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Adding Insult to Injury.

Recently the Ontario government published and circulated a \$60,000 booklet advertising Ontario as a playground for American tourists. In that booklet, although ample material was forwarded, no mention was made of London and Port Stanley was omitted from a map purporting to show the ports of entry into Ontario. Eight pages were devoted to describe Toronto, while Hamilton, Brantford, Ottawa, Kingston and other eastern points received similar attention. Western Ontario, the richest garden of the province, was ignored.

Carl Hele, secretary to Premier Ferguson, now offers to The Advertiser the first official explanation of the case. He says it was "an oversight." Of course it was. In that lies the slight. It is no explanation at all to say that the Ferguson government "overlooked" the richest and most beautiful part of Ontario, including her fourth largest city and one of her finest lake ports, in describing the province. It is merely a statement of the error. Mr. Hele's explanation is an excellent example of adding insult to injury and does nothing to appease the very proper indignation of Western Ontario taxpayers who helped pay for a booklet which ignored them.

Playing With the Dragon.

The nations have signed a solemn protocol prohibiting poisonous gases and bacteriological offensives in warfare. The man on the street will read it with his tongue in his cheek.

Clipping the claws of the war dragon is an example of perfect futility. They will soon grow again and the dragon will use them with all his other means of cruel destruction. To humanize war is an absurdity and a self-contradiction. There is no such thing as a humane war. There is only one way to tame the dragon; it is to kill him.

The Deadliest Diseases.

A most interesting document is the report issued annually by Sir George Newman, the chief medical officer of the British government. Which are the most deadly of all diseases? The question is answered by a table showing that of every 1,000 deaths:

174 were caused by bronchitis, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases.
168 by diseases of the heart and circulation.
106 by cancer and malignant disease.
100 by diseases of the nervous system.
87 by all forms of tuberculosis.

Sir George Newman does not dwell upon successes achieved but upon tasks awaiting performance. Of every 1,000 babies born about 70 fail to survive their first year. This is a good standard compared with a generation ago, but Sir George says there is still room for considerable improvement, particularly as regards the mortality in the first four weeks of life.

Influenza is baffling the medical profession. There were 18,896 deaths from influenza in England and Wales during last year. The disease appears to attack adolescent youth more than other people. "No material advance," says Sir George, "has been made in our knowledge of the bacteriology of influenza." The various claims to discoveries of the influenza germ are not credited.

Sleeping sickness claims an increasing number of victims. For practical purposes it is regarded as a new disease of the last six years. "An attack of hiccup may precede or accompany the nervous symptoms and there is some reason for regarding hiccup as a mild form of sleeping sickness."

From the national and imperial point of view a most challenging phenomenon is the falling birth rate. The number of births falls year by year, as witness the following figures:

Year.	No. of Births.
1920	957,782
1921	848,814
1922	730,124
1923	753,121
1924	730,256

Canadian Peonies in London.

Even in these days it is a surprise to learn that cut flowers can be shipped by the thousand from Canada to bloom in English windows. The offices of both the C. P. R. and the C. N. R. in London, as well as the pavilions of the two companies at Wembley, have been a blaze of color with 8,000 peony blooms. The majority were cut as buds from plants grown by a landscape gardener in Montreal. The English people are devoted lovers of flowers and these products of Canada will appeal to their imaginations. The flowers were kept in cold storage during shipment. Peonies are a familiar flower in England, but they do not grow there so flourishingly as in Canada.

A Tariff That Didn't Work.

The American tariff, meant to keep Canadian fruit from entering the United States, has not been successful this year as far as raspberries have been concerned. Owing to partial crop failures in Ohio, with an exceptional demand in both Cleveland and Buffalo, Canadian growers

have been able to dump surplus supplies in these cities and keep the home market price hovering at about 25 cents a box during the greater part of the season.

It is the first time in the history of this district that local growers have been able to meet their American cousins successfully at their own game. For several years the Americans have dumped surplus strawberries into Canada, which has meant that London housewives have been able to buy imported strawberries more cheaply than the housewives of Cleveland, who are closer to the source of supply.

The American growers simply fed their home markets what they could conveniently handle at a good price and let the balance go to Canada for almost nothing rather than deflate the American prices.

Canadian growers complained to Ottawa that the Ontario public was tired of strawberries before the home crop was on the market because of the American influx, but now they are having their revenge. Hundreds of crates of raspberries have been shipped from Port Stanley to Cleveland and Buffalo within the last two weeks.

Montreal Smells Gunpowder.

The heat has claimed another victim. This time it is the Montreal Herald, which sees Canada and the United States marching steadily toward war with each other.

The Herald says that "everywhere along the border can be seen policemen and soldiers carrying guns. In order to enforce prohibition the United States is building a new navy and selecting a new army to prevent the bootlegging of liquor, much of which comes from Canada."

From the symptoms the Herald draws the following dreadful diagnosis:

"Thus it goes. We are travelling the same road to hate and strife that European nations have already travelled. Our boast of a frontier of 3,000 miles 'with never a fort or a gun' is fast passing into history. The possibilities are appalling. Yet where is the remedy? Will the time come when the United States, despairing of the cost and the difficulty of border protection, will proclaim an extension of the Monroe Doctrine to cover liquor and immigrants? Canada cannot view such a possibility with equanimity. Yet we are moving in one direction or the other—on the one hand to increasing militarism and armaments directed one against the other, or on the other hand to some form of continental suzerainty."

Some funny things have come from Montreal. The last time we heard from there it was some sort of whisper about death. But even the Brantford Expositor admits that we're still alive and growing stronger every day. The Herald should move from Montreal. It appears to be an unhealthy locality for anyone possessed of a nervous disposition.

Note and Comment.

We would rather hear about Alberta's big oil strike than her coal strike.

Bankers in Chicago have offered \$2,500 for each bandit killed. Their money would be safe if they offered it for each one hanged.

One man is willing to wager that before the Scott case is finished Mr. Scott will be suing the American authorities for false arrest.

Police Chief Birrell intends to use rubbing alcohol seized in court as anti-freeze for police cars. Dynamite is also good to keep things warm.

McMillan says he discovered mosquitoes in the Arctic. Now did McMillan really discover the mosquitoes or did the mosquitoes discover McMillan?

Inspector McKinney of Toronto says that 4.4 beer is "an absolute failure as a check on the liquor evil." Most American tourists think it is part of it.

A dog warden in Connecticut has decided to kill a puppy because it chewed an American flag. Some one should tell Loeb and Leopold. They would have a good laugh.

St. Thomas Times-Journal says that if Scott isn't crazy now he will be before the American courts are through with him. As Scott himself would say: "I'll be hanged if I'm not."

One hundred English teachers are coming over here to learn about Canada. It is a good idea because perhaps they will go back and teach their pupils not to remark "Ontario! Oh yes, and is that anywhere near Toronto?"

An Australian government loan of \$75,000, 000 was over-subscribed in an hour in New York. Londoners can get some idea of the money power of that market by recalling that the amount is greater than the assessed value of this city.

Some London women are going to a famous surgeon who can remodel noses. Those who were started out with pug noses can end the trip with a Grecian type, but those who have noses that poke into other people's business are hopeless.

Hamilton has been protesting against the wearing of knickers by women, but the Sarnia Observer says knickers are quite all right, and Hamilton had better keep up with the times. What Hamilton needs is an Old Boys' Reunion to put it in a more happy frame of mind. The Sarnia Observer will probably reply that nobody would ever go back to Hamilton.

From Woodstock a Ku Klux klanisman announces that the aim of the klan in Canada is political domination of the dominion. But the moderation league, the Progressives, the temperance workers, and even the Liberal and Conservative parties have somewhat similar ambitions. It is likely that many a fiery cross will burn to ashes and blow away before K. K. K. replaces the good old tariff as an election factor.

Production of Opium

While the production of opium is limited to a few parts of the globe, the raw product as well as its derivatives may be smuggled with infinite ease from one part of the world to another. Hence the opium traffic has become an international problem. Estimates of the annual world production of opium range from 2,500 tons to 15,390 tons, depending on the amount estimated for China, which has been placed as high as 15,000 tons, a figure denied, however, by the Chinese government. No opium is grown in America or in Europe, with the exception of the Balkans. The world's opium comes largely from the following countries:

Production of Opium, 1922.	
China	4,400,000 lbs.
India	1,964,656 lbs.
Turkey	650,000 lbs.
Persia	450,000 lbs.
Serb.-Croat-Slovene State	235,752 lbs.
Greece	50,000 lbs.
Turkistan	25,000 lbs.
Afghanistan	25,000 lbs.

On the other hand, the coca leaf from which cocaine is derived grows in Peru, Bolivia and Java. In the two former countries it grows wild, while in the latter country it is cultivated by the natives for hedges. The morphine content of Indian and Chinese opium is about 8 per cent. As no opium with a content under 10 per cent can be profitably used for the extraction of morphine, Indian and Chinese opium is consumed almost entirely in eating and smoking in the Far East. It is not manufactured into drugs consumed in Europe and the United States. However, Persian, Turkish and East European opium, having a morphine content ranging from 12 to 16 per cent is manufactured into drugs consumed in western countries as well as in the Orient.

25 Years Ago Today

(From The London Advertiser, July 29, 1900)

The preliminary examination of Gerald Sifton and Walter Herbert, charged with murdering the former's father, was resumed today. James Morden swore that Gerald Sifton came to him on the night before the elder Sifton's death and offered him \$1,000 to meet the old man and club him to death as he came home. The hearing was adjourned.

D. A. Forrester of Clinton won first place in the singles at the annual tournament of the Western Ontario Bowling association, which ended last night. Ed. Wolf and Jim McDougall of London won from Jack Brown and Sam Taylor of London in the doubles.

Li Hung Chang, Chinese viceroy, cables New York that foreign ministers at Peking are safe. Shareholders of the St. Thomas Street Railway Company discussed a proposal to appoint a receiver. S. Robertson, representing Molson Bank, asked for an opportunity to sell the road, and the meeting adjourned.

Cheese sold on the Montreal market at 9 cents to 10 cents.
Lady Randolph Churchill (nee Jerome) was married today at St. Paul's church, Knightsbridge, to Lieut. George Cornwallis-West.

Wheat sold on the local market at \$1.10 per hundred pounds.

Eugene Lockhart of 382 Dundas street accompanied the builders' exchange excursion to Cleveland, dressed in his full Scotch regalia, and won a gold medal for dancing.

The Roman Catholic picnic at Ingersoll was addressed by Mayor Miller, Rev. Father Connolly, Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, solicitor-general, Quebec; Sheriff Brady, Dr. McKay, M.L.A., G. R. Pattullo of Woodstock, Dr. Williams and Col. Hegler.

To the Editor

Old Country Street Cars.

We Have a Lot to Learn From the Old Country — L. S. R. Belongs on the Junk Heap.

Editor of The Advertiser:
Sir,—In a recent issue of the Free Press there appeared an article contributed by an English visitor to London here, comparing the London street railway with the street car services of England. According to his views, we have in this city the finest street car service in the world, and when one has travelled the old country cities as I have done, one wonders what sort of a bug he came from.

He never must have been in old London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, or any of these large towns, to make statements like that. All these places have teeming populations that require quicker, cheaper, cleaner and more efficient car services than are operated in any Canadian city. The city of Glasgow boasts the finest street car service in the world, municipally owned, and run at a good profit to the town to which it belongs, besides being the cheapest in the world.

The staffs of motor drivers and conductors in all these places are controlled by inspectors who travel on the cars, at will, and are responsible for the efficiency of the service and comfort of the passengers. Everything that counts for efficiency is rigidly enforced, and the result of this is the organizations of the services are of the best.

No, sir, London, Ont., has one of the worst in the world, and Sir Adam Beck is right when he says it ought to go in the junk heap.

Surely our friend did not travel from London East to London West, which journey for time and comfortable travelling would not be tolerated in Bath, England, the sleepiest town in the world. As a Canadian I am sorry to say we have a lot to learn from the old country, especially as regards street car services in this city. Yours, COLONEL MAPLE.

The Four-Year-Old At the Circus

By ANNE CAMPBELL.

Such wonder in big eyes that gaze, dismayed,
Upon the glory of the bright parade!
The noble horses, driven in a span,
The golden girl, the crowned and kingly man,
The band, the flags, the clowns, all pass in view
Of eager, childish eyes of clearest blue.
Life will parade before you just like this,
The band, the flags, the clowns, all pass in view
Of eager, childish eyes of clearest blue.
Will march before you, dear, in shame, in pride,
God grant that you may keep your whole life through,
Such hopeful, shining, candid eyes of blue!
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GOOD CITIZENS FOR CANADA.

(Hamilton Spectator)
From the Canadian pavilion at Wembley comes the pleasing news that British pupils take keen delight in reading about Canada. Let's hope they will complete their Canadian history over here.

CABINET SITS, ADJOURNS BUT ELECTION UNDECIDED

Premier Has No Announcement To Make As Ministers Depart.

PROBABLY DEBATED

Presence of Organizers and Other Officials Give Rise To Belief.

By E. C. BUCHANAN.

Special to The Advertiser.

By Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, July 28.—The clinical

thermometer of politics registers several degrees of fever today, in consequence of the full meetings of the cabinet that are being held, and the presence in the capital on summons of the government of members of the Commons and Liberal organizers from all parts of the country. The question of dissolution of parliament and the holding of a general election is being decided. That is known. The rest is speculation. The time-honored declaration at the conclusion of the cabinet meetings of "nothing yet" is taken for what it is worth and no more.

Reliable Guide.

Speculation, however, has a fairly reliable guide in what is transpiring and in the known view of members of the government and its supporters. The fact that members and organizers have been called to Ottawa from distant parts of the dominion is, in itself, indication that the pro-election sentiment predominates in the government and that the conferences being held are as much for the purpose of instruction as for that of advice.

The majority of the cabinet, undoubtedly, are determined on an election this fall; the only possibility of a change from that determination lies in the representation of those who favor deferment, and it is not believed they will be sufficient. Only those in the inner secrets of the government will know whether a decision is taken today or tomorrow for an announcement will not be made for some little time. The announcement, however, is not likely to wait on the result of the New Brunswick election. The government is not being guided by provincial issues.

Are Divided.

Members of the Commons and Senators, here from Ontario and Quebec, are strongly advocating an election this fall. Those from the West and from the Maritimes would be content to go through another session. If the latter had their way, however, the several vacancies in the Commons would have to be filled by by-elections, and cabinet reorganization would have to be, to a large extent, deferred. There is much, therefore, to offset the anti-election argument. The most reliable opinion is that the government will decide at the present series of cabinet meetings on the holding of an election, and that dissolution will come in August or early in September.

MAINTAINS SILENCE.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, July 28.—Today's prolonged meeting of cabinet was productive of no announcement relative to an election. It is doubtful whether the prime minister and members of the government pursued the matter farther than to exchange views and discuss the situation in the country. At any rate, when the meeting broke up after four hours of deliberation covering most of the morning and part of the afternoon, the prime minister had no announcement to make. He left shortly after for his summer home not far from the city, and may not return until cabinet is again convened. The date for the next meeting has not been announced.

The silence of Premier King on the question of an election was not unexpected. While it is practically certain that he and his ministers had a frank discussion in regard to the advisability of dissolving parliament and going to the country in October or November, it is very unlikely that anything is decided yet. Premier King announced that the interview, had been chosen as one of the Canadian delegates to the league of nations, which meets at Geneva, early in September. No election significance attaches to this, however. With Mr. Stewart will go Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. P. C. Lorin, both of whom have attended the league meeting before. In the event of an appeal to the country, Mr. Stewart could always be recalled, leaving the two other Canadians to represent the dominion.

NO ACTION ON THORNTON.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, July 28.—No action whatever has been taken to date in respect to a renewal of the contract with Sir Henry Thornton, stated minister of railways and canals, today. "This matter has not been discussed in any way between Sir Henry and myself," added Mr. Graham.
Tuesday morning's present contract with the government as president of the Canadian National Railways expires in October next. Under this contract, which was for a term of three years, Sir Henry receives an annual salary of \$50,000.

Awakes To Find House Wall Gone

Large Brick Wall Collapses As Owner Sleeps.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, July 28.—That the south wall of his house had collapsed, was the discovery made early Tuesday morning by Geo. H. Small when he was awakened by a crash. The wall is of brick construction. It was noticed to be cracking a few days ago. A hole six by fifteen feet was made. The roof, though weakened, is intact.



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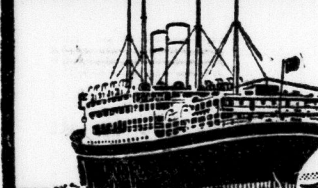
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