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A PITIFUL EXHIBITION.

Among the prisoners in the police court yesterday, charged with drunkenness, was a woman. When the customary question: "What did you pay for the liquor?" was asked, she replied:

"I got it for my vote."

Whether this answer was merely a flippant remark, or whether it was a statement of fact, is something as repulsive as it is pitiful. The citizens may well take up with determination the task of seeing that the liquor traffic is brought to a halt. If liquor brings a woman to a condition of mind prompting her to be factious in the police court, then it is time to think of the harm it does to the community. If the liquor traffic has produced a person who would induce a victim of drink to vote for her own degradation, by offering her liquor, then it is time to think of the harm it does to the community. If the liquor traffic has produced a person who would induce a victim of drink to vote for her own degradation, by offering her liquor, then it is time to think of the harm it does to the community.

THE FARMERS' COMBINE.

The farmers' movement in Ontario goes a good deal farther than ordinary co-operation in relation to the marketing of produce. The United Farmers Co-operative Company does more than sell goods. It is a buyer as well, and not merely of ordinary farm materials. It now proposes to go the length of establishing factories if necessary. Something of its aims and purposes was set forth last week by the president, Mr. A. A. Powers, at an agricultural conference in Guelph. He said:

"When we founded the company we intended to carry on business just as does any company—by buying and selling goods. However, when we tried to purchase from the established wholesale houses in Canada ninety-five per cent of them told us that they couldn't sell us anything; they couldn't possibly deal with us on any terms. In no single case did any firm agree to sell us anything whatsoever, unless, on our part, we were prepared to meet the terms of the supply. But ninety-five in a hundred of them wouldn't deal with us at all. They told us that they didn't want to have farmers going into business; that must be done by the trade. Many of them then refused to deal with us now are camping on our doorstep looking for trade. There are still a few concerns that refuse to supply us. We are now preparing to deal with them. We propose—and our plans are all laid—to enter the business of manufacturing; we shall make for ourselves those commodities which are denied us, and shall be independent of firms that feel bound to protect the trade. We propose, briefly, to invade the whole Ontario field until we handle everything produced by all farmers in Ontario, and until we can supply the public with anything it wants from us."

This is a challenge to "big business," and a correspondent of the Toronto Globe observes that it gains significance from the fact that the live stock business of the company this year is expected to itself run to \$28,000,000 in value. The manager of the live stock department of the company said:

"I firmly believe that within two years seventy-five per cent of all stock sold in Ontario will be sold on a co-operative basis, and a prominent packer recently told me that he believed ninety-five per cent would be handled co-operatively within five years. One rural club in Ontario alone last year shipped to us 140 carloads of stock, or nearly three carloads per week during the whole year."

Thus the farmers of Ontario are reaching out to make themselves as nearly independent as possible in regard both to the sale and purchase of produce and to the marketing of their goods. They seek to eliminate the middleman as far as it may be done. They feel, rightly or wrongly, that "big business" has not been disposed to co-operate with them, but rather to profit at their expense, and they are taking steps to make themselves more independent of those outside interests, both in regard to the marketing of products and the purchase of every kind of merchandise. They see merchants forming associations to promote their mutual interests, and are learning the lesson thus taught. The development of their plans will be watched with interest. It is a case of combine against combine for purposes of profit.

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At the luncheon in the Union Club yesterday, in honor of the visiting naval officers, Lieut.-Gov. Pugsley alluded to the great oil resources of Canada, found in shales in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and other provinces, and their value to the Empire. The need of their development was shown by Rear Admiral Everett, when he said it was necessary to bring a tank steamer loaded with oil from Bermuda to serve the needs of his cruiser. The question of the world's oil supply is keenly debated in every country. The growing use of oil as fuel makes ever larger demands upon the supply, and sooner or later the oil shales of Canada must be developed. New Brunswick, which possesses immense deposits declared to be superior to the Scotch shales which are the basis of a great and profitable industry, should be among the first provinces to benefit from a process which would make the extraction of oil a profitable venture, and if that should come about there would be a marked influence upon industry in general.

Of the work of Sir Lomer Gouin in Quebec province the Montreal Herald says:—He completely rehabilitated the finances of the province. In the year when he went into power the ordinary revenues amounted to \$5,840,166, and the expenditure to \$6,012,417, so the surplus was \$207,746. In the year 1917-18 the ordinary revenue had grown to \$18,806,860, and the ordinary expenditure to \$11,648,297, leaving a surplus of no less than \$7,238,568. These figures are all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the public expenditure which has taken place in every department, without any taxation which has even a semblance of being oppressive. There has never been a single year since Sir Lomer became premier that there has been a deficit. On the other hand there has always been a substantial surplus."

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THE WAR IN THE TERMS OF MONEY

London, June 24.—(A. P. Correspondent.)—The war has cost the European belligerents in excess of \$20,000,000,000, represented by property destroyed, losses in investments abroad, depreciation of properties, and by pensions, Edgar Crammond, English financial expert, told the Bankers' Institute at a recent meeting here.

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THE BAD RECORD.

The lens I stole long years ago has ruined my career, for everywhere I chance to go their pantomimes reappear. Oh, men forget the things I've done, of which I may be proud; and they ignore the fame I've won competing with the crowd. They spread the tale with tongues and pens, and so it goes from group to group: "This is the man who stole the lens when they were out of luck; and hungry orphans, when they yelped, from me could draw a buck. I've made a point of being good, for one sin to atone, but all in vain, my crime has stood triumphant and alone. The weary years have slipped away, in units and in tens, and still I have my neighbors say, 'He swiped a widow's lens.' Some day a monument will rise above my pitiless breast; the legend on it, I surmise, will say I joined the best; but men will on that granite gaze and slyly strain their lens, and say, 'How hollow is such praise! He pinched a widow's lens.'"

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

THE UNKNOWN CANADA.

Each summer time sends its exploration parties into the less well known parts of the great Dominion of Canada, for while Canada is known as a land of riches, there are many parts of its wide domain where comparatively little is understood of its wealth. The government and private companies send parties during the summer time into the hinterland of the country to learn more of the resources of the country. It is seldom realized that almost one quarter of the area of the Dominion—or something like one million square miles of territory—is regarded as unexplored. This is the estimate of the Canadian Geological Survey. These unknown lands are classified in three ways. Two-thirds of the unexplored lands lie in the Laurentian Plateau, a vast area of ancient rocks that extend in a U-shape from the Atlantic coast of Labrador to the line of great lakes consisting of the Great Lakes, Great Slave and Great Bear.

It is rocky, lake-studded surface makes it unsuitable for agricultural purposes even in the south where the climate is sufficiently mild. Minerals from the great wealth of this wild, bleak territory of many square miles.

The second type of country is represented by the great central plains of the continent. About 110,000 square miles of the unexplored lands lie on the sides of the Mackenzie river are of that type, much of it being suitable for farming. The third type is an area of rolling hills which includes most of the portion west of the Mackenzie river. It has an area of about 180,000 square miles and like the first class minerals are supposed to form the major portion of its wealth. Each year Canada is earning more about the interior of the great country.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Wise Jimmy. "Jimmy," said the mother to her smart eleven-year-old, "what became of that little pie I made for you as a treat yesterday? Did you eat it?"

"No, mamma," answered Jimmy with a grin; "I gave it to my teacher at school."

"That was very nice and generous of you, Jimmy," complimented his mother. "And did your teacher eat it?"

"Yes, I think so," answered Jimmy. "She wasn't at school today."

Would Take a Chance.

George Billing—"Do you know, the physicians declare that kissing is apt to produce a disease called 'I've forgotten the name, but—"

She—"And we have been. Haven't we?"

George—"I've been vaccinated."

Early Pleased.

Brown—"Did I leave an umbrella here yesterday?"

Brown—"What kind of an umbrella?"

Brown—"Oh, any kind. I'm not fussy."

A Mouthful.

Barber—How do you like my new oatmeal soup?

Victim (in chair)—Seems nourishing; but I've had my breakfast.

Her Idea of Economy.

He—"Mary, this milliner's bill is unusually large. I thought we had decided to be economical."

She—"And we have been. Haven't we?"

He—"Yes, I think so."

CELEBRATION OF 12TH.

Owing to the unfavorable weather yesterday the picnic planned by the Orangemen at the Ferns was postponed. The ladies of the Fairville Lodge held a supper at the hall and a sum of \$8.00 was realized for the Memorial Hall fund. Mrs. A. Stinson, Mrs. E. Buff, Mrs. J. Bayard, Mrs. J. Cochrane, "What kind of an umbrella?"

Brown—"Oh, any kind. I'm not fussy."

Lady Eaton Has Air Trip.

Toronto, July 13.—Lady Eaton of this city, was a passenger on a Bishop Barker flying boat which was on a trip from Muskoka to Toronto last evening in one hour and thirty minutes.

On the basis of a post-war mark value of 5 per cent of its pre-war value he estimated Germany has lost, apart from the indemnity, 26 per cent of her national wealth, the whole of her mercantile marine, all her colonial possessions, and practically the whole of her investments abroad. If the figures suggested at the Hythe conference \$20,000,000,000 were fixed as the German war indemnity he declared the total losses of the German people arising out of the war would be equivalent to about £12,000,000,000 or one-half her national wealth.

"So far as the world as a whole is concerned the principal loss is in the fact that Europe is not yet 'a going concern,'" he continued, "but the underlying economic forces which made her the great centre of the world's commercial activities are still at work and will rapidly transform the economic situation in Europe."

He said the dominant characteristic of international trade in the next 10 years will be a tremendous world demand for capital, and the internal financial policies of the nations should be framed with due regard to this condition.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. David Howard of Main street, accompanied by her granddaughter, Constance Howard, left last evening for Acropolis on the Hudson to visit her son, Edward, who is attending the Redemptorist College there. She will later go to Calgary to visit her son, D. L. Howard.

Policeman Linton averted a runaway accident last evening on North Wharf when he stopped a double team owned by the Imperial Oil Company and driven by Harry Gaynes of Marsh Bridge. The driver was stepped on by one of the horses but was not seriously hurt.

In the Canadian Express Company's mail room yesterday, Inspector Kerr saw five cases of Scotch whiskey addressed to "M. L. Block, 177 Charlotte street, St. John, N. B." The inspector later found that the place is occupied by a Chinese laundryman. The Chinese repudiated the matter.

Sale of the property of Miss Little Reid Hutchinson took place at Chubb's corner at noon yesterday. W. E. A. Lawton bid the property in for a client at \$8,400. The property is situated at the corner of Union and Dorchester streets, on the west side of the street.

A concert given last night at the Salvation Army Citadel, Charlotte street, in aid of the League of Mercy work, the following took part: Myrtle Harding, Laura Moore, Mrs. Envy Goodwin, Elsie Laurie, Mildred Moore, Mrs. Laurie, Sister Lane and Adjutant Clarke.

A case against Albert Hoar, charged with obstructing the public highway, Highway 100, with his car, was dismissed by Magistrate William Dalton at Kenford on Friday, as he said he could find nothing in the Highway Act that prevented a man from keeping his car on the roadside only five minutes as long as there was sufficient room to clear on the other side.

The reports for the last term, read last night at a meeting of St. John Lodge No. 8, Knights of Pythias, showed that the organization is in a prosperous condition. Officers were installed as follows: C. T. Greaves, grand master; L. Dykeman, vice-commander; G. C. Cousens, prelate; H. W. Brounfield, master of works; H. M. Akerley, master at arms; C. F. Heans, inner guard; A. H. Case, outer guard; W. F. Parker.

THE HOTEL PROJECT.

To the Editor of The Times.—It is rather unfortunate that an impression is abroad, that the stock to be offered the citizens, in connection with the new hotel project, is different in character than that offered or to be offered certain individual or collective interests, who are expected to subscribe for a very large block.

There is only one kind of stock to be sold, and that is 7 per cent, cumulative redeemable preference stock, and to be offered to each subscriber on the same basis. The purchaser of any amount will pay the same price, receive the same consideration when purchasing, and be entitled to the same profits or dividends per share, whether the amount purchased be one share or one thousand shares.

There are no promotion charges on the flotation, nor commissions to be paid the sellers of the stock; therefore in this respect, the promotion is rather unique. Information as to the financial set up will be available in a day or two, when prospective purchasers may satisfy themselves of the opportunity afforded for exhibiting a proper community spirit.

While privileged to participate in a very safe and attractive investment. Thanking you for the opportunity of tendering this information to the citizens with the hope of dispelling any such impression as may have existed, Believe me to be, Yours very truly, H. R. McLELLAN, Secretary Commercial Club, St. John, July 12.

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Escapes Naging Wife. London, July 12.—To escape from a nagging wife for a while was the reason given by Samuel McVicker, an ex-convict, for deliberately breaking a shop window at Londonderry.