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A Wise Course.

HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN must not be taken too seriously when he claimed in the house at Ottawa that the government should be in a position to announce right straight off just what it intended to do with railway rates, one of the most far-reaching and complicated matters that faces the house right now—if not the greatest of all questions.

The premier suggested the formation of a parliamentary committee to deal with the matter first from the several angles on which it is necessary to secure exhaustive information. The more one looks into the question the more apparent is the entire reasonableness of the proposal made by the premier.

Suppose he should have stood up and announced that the rate of 1897 was to be restored in July on the C. P. R. in the West. It would mean that the National lines would have been called upon at once to meet this rate, and the earnings of the road would have been decreased right away. If the National lines did not meet the rate the C. P. R. would get all the business, and National cars would go thundering through the West light and almost empty.

Again, were this rate given to the West, is it to be supposed that Ontario interests, manufacturing and agricultural, are going to sit back and be content to pay their present rates on the lines in this part of the country? It is a fact that farmers and manufacturers alike in Ontario feel the burden of railway and express charges, and it is a certainty that they would be asking more urgently than they have done in the past for some measure of relief.

These are only a few of the things that will have to be considered. The government at Ottawa is there to do business for the whole Dominion, and its investigations must be Dominion-wide before any definite action can be taken. In the house at Ottawa are representatives from every section of the Dominion, who are familiar with local conditions, and these men can bring a wide range of information to bear on this question. The solution of this problem becomes at once a bigger thing than a party matter, and the King government did exactly what it should have done when it refused to be stampeded into action that might have been ruinous in its workings to some sections of the Dominion.

There is nothing in the attitude of the government to suggest that it is begging the question or hedging on the carrying out of the lines it proposed when it placed its case before the people of the Dominion at the last election. It wants to secure all possible information from members who are sitting in the house, and after securing all the facts, the country will be justified in asking the government to stand up on its own initiative and tell the people exactly what it proposes to do.

The attempt of Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN to drive the government into precipitate action in this matter failed, as it deserved to fail, and the government showed its strength by adopting the course that it did.

The Clean-Up Season.

NOW THAT we are at the season of the year when the clean-up spirit comes and dwells in our midst, why not clean up on this list?

The man who spits on the sidewalk.

The chap who cuts across the lawn.

The girls who cut their skirts eight inches from the waist.

The man who throws lighted matches and butts any place without looking or caring.

The fellow who drops into your office for no reason and spends an hour.

The wise man who wants to tell you where the best bootlegger in town resides.

The resident who is always going to paint up and fix up his premises, but never does it.

Of course, you can add to the list as occasion warrants.

Let's Have the Facts.

IS ANOTHER public school absolutely essential for the southeastern section of the city?

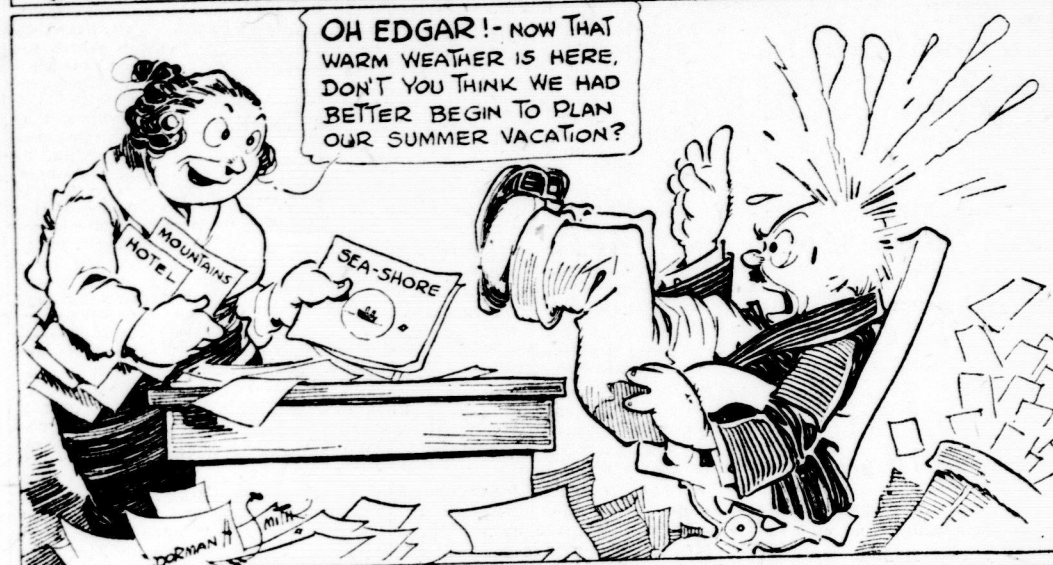
School Inspector Greer, with the undivided support of the board of education, states most emphatically "Yes," while members of the city council, with equal emphasis, exclaim "No."

Obviously, somebody has achieved a miscalculation.

To the average ratepayer, who evinces a desire to witness a little action now and again by civic bodies, even in the matter of schools, there has been altogether too much time frittered away in seeming endless discussions and debates, while no real attempt has been made, apparently, for the two opposing factions to get together in a friendly manner and determine once and for all what is needed in the way of increased school accommodation, if anything.

If it so develops that the school inspector is right no further time should be lost. It is now May, and the latter has acknowledged that even should construction commence

FATHER IS A LITTLE PREMATURE



25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1897.

MAY 8, 1897.

The house committee of the Western Fair board met in the secretary's office this afternoon. Among those present were: H. Wade, Toronto; A. S. Rawker, Woodstock; T. Evans, sen., St. Marys; J. Rosser, Clinton; G. A. Scott, J. Kenney, Ilderton; and J. H. Wilson, city.

This morning's market was an extremely large one, and the usual plethora of butter and eggs was on all sides. A feature of the market, however, was the large quantity of green stuff brought in—lettuce, onions, radishes, chubbs, watercress, etc., all of which found a ready sale. Bulbs and flowers were in great demand, and tomato and cabbage plants by the box found a quick sale.

A ship social was a novelty that drew a crowded audience to the Knox Church lecture hall last night. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Stuart, presided. The entertainment derived its name from the fare of hard tack and water which was handed to the audience, and which created great amusement. The program was as follows: Chorus, duet, Messrs. Murray and Givens; solo, Mr. J. Wilson; solo, Miss Tem-

pleton; solo, Mr. Givens; chorus, the choir. Mr. Fred L. Evans was the accompanist.

T. C. Thornhill, watchmaker, etc., knowing times are hard, will on March 1 lower his charges on watches, etc., to benefit the laborer, because of machinery and monopoly. 402 Talbot street.

At a joint vestry meeting of St. George's Church, Walton, and St. John's Church, Brussels, held recently, it was unanimously decided to ask his lordship the bishop of Huron to appoint as their incumbent Mr. George J. Abey, student of Huron College. The bishop has acceded to their request, and Mr. Abey accepted and will take charge tomorrow.

Mrs. E. Gibson, of 628 Lorne avenue, is visiting her many friends in St. Marys.

Fireman Taylor, who was seriously injured at the fire at Reid's Crystal Hall, is progressing very favorably at the city hospital.

Charles Chivas, of London, was yesterday afternoon fined \$1 and \$3.35 costs, for allowing his horse to run at large in West London.

DR. BISHOP'S ADVICE.

WENT TO SEE A DOCTOR

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.

PREVENTING sickness is a whole lot cheaper in every way than remedying it.

It is becoming quite the proper and common thing in this country to visit a physician from time to time for an examination even when in the best of physical condition.

Parents, too, are learning how much less expensive it is to send or take their children periodically to the doctor, just to be looked over.

This is a very wise precaution, for often something slightly wrong may easily be corrected which, if allowed to run on, might be beyond human power to cure.

Exact rules prescribing just when to call a doctor in illness or injury cannot be made to cover all cases, but some help may perhaps be given.

If an illness comes on suddenly with high fever, considerable prostration, and headache, a doctor is needed. He is also needed in case of severe headache or pain in the abdomen, especially if these are present after an injury. All injuries of the head and abdomen have very serious possibilities. Croup is so terrifying that the doctor is usually summoned at once by the frightened mother. Severe sore throat may be diphtheria, and you need the doctor at once. An eruption with fever, often means a contagious disease.

Some diseases which come on slowly should not be neglected. Mouth breathing means adenoids. Loss of considerable weight means something wrong. Persistent coughing is a danger signal. Any deformity should be shown to a doctor. Deafness may often be improved or cured if given early attention. Running from the ear is a bad business and should be attended to.

Our Own Country.

Question—What is the new census population of Ontario?

Answer—Ontario's population, per preliminary data for 1921, is 2,929,654.

Question—How many Mormons are there in Canada?

Answer—It is estimated that there are nearly 10,000 Mormons in Canada, mostly in Southern Alberta, where they have a million-dollar temple.

LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

TODAY'S word is LITTORAL.

It's pronounced—lit-o-r-al, with accent on the first syllable. It means—of or pertaining to a shore, especially of the sea; a coastal region.

It comes from—Latin "littoralis," the seashore.

It's used like this—"in connection with the future of the former dominions of the czar Japan is especially interested in the Asiatic littoral."

READ YOUR CHARACTER

(By Digby Phillips.)

NO. 208—APPEALING TO THE INSTINCTIVE TYPE.

Most characterologists refer to this type as the "feminine" type, and its antithesis as the "masculine." But

Tomorrow—Swaying the Logical Type.

The BOOKSHELF

EDITED BY CARR

THE INHERITANCE OF JEAN TROUVE. By Nevil Henshaw, Indianapolis. The Bobbs-Merrill Company.

THIS is another of those books in which a character tells of his boyhood and early manhood, but though it deals with the impressions work himself up in the world, with his father and mother dead and his grandfather his enemy, it is a book which will hold the attention of any reader. The story is by far one of the most interesting of the season of its particular type.

John's father was disowned because he married against the wishes of his family. John, at the age of fourteen, when his father dies, finds that he is not welcome at the home of his grandfather. Like father, like son, is the idea of the book. John assumes the name of Jean Trouve and struggles along until the day comes when, like his grandfather, he is a planter, but John is as set in his ideas of living his own life as his father before him had been.

In devious ways General Marsh, John's grandfather, endeavors to force the boy to return to him. The general brings much sorrow into Jean's life through his arbitrary actions and his interference in the relationship between Jean and Toinette. Monsieur Dugas, the villain, and Le Bossu, Jean's best friend, prove to be very interesting and human characters. The love story is a pretty one, full of tragedy and tests of the depths of Jean's and Toinette's love for one another.

The scenes are set in New Orleans, with true French atmosphere and characters, in Book One on The Rue Bourbon, Book Two at Bayou Portage and Book Three at Boisé Bernard.

John is not what one would call a precocious youngster. We have in many cities newsboys who rise to be heads of large business enterprises, while Jean lives among the fishermen and trappers until ready for the opportunity to study and become a planter. Then he forges ahead in the business of his choice, as does our city newsboy, whose tale of success has always been of interest.

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