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WANT CHEAP POWER IN EASTERN ONTARIO.

Eastern Ontario wants electric power but not at prohibitive rates. This is what the Hydro Electric Commission is offering. Mayor Anderson, Smith's Falls, told a gathering at Belleville how the Hydro operated in that section of Eastern Ontario. It had so advanced the rates for current that consumers had to cut off electric power and go back to steam power. Industry was being curtailed for the want of cheap power. Private owners could undersell the Hydro and with power at \$15 to \$20 per H. P., advantage was secured by industrial concerns over those where Hydro controlled the output. Why should such a condition prevail? Eastern Ontario with unlimited sources of supply has been held back by the Hydro controllers. The manufacturers have had none of the advantages that obtain at western points, and for this negligence, the leaders in municipal circles charge the government and its power officials. For ten years or more Eastern Ontario has been starved for the advantage of Western Ontario, and even now the Hydro people calmly appropriate \$60,000 H. P. of eastern development to meet the needs of Western Ontario. And when the east cries out for fair treatment it is charged with playing politics. When the east sees great currents flashing by it with no advantages therefrom, it is but natural that a cry of ill-treatment is raised.

But, says the Hydro people, we will give you power as needed. True they may, but at what figures? The great desideratum is cheapness. With that in evidence great quantities would be used. Take Kingston for an example. We contracted for power for a period of years at \$25 per H.P., reduced as the quantity used increased. We are paying \$25 per H.P. now and later it may touch \$24. But when a request is made for additional power it is offered at \$36 per H.P. This means \$45 per H.P. when delivered at the factories. Is that cheap power? The manufacturers declare it is decidedly dear when other places in the provinces get it at \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$22 per H.P. And the whole trouble is that the Hydro people have failed to tap the great resources of Eastern Ontario and make marketable power at reasonable prices. Any power for industrial uses should not be above \$25 per H.P.; when it is it becomes prohibitive.

It is a matter of great moment in Eastern Ontario to have its rights recognized and remedies applied. And it is a matter, too, of marked value, that in the protest against discrimination, men of all parties are insisting on a change, on recognition and following it results that will give east, west and north equal opportunities at the natural resources it possesses. We do not want the west to get first what is the right of another section.

WILL BRING RESULTS

It is stated that the Ontario Government contemplates taking full charge of the marketing of practically all the agricultural products of the provinces intended for export. Hon. J. G. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, sees the necessity of such action, if Ontario is to hold her place in the world's markets. This province produces the best of all classes of goods, but the way they have been marketed has been a decided disadvantage in obtaining the best prices.

God's Love and Ours: God both excites the judgment of the fatherless and the widow, and loveth the stranger. Love ye therefore the stranger. Deut. 10:18, 19.

ed has been a decided disadvantage in obtaining the best prices. If the Government can remedy this; if it can by classification and grading give purchasers choices then there is every prospect that Ontario goods will grow in favor in the world's markets. Money spent in perfecting our markets is well spent and as an investment will bring good returns to the growers and producers of this province. Go to it, gentlemen!

LET'S GET TOURIST TRADE.

"This is miles ahead of Florida," he enthusiastically declared, as he viewed the Thousand Islands for the first time. "There is nothing like this down there," and nowhere else. But there is just as romantic, and more natural scenery in Frontenac, "the land of a thousand lakes." Let the interests that ester to tourists, Our Councils, Boards of Trade, Tourists Associations, hotel men, etc., all combine to set forth our summer glories. The six leading resort and tourist States—California, Florida, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Colorado—report a gross volume of \$2,500,000,000. Canada in her six months of glorious cool temperatures, in wonderful scenic beauties and with splendid resorts ought to attract two hundred million tourists with a billion of cash for circulation in seeing things.

PAYING FULL COSTS.

The question of county attendance at the St. Catharines Collegiate has been settled. Five municipalities will pay 100 per cent. of the cost of education. Quite a few counties have come to terms with Boards of Education regarding the education of county pupils. The law provides for eighty per cent. of the cost of maintenance and capital expenditures, but some Boards cannot agree that that amount is enough. To teach county pupils imposes twenty per cent on the municipality wherein the institution is, and that is hardly fair. So by mutual arrangements counties agree to pay the full costs of the education imparted. This is the reasonable way.

HANDS ARE TURNED BACK

In speaking of the dissolution proceedings at Ottawa the Collingwood Bulletin remarks that not for a hundred years has such a course been pursued and the danger ahead includes a return to a status of a crown colony where governments are made and unmade at the will of the governor. Howe in Nova Scotia fought against such conditions with the result that two governors were recalled. Sir John Macdonald with his contemporaries, Cartier, Dorrion, Tupper, Brown, Blake, Mowat, Tilley and many of a later period Laurier and Whitney looked forward to the day when Canada would be "a daughter in her mother's house and mistress in her own." Steadily has the Dominion been moving toward that ideal, but it appears the hands of the clock are in danger of being turned back.

A GOOD DIRT ROAD.

Several hundred farmers, at a United States rural gathering, turned out to see a professor from a state university showing how to make a good dirt road. The scholarly gentleman climbed onto a tractor pulling a leading-wheel scraper, and tolled and wretched and willed his collar and breathed dust for hours, while he graded and shaped a third of a mile of primitive highway to his satisfaction. "That dern city professor has ruined our road," insisted one of the farmers. But most of them thought he had done a good job. He made the roadway twenty feet wide, rounded and smoothed all over, but shaped in a curve as nearly flat as possible so that the surface water would run off without washing the dirt away. There were some pretty good dirt roads in the old days, it's partly in the soil, but mostly in the shaping. Proper care would make most of our dirt roads good for most of the year, without much expense.

SOME SAD FUNNIES.

George McManus, creator of Jiggs and family in the popular comic, "Bringing Up Father," says that a comic strip should primarily be funny. That is his constant and only aim in making Jiggs. On the other hand, the author of a serious magazine article complains: "There is no such thing as a happy ending in the comics. If happiness appears in them at all, it is always immediately afterward shown to be based on misconception, and serves only the dramatic purpose of heightening the miserable and unhappy culmination." There undoubtedly is a certain amount of unhappiness in the comics. Jiggs being kept in when he yearns to be out with the crowd. He is forever meeting with mishaps and disappointments or committing blunders for the daily entertainment of an apparently heartless public.

One must admit that occasionally this laugh-provoking gloom is lightened by pleasant events, says an exchange. Even Jeff and Matt sometimes act like friends. All have their joys and triumphs as well as their disasters.

Funny or traffic, the comics remain popular. Children are as familiar with the names and activities and adventures of the cartoon characters as they are with Mother Goose folk. Perhaps, after all, no one need worry about the sadness of the funnies. They are truer to life than many of their critics will admit.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say, "the balance of us are going to be there." Say "rest of us." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: sentiment. Pronounce sen-shi-ent, both e's as in "men," i as in "it," accent first syllable. OFTEN MISPELLED: practice; ce. SYNONYMS: natural, usual, normal, typical, common, regular, ordinary.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. To-day's word: REVERE; to regard with fear, mingled with respect and affection. "He was revered and admired by his own tribe."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

John D. Rockefeller says he never worries. We wouldn't either. Be a booster for Kingston. Its easy enough because this is a city worth exalting. A British medical health officer says that the health of Great Britain is growing better owing partly to "the week-end habit."

Quebec Viewpoint

L'Action Catholique discusses the basis of nationality. "We have every faith in the Canadian nation; but we believe at the same time that its existence will be precarious so long as there are any people who are not convinced that the proper character of that nation rests on the quality of language and traditions. When we all have that conviction in all the provinces, and when that conviction has been matured by acts, then each and every succeeding Dominion Day will be a great occasion for the whole country, and nobody will spare any efforts that will give the holiday the appearance of a great national festival."

It has been decreed in Sweden that everyone must learn to swim. In other lands, is the Brantford Expositor's conviction, it still requires considerable effort to get into it. It is in eastern Ontario that an additional power supply is most urgently needed, is an admission of the Hamilton Herald, and that section of the province would be the most benefited by the development of St. Lawrence power.

Next year, on July 1st, Canada will celebrate the diamond jubilee of Confederation. What's the matter with Kingston starting right now to arrange for a celebration befitting the occasion? We're about due to break loose with something big.

The old spirit of neighborliness seems dead sometimes. In the cities people live next to one another for years and never say as much as "How do you do?" A next-door neighbor might die and be buried without his fellows knowing anything about it.

At present King Alfonso ostensibly is holidaying in England. In all probability the Spanish Council considered England the safest place for his majesty just at the present time. Spain is having her serious home troubles. These troubles for the most part have been stirred up by the anarchist elements.

We said the other day that the Toronto Globe had remarked, "Watch our Conservative friends fight shy of the budget." But the quotation was the London Advertiser's which, in noting the mistake, added: "We could not say it because it has fought shy of the budget itself. Not a single word of commendation has it given to a truly Liberal measure."

Apart from the Kingston road, the eastern portion of Ontario has not favored very generously at the hands of the Provincial Government; comments the Peterboro Examiner, and there is a strong feeling that much more might be done for the hinterland in the matter of improved roads. We will never get all that is coming.

News and Views.

It Runs in Families. Border Cities Star: More things are hereditary than one would suppose. Probably most of the patients in to-day's accident wards had grandfathers who were run over by ox-carts.

A Characteristic Mistake. London Opinion: A fifty-three pound pumpkin measuring fifty-eight inches in circumference has been grown in Kent. An American visitor said it was the largest grape he had ever seen.

The only time some people turn over a new leaf is when they're reading a book.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

By Arthur N. Pack... Somewhere about ten million years ago, says Charles W. Gilmore of the National Museum, a branch of the Smithsonian Institution, that part of North America known as the Rocky Mountain region was inhabited by a race of strange reptiles known as dinosaurs.

There were many kinds of dinosaurs, but none was more formidable in appearance than the one here shown, the armored dinosaur known in scientific circles by the name of Stegosaurus stenocephalus.

Outward appearance does not always disclose the character of the inner man. According to Mr. Gilmore, the same is true among the dinosaurs. In spite of his ugly exterior, the teeth of this great dinosaur disclose the fact that he was a plant-eating creature, and therefore not so ferocious as perhaps he looks.

Furthermore, the small size of the brain, hardly larger than a man's clenched fist, indicates the stupid, dull nature of the brute.

The most striking feature of Stegosaurus is the large bony plates that stand erect in rows along either side of the middle of the back. These are outgrowths of the skin and have no connection with the internal skeleton. They are comparable with the bony plates found lying in the skin of the crocodile and alligator of the present day.

The largest of these plates, above the hips, were two feet in height and length and no more than an inch in thickness except at the base, where they were enlarged and roughened to give a firm hold to the thick skin in which they were embedded.

In life these plates were doubtless covered with a horny skin. In the picture you can see that the end of the tail was provided with two pairs of bony spikes which in some kinds reached a length of more than three feet. They were swung by a tail eight to ten feet long, and as a visitor was once heard to remark, one wouldn't like to be about such an animal in its time.

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