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Whosoever 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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CANADA'S GIFTS TO WORLD'S PROGRESS

It is difficult at times to be optimistic, but we believe it pays. Things may not improve to any great extent because of optimism alone, but the fact that we are hopeful makes ourselves feel better, and a contented mind is one of the greatest companions to good health that we know of. We have heard during the past few years a good many derogatory remarks made about Canada by Canadians who should know better. Conditions almost anywhere else are better than at home. Canada has been directed to Russia's Communistic plan as a means to solving her difficulties. Those radio addresses from the United States lead one to believe that nowhere outside that country has anything been done that is worthwhile. It will be pleasing and enlightening to read some of the accomplishments of Canadians, as gleaned from an article we read recently. We would say to everybody—read them, too, and hold your head up. Canada has no reason to develop an inferiority complex from the standpoint of either her citizens or the country. Here are only a few of the things which have been done by Canadians:

The first vessel to cross the Atlantic Ocean under steam power was built and financed in Canada, in 1833.

A second contribution toward steam navigation, introducing the compound steam engine, was effected in Canada in 1844.

Another Canadian citizen discovered that it was possible to make paper from pulp obtained from spruce fibres.

The first railway sleeping car was built in Hamilton, Ont., in 1857—two years before G.M. Pullman started making them in the United States.

The first submarine telegraph cable was laid in 1850, between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island by a Canadian, who promoted and designed the Atlantic cable that telegraphically connected North America and Europe.

Still another Canadian—Alexander Graham Bell—introduced the telephone—in 1874.

What is known as "Standard Time" was invented, in Toronto, by a Canadian (Sir Sanford Fleming), in 1879, and has since become law in almost every civilized country in the world.

The first practical electric railway was demonstrated to the world, in Toronto, by John Joseph Wright, in 1883, and Toronto railway pioneers invented the overhead wire and the trolley pole for its use.

The electric heater, or electric stove, was introduced at Ottawa, Ontario, in 1892, by Ahearn & Soper; and the first demonstration of electrical cooking in the history of the world was made at the same place.

The world-renowned Marquis Wheat was first introduced in Canada by Dr. Charles E. Saunders and his associates in Ottawa, Ontario; as well as the even more wonderful Garnet and Reward Wheats.

In 1915, Professor J. C. McLennan, of the University of Toronto, presented to the British Government a scheme for producing helium gas in commercial quantities; and a group of Canadian engineers (in Canada) designed the world's first superdynamo.

In 1922 Insulin was discovered by Dr. F. A. Banting and Dr. C. H. Best, at the Connaught Laboratories, University of Toronto.

The first demonstration of a radio receiving set that would work in a satisfactory manner directly off the alternating current house lighting mains was made in Toronto.

And this is only a partial list of the accomplishments of Canada and Canadians! The story is interesting, and in view of the gloomy picture some of our so-called leaders seem to take such a delight in painting, more general information along this line is not only desirable but necessary. Canada may not be the hub around which the whole world revolves, but she has nothing to feel ashamed of.

ROOSEVELT FOR PRESIDENT

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of the State of New York, was the overwhelming choice of the Chicago Democratic convention last week as candidate for President of the United States. From advance notices he should win. It has been said that the Democrats always have the best conventions, but the Rep-

ublicans have the best elections. This may upset the prophecies of the dopesters, but at the start Roosevelt and the Democrats seem the choice.

The conduct of Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic candidate in the last presidential race, and a runner-up in the present contest, may have a bearing in the defeat of the Democrats if this happens. Smith did not take his defeat very gracefully, and his conduct shows he was more interested in his own personal advancement than in that of his party. He has had the sulks since Roosevelt became the choice. Despite his defeat, Smith is still a power in State politics. Formerly Governor of New York, he is credited with having placed Roosevelt on the throne. If he sticks by him, New York will likely go Democratic; if he retires from the contest and goes off to Europe as he threatens, the State will likely stay in the Republican column. On the other hand Roosevelt can do something that Smith could not do. He can hold the South, and with Roosevelt on the ticket for President, the old "solid South" will be in evidence more than it has been for a long time, and something that was especially missing in 1928.

Whichever way one cares to look at it, former Governor Smith made a mistake when he sulked on his party. If he was interested in the Democratic success politically, he should have forgotten the fight when it was over, been the first to congratulate Roosevelt, delayed his trip to Europe until after the election, and thrown his whole energy into the campaign. We have always admired Mr. Smith for the fighter he was; now we must admit his recent behaviour tabs him as a quitter.

The Democrats are on trial in this election. Always a minority party in United States politics, they have a chance this time. If they fail in their 1932 attempt they might as well quit for good. They'll never have a similar chance. In the meantime, prophecies are in order, but the result will not be known until after the elections in November.

A MESSAGE FROM FAIRGUS

Listen to this from the last issue of the Fergus News-Record:

"It's positively uncanny—or worse! We hadn't been in Toronto on a week-day for quite a while till last Tuesday. We hadn't even got inside the city limits that day before we saw the girls waving tags for us to buy. Out at the corner of Jane and Dundas streets, the traffic light was red and one girl nearly caught us, but the green light came on just in time for us to escape, and we spent the rest of the morning indoors."

Now we know the why of those Scotch jokes in the News-Record. And if at any time in the future we hear of the editor of the Fergus newspaper getting pinched for crashing a red light we'll know he was trying to get away from some of those Toronto tag girls.

JUDGE COATSWORTH SPEAKS

Judge Coatsworth in Toronto made two important pronouncements last Saturday in police court that will be of interest to motorists and magistrates. He said:

"If a car is parked on the side of the road, the mere fact that it is pointing in the wrong direction doesn't make any difference."

"Hereafter when I am holding court, where there is any drink in these reckless driving cases, there is going to be a jail term."

The first statement is interesting to us if for no other reason than proving the contention of this newspaper that altogether too much time is spent on and too much attention paid to technicalities that have no bearing on the case being tried.

Judges have stated that a man is entitled to drive on either side of the road he wishes, providing it is clear ahead of him, that he pulls over to the right side if another car wishes to pass, or to the left when he wishes to pass another car.

We have known motorists to be fined for pulling up on the left side of the street. This is permissible in any city providing one does not interfere with the traffic in so doing. In some of the smaller towns it is expected that all "U" turns be made at intersections; do this in the city where traffic is heavy and you get into trouble.

Delivery trucks have been fined in some of the smaller towns for discharging cargoes when parked on the left side of the road. In the cities this is permitted, as it does not interfere with traffic nearly so much as if the truck were required to turn around.

So many magistrates and so many policemen have so many different views that we believe there should be a school of instruction every so often. While the men entrusted with the enforcing of the law should be allowed to use their own judgment, the law today is interpreted in altogether too many ways. Instead of helping the public out in a knowledge of what is right and what is wrong, these differences of opinion only get them more mixed up. The public generally does not wish to break the law, and

would not break it so frequently if there was more uniformity in enforcing it. Perhaps it would be impossible to follow our suggestion, but we believe something of the sort is worth a fair trial.

ERIN'S FLIGHT

The Irish Free State seems to have about reached the end of its tether in its dealings with Britain. Old Johnny Bull is an easy-going old fellow, but he is most awfully stubborn when he gets his dander riled.

Ever since the De Valera government came into office the principal sport has been to twist the lion's tail. Frankly, De Valera, the Spanish-American president of the Irish, hates Britain, and it is hard to tell from his antics whether he is interested in benefitting Ireland, or uses his position to vent his personal hatred.

Anyway, the British House of Commons is levying a duty up to 100 per cent ad valorem on all imported Irish goods, in retaliation for the De Valera gang's refusal to pay the land annuities tax. The measure carried by 223 to 31.

The imposition of the duty has caused a furore in the Free State. Irishmen generally are not foolish. They can see in this duty an end to Irish Free State export trade. It will ruin Ireland—and we predict it will ruin the political aspirations of Mr. De Valera.

Much good may, however, come out of De Valera's latest boner, as it will in all likelihood convince the Free State residents that instead of an enemy they had a mighty good friend in Britain. One can scarcely understand the idea in De Valera's policy of defying Britain. Surely he did not expect he could cut up didoes like this and get away with it! He could not have expected that Britain would take this kind of stuff from him and still give him the same privileges. De Valera wants to be independent of Britain. Well, now he has it. We shall have to wait and see where he comes out.

As a state free from all British ties, the Irish Free State may now go out and hunt her own markets. She has lost, or will if she insists, all the privileges heretofore enjoyed and will have to get her markets where she may.

De Valera's antics put one in mind of Sir John Tenniel's cartoon, "Dropping the Pilot", published in Punch in 1898 when Kaiser Wilhelm demoted Count Bismarck from his position of authority. It took a long time, but the German Emperor finally saw his mistake in 1918 with the signing of the Armistice. Ireland under De Valera will go the same road as Germany under Kaiser Wilhelm—providing the Irish electors do not rise against him before he has a chance of doing the country incalculable harm.

CUTTING DOWN THE OVERHEAD

Collingwood is now a one-newspaper town, the Enterprise and the Bulletin having amalgamated. The reason given is wholly financial—to reduce the overhead. Both newspapers were leaders in their class, both enjoyed the confidence of the public and the advertisers, and both appeared good healthy sheets. Their amalgamation was arranged for the good of themselves and of the business men and subscribers.

Two-newspaper towns nowadays are in the unique class. Except in the larger cities, there are few which boast two newspapers. The overhead is too great. The publishing of a newspaper is one of the industries, or whatever one may care to call it, where the cost of production has increased rather than decreased. The newspaper office cannot close up because business is poor. It must carry on. It cannot shut down for a month and resume operations when sufficient work is in evidence or when times get better. It must publish each day or each week as the case may be.

We have little fear that the new combination, the Enterprise-Bulletin, will be welcomed in Collingwood as elsewhere, as with an enlarged field, the new paper will be enabled to give better service to advertisers at smaller cost and publish a greatly improved paper as well.

At least one thing can be said in favor of the campaign for slower and saner driving. Nobody has ever gone into the ditch and turned over two or three times from driving too slowly.

Humanity has not changed. People who know nothing about them are still going out in boats and getting drowned, and motorists who should and do know better, keep on passing the other fellow on the hill and getting killed.

The village of Baysville, Lake of Bays district, Muskoka, celebrated Dominion Day with the arrival of Hydro-Electric power. Here's hoping they do not spend the rest of their lives criticizing and trying to re-arrange the business system that has made Ontario Hydro the biggest and cheapest system in the world, and has given the smaller centres of Ontario benefits of city service at less money than the cities used to pay under private ownership.

A driverless motor car has been invented. In future the way to enjoy motoring at week-ends will be to stay at home and let the car go for a drive on its own.—Sault Daily Star.

SCHUTZ TILE CO. WILL BUILD SIDEWALK

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the contest a draw.

Perhaps the most heated discussion occurred over the repairs considered necessary to put the town sidewalks in good shape. All were agreed that many needed the attention, but others maintained that the expense would be too great. The unemployment problem entered into the debate and as a result the council as a whole will go over the walks tomorrow night.

Petitions were in for extensions to the waterworks system. Residents on South Queen street wanted a hydrant near Saddler, claiming it was necessary for fire protection. Another petition asked for a hydrant in the vicinity of the McGowan mill. The council recommended the Queen street hydrant, and passed the other petition over to the Public Utilities Commission for their opinion. With a number of citizens asking for hydrants in order that they might get water, another registered a complaint that he had too much and complained of water running down the street and on to his property. The whole affair is to be investigated.

Reeve Bell gave a report of the recent meeting of county council, but as this appeared in our last issue we need not enlarge upon his remarks.

In a further discussion on unemployment relief, it was thought one solution would be to form a Welfare Association, to the funds of which the citizens would be asked to contribute. It was estimated that it would cost two mills on the present taxes had the paving scheme gone through this summer. Councillor Catton thought it feasible to take this two mills, add to it the estimated amount it would cost for direct relief, and spend this amount on necessary work about town. This would make employment, and this was what the workmen wanted. Councillor Willis claimed that one damage suit would more than pay for the repair of the walks.

Last Monday's was the best meeting of the council for the year, with a good deal of business accomplished and enough humor and flare-up of temper to keep it interesting.

HELD COMBINED PICNIC

A combined picnic of the Anglican churches of Hanover, Allan Park, St. Paul's and Trinity, Durham, was held yesterday afternoon at Allan Park. There was a large crowd present and the day was spent in various sports events. A bountiful supper was served in the evening.

ROCKY SAUGEEN W. M. S.

Members of the Rocky W. M. S. at her home on Wednesday afternoon. Eighteen members were present. There was an interesting programme and plans were made for the bale. Light refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the meeting.

Priceville

(Our Own Correspondent)

Miss Esther McInnis and friend, of Toronto, motored up and spent the week-end at her parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hincks, Dorothy, Florence and Marion, of Toronto, and Mr. McConnell of Singhampton, motored up and spent over the week-end at Mr. Dave Hincks' and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McLean attended the wedding of her brother, Morris Jelly, last week, at Shelburne, and also the shower held on Monday night in their home.

Miss Dora Stewart, of Ceylon, has been chosen the teacher for Top Cliff school.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie McLean with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hincks and daughters, motored to Chatsworth Sunday and visited friends there.

Mr. Alroy McLean, of Toronto, is spending a fortnight visit at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. John McFarlane, of Toronto, spent the week-end with their friends here.

Miss Eva Carson, of Toronto, is spending a week at her parental home.

Mr. Wilfred Watson is busy building a woodshed for Mr. Wm. Brown.

Messrs. Wm. Nichol and Dan. L. MacArthur took at truck load each of Pricevillites to Toronto Wednesday to attend the Priceville picnic there. There were 39 went despite the wet, disagreeable day.

Miss Muriel Spicer, of Toronto, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. George McLellan and Miss Wilson, of Niagara Falls, are spending a week's vacation at Mr. Dan Campbell's.

Friends here and surrounding country will earn with deep regret of the passing of one of our former teachers here, Mr. Jeter Johnston, who was drowned in Rainy River on Friday, while out in a motor boat. Depest sympathy is extended to his sorrowing parents, and sisters in St. Thomas.

Mr. Nell McLeod is spending a few days visiting in Holstein.

Holstein North

(Our Own Correspondent)

Miss Jane Matthews, who spent a few days with friends in Weston, returned home recently and was accompanied by Miss Ruby Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace, of Durham, visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis, and attended St. Paul's service.

Miss Ruby Matthews, who spent a few days at the parental home, returned to Toronto on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nelson and family visited the first of the week at the home of J. C. Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Poole and family, of Buffalo, visited over the week-end with Mrs. Jas. Mack and father, Mr. Poole.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon and family visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Long.

Mr. Carman Queen is holidaying with Mr. Maurice Farr of London.

The union school picnic of Varney school and No. 12 with S. S. No. 2 was held recently on the S. S. No. 2 grounds and was a fine success.

Miss Ruby Morrison, who has spent the past two years teaching school at Cargill, is at present enjoying the vacation at the home of her parents.

Mr. Richie Campbell, barber, accompanied by Miss Berry, of Fenwick, spent Sunday at the home of his father, J. R. Campbell.

Mr. Irvin Matthews has gone to Kingston where he is taking a summer course.

The funeral of the late Wm. Smith, who is a brother of Mrs. Ben Woods, Sr., was held on Monday. Deceased passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edwin McFee of Mount Forest.

Mr. A. Cameron, of Oklahoma, is at present visiting his sister, Mrs. Richard Morrison.

FEED IS BEING SOLD THROUGH MARKET HOGS

There is special interest in the following item which appears in the twelfth annual review of the Origin and Quality of Commercial Live Stock Marketed in Canada, recently issued by the Markets Intelligence Service of the Dominion Live Stock Branch.

The volume of hog marketing indicates that the desired trend of hog production evident during recent years was arrested by increased interest in hogs as a medium through which to market the very liberal and cheap feed supply. As compared with the previous year, marketings at yards and plants combined showed an increase of approximately 342,000 head, this quantity representing only that portion of the new crop of hogs marketed up to the end of the calendar year. It is interesting to note that while the total movement was the second smallest in five years the total sales at stockyard only, were the heaviest of any year in the past five, while the marketings direct to packing plants were the second smallest during the same period.

It is most encouraging to note that despite the fact that material increases in production are usually associated with a decrease in quality, the percentage of select bacon hogs was only fractionally under that of the much smaller marketings in the previous year.

"Did you ever notice that the matrimonial process is like making a call? You go to a-dore, you ring the bell, and you give your name to the maid." "Yes, and then you're taken in."

Are You Interested IN BARGAINS?

Read Over This List

- Kiddies' Sun Suits 39c
- Ladies' Crepe Slips, fitted styles \$1.49
- Boys' Linen Suits, Sizes 2 to 6 59c
- Girls' Pantie Dresses, Sizes 2 to 6 39c
- Printed Curtains, colored border pair 49c
- P. & C. Soap 10 bars 33c This week only
- 5-string Brooms 35c
- Clover Leaf Cups 4 for 25c
- Breakfast Size Blue Band Plates each 10c
- Large Size Glass Water Jugs 25c

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