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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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### KINCARDINE WANTS TO KNOW

"A number of the weekly papers are questioning the Durham Chronicle, because recent articles in that paper smack of the fact that the editor has some way of obtaining "inside information" from the Ontario Old Age Pensions Commission at Toronto. Why should information be given to any single paper seems to be the pertinent question."

We clip the above from last week's Kincardine Review-Reporter, and we can agree thoroughly with the last sentence in the article. If the insinuation that the Chronicle is being furnished with "inside information" by the Old Age Pensions Commission at Toronto were even partly true, then we would say the press of the province generally might have reason for complaint. But the insinuation is not true in any particular. The Chronicle has been furnished with no information whatever that it did not go after. It has received no information regarding the Old Age Pensions Act from Toronto that cannot be learned by any other newspaper editor in the province—if he takes the time to go after it.

The fact of the matter is that the editor of the Chronicle learned there were several applicants for old age pensions in Grey County who, although their applications had been sent in for some weeks, and in some cases months, had heard no more about them. We ran into these cases in Durham, near Durham, and in certain instances twenty miles away. We wondered. Then came the startling news that the Old Age Pensions Commission was playing politics with the old people of Grey County. This was a U. F. O. riding. As such it could hope for nothing. We went to Toronto, visited the offices of the Commission and stated our case. And what a mess we uncovered! There is no reason for repeating what we have already said in previous issues. The investigation showed that the Commission in Toronto was not responsible. The air is now cleared and we predict that never again will Old Age Pensions applicants in Grey County be neglected as they were during 1930.

Then came the Dr. Blair case. We were in Toronto and got the facts of this case, which have also been referred to in previous issues. Dr. Blair's charges were proved to be entirely without foundation, and his silence ever since is proof that he knows it.

No, the Chronicle gets no "inside information" from the Old Age Pensions Commission that it does not ask for. We get no information that cannot be obtained by any other newspaper in the province. If there is anything wrong up in Bruce County with the administration of the Old Age Pensions Act, the Kincardine Review-Reporter can obtain full information upon application if it goes after it as did the Chronicle. As we have said before, and repeat now: The Old Age Pensions Commission has nothing to conceal. It is run on strictly business lines, and a visit to their offices at 43 Queen's Park will convince even the Review-Reporter (providing it is open to conviction) that everything is on the square, and not the politically administered department that it hopes it is.

In our investigations the Chronicle was concerned only with the administration of the Act in Grey County. We do not know if the Commission would furnish us with information regarding any other county. We did not ask. But the Commission did furnish us with the information regarding Grey County, and, judging from recent results, we feel that we were within our rights in asking for an explanation.

The Chronicle has no particular "stand-in" with the powers at Queen's Park. Any information we obtained was at our own solicitation, but we must say that in any enquiries made we have always been treated with the greatest consideration. Contrary to the opinions of the anti-Ferguson press of the province, the affairs of Ontario are being administered in a thoroughly businesslike manner, and if the Kincardine newspaper has any idea that things are not going well in Bruce county an interview with the heads of any of the departments at Queen's Park will produce results and show the negligence to be the work of the local County Boards.

### HELP THE WAR VETERANS

The Chronicle does not usually open its editorial columns towards the promotion of dances, but we hope that of the War Veterans in the Town Hall next Wednesday evening is a success. The War Veterans need funds, and as these funds are used only for a most worthy cause they should have no difficulty in raising them. The Veterans have made few appeals, if any, to the citizens since the close of the war. The present appeal is for funds to be expended for the purchase of annual wreaths for placing at the foot

of the Soldier's Monument each Armistice Day, and the placing of a suitable remembrance on the caskets of any of their overseas brothers who may be called by death. The patriotism displayed by the citizens of the town during the war was most commendable, but it seems to us that patriotism should again be in evidence on the present occasion. Let us all get tickets for the Veterans' Dance next Wednesday night. We may not all dance. We may not all of us believe in dancing at all. But that is no reason for refusing to swell the treasury of the Veterans on this occasion, especially when the object of the appeal is considered:

A motor news column contains the information: Application of a little light oil on hinges eases the operation of doors and other openings." Doubtless this includes such well known oils as Russian, olive, castor, etc.

Last week's Palmerston Spectator carried the heading: "Allege Parent Freed Son." We shudder for what might have happened the editor had the linotyper made it read: "Alleged Parent Freed Son."

A writer to Maclean's Magazine from Port Colborne says: "The other day I purchased for the first time a copy of Maclean's." Where has that fellow been living all these years, and what has he been reading?

Over in England, where prohibition is unknown, they are tearing down their jails for lack of tenants; in the United States, where so-called prohibition is in force, they are busy building more jails to house the criminals. Yet there are some who will argue that liquor and criminals go hand in hand together.

Premier Ferguson must watch out or he may be charged with manslaughter. The editorial writer on the Globe is simply going to die if Mr. Ferguson does not get that London High Commissionership. The anxiety of his political opponents to get rid of him is a tribute to the ability of Ontario's first citizen.

Dean Inge is credited with the statement: "Man will never be entirely willing to give up this world for the next, nor the next world for this." Which possibly explains the reason why some people who claim to know more of the hereafter than most of us make so much fuss when serious illness comes. The man who sings loudest about the glorious home on high which he knows is his, and to which he is apparently anxious to go, runs hardest after the doctor when he gets a pain in his tummy.

The Stratford Beacon-Herald has raised the question: "How long should ministers preach." It answers its own question correctly by saying "that depends." With which we agree. What bothers us more than the question of time is: Why is it that all the poor ones want to eat up the most time? Which reminds us of Josh Billings, who said that a preacher who couldn't strike oil in twenty minutes either had a poor auger or was boring in the wrong place.

The Kincardine Review-Reporter objects to our contention that the Liquor Control Act is working out better than the Ontario Temperance Act, and so twists our views as to make us say the L.C.A. is responsible for all the decrease in the consumption of liquor during the past year. Anything for an argument! A careful perusal of the editorial forces us to the opinion that the Review-Reporter is less concerned with the consumption of liquor than with getting a punch at the Ferguson Government. This so-called politically "independent" Review-Reporter never misses a chance of taking a wallop at Ferguson or Bennett, and isn't a bit particular what kind of argument it uses to gain its point.

### Clever Quips From Our Exchanges

The only time a horse gets scared nowadays is when it meets another horse.

The man who carved 100 words on a grain of rice probably was trying to start a cereal story.

Don't tell Willie, but the class valedictorian often goes to work for the fellow who dropped out at the eighth grade.

The old-fashioned family doctor is disappearing. So is the old-fashioned family.

Prosperity is like parking space. There is always plenty of it for the fellow who gets there first.

A wife may worship her husband but should not place burnt offerings before him.

A town has become a city when people begin to exaggerate their income instead of pretending they make little.

A Paris bootblack has successfully masqueraded as a count for two years. No doubt people were deceived by his polish.

London is to have a newspaper owned by a million women. If the city editor can please them he will be a wonder.

Success comes easy once you realize that the "big man" never says or does anything that a bright boy of twelve couldn't duplicate.

A magistrate says that there is nothing a man who is heavily in debt hates more than being found out. Unless it is being found in.

"Income tax is inevitable," says a writer, "and it behooves us to pay up and look pleasant. Most of us, however, just pay up."

The farmer who says he can make butter out of milkweed might go on and tell us how to make sausage out of sow thistle.

A youth of eighteen confessed in court the other day that "in a moment of weakness" he had stolen 200 pounds of lead. We hate to think what he might have done had he felt both strong and wicked.

### OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

**Little Unemployment in Walkerton**  
Merchants in Walkerton, as business men elsewhere, find that many of their customers are unable to produce cash in amounts they did during recent years, but, nevertheless, if applications for Government unemployment relief grants are an indication of conditions, this town is comparatively well fixed, compared to many others. What will happen before spring no one can say, but Town Council, again last Saturday night, decided that, to date, there is no necessity to undertake work to provide employment.

A short time ago a Government official, surveying the situation in Bruce and neighboring Counties, conferred with Mayor Schwindt. His private inquiries about town supported the opinion of Council that Walkerton is one of the places which, up to the present, would not be justified in embarking upon a program of relief work.

Municipalities co-operating in the Government scheme have to comply with certain conditions which do not appeal favorably to anyone wishing to get a maximum of results at a minimum cost, but it will be understood that, if manual labor is employed to the fullest extent, machinery has to give way to human effort.

At other points in the district, Hanover and Kincardine included work is being started to help relieve unemployment situations, but in Walkerton, where work was somewhat slack during the summer, the industries are busy, some with goodly sized orders ahead, and the outlook for the next couple of months at least, is encouraging.

However, as scores of families are behind financially, the town's standing relief committee is anticipating an unusual number of calls on the exchequer this winter, but this is not forecasting a general state of hardship.—Walkerton Telescope.

### Durham Ladies Commended

Two cases of generosity to the returned men have come to our attention recently that should receive as much publicity as possible. The Victoria Cross winners in Toronto held a get-together dinner at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto and when the bill was requested for payment found that there was no charge being made. The other one was by the Durham and district war veterans who enjoyed a banquet catered to by the Durham Red Cross, the I. O. D. E. and the W.I. and for which a charge was not made. The people of Canada can never repay the debt owed to those boys who served their country in dire need and acts of generosity like those mentioned above, go only a short way in an effort to show appreciation of the debt owed them.—Flesherton Advance.

### Liberal Newspapers and Premier Bennett

From the very first a few Liberal newspapers put forth every possible effort to belittle and block the prime minister's work at the Imperial Conference. They misrepresented his proposal for Imperial economic unity. They pictured him as interfering in British domestic politics, though members of the Ramsay MacDonald government complimented him for his meticulous care in abstaining from such interference.

These newspapers have displayed an overweening anxiety lest the Conservative prime minister of Canada should succeed in having adopted his courageous and practical programme for the rehabilitation of British, Canadian and Empire trade on a basis of mutual preferences. They have ignored the fact that Mr. Bennett's plan has been accepted and praised by all the other dominions' premiers, as by many outstanding public men in Great Britain, including all the Conservative chiefs, many leading Liberals and many prominent Laborites. They have neglected the fact that British bankers, British industrialists and about one-half of the trades union representatives together with British agriculturists, have been converted to the policy of intra-Empire preferences and development advocated by Mr. Bennett.

These Canadian journals have not conceded Britain's progressive conversion to protection or the prospect that a Conservative administration committed to Empire preferences is likely to attain office in the approaching general election. They have not appreciated Mr. Bennett's success in having the Imperial conference adjourned to Ottawa, or admitted that the adjourned conference is likely to endorse the Bennett programme. They have been merely concerned with party politics, at Canada's expense and the Empire's expense.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

### "BRUTALITY" CHANGED FRENCH SENTIMENT

A picture entitled "Brutality" is the masterpiece of Patric, an American who studied in Paris. It was inspired by seeing a burly ruffian beating a horse over the head with a stick on the streets of Paris. After evening things up a bit by knocking the man down, Patric went to his room and resolved to paint the scene. It took him a year to complete the work, but when finished, so graphically had he portrayed the brutality of the driver that the people of France were aroused.

The picture was awarded a medal in the French Exposition of 1889, but the materials were still unpaid for, so it was held until the generosity of an American citizen brought it to America. In the meantime it had fulfilled its mission in France, and people were roused to a defence of the unfortunate creatures held in bondage by ignorant and brutal drivers. As a result the first humane law was enacted, for the protection of animals.

Mr. Patric has not lived in vain. The painting of that picture must be always remembered in the history of the man who borrowed materials to paint it.

**Mosquito Screen**  
Host: "What do you think of these cigars? I got them from an airplane pilot."  
Guest: "What does he use them for—sky-writing?"

### Letters to The Editor

#### Concerning Proposed Waterworks

Dear Sir:  
Editor Durham Chronicle

Durham should have a plentiful supply of good water. The proposed source of supply is from a well near the South end of town. A stand pipe in upper town is the logical place for the standpipe. Why pump water from the south end of the town to the north end of the town? It will necessitate pumping water to a height of 200 or 250 feet. A column of water from the South end to the North end of town pumped to that height produces a tremendous back pressure. It will require a powerful and expensive pump and cost of operation will be considerable. Why not secure water near the location of standpipe? This can be done. Information comes to me that there is a well in upper town district of which the following facts are correct: It has a depth, into the rock of 125 feet 9 inches. It has a 6-inch diameter iron pipe. The water stands in the pipe at 48 feet from surface, that is, there is over 77 feet of water in the pipe. A pump was operated on this well by a gasoline engine for four hours without lowering the water. The cost of pumping from such a well to a standpipe in the immediate vicinity would be much less than pumping from the South end to the North end of the town. A gravity distribution system will cause least trouble.

#### GRAVIS.

#### A Returned Soldier Complains

Dear Sir:  
Editor Durham Chronicle

I have been reading quite a lot these times about the old age pensions and The Chronicle has had the big share of the credit for bringing to life the responsible parties in seeing that the old and needy have a fair shake. Now I have my own opinions in regard to old age pensions and I'll keep 'em to myself just now. But I must be frank that I don't give the government any credit for their move along the line of charity to the old when they turn around and tax the young men who fought to maintain the land of the free, that the old might live in peace, who are in a poorer and more deserving need of pensions than their seniors are. Now first you have to admit that the war took the prime men from the country to do the fighting, kept them at war while prosperity was in full bloom, then threw them back on the country in deprived health, to take on a man's job, pay a treble price for everything they had to buy to start in life, then tie up the currency to deprive them of capital to work with; now ax 'em to pay the old for their neglect and to hell with the soldier. He can starve. Nothing is ever said about him only what he says himself then when he puts up a fight

to get his rightful share, he has got to die before he gets any consideration. After that they bury them just because they can not help themselves.

"A Soldier"

#### CONSTRUCTION OF PIANO VERY INTRICATE

Most of the detail of a piano's construction is unseen by and rarely thought of by the average person, who would probably be astonished, if he read a book on piano making, at the number of the different mechanical ingenuities which exist within the instrument. They all act interdependently, and with marvellous accuracy, with a view to the best possible result of tone-quality. Between the key as it is struck by the pianist's finger and the striking of the piano strings by the hammer, is a vast array of detail.

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OLD LAG (who has been reading account of burglary): "Lumme ain't young 'Erb gettin' on? Look, they've given 'im nearly a column for 'is last big job at 'Ampstead."

SOCIAL AND  
Misses Mary Peter McQuarrie, led by Mr. Hugh McQuarrie, Winter Fair.  
Mr. James Ruth Sask., is visiting Mrs. Alex. Ruther. Mr. and Mrs. J. day for Owen So reside. Mr. Lave years conductor of Durham, has Owen Sound, need to that city. Mr. departure will be friends.  
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Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith) and daug Falls, N.Y. spent end at her home  
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Dr. and Mrs. were in town for ing his brothers h given up his pra retired, intending ably easier than  
Mr. and Mrs. V daughter, is visiti Robert Miller of  
Mr. Norman L for a week with Falkingham and George Levi, her  
Mr. and Mrs. J and Mr. and Mr daughter of Shel in Durham and  
BURN  
The W. M. S. of Saugeen, held the the home of M twenty-two ladies presided. After good papers were Boyd, Miss Helen Quarrise. Mrs. S. A. Clarke sang Dear Brother", ad Helen Watson. T omber 3 will be Quarrise's. All t come. The ticke be in by this meet