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WHERE BONE-HEADS FLOURISH

The prospective formation of a government by Mr. E. C. Drury, leader of the United Farmers of Ontario, is regarded by many people as a joke. They assume that it is altogether impossible for anybody, who is not a lawyer, or a member of the so-called "learned professions" to possess the sound judgment, mental balance, skill and acumen necessary to govern this great province of Ontario.

The patronising and cynical smiles, the derisive remarks and the confident predictions that the career of the newly elected agrarian government will be short, indicate a pretty general belief among those who live in towns and cities that by some fluke of fortune, or freakish judgment on the part of the electors the people of this province have given a party of wooden-headed rubes the control of our legislature.

The Ontario does not agree with the estimates that are being so confidently put forward in reference to the capacity of the men who have been selected by the United Farmers as their representatives in the provincial parliament. Nor are we convinced that their stay in Queen's park is necessarily going to be short.

Those who deride the United Farmers are themselves ignorant of essential facts and altogether wrong in their conclusions about the character and ability of the farmer members of the new legislature.

Residence in a city does not necessarily imply that a man is an intellectual giant. From an extensive acquaintance with both, we would say that the average intelligence is very considerably higher in the rural settlements than among our urban populations. The larger the city, the lower is the average of intelligence. While the metropolitan center draws to it many men who are national leaders in their various vocations it also attracts a far larger proportion of human derelicts, slum dwellers, outcasts and society's scum.

That is why Toronto suffers several times a year from soap-box outbreaks and broncho riots. More bone-heads and boobs can be found in the average city block in Toronto than in the whole of an average agricultural township.

Those who characterise the Farmers' party at Toronto as a rabble of barn-yard savages don't know what they are talking about, for a cleaner, straighter, more level headed or more efficient group of men have never been elected to our legislative assembly.

Where will one find a finer type of citizen than Mr. Henry K. Denyes, member-elect for East Hastings? It requires quite as high an order of ability, and perhaps greater resource and initiative, to manage a farm with conspicuous success and breed prize-winning stock as it takes to manage a grocery store or conduct a law office. Nelson Parliament is another farmer representative who has proved that he can hold his own in debate at Toronto with the city-bred talking specialists and probably no constituency in Ontario was better served by its representative than was Prince Edward by Mr. Parliament. Then there is Montgomery of East Northumberland, a man of excellent education, solid and reliable.

Then if one goes farther afield to the leaders of the movement in Ontario he will find men capable of keeping up their end in any company—E. C. Drury, the coming premier who vanquished the redoubtable Russel, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in debate, W. C. Good, of Paris, university graduate, able speaker and writer and keen student of political economy, J. J. Morrison, secretary of the United Farmers, a powerful speaker and marvellous organiser, Martin Doherty, of Peel, former professor at the Ontario Agricultural College, Halbert of North Ontario, W. L. Smith, editor of The Farmers' Sun, Burnaby and a dozen others we might mention.

Mr. Drury can select from his following a cabinet that will be the peer in ability of any

we have ever had in Ontario. If he is fortunate in attracting to his banners the best in the old parties we see no reason to believe that his stay in the seats of power will be only a brief episode.

There are plenty of things that need doing that would never be done by the party that went out of power. The Farmers' party, which Mr. Drury would call the People's party, will view public service from a new angle. From this new viewpoint much useful legislation may be projected. If the new party is inexperienced in the arts of the old-time politician, the country is not going to worry because of failure of its government in that direction.

Mr. Drury's address upon accepting the leadership has the true ring of statesmanship. One period will bear repetition.

"In a very real sense," said the coming premier, "we represent not alone the forty per cent. of the people who are on the farms, but also the great bulk of the common people of all classes, the people who are desirous of good government, of stability, efficiency and economy, and of the fair and equal enforcement of law. Our success, therefore, depends not on political maneuvering, but on the breadth and fairness of our policy, and on our adherence to the high ideals of democracy and public service which have made this movement a vital thing in the life of the nation. May we not hope that before long this movement, which has had its birth in one particular class, may expand and broaden till it shall become not merely a Farmers' party, but in a very real sense a People's party."

The Ontario views the advent of the farmers with entire equanimity. Their arrival produces no misgivings whatever. They are merely coming into their own as the largest and most important class of producers in our province or country. Why shouldn't they have representation? They are neither Bolsheviks nor revolutionists as some have hinted. They will manifest the same sanity and practical good sense at Toronto as they do in their township and county councils. They will give us neither freak nor class legislation but will do for us many excellent things the old-time parties have failed to accomplish.

Most people have their own notion as to how much the cost of living has increased since the outbreak of the war. And most countries have had statisticians trying to figure out the matter in the cold-blooded form of per centages. And most of the statisticians do not agree.

The War-Trade Board of the United States has completed an exhaustive investigation into price movements, and it finds that the cost of living in the United States has gone up 102 per cent. since August, 1914. According to Bradstreet's index-number of wholesale commodity prices, the advance in wholesale prices from August 1, 1914 to Nov. 1, 1918, was 117 per cent., and there has been no material change since. These two findings seem to indicate that retail prices in the U. S. have not advanced in the same proportion as wholesale prices.

The War-Trade Board computes the increase in the cost of living in Canada since the beginning of the war at 107 per cent.; in England 133 per cent., and in France 200 per cent.

THE THINGS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN DONE BEFORE

The things that haven't been done before, Those are the things to try; Columbus dreamed of an unknown shore At the rim of the far-flung sky. And his heart was bold and his faith was strong As he ventured in dangers new, And he paid no heed to the jeering throng Or the fears of the doubting crew.

The many will follow the beaten track With guideposts on the way; They live and have lived for ages back With a chart for every day. Some one has told them it's safe to go On the road he has travelled o'er. And all that they ever strive to know Are the things that were known before. A few strike out with map or chart, Where never a man has been, From the beaten paths they draw apart To see what no man has seen. There are deeds they hunger alone to do; Though battered and bruised and sore, They blaze the path for many who Do nothing not done before.

The things that haven't been done before Are the tasks worth while today; Are you one of the flock that follow or Are you one that shall lead the way? Are you one of the timid souls that quail At the jeers of a doubting crew, Or dare you, whether you win or fail, Strike out for a goal that's new? —Edgar A. Guest.

County and District

Big Merger of Cheese Plants

Peterboro.—The cheese makers of Peterboro county has formed a company with \$1,000,000 capital and will take over and operate all the cheese factories in Central Ontario, starting with perhaps 150 of them.

Colonel Stone Returns

After over five years' service overseas, in the course of which he rose in rank from captain to colonel, was mentioned in despatches and was decorated with the C.M.G., Colonel Ervin L. Stone, M.D., of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, arrived here at noon today and proceeded to his home. Col. Stone was accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Nellie Earl, of Athens, was met by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stone, of Fortar. Lately, Colonel Stone has been officer commanding the Canadian Special Hospital at Witley. He is a graduate of the Athens High School and of Queen's University and intends spending the coming winter in Kingston.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Deprived of their Liberty

Two prisoners after serving long sentences in the Portsmouth penitentiary, Kingston, were about to be discharged on Tuesday and had passed through the usual discharge formalities, even having signed receipts for the travel allowance. One of them had been irritated and given vent to his feelings, but no notice was taken of it at the time. One official, however, did not forget, so the story goes, and at the last moment made a complaint. The result is that the two convicts were placed in confinement.

Struck by C.P.R. Train

While engaged in unloading milk from a freight car just west of the C.N.R. station at noon today, Willard Easter, 22 Georgina street, a carter, was severely crushed and bruised about the body, and suffered an injury to his spine, when the wagon on which he was standing was struck by C.P.R. passenger train No. 56, as it rounded the "Y" shortly after its arrival from Ottawa. When Easter noticed the train approaching he got on the wagon and held the reins, but the horse becoming frightened backed onto the track in front of the engine and was struck. The animal was injured so badly that it later had to be shot by the police. The wagon was demolished. The victim is at his home under the care of Dr. J. A. McBroom. Engineer Fanning was the engineer and J. S. Alexander the conductor of the passenger train.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Was Allowed His Freedom

The young French-Canadian who was gatheted in for trespassing on the property of the Grand Trunk railroad at Kingston, was allowed his freedom, on condition that in future he would stay off the company's property. On Monday when the young man, who was unable to speak a word of English, was handed over to Justice of the Peace Hunter, he got in touch with Chief of Police Robinson, who after questioning the young man learned that he had been working in the lumber camps, but had the misfortune to have part of his foot cut off and he was trying to make his way to his home.

New Home for May Irwin

May Irwin the comedienne, will have a new home at the Thousand Islands next year. She has now placed her home on Irwin Isle on the market and already there is a demand for its purchase. She will build a bungalow home on her 100-acre farm in the spring, where she will live during the coming summers and entertain her friends.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Struck by Automobile

To avoid being struck by one automobile in Beckwith street, Smith's Falls, yesterday, Bobbie Barr, aged 10, stepped in front of another car driven by J. E. Burns, which was passing at a slow rate of speed. The boy was picked up from beneath the car with a severe gash in the head and was taken to the public hospital for treatment.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Oshawa Man Implicated

Recently a motor car owned by the Fairbanks-Morse Co. came to grief on the Kingston Road, just

east of the C.P.R. subway. Whitby, due probably to excessive speed, the driver losing control and the car crashed into the steep bank at the south side of the road. Fortunately the driver was not hurt, but the car was badly damaged. During the absence of the driver, while in town getting assistance, some passerby removed certain loose parts and articles. Some residents nearby secured the number, however, and the offender was thus located, being an Oshawa man, said to be a jitney driver. Proceedings will be taken against him.—Oshawa reformer.

Costly Gouverneur Fire

The New York Central freight house and the Noble coal sheds adjoining in Gouverneur, N.Y., were destroyed by a fire which broke out in Sunday morning at 3 o'clock. The village fire brigade was called to fight the flames, which raged most of the day. The loss was estimated in the neighborhood of \$100,000.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Campbellford Old Boy

We are in receipt of a copy of the 40th anniversary number of The Niagara Falls Review, which contains a portrait of Mr. Robert M. Gay, now an alderman and prominent business man of the city. The Review says Ald. Gay is "a man prominent in civic affairs and one of the pillars of temperance in the city and district. Mr. Gay is chairman of the Finance Committee of the council." Mr. Gay's friends will be glad to learn of his success. He was formerly a salesman in Mr. J. A. Irwin's store.—Campbellford Herald.

Played Checkers in Peterboro

Members of the Lindsay Checker Club will journey to Peterboro to compete with the players of that city for a silver cup emblematic of the championship of Eastern Ontario. A return match will be played in Lindsay next week, the winner to play Belleville. The Lindsay team will comprise Messrs. M. B. Annis, J. H. Hopkins, M. J. Dodman, J. Fell, F. D. Moore, J. McKeown.—Lindsay Warder.

Trackman Injured

While engaged in changing rails near Shannonville, John Doherty, aged 18, of that place, a Grand Trunk Railway trackman, let the rail fall upon his left foot, which was badly crushed. Dr. Moore attended him but found that no bones were broken.

Killed by Train at Dorval

Struck by Grand Trunk passenger train No. 48, Conductor Lemay, Engineer Johnston, at Dorval Station, Miss Norah Ryan, aged 23, employed at the Forest and Stream Club, Dorval, was almost instantly killed. Miss Ryan was on her way to the station to meet her sister who was about to arrive on another train, and is said to have crossed the tracks in spite of the fact that the gates were down.

Steamers Weathered Rough Storm

One of the roughest wind storms of the season was experienced Wednesday morning on the river in this vicinity. The wind blew a gale from the southwest and the waves ran at a considerable height. The ferry steamer H. P. Bigelow had a rough time in crossing from Morristown on the nine o'clock trip and was forced to go below the Sister Islands in order to negotiate a passage. The freighter Imperial was caught in the gale in the vicinity of Dark Island and on reaching port here Capt. Anderson stated that the storm was one of the worst he had ever experienced during his many years of river navigation.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

AN UNFORTUNATE CRAVING

On Monday morning, when a young man appeared in Kingston Police Court, he told the magistrate a rather sad story. He stated that his craving for liquor was so great that he was compelled to drink a number of bottles of essence. He may be, but we are not much the wiser for that, even if we know both what is a neuron and what happens to it when it is synaptically dissociated. No, we do not know just what sleep is nor why it happens.

WHY DO WE SLEEP?

There is Much Yet to be Known About it. Some of the most unusual things are also the most wonderful, but just because they are familiar it never occurs to us how wonderful they really are. In all the complex arrangements and inter-workings that go to make

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up human life there is, perhaps, none more remarkable than that by which at regular intervals our consciousness is blotted out, the activities of our bodies and minds cease, and sleep alone possesses us. Yet since this miracle happens in the ordinary every day of his life, the wonder of it never strikes us. We do not stop to ponder on it and to ask what is it that happens when life is thus almost completely interrupted. Why do we sleep, and more, why do we wake again? Like most natural phenomena that appear so simple the explanation is hidden from us. The physiologist tells us that sleep is a "synaptic dissociation of neurons." It may be, but we are not much the wiser for that, even if we know both what is a neuron and what happens to it when it is synaptically dissociated. No, we do not know just what sleep is nor why it happens. It used to be thought that sleep happened because the circulation of blood through the brain grew so feeble that this the seat of consciousness, could work no longer and sleep took the place. Many years ago, indeed, a surgeon studying the subject watched a falling circulation of the brain through a hole in the skull of a sleeping animal. Yet this is only effect, not cause. The brain has less blood because it sleeps; it does not

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