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THE FUTURE OF THE U. F. O.

The Meaford Mirror, owned and edited by Mr. A. S. Thurston, who was for years a leader writer on The Farmers' Sun, gives an editorial in the last issue of his paper in which he deals with the future of the U. F. O. Though Mr. Thurston, like the majority of the electors, sees the advisability of farmers' organizations for the benefit of themselves as a class, he evidently is not in favor of farmers going into class politics. He realizes that farmers' organizations have swayed both Federal and Provincial legislation in past years without electing their own members. In the West, he says, they just about got what they wanted, so long as they stood behind their ballots.

We think it well that farmers should have their clubs and organizations, but to go into politics as a class is now recognized as a mistake even by the higher-ups in their own party. We quote the article from last week's Mirror for the consideration of our readers, as follows:

"To-day as never before, the future of the United Farmers of Ontario hangs in the balance.

"The movement is a 'Union' of farmers, created for a specific purpose. That purpose is the salvation of the industry from the apparent ruin which stared—and stares—it in the face. The 'union' was conceived and executed. At one time 60,000 farmers subscribed to it.

"Efforts were made at first for social and educational clubs which would try to develop the members into a consciousness of strength and power, and to instruct them along lines of positive social and economic thought.

"Then, came a commercial enterprise, concurrently. This was to save dollars and cents for farmers by giving them the profits that others had been unduly extracting from them under the guise of commerce.

"Finally, but more or less inconsequently, a newspaper was purchased to give publicity to the movement and speak for it officially. (Incidentally, the paper in question had been doing as much along this line as it is now doing—if not a little more. But this is beside the point.)

"In the fullness of time, spontaneous raid was made into provincial politics. The movement had lived and flourished for years on the prairies, exercising tremendous power on the Liberal Governments then in power, and without getting its name on to a ballot, was all-powerful. But in Ontario the swing went the other way, and direct political action sprang up of its own accord, and inevitably.

"Flourishing for four years, with the support of Labor, the new party faced the electors as a party for the first time. That it was defeated was a fact. What then of the movement? The U. F. O. has come to the point where it will either go ahead and endeavor to hold a fraction of the representation in the Provincial and Federal Houses, or else definitely give up that idea and endeavor to influence the parties from without, to secure recognition of its claims and needs.

"This is a point that will be largely settled at the next annual meeting—but it will be settled by the decision of the executive of the Association. The convention will accept whatever the executive, headed by J. J. Morrison recommends.

"From our own observation, organized farmers have swayed both Federal and Provincial Legislation in past years without electing their own members. In the West they just about got what they wanted so long as they stood behind their ballots and looked significantly at the aspiring members.

"Ontario's reverse is causing many sincere supporters of U. F. O. politics—such as J. J. Morrison and other prominent U. F. O. folk—to seriously wonder would not more of a permanent nature be realized by sticking to the first prime essentials of the movement instead of following along the unexpected line of political action.

"For years the Secretary declared that the U. F. O. had not political office in view at all, but the Association got out of hand and TOOK it by constituency action. Now that it has stumbled, the point to be discussed at the next U. F. O. convention will be whether or not a mistake has been made and what future action should be taken.

"We would recommend the matter to the Clubs, and suggest a careful, unbiased canvas of the situation. There is nothing to be gained by either 'going it blind' or getting 'all hot up' about it. The thing to do is to go right into the heart of the matter, and the more discussion that can be held about it the better."

MUSHROOMS VS TOADSTOOLS

Mushrooms and toadstools are not easily distinguished, when you get down to the different varieties. Others besides the red-lined ones are edible and safe, but the toadstools are poisonous and should not be eaten. Some one has said you can distinguish them by eating them. If they poison you they are toadstools; if they don't poison you, they are mushrooms. The Buffalo Express says:

"Perhaps one hundred persons die from toadstool poisoning in the United States each year. That isn't a large proportion of the one hundred and ten million inhabitants, but mushrooms are not in the diet of the

majority. Expert knowledge of fungi is required to distinguish the deadly from the edible. Even then the only certainty that the consumer has not been poisoned is that he lives. There are some kinds of toadstools for which no antidote has been discovered. You cannot tell much about them by peeling and the effect on a silver spoon indicates nothing except blind faith on the part of the spoon-user. These warnings come from official sources. The only time really to rejoice in mushrooms is a week after they have been eaten."

PREMIER FERGUSON AND THE O. T. A.

J. A. McCausland, Conservative M.P.P. for Southwest Toronto, interviewed at Montreal on Saturday, declared that he had no doubt in his own mind that by "Christmas of next year Ontario will have a sane liquor law such as Quebec has." He supplemented his remark with the assertion that the Hon. Howard Ferguson, Ontario's new Premier, was popular through the province and that he (McCausland) had every confidence that Mr. Ferguson would use the excellent judgment he always had exercised and give the people what they wanted.

Unfortunately for the Conservative party, and unfortunately for Premier Ferguson, there are in the Provincial Legislature many "wet" members whose enthusiasm runs away with their good sense. As a representative from Southwest Toronto, we would credit Mr. McCausland with more sense than to make a remark like he is credited with. At any rate, we are positive that Premier Ferguson has too much good sense than to monkey with the buzz-saw on no more authority than the idle expressions of a few "wet" advocates. To be truthful in the matter, Mr. McCausland and his friends might better come out and tell the press of Montreal that Premier Ferguson has nothing whatever to do with the repealing of the Ontario Temperance Act. It was put there by the vote of the people, and there it stays until repealed by them. The Ontario Temperance Act also provides for another referendum being taken on the presentation of a proper list of the electors requesting the same, and we doubt if Premier Ferguson or any other first officer of the Province would have the authority to say no to such a petition. The Ontario Temperance Act belongs to the people of Ontario and will remain on the statutes until they instruct their Provincial servants to remove it. Mr. McCausland, if it be true that the interview credited to him last Saturday is correct, is merely talking through his hat and in order to get his name in the paper.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Grey and Bruce publishers met at Walkerton last week. They had their pictures taken and printed in Monday's London Free Press. From the background, we would judge the picture was taken either in front of the Bruce County jail or the House of Refuge. Evidently with them it was "Any old place I hang my hat is home, sweet home to me."

Tobacco buyers are busy in Essex County and Virginia leaf is reported selling at 35 to 50 cents a pound. We wonder what they do with it. Certainly it never goes into any of the cigars sold around here.

Of three thousand illicit stills seized in the past year throughout the Dominion of Canada, four hundred and twenty-eight were in the "wet" Province of Quebec. The average per Province is 333 and Quebec has nearly a hundred above the average. And yet some people say the moonshine operators are confined to prohibition Provinces!

There must be something in a name after all. One would never dream of Algernon Percival DeRue-Struthers swiping the heavyweight crown from Jack Dempsey!

"Lloyd George Concludes Triumphant Tour," says a newspaper heading. Now we will be able to get the bootleggers and the bandits on the front page again.

CRISP COMMENT

Cheer up! Cold waves are better than crime waves, anyhow.—Toronto Telegram.

It takes a lot of sense to get by without knowing anything.—Worcester Post.

Mark how bad habits cling! One Ontario lady has read The Globe for 70 years.—Toronto Telegram.

Even those girls who win the prizes in beauty competitions lose more than they gain.—Hamilton Herald.

Everything has its own use. Corns sell more automobiles than auto salesmen.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

We often wonder how race-horses came by their names.—Kincardine Review.

Germany is falling to pieces. Too bad! It's ten years too late.—Kincardine Review.

You can never tell. The more henpecked a man is, the more he crows when he is away from home.—Illinois State Journal.

"In hopes of doing better next time with Dempsey, Firpo will study English." Might begin with Punch.—Wall Street Journal.

If the League of Nations had been a baseball combination the United States would have stayed in it to the end.—Kincardine Review.

Strange to say, Lloyd George does not seem to have met those two representative Americans Gallagher and Shean, over in the U. S.—Toronto Telegram.

A practical-minded girl is one who has never declared that she will never marry a bald man or a fat man.—Duluth Herald.

If he sits and dreams and whittles he is a loafer. If he omits the whittling he is a foreman.—Indianapolis Star.

If she says she has never been kissed, grab her. Any girl who is willing to forget the past will make an agreeable wife.—Richmond News-Leader.

A news item tells about a Maryland man who hasn't missed attending Sunday school in twenty-five years. A fine record, that, provided that it doesn't develop that he lets his wife look after the furnace.—Marion Daily Star.

Our idea of the ne plus ultra, not to mention le dernier cri, in politeness would be to back out again after finally getting in and say with a graceful gesture: Do take my parking place, Miss Smith.—Columbus, Ohio, State Journal.

RECENT DONATIONS TO DURHAM HOSPITAL

Latest List of Donations Not Previously Acknowledged As Furnished to the Press by Hospital-Board.

\$1.00 each.—Miss Kate Cochrane, Messrs. Peter Hay, Ferguson Watson, James McCannel (Proton Station).

\$2.00.—Charles McCawley.

\$5.00 each.—Edward McAuliffe, George Kress, Will McDonald, John McGowan, J. A. Rowland, William Calder.

\$10.00.—Thos. Henderson (Baker). \$12.65.—Baptist Young People's Union (per H. R. Griff, President).

\$25.00 each.—Dr. J. F. Grant, Edward Kress, Smith Bros. (Ford Agency).

Mr. Thomas A. Harris, Customs Officer, Toronto, came up to visit some old Durham friends and incidentally visited the new Hospital. Mr. Harris was so favorably impressed with the good work done there that he handed the Matron a cheque for \$25.00 to be applied to Hospital funds.

From Liberty, New York State, came a cheque of \$100.00 from Mrs. Esther Wilkinson Ford, who is a sister of Mrs. Thomas Petty of town. Mrs. Ford, whose girlhood home was at Varney, has spent some years in the United States, where she has made a success of her chosen profession. When she retires we hope she may make Durham her home and when she next visits the Red Cross Memorial Hospital here she will see a brass tablet inscribed with her name in honor of her gift.

The Durham Branch of the Women's Institute added another \$50.00 to their original donation of \$50.00, thus making their donation \$100.00, which entitles them to have a hospital bed named for their Institute.

Similarly, the Dornoch Branch of the Women's Institute added \$25.00 to their original donation of \$75.00 and made it \$100.00 for a similar object.

Then Dornoch is heard from again when a cheque of \$100.00 is received from the Dornoch Catholic Women's League, per Mrs. M. D. McGrath, Treasurer, Williamsford. This much appreciated donation earns the brass tablet on a bed named for the Society which sent this handsome gift.

Last spring Edge Hill Public School put on a concert for the benefit of the Hospital. They cleared about \$90.00, which they forwarded then. Edge Hill never does anything by halves, and so the young people by private subscription among themselves brought the sum up to their goal of \$100.00.

Among the schools, Edge Hill has thus won first place, but some of the people in Aberdeen school section, which donated \$70.00 last winter, and in Allan's school section, which sent in \$60.00 then, are not inclined to let Edge Hill school be the only section to have the honor of reaching the century mark of \$100.00.

With country school sections thus contributing so handsomely towards needed hospital funds, it were indeed strange did not the Durham schools contribute similarly. So Durham Public school teachers and pupils donated \$100.00 from a little private fund of their own, and this puts Durham Public school on record among the schools to assist a worthy institution in town.

The Great War Veterans' Association of Durham and vicinity donated what cost them well over \$500.00. This entitles them to a room named the G.W.V.A. Room as soon as arrangements can be made.

Within the Red Cross Memorial Hospital is a large bronze tablet as one of the memorials in town to the brave boys who gave their lives so uncomplainingly to the cause of the world's freedom, and so this room will be a memorial in honor of the brave boys in and around Durham who just as freely laid their lives on Freedom's altar but were not sacrificed, and so were more fortunately permitted to return to home and

friends when the cruel war had been brought to a close.

The two greatest employers of labor in our town are the Durham Stone and Sand Company and the Durham Furniture Company. Both of these companies had intimated their desire to donate \$500.00 apiece towards the new hospital, but at the end of the year it was found that they had gone "over the top" and that each had contributed \$800.00 towards Red Cross and Hospital funds.

Over and above all that, just last month Mr. John E. Russell of Toronto, President of the Durham Sand and Stone Company, sent to the last Red Cross concert an excellent entertainer free of charge, as well as a cheque of \$50.00 towards Red Cross funds.

Not only that, but Mr. Harvey Wilson, local manager of the company, has recently put a semi-circular crushed-stone driveway around by the front door of the hospital as a further convenience for incoming patients. "The Harvey Wilson driveway" is a credit to the man who so freely had it put there at his own expense.

Then the Durham Furniture Company sent men to put the rest of the grounds in front of the hospital in good shape, as it is at the present time.

The Board of Hospital Trustees and the Red Cross Society heartily thank all who so kindly gave of their means towards this beneficent cause which is for the common good of all who may need its gentle ministrations.

It takes a good deal of money and effort to establish an up-to-date hospital and to furnish it as it should be furnished, but with another year such as this, Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital will have been established on a sound financial foundation.

REMOVED TO HOSPITAL

Mr. George Meikle, a well-known resident of the town for many years was removed to the local hospital last Friday for treatment and for a time his condition, we understand, was regarded as quite serious.

At last reports Mr. Meikle is doing well and will be around again in the course of a short time.

LIMBS AND BODY ALL SWOLLEN

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Reginald—Won't you sing for us, Miss Muriel?

Muriel—Oh, I daren't sing after such good music as we have been having.

Reginald (gallantly)—But I'd rather listen to your singing than to any amount of good music.

Policeman—Why didn't you stop at first? Didn't you see me wave to you?

Fair Motorist—Yes, I did, but I'm not that sort of girl!

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected November 8, 1923.

Table with market prices for various goods: Live hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Hides, Sheepskins, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys.



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