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**IS WORKING WELL**

There was a time not so many years ago in Ontario when families were prone to regard it somewhat of a disgrace if one of their members happened to be unfortunate enough to be taken to one of the provincial asylums for the insane. The modern idea is that insanity is not a disgrace but simply a disease, and, as such, requires expert treatment which can be secured at a government institution. In this regard modern thought has undergone a sensible change.

So it is in another way, namely in the treatment of the disease known as drunkenness. Men who have seen themselves falling rapidly from the respect of even their closest friends have consented to sign themselves over to the care of some recognized institution. There have been many cases of such nature with striking results for the good.

Another new way is coming into effect, although slowly. The "billed" list of many of our cities is becoming swelled by voluntary applicants, and in nearly every case the inspectors say it works out admirably. Formerly men who have been put on the prohibited list against their will have resented it with spirit and the results have not been of the best. The world is growing wiser, however, even among those who have a weakness. When the man who voluntarily puts himself on the prohibited list in a city like Brantford where the enforcement is so good, he can pretty nearly make up his mind that he is going on the "water wagon" for the entire year for which he has been "billed". The idea that there should be any stigma attached to the new and voluntary status he has taken upon himself is all wrong. The man deserves credit. He has only done what thousands of men make up their minds to do and carry out without the necessity of surrounding themselves with the additional safeguard of the law.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVED**

According to present indications the wheat crop of 1913 will be one of the greatest ever harvested in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and the government is performing its duty in seeing that this crop will be properly handled at the head of the lakes. What the government has done towards that work has been told by Professor Magill, chairman of the Dominion Grain Commission, while in Ottawa. He said:

"As far as the Government is concerned, conditions were never so good for handling the grain crop at the head of the lakes as this year. By the close of navigation there will be no less than 40,000,000 bushels storage capacity at Fort William and Port Arthur, which is no less than 12,000,000 bushels more than last year.

"The new Government-owned elevator is now completed and the machinery is being installed at the present time, so that it will likely be opened by October 1, and will be ready to handle its share of this year's crop. It has a capacity for three-quarters of a million in the work house and two and a half millions in the storage bins. This capacity can easily be doubled or trebled by adding more bins, and in fact, we have room for elevator space of some 30,000,000 bushels. We have splendid concrete docks for loading which are also ready, so that the government will this year be able to handle its fair share of the West's yield.

"We have strengthened our inspection department and have generally increased what might be called our technical force so that as far as the Government facilities for handling the crop are concerned they have never been in better shape."

Prof. Magill pointed out that the elevator companies were for a number of years uncertain as to the future of the business and there was little increase in the storage capacity. There has been a restoration of confidence and, in addition to the Government elevator, the C. P. R., G. T. P., C. N. R., Fort William Elevator Company, and other concerns were erecting this year new buildings so that the total increase in storage facilities will be around 12,000,000 bushels.

The tenders for the new interior elevators at Saskatoon and Moosejaw will be in on September 8. The grain commission will be in Ottawa at that time to pass on the tenders before the contract is let. It is expected that there will be probably ten tenders.

Work will be started on them this fall and it is expected to have them ready to help assist in handling the crop of 1914.

**GOOD ROADS PAY**

It pays to have good roads. The office of public roads in the United States Department of Agriculture, states that the expenditure of \$250,000 on 24 per cent. of the roads in one county of Alabama was double the value of all the farm land in the county in ten years. In Virginia the value of a farm of 100 acres increased from \$1,800 to \$3,000 after the road bordering it had been improved. These facts are more significant than many abstract arguments and should weigh with those responsible for the roads of this province. We gladly acknowledge that more attention is being paid in Brant to the road problem, but there is still plenty of room for improvement. Perhaps the saddest feature of this question is the neglect to finish roads properly. There has been an amount of good work done which lacks but a little of being excellent. Roads have been made which are well drained but which have no binder. As a result, they will begin to go to pieces much sooner than if a proper binder had been used. The latter easily repays what it costs. It saves a considerable expenditure on repairs and makes travelling more comfortable.

Apart from the great loss in tourist traffic this year, bad roads have cost the farmers much money even though the exceptionally dry season has made the loss less than it must otherwise have been.

**THE PROSPEROUS WEST.**

The Canadian West is "out of the woods." This popular metaphorical expression may not apply literally to our occidental fellow citizens, but it fits, nevertheless. Practically, the harvest is reaped, and it is a good harvest. The past few weeks have been a trying time to the farmers; what with peril of rains, peril of hail, and peril of frost, the anxiety has been great. But all these dangers, except in isolated instances, are fortunately overpast, and a splendid harvest that will probably total 200 million bushels, is now in process of threshing. This is a big crop and, judging by past experience, only the forerunner of greater yields. New areas will be continuously placed under crop and the opening of new fields of wheat and grain growing show that the grain-producing capacity of the Canadian West is infinite. The growth of wheat production has been rapid and the rate of increase is growing. In 1892 the whole yield of the West was only 14 1/2 million bushels. During the next ten years it increased at the rate of 4 1/2 millions a year, till, in 1902, it reached 53 millions. During the next ten years the increase was 14 1/2 millions a year till 1913, when the yield is estimated at 200 million bushels. If the same rate of increase is maintained—and it is likely to become greater—at the end of the next decade, 1922-3, the total yield of wheat in the Canadian West will be 350 million bushels. A crop like this year's will put the West on its feet, tend to relax the financial stringency, and to sweeten the somewhat bad odour the West has got through speculative wild-catting. Legitimate real estate is still sound, but there will be largely an end of the real estate shark, but not quite, for as the crop of fools and dupes is a permanent one there will be a field, if a comparatively limited one, for the operation of the conscienceless real estate agent. The West is sound yet. The pessimist who borrowed his gloom from "tight money" will discover the silver lining of the cloud; will find the banks that denied money for merely speculative schemes, will unloosen for every form of legitimate enterprise.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

Has any body here seen James Ray?

For a "boy wonder" Mackenzie King seems to be wonderfully quiet just now. Can he really be growing up?

North Grey, then East York, and soon a walking ticket for N. W. Rowell, the Opposition leader who doesn't lead.

It is some consolation to know that if ever the British Empire is in danger, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will rush to her defence with a speech.

The Laurier campaign for Canadian independence seems to have been laid aside till a more convenient season.

The Liberals are going about the country crying "blue ruin" and "hard times." The customs revenue returns are a good criterion of the prosperity of the country, and for the five

months of the present fiscal year ended August 31 last, the revenue from customs alone was close upon fifty million dollars. This is an increase of close upon three and a half millions over the corresponding period last year. The half hearted politicians who are prating about hardships shut their eyes to the real condition of affairs.

The easy victory of the Conservative candidate in East York yesterday is a pretty good indication that the masses are satisfied with the honest and progressive government of Sir James Whitney at Queen's Park.

**What the Other Fellow Thinks.**

**Better Than Wallingford**  
 Amherst Daily News: In one of our large cities the other day a certain gentleman did quite a stroke in 24 hours which beats anything Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford has attempted. This is the list of what he accomplished: Bought a ranch for \$20,000; raised the salary of the ranch foreman; purchased implements and stock; consulted local physicians for ailments; rode about the country at the expense of a local garage; took an option on a radium mine; gave contracts to carpenters to erect a \$6000 house; contributed \$100 to the W. C. T. U. and consulted one of the local clergy about improving the parsonage. Having done all these things he proceeded to cash cheques for large amounts in a drug store and placed a draft drawn on a Buffalo bank. Later he received the freedom of the town which included the right to spit tobacco juice all over the sidewalk. Then he departed. Business men grew suspicious and made inquiries. A telegram to the Buffalo bank brought the answer that he was unknown. He has not been heard of since.

**Credit to the Jew**

Toronto News: The Jewish Times complains that the Canadian press does not always give Jews credit where credit is due. For instance, the central figure at the recent International Medical Congress in England was Prof. Paul Ehrlich. He was termed by the press "the greatest benefactor to mankind of the age." Yet few papers, it is claimed, refer to the fact that the great medical savant is a Hebrew.

**Universities and Politics**

Regina Leader: A census of students leaving our Canadian colleges in any one year would probably show comparatively few of them with definite political views which they had established for themselves. They might scoff at the suggestion but it would in all likelihood be true, nevertheless, that their political views were inherited from their homes or their environment and records of our two parties. Yet, if the standard of Canadian politics is to be raised, it is essential that the men who have had the benefits of so-called higher education should be men of sound convictions, reached through their own thought and study. No one supposes that the petty squabbles, frothy charges and counter charges of politicians can be discussed in the class room, but at least, under professors of judgment, there could be consideration of party principles without opportunity being given for the charge that doctrines of either party were being preached in the colleges. If nothing more were done than to discuss the proper relations of the individual to the party, a considerable measure of good would be accomplished.

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**Death Found Due to Rupture ---No Evidence of Abuse.**

BERLIN, Ont., Sept. 9.—The inquest into the death of Joseph Griffin whose death occurred in the Berlin-Waterloo Hospital last Thursday, which it was alleged was caused by being kicked in the abdomen by P. C. Meehan who arrested him on a charge of drunkenness was concluded here yesterday afternoon.

After hearing considerable evidence the jury decided that "Joseph Griffin came to his death from rupture of the bladder, cause of which is unknown; that no blame for said death can be attached to P. C. Meehan or P. C. Farrell."

A sworn statement of the deceased made a few days before his death was produced, in which Griffin alleged that he was kicked by P. C. Meehan as he was about to enter the cell.

Mrs. Griffin in her evidence deposed that the constable kicked her husband while taking him from the house. Chief O'Neill stated that deceased when in the police cells formed him that he had been kicked on the street while being escorted by the P. C.'s. Meehan and Farrell in their evidence emphatically denied that Griffin had been kicked or abused while being arrested.

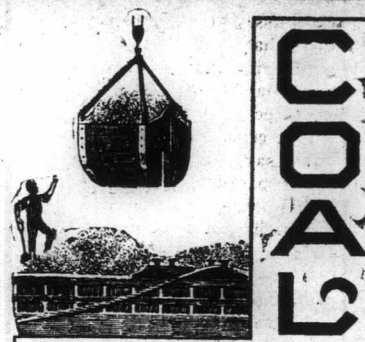
A post-mortem examination showed that there was rupture of the bladder, but no evidence of his having been kicked or abused.

Coroner H. G. Lackner presided, D. S. Bowlby acted for the Crown, H. J. Sims for the police, and W. P. Clement for Mrs. Griffin.

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**REG. LLOYD-JONES; BRANTFORD BOY FIGURES IN PRETTY ROMANCE**

(Los Angeles Examiner)

Still they come—those romantic surprises that are keeping local society in a continual flutter of pleasant excitement this summer.

And here is the crowning surprise of all: Miss Emma Conroy, daughter of Mrs. J. F. Conroy, who is now on her way down from Portland, is to be a bride within the next fortnight.

News of her engagement to Reginald Lloyd-Jones of Montreal has preceded her on the homeward journey the announcement being contained in a dispatch to her sister, Mrs. Bri Conroy Kelley. Mrs. Conroy is with her daughter and they are accompanied also by the prospective bridegroom, who is coming here for the marriage.

As yet friends and relatives in Los Angeles have not been apprised of any definite plans regarding the coming event and the date will be set after the travelers' arrival, but the general understanding is that two weeks will not elapse before Miss Conroy becomes a bride and in all probability the marriage will take place at the beautiful country home of the Conroys, near Lankershim, where the family has for some time been residing.

The story of the engagement, which is one of the season's most interesting, was circulated first, it seems, at the dinner which Miss Florence Wood fiancée of Joy Clark, gave Wednesday evening in honor of her own bridal party. That, indeed, was a memorable event, for not only was the engagement of Miss Barbara Stephens to Lieutenant Randolph Talcott Zane announced formerly, but Dame Rumor became very busy, so I hear, with the story that Miss Conroy was also soon to become a bride, while all the time Dan Cupid sat perched high upon the massive stair railing in that handsome reception hall of the Modini Wood home.

in St. James Park, and blinked his sparkling, sightless (?) eyes in a manner that suggested several more secrets which he could tell if he chose.

However, I am not intending to imply that any formal announcement of the Lloyd-Jones-Conroy engagement was made Wednesday night. That remained for this morning, when, it seems the story has quite passed beyond the jurisdiction of Dame Rumor.

Miss Conroy, who is a beautiful and charming young woman, with many admirers, has known no other home than Los Angeles, and so far as I can recall the family has lived since her earliest childhood in that same homey house at 500 West Thirtieth Street—that is, they were living there up to the time, less than a year ago, when they went to the Lankershim country place.

Mrs. Conroy, her daughter and the latter's fiancé are expected to reach Los Angeles Sunday and friends here are eagerly awaiting their arrival.

Mr. Lloyd-Jones, I believe, is a Canadian, prominent in the life of Montreal, and it is to that place that he will take his bride.

Mr. Lloyd-Jones is well known here and is a former B. C. I. boy. He is a son of the late Major Lloyd-Jones, of "The Oaks," Burford. His mother resides at 267 Park Ave., this city.

The marriage is taking place to-day in Los Angeles.

**Worth Remembering**

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