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**EDITORIAL COMMENT**

A man can no more be a christian without facing evil and conquering it, than he can be a soldier without going to war.

If you are not up and doing you will soon be down and done.

For the first time the Provincial Board of Health required tabulated report of vital statistics of each municipality.

We notice where a motorist over in Iowa is sentenced to five days on bread and water for speeding. In other words he is going to fast for going too fast.

From 1911 till 1921, both years included, there was a surplus from the post office department with the exception of the second year of the great war, 1915, when there was a deficit of nearly three million dollars. Last year there was a deficit of \$1,709,126. This year the surplus will be nearly five millions. This gives rise to the query: "Will penny postage soon be restored?" We suppose that depends on how the Government cuts down the country's expenses. The post office department seems to be a branch of the government that is capably handled.

Hon. Mr. Robb is acting Minister of Finance for Hon. W.S. Fielding, who is indisposed from overwork. We hope the new man at the helm gets rid of that irritating sales tax. As a trained business man and one who abhors time wasters and red tape we are looking to Hon. Mr. Robb to do things to assist in relieving the business of the country from its present depressing condition.

**The Pretty Girl**

The beauty contest that wound up in New York by one girl from Toronto being awarded the prize for the continent has set the papers talking. And why not?

One paper says the victory will turn the girl's head—it is a bad thing for a girl of 15 or 17 to be made so much of, etc.

Another claims that sensible girls will keep out of such contests; that a sense of modesty should go along with a special allotment of good looks, etc.

A third claims that the rural districts, if searched, could produce equally attractive types of beauty, but these people never get a chance, etc.

Then one more critic sees in the whole thing nothing but a money-making scheme that should be stopped, etc.

So you see the question of good looks has been fairly well threshed out and turned up on edge.

If you think over your list of acquaintances you will come to the conclusion that you know a very few "stunners." You probably know a number of women who are almost plain, and if you keep on thinking you will agree that among those who have been endowed with just an average amount of cheerful good looks you have found your best friends, your capable companions, your best-informed conversationalists, and those with whom you generally feel most at home.

After all a pretty girl has her handicaps. She finds it easy to make her way on the strength of her appearance; it is hard for her to realize that she must have accomplishments and ability to hold her circle of friends; she is subject to flattery from foolish people and it is not hard for her to form an exaggerated opinion of her own real worth.

From the standpoint of the average man a sweet disposition, a happy helpful mind, and a sufficient amount of wholesome womanly refinement will weigh down pretty well in the balance against an extra amount of good looks.

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**HERE AND THERE**

In Markham village, on Dec. 23rd, 1874, Miss Matilda Hill of Brighton, England, was married to Mr. John Titus by the Rev. Mr. Best. On Sunday at their home in Toronto Mr. and Mrs. John Titus celebrated their golden wedding. On Christmas day they will gather the six children and their grandchildren at dinner for a special celebration. Their family are a daughter, Mrs. Frances, Norwich, and five sons, Wm., Jesse, Joseph, Robt. and Arthur. Thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild are numbered among their descendants.

Markham township had \$28,002.84 taxes outstanding on December 15th. This is a much larger amount than any previous year, and is ascribed by the collectors, partially to the mild season which allowed the farmers to plow right up to date, and neglected to clean and market their grain, and also to the many new sub-divisions largely purchased by working and poorer classes on the instalment plan, many of whom are finding it a hard struggle to keep up the payments on their new houses and make ends meet.

On Wednesday evening a meeting of the people of Claremont was held in the Hall to consider the Hydro question. The meeting was the second one to be held on the all important question, to have or not to have light. Mr. John Forgie, as chairman, gave a very able address and a report of the committee who waited on the Hon. Sir Adam Beck, in reference to the Hydro question. The meeting was also addressed by Mr. Frayell and Mr. Castor, representing the Hydro Commission. They each gave a very interesting talk and also advice as to the best way to get the light and the cost of same. As in all communities, there are knockers in Claremont, but for Heaven's sake if you cannot boost your town, do not knock it. Claremont wants the Hydro and if we all get behind the committee and work we will get it, but if we pull back like a donkey we will get nowhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wadley who left Markham on the 30th ult. for Tampa, Florida, arrived there safely on the 10th inst. Writing to the Economist and Sun under date of Dec. 11th, Mr. Wadley says: "We reached here yesterday after a very enjoyable trip. The roads were very good nearly all the way. We happened to reach Virginia on a rainy day and had to use the chains, but it cleared up the next day, and the roads dried very soon. The total distance as recorded by the speedometer was seventeen hundred and ninety miles from Markham. I had very good success with tires. The same air that I filled them with at Beare Bros. garage is still in them. I had absolutely no tire trouble of any kind and did not remove the caps during the entire trip. That certainly is good luck, isn't it? It is very hot here to-day and it seems difficult to connect the weather they have here with the month of the year. We expect to make Tampa our headquarters for the winter."

**FIGURE THIS OUT AND REMEMBER**

A watchmaker had in his employ an Irishman who braced his master for a raise in pay. The employer put it up to Pat like this:

"If you are worth it I will be pleased to give it to you. Now let us see, what do you do in a year, Pat? We have 365 days in a year; you sleep 8 hours every day, which makes 122 days you sleep, taken from 365 days, leaves 243 days. Now you have 8 hours recreation every day, which makes 122 days, taken from 243 leaves 121 days. We have 52 Sundays in a year which you have off, leaving you 69 days. You have 14 days vacation, take this off and you have 55 days left. You don't work Saturday afternoons, this makes 26 days in a year. Take this off and you have 29 days left. Now Pat, you allow one and one-half hours for meals, which total in a year 23 days. Take this off and you have one day left. I always give you St. Patrick's Day off, so I ask you, Pat, if you are entitled to a raise?" Pat was a watchmaker, not a professor in mathematics, but as he turned away he was heard to murmur: "Phwaat the devil, have I been doin' fer the past year."

**AUDITORIUM**

**MOTION PICTURES**

**Saturday, Dec. 29**

**FEATURE**

Viola Dana

"June Madness"

COMEDY

"I'm on My Way"

**Tuesday, Jan. 1st**

Johnny Hines production

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COMEDY

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 to  
**ONE and ALL**

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 1924

**A. G. LEHMAN**

PHONE 4301,

STOUFFVILLE

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