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NOTE AND COMMENT

A modern magazine is a small body of literature surrounded by an ocean of advertisements.

Gasoline has advanced two cents a gallon. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has just bought some French tapestries worth between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

At the rate at which it has been climbing recently, it will be only a short time until the pound sterling will have reached par with the United States dollar, in spite of the fact that Uncle Sam has stacked so large a proportion of the world's gold in his treasury vaults.

Guelph Herald:—Perhaps the underlying reason why the Provincial Treasurer is announcing no new taxes is that after devising fifteen new methods of taxation in order to raise more money the members of the Drury Government have discovered that there is nothing left to be taxed.

Captain Tom Murray of Cleveland in a public speech, makes the remarkable assertion that nine-tenths of the men on the bridges of United States vessels on the Great Lakes are of Canada birth. It would be interesting to have his explanation. Do Canadians take to the water more readily than their neighbors? If so, why?

It is very unlikely the federal government will give further assistance in the construction of highways. In all the federal government, according to a statement made in parliament, has voted \$5,877,275 to Ontario for this purpose and has paid of this \$3,374,247. Federal expenditure and taxation has become so great that the Dominion will probably let each province bear the whole burden of building highways.

Orillia Packet:—There has been no more striking development in country life of late years than the evident disposition to bring into the country all the attractions and advantages of town life. The erection of community halls, the purchase of community playgrounds, the organization of sport and other similar movements show a determination that the pleasure to be derived from these sources is not to be confined to the people of the towns.

Women school teachers in London England, must resign when they marry. However, so great is the relative shortage of available husbands over there that brides are probably resigned to resigning. In any event, it is a common sense measure. It takes a woman, as a rule, all her time to educate her husband, most of them being ignorant brutes at best, so that she has no time for teaching anybody else.—Toronto Star.

Halifax Chronicle:—The speculative movement in sugar continues with the resultant effect that the price of this stable commodity is being forced up by leaps and bounds. All this has been done on the plea that there is a shortage of sugar, when the facts are absolutely to the contrary. The experience of the last attempt to manipulate the sugar market, which proved so disastrous to those who were engaged in it, and demonstrated the falsity of the claim as to the shortage, should have taught the speculators as it taught the public a lesson.

A matter which must shortly receive the serious consideration of the Provincial Governments is the petition for the granting to municipalities of the right to retain all fines and fees imposed in the police courts for the use of the municipalities except in cases where government officers are prosecuting. At the last session of the Federal Government an act was passed to permit the municipalities to retain such fines imposed under the criminal code, and certain cities and large towns are endeavoring to show the Premier the justice of the claim that municipalities should also be allowed to retain fines imposed under the statutes of Ontario.

London Free Press:—The United States, by her action in refusing to join the League of Nations, has been only keeping back the world from returning to normalcy. It was a tragical blunder when the Republican party, for political reasons, opposed American participation. American people are beginning to realize that they cannot live to themselves. Every business man and every farmer in the Republic is affected by the disordered state of Europe.

The advent of a Farmers' Government in Ontario was the signal for the virtual doubling of taxes and expenditures. The "economy" apostles of the U.F.O. no sooner got into office than they devised one scheme after another for fresh expenditures, and then, to keep even, had to devise new methods of taxing industry, directly or indirectly. In 1919, the last year of the Hearst Government, the budget approximated \$20,000,000. For 1922, the Drury Government expenditures were \$37,442,000.—Mail and Empire.

Warton Echo:—Before trading conditions in Canada can again become normal the manufacturers and labor unions have to come down from their high horses, and stop talking this bosh that farm products must come up. No one can bring it up, but the public can bring them down. This upward trend of prices must stop. Labor unions and manufacturers should be court-martialed if they are found guilty. What are we up against? Failures, depression in business generally, and all this is due to the high cost of production in manufactured goods. Unfortunately the farmer censures the retailer for the whole thing. He thinks the poor retailer will not drop in his prices, while the poor retailer has as much to do with these conditions as the wind. In returning to the manufacturers we shall give one instance, and this one is enough. An auto top buggy, steel tires, will sell to-day for \$140.00, while a No. 1 driver can be bought for \$100 or less. Years ago, in the days of farm prosperity, this driver sold from \$125 to \$150, while a buggy could be bought for \$75. Conditions have just become reversed and as prosperity must come from the sale of farm products, and not from manufactured goods, the manufacturer must sit up and pay attention.

UNFAIR TAXATION

(Picton Gazette)

Norfolk County is in revolt over high taxes. Last week a largely attended mass meeting was held at the town of Simcoe to protest against the tax burden being borne by the people and a general halt in expenditure called for. This protest is timely. This burden of taxation is being felt very keenly and especially by the farmer. He cannot add taxes to his production costs as is done by the manufacturer, and pass them on to his customer in increased prices. The solution of most of our economic troubles will come with agriculture put on a basis of production costs. Unfortunately there is no relation between the cost of producing a bushel of wheat and its selling price nor does there seem to be any prospect of the selling price being put on a cost basis, and this is true of most other farm commodities. The result has been farming at a loss for the last two years, a condition that no industry can continue to face indefinitely. Costs and prices are of course relative, and the trouble with the present situation is that things are not adjusted. Prices of farm produce have declined to former levels. This is not true of the things he has to buy. It takes many more bushels of grain to buy a binder or pay his taxes than it did ten years ago, and it cost him far more to produce a bushel than it did then. This is not an abstract theory, it is a simple statement of facts that work out to the disadvantage of the farmer in actual practice. When one-third of the farmers of one of the best townships of this county have to mortgage next year's crop by borrowing money to pay this year's taxes, it is about time that some solution was found for the present economic disadvantage of the farmer or some halt made in the public expenditures that are causing this heavy load of taxation.

WINTER HARD ON BABY

The winter season is a hard one on the baby. He is more or less confined to stuffy, badly ventilated rooms. It is so often stormy that the mother does not get him out in the fresh air as often as she should. He catches colds which rack his little system; his stomach and bowels get out of order and he becomes peevish and cross. To guard against this the mother should keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. They regulate the stomach and bowels and break up colds. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Some Wise, Some Otherwise
Some Newsworthy, All Readable.

The largest departmental store in Montreal, Almy's, on the city's most bustling street corner failed last week and hundreds of its employees are thrown out of employment.

For a number of years Ridgetown has had two papers, the Plaindealer and the Dominion. On the first of March the two were merged into one to be known as the Dominion.

North Essex returned Mr. Healy in the bye-election on Thursday by a majority of 1072. This is a large reduction from the figure given to the late Honorable W. C. Kennedy, who won by 7,500.

Leo Dennis, aged 32 years, passed away at Tillsonburg. He weighed 350 pounds and a special casket had to be ordered for his burial. His elder brother, who died five years ago, weighed 600 pounds.


It is rather a surprising fact that the best land in Ontario for the growing of wheat and peas is the Temiskaming country, way up north. Temiskaming takes first place, with 23.1 bushels of wheat to the acre, and 26.2 bushels of peas.

A Toronto magistrate has held that it is not a crime to sell poor anthracite, but why should not the charge be one of false pretences. Some of the "coal" is slate and stone, and ought to be sold under those names.

About 500 residents of Western Ontario are on the "blacklist" of the federal income tax department at the present time, and are now being haled into court for failure to file the return demanded by the government.

A total of 19,636 immigrants were refused admission to Canada during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1922. It was announced in the house, Wednesday. Of this number, 18,553 were rejected at the international boundary and 1,083 at ocean ports. The total number of American citizens refused admission was 10,268.

Edward E. Stephens, of Campbellford, is 91 years old, and a despatch telling about his birthday says that at one time he was the champion cradler of his district, three acres a day being his usual performance with the cradle. The despatch goes on to tell that he has been married three times and is the father of thirteen children; which latter certainly shows some class as a cradler, without reference to his performances in other fields.



Credit Advances

The progressive farmer recognizes that Credit plays an important part in promoting a healthy growth in the business of farming. Applications for loans will be courteously received and your discussions treated confidentially.

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OF CANADA

SAVE ~ Because

The United States is facing the problem of reforesting some 200,000,000 acres of waste land in the East and the paper industry is moving to Canada. Man's vaunted civilization is spending its resources at a rate that appals. Replacing what has been wasted and destroyed is the problem we will be leaving to our children, unless we are wise enough to do something before it is too late. And that time is now.

The Public School Board of Welland are up against the proposition of providing accommodation for 99 boys and girls who have been granted permits to work by the School Attendance Officer, and who must now attend school during at least 400 hours a year, as required by the provisions of the Adolescent Act. School Boards throughout Ontario are just commencing to realize what a burden the new act will prove.

There has been an increase of over \$40,000,000 in the revenue received by department of customs and excise during the eleven months of the current fiscal year, as compared with the similar period last year. Of this large increase, nearly three-quarters was contributed by the sales tax and other excise taxes, and a little more than one-quarter by customs duties. The revenue from excise duties on spirits and tobacco only rose a few thousand dollars, and for the month of February itself it showed a falling off.

Joseph Martin, K.C., whose career as a politician is unique in Canada, died at Vancouver, Friday, aged 71. Born at Milton, Ont., he went to Manitoba as a young man and be-

came attorney general in the Greenway cabinet. He resigned and was elected to the house of commons. Later, he went to British Columbia, where he became provincial premier and still later he moved to England, where he was elected to the Imperial parliament. No other Canadian public man has ever sat in four different parliaments.

Wingham lost its oldest inhabitant the other day by the death of Patrick Lynett, at the age of 105 years. It is said of him that he cherished the belief to the end that the world is getting better all the time. It is quite possible that such a belief was an important factor in prolonging his life although he may never have heard of Coue. The optimist has one advantage over the pessimist. He may not see so much of what is going on in the world, but he is likely to get more satisfaction out of what he does see.

The Listowel Banner tells the following little tale:—Recently The Banner received a letter from Attwood—five miles distant. The sender had neglected to put a stamp on and it cost just six cents to get it out of the postoffice. If there is anything fair in that system, we fail to see it. Letters that aren't stamped, shouldn't be carried. The fellow at the other end shouldn't be penalized for another's neglect. Under the present regulations, one is liable to have to pay double postage on worthless circular letters. True you can refuse to pay the postage and leave the letters in the office, but who wants to take a chance on doing this, when there is the possibility of the letter containing a cheque, money order, or some important information.

INTERESTING

ALVINSTON

A very enjoyable evening spent in the basement of the terian church on Friday v Adult class of the S. S. held evening. A program consisting of musical selection was given. The audience followed by Misses Burford Leitch, Miss Jear Taggart and Mr. Appleton. The audience followed by Miss Ella Martyn favored once with a violin solo, Mary Livingston sang a solo ed by an instrumental by Forbes-Miller which was joyed. At the close of the lunch was served by the the class.

Miss F. Willis spent the with relatives in Belmont don.

Jean Wing, local chinese man, left on Friday for home after eight years res this town. Prior to his dep was presented with a hand watch and a book by various.

The play entitled "All a was presented for the second a crowded house in the P on Thursday evening. Ea took his part exceedingly reflects great credit on young people taking part i The Y. P. S. of the Pr church held their regular n Monday evening. An illust ture on "Ben Hur" was m ed by all.

Mrs. M. A. Temple has home after visiting in D the past three months.

WANSTEAD

Mr. W. F. Graham is in well this week visiting his Mr. Robt. Cooper is very present time.

Miss Ruby Anderson is a few days with her sister, Acton of Warwick.

J. C. McNeil and Earl star attended the Educat vention in Sarnia recently

Mr. John Dobbin has barn he purchased from Phedran, Sr., to his farm line. Mr. Dobbin moved t halves, taking but three complete the job. "Clear t Dobbin" was quite often

Mr. T. J. Stones held a service on Sunday, March the late Mable Jackson of who passed away a week Deceased was an estimable the Calvary Baptist ch teacher and members of Sunday school class sent a sympathy to the bereaved respect of a valued an member.

THE LATE WM. LOC OF FOREST

In the death of William Forest loses its oldest re merchant.

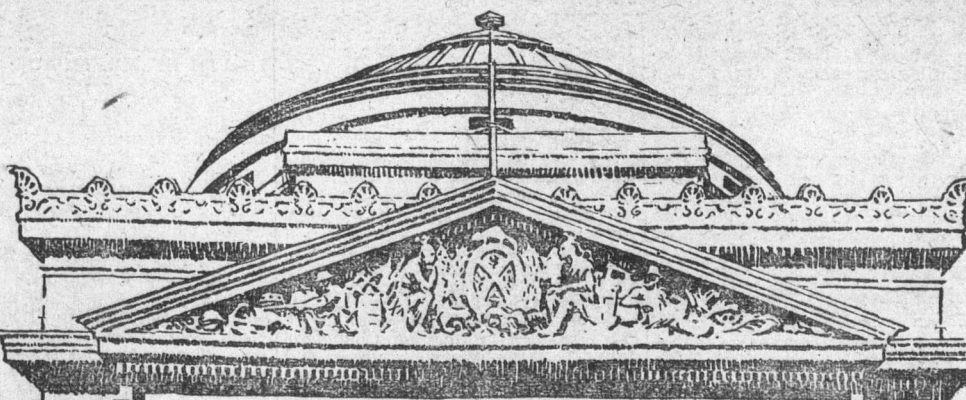
The late Mr. Lohead Canada from Ayrshire, S 1867. He resided at Strat year, and then moved and opened up a tinmithi which later developed into business, which has been successfully ever since. Of Mr. Lohead has not take interest in the business, handled by his son, James son, William G. Lohead. Mr. Lohead built the business building in Fores

Besides his wife, Mr. survived by one son, Jan merical traveller, and fou Mrs. D. McIntyre of Bosa Jean Anderson of Forest VanValkenburg of Fores Margaret, a telegraph one Parliament Buildings, 1 Last New Year's Day 1 Lohead, who came fre with her husband, cele sixtieth anniversary of rriage, receiving congrat a host of friends made long residence in Forest.

In politics he was a was a staunch member o Presbyterian church, many years.

The funeral took pla afternoon from the fami to Beechwood cemetery. vice was conducted at Rev. H. D. Camron o Presbyterian church, and at the grave by member Oak Lodge, Forest, of he had been a member 1 The bearers were—W son, W. Lawrie, J. D Hugh McCall, R. McLa Whyte.

W. W. Logan, ex-ma hill, has sold his groc and purchased a part bakery in Ridgetown, v reside in the future.



The Natural Wealth of Canada

Farming

CANADA in the past three years has exported surplus vegetable and animal products to the value of \$1,900,000,000. Farming is capable of indefinite expansion in Canada because of boundless areas of fertile land still unoccupied. By a system of Branches reaching to all districts and by a service adapted to the needs of the farmer, the Bank of Montreal is contributing to this phase of Canada's development.

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