows to milk. It missed one cow and one calf, so Mr. Patterson sent the dog back and it got the other cow but missed the calf again, and a third time it returned without success. The farmer ordered the dog away again but it hung around until it got a chance to wag its tail into the pail of milk. Then it set off at a run and soon returned with the calf following behind, licking the milk off the dog's tail.
That reminded William Low of an incident at an auction sale near Palmerston where he acted as clerk. The auctioneer was trying to sell the dog without much success, it being a rather poor specimen, so he asked Mr. Low to tell how intelligent the dog was. Billy told how he had often been alone with the dog and used to go to Palmerston to get scraps of meat to feed it. One day he forgot to give the dog anything to eat, and it came to him, scratched him on the leg, and when he looked down, it had some forget-me-nots in its mouth. The dog sold for \$15. Now you tell one—Fergus News-Record.

Fergus Growing Yet
The assessment figures for Fergus, as given out by Mr. James Robinson, the assessor, show large increases for the year, and are naturally gratifying, as showing the continued progress that our town is making. There has been a gain of 120 in population, making the figure for 1930, 2825—the largest population that Fergus has ever had and a gain of almost exactly 1000 in the last twelve years. It was in 1927 that Fergus first went over the 2,000 mark.
The increase in assessment is equally gratifying. Not only is this a reflection of building that is being done, but the increase of almost \$100,000 in the total means that over \$4,000 more can be raised with the same tax rate as at present, and thus more work can be done without increasing the tax rate—or the tax rate can be lowered without decreasing the amount of money to spend. There is another advantage. The county equalized assessment of Fergus is still \$1,204,449, while the local assessment is well over that amount.
Of course, there is sure to be a wall from some of the towns in the county because Fergus insists in on keeping the status of a village with a population now over 2500, but any proposed change in status can be decided quite well by Fergus citizens without outside assistance.—Fergus News-Record.

A Remarkable Tribute Indeed
With prohibition now becoming a political issue in the United States, Ontario's liquor control system is being subjected to close scrutiny by gentlemen from across the border. One can picture a steady stream of "investigators" to Sir Henry Drayton's office—journalists, wet and dry, social service workers, wet and dry propagandists, etc., etc., ad infinitum. The latest investigator is Dr. Clarence True Wilson.
Dr. Wilson's observations, published in a United States weekly, contain a remarkable tribute to Canada and to Canadians. At the same time they are an indictment of his own country and his own people. He says that Ontario people show an "admirable fidelity to the spirit of the (liquor) laws," but advances one unique reason why this law would not be applicable to the United States. He tells of that section of the L.C.A. which allows the Government officials to discriminate between individuals, that is, to say to one permit holder that he is buying more liquor than his income can afford. Dr. Wilson calls this "extreme paternalism" and continues:
"It is a policy which is abhorrent to the Anglo-Saxon temperament. I do not believe that it would be practicable to conduct a Government liquor store in any town in the United States on such a plan. THE CANADIAN PEOPLE ARE ORDERLY AND LAW-ABIDING TO A DEGREE WHICH IS UNKNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES. They respect the Government and defer to it. That is all to their credit, but it DOES NOT OBSCURE THE FACT THAT THE MORE LAWLESS AMERICAN WOULD VERY PROBABLY RESORT TO VIOLENCE IF a Government official restricted his privilege under the law because of facts revealed by snooping into his income his conduct in his home, or his state of health. It would in my opinion, WORK VERY MUCH MORE POORLY IN THE UNITED STATES THAN IN CANADA."

That is Dr. Wilson's opinion of the two peoples, based on a life lived in the United States, and on less than a month's visit to Canada. He says further:
"Whether or not the Ontario system and Canadian system in general have increased respect for law, I do not attempt to say. There IS respect for law. It is the virtue of the Canadian people.
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his compatriots are too lawless, the doctor would deny them a system of Government control. Such an argument has at least the charm of novelty. But he advances another reason why the United States would not benefit by Government control, a reason which supplements the above, when he says:
"The Ontario system profits by the service of men of honesty and ability. Whether we could secure such men to serve in such connection in THE UNITED STATES IS VERY DOUBTFUL. Patronage must be dispensed in connection with Government sale. WHAT IF SUCH A PATRONAGE WERE DISPENSED BY SOME OF THE VICIOUS POLITICAL MACHINES WHICH CONTROL OUR GREAT CITIES? THE PROSPECT IS NOT ALLURING."

These observations are at one and the same time a fine tribute to the people of Canada and a damning indictment of the people of the United States by a citizen of that republic, one of the men responsible for the Eighteenth Amendment. Dr. Wilson makes some sweeping statements and prophecies where the wish is obviously father to the thought. He says in another place:
"Appreciating to the full the peace and order of Ontario's capital, the absence of vicious racketeering gangs with their machine guns and sub machine guns, the suppression of big bootlegging, I am still of the opinion that the system in Ontario is bound to fail and is falling."

It is difficult to reconcile the two thoughts expressed in this sentence in view of the indisputable facts appertaining to conditions in the United States. But it is not the purpose of this article to discuss the pros and cons of the matter, but merely to point to this remarkable tribute to our own nation—seeing ourselves as others see us—London Free Press.

COLORED BUILDING BRICK
Colored bricks are now being turned out by a new process; it is claimed that these new bricks are stronger, cheaper, and more durable than the old sort, and that practically any color can be produced.

Bargains Galore
Ladies' pure wool cashmere hose 59c. pair
Ladies' Kid Gloves All shades, \$1.98 pr.
Try a pair of the new Grenadine Silk Hose. Will not run \$1.65 pr.
Children's pure wool Cashmere Hose. Fawn shades 39c. pr.
SPECIALS IN CHINA AND GLASSWARE
China Cream Jugs, 5c. each
Earthen Bowls, 10c. each
Glass Jugs, pint size, 15c. each
Glass Mixing Bowls, 25c. each
Glass Berry Bowls, 10c. each
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R. L. Saunders, Prop.
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We carry nothing but the best insurance. We do not sell any of the "how cheap" kind. But we do guarantee that our insurance policy relieves you of any financial risk without quibbling or side-stepping.
There may be insurance as good as ours, but there is nothing sold that is any better.
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SOCIAL AND
Miss Jean Derby visiting her parents Derby.
Misses Ethel Ha Sproule spent last week at her home in Col
Messrs. Glen Lio borough, Earl McK dock and Pat Corri 29 for Fitz William expect to spend t working in the busi
Miss Lucille Doy the week-end with Lawson.
Mr. Charles Hey and Keith Danab with Mr. and Mrs Heywood, who ha week with her pare them.
The engagement Edith Lordell, only d Mr. and Mrs. John Edward, son of Mr Twamley, Durham, t place the latter part Mr. Harold Mount Mrs. Thomas Mount taken a position in State Hospital for th same his duties at London, next year.
Mr. and Mrs. Hilt ton visited over the parents, Mr. and M Rev. Father McGe mer pastor of the and Durham R. C. p Tuesday and we we call and engage in with him. Father M in the best of hea summer, being un clerical duties at pleased to learn a better and expect sh in a few weeks.
Mr. Brock Grant sisters, Misses Aleth of Toronto, spent with their brother Grant and family.
Miss Margaret Le icle staff is on holi a result the remain been "in high" in sue of Canada's fa Mr. A. T. Staples in renewing his