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**PROCESS WILL AID FARMERS**

A story comes from Montreal that what is practically a new industry, may shortly be added to the productions of Quebec Province and one or two other parts of the Dominion by means of a process discovered by a local man of converting common Canada tobacco into a mild and agreeable smoking mixture. This method of conversion is said by the inventor to be so simple and inexpensive that it can be immediately applied to the general good of tobacco producers in this country.

The inventor, Harold Boyd, says that he is giving the process to the Federal Government. In fact, he has already written the Government that he intends handing over the process for the benefit of the farming community.

The process will permit the tobacco farmer to treat his own leaf and so obtain a better price for his product. It arrests decomposition, preserves the leaf and keeps it fresh and healthy. The manipulation is simple, and requires no special skill or machinery.

Mr. Boyd pointed out that the big experimental farm at Ottawa might well take up the industry among its other activities for the benefit of Canadian producers.

When asked whether he had been dickered with any of the large tobacco companies in the matter of this new process, Mr. Boyd replied that he had not; that although not a wealthy man he preferred to see the country at large benefit directly, not partially through intermediaries.

**THE BIGGS HIGHWAY DISCUSSED**

Ontario highways occasioned some questioning in the House Friday. Discussion arose on the estimates of the highways branch, Department of Railways and Canals.

In reply to a question by W. A. Bays (Simcoe South) as to the wide difference between the cost per mile in the various provinces, ranging from \$2,000 in Saskatchewan to \$21,000 in Ontario, Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways, explained that each province elected a standard for its own roads. Sand and gravel also varied in price in different localities.

Questioned as to the Hamilton-Brantford Highway, the Minister gave the distance as 19.18 miles and the total estimate cost \$858,907.05, or \$34,353.86 per mile. He thought this was probably the most expensive road in Ontario, to which the Federal Government was contributing.

Mr. Bays said that a return brought down in the House gave the price of this highway as \$72,085 per mile.

Mr. Graham said that the construction first agreed upon with Ontario was for the lower standard. The Ontario Government had later decided to construct a much more expensive road, but the Federal Government would only pay, he said, on the basis of the first agreement. Asked by Mr. Bays if Ontario had not requested the Government to contribute 40 per cent. on the \$72,000 per mile basis, the Minister replied in the affirmative.

The committee rose without the items being passed.

**THE ADOLESCENT ACT**

By the smallest majority the Drury Government yet has experienced in a House division, second reading was given to the bill of the Minister of Education to amend the Adolescent School Attendance Act, suspending its application, with certain provisos, among rural sections of the Province. The vote was 37 to 32. J. W. Curry and W. F. Nickle voted with the Government. Three U.F.O. members opposed the bill—Andrew Hicks, L. W. Oke and Joseph Cridland. Mr. Grant's bill suspends the act as regards rural school sections for children whose services are required at home, provided that the pupil has completed public school work to the extent that instruction is given in his school section, or was in regular attendance at school for at least three months during the year. Mr. Casselman offered to support the bill if the provisos were struck out, and Mr. Brackin urged the Minister to consent to an amendment in committee striking out the

provisos. But Mr. Grant stood firm and, despite the obvious chances of a close vote, refused to make further concessions.

**NOTE AND COMMENT**

Sometimes the moon is high in the heavens and sometimes low, but the moonshine is high all the time.

An optimist is a woman who has taken off the extra blankets and folded them away in the closet.

Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general, has resigned from the Drury Cabinet as he desires to return to private life.

No man is too big to be courteous, but many are too small. Politeness is the best business or social investment to be had.

Two dollar bills have been abolished in the United States. They prove very useful on this side of the line to pay newspaper subscription with.

The profits on the sale of liquor under government control in British Columbia for six months ending March 31, were \$1,250,195.12.

Mother Earth is taking a long time to put on her spring costume, as if she were uncertain about it. Likely she'll get in a hurry shortly.

If you get mad at a newspaper, buy it, and run it, advises the Atchison (Kan.) Globe. That will be the quickest way of putting it out of business.

The C. N. R. having reduced the freight rate on Alberta coal and the supply of coal being unlimited it is now up to the coal dealers to get busy and supply the public with this commodity during the summer months.

If the Steel Company collapse teaches the public a lesson, folk are slow to learn, viz., that abnormal interest and profits cannot be paid as a rule unless investors take big risks of losing investment, possibly a good will be accomplished.

Henry Ford has been declared the richest man in the world with assets of nearly \$600,000,000. John D. Rockefeller is worth about one-half this amount, but then he has given away over a billion dollars. Ford's wealth is equivalent to \$690 a share of \$100 par value of the Ford capital stock.

Women's boycott of sugar has stopped the great raid by the sugar interests. The lesson learned during the war scarcity, that commodity prices could be lifted sky high by propaganda and combination, has not been forgotten. Given an opportunity, the profiteers will be on the job again.

Owen Sound Sun-Times: Unless we are willing to scale down, we are all bound to see hard times. We cannot continue, indefinitely, to mortgage the future for the passing pleasures of the present. The way back to better times all round is to spend a little less than we earn to deny ourselves the luxuries of life that we may have all the necessities and some of the comforts, and to make the best of the times as they are while we are doing our bit to better them.

An interesting example of the way in which high taxes defeat their own purpose is quoted by the Financial Post. At \$6 a 1000, cigarettes were heavily taxed, but Canadians used nearly 2,500,000,000 a year. The tax was increased last year to \$7.50 a thousand and smokers turned to pipes and to rolling their own. Cigarette consumption dropped by about half a billion a year and the government suffered a net loss in revenue of about \$2,000,000. The higher tax actually provided a lower revenue. Taxes that are too high will always defeat revenue purposes.

From the Philadelphia Ledger:— Various people at various times have rewritten the Bible. The old texts still stand, however, and all the "modernized" versions are forgotten almost as soon as they are put into type. The British house of bishops is now busily engaged in revising the Psalms of David and seems intent on making them a little more polite, a little less thunderous than they are, and better fitted to be read in circles of the excessively refined. The London Express is only one of the newspapers that have been crying out in anger. It observes rightly enough, that the Psalms of David are magnificent and colorful, robust and frank and passionate, and that no hand can improve them. It does seem that people who cannot read the stupendous Biblical texts without wincing would have sense enough to know that the trouble is with them and not the Book of Books.

The fourth sitting of the 15th Legislature of Ontario concluded its business on Friday night and many of the members left at once for their homes. Prorogation ceremonies took place on Tuesday. The House sat 70 working days this session, as compared with 81 working days last year, and had over 200 bills presented for consideration, a large percentage of which, however, were jettisoned in the last-minute rush necessary to stage the June election, which is now a certainty. Matters were rushed through at the last minute and twenty-eight bills were given a third reading in less than an hour. Bills respecting the school laws, hotel bill and amendments to the fishery and game act were withdrawn.

Petroleum Topic:—So many changes have been made in this old world of ours during the past eight years that to the average individual who reads the daily papers almost every field of man's activity has been recultivated and sown with fresh grass seed or in other words hours of labor have been reduced and compensation increased the world thereby being made a more pleasant place to live in for the average person. There is one group of beings, however, who have not profited by their country's housecleaning so far as a reduction of hours is concerned, and that is the postmaster in towns the size of Petrolia. If these very necessary members of society would organize and demand an eight hour day instead of working twelve and thirteen hours a day it might become necessary for the postmaster general to reduce postage to the former rate of two cents per letter in order to get enough revenue to pay salaries.

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