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Coming to Canada

Good times in the United States mean good times in Canada. If they have been slow in coming to both countries the cause may be found in conditions which in the end will mean more substantial and enduring prosperity. If the war can make the United States prosperous, it will make Canada prosperous. It may therefore be of interest to consider a recent article in the May number of Moody's Magazine dealing with conditions in the United States.

The article starts with the assumption that the great cause of the United States has been extravagance and that since the outbreak of the war the people, for the first time, have come to appreciate, and what is better still, to practice the virtue of thrift. Rigid economy depressed business for a time, no doubt, but already the result is being shown in accumulation of capital. That the United States has been heretofore a reckless spendthrift is shown by the way in which railways have been duplicated and the public lured by every kind of stock speculation, not to mention the huge sum spent upon European travel and luxuries of every kind, including liquor and tobacco. The Americans have not been thrifty. For every 1000 of population only 99 have money deposited with the government or savings institutions, as against 846 in the 1000 in France and 960 in New Zealand.

Extravagance, too, has been the national vice of Canada. But here, as in the United States, an era of economy has set in. Capital has begun to accumulate, notwithstanding our vast commitments for public works beyond our present requirements and the spendthrift tendencies of our people at home and abroad.

When a people turn from wasteful habits to those of thrift the first effect is depression of business. That was the result in Canada and the United States alike. Now they seem to have reached the brow of the hill on the other side of the line, and the writer in Moody's Magazine argues that prosperity is advancing to the nation with outstretched hands of welcome. We are told that imports from Europe have largely ceased and exports have enormously increased; that belligerent nations are taking at high prices all the foodstuffs that can be exported and are lavishly buying military supplies; that the foreign holders of securities are not eager to liquidate them because they are glad to have their money invested in a country free from the ravages of war.

The American tourist will not spend \$150,000,000 this summer in Europe. European luxuries are not being imported, the war automatically creating the most protective tariff American manufacturers ever enjoyed. Great hopes are founded upon bumper crops in this year of high prices.

But Canada has much the same advantages, and from the standpoint of finance and commerce suffers nothing by being a belligerent instead of a neutral nation. She may suffer something in the end from having so many men withdrawn from productive activities, but their withdrawal for the present has steadied the labor market without depleting the capital of the country. Their subsistence is being financed by the imperial government for the time being, and, although interest will have to be paid on the money thus advanced, our national debt at the close of the war will be considerably less than the present debt of New York City, which has no natural resources and less than half the present population of Canada.

The United States is getting rich, not because it is neutral, but because it has fertile fields, big factories and the allies have undisputed possession of the seas. We are not in a white-hot position because we are belligerent. The sea is open to our exports as well as to those of the United States. We are getting big prices for our foodstuffs and big orders for war supplies. We have been taking up slack in the past eight months in much the same way as the United States. We have been saving our money, cutting down imports and increasing exports, practicing thrift and beginning to accumulate capital. This summer we will

keep our tourists at home and reap a big harvest from the American tourist trade. We will be getting a bigger and better harvest still when the crops come in.

The big boom that is on in the United States is headed for Canada.

Dallying Over the Fire Department

What was to have been a reorganization of the fire department appears likely to degenerate into a shuffle in which all the old elements of party interest and personal pull are to have their accustomed weight. We believe Mayor Church can do better for the city than this if he likes, or if he be permitted.

The board of control seems to be anxious to do nothing except as a stall-off, and to take advantage of the two-thirds majority rule against the aldermen. If no recommendation is made by the controllers the aldermen will act themselves. Perhaps they will do better than the board of control, but there is apparently no unity of purpose in either body.

The matter has got down to the level where wire-pulling is more regarded than the city interests, and the highly important considerations that have been urged by the board of trade and other authorities have dropped out of sight.

There has been a lot of quibbling about appointing two heads to the fire department. This, of course, is humbug. There will never be satisfactory administration of the department with two heads. Two angels could not succeed in such a situation, and appointees of the Toronto City Council are not so expected to do so. The act will not permit the appointment of two heads in any case.

One head is to be appointed, and he ought to be a commissioner with power to organize, reorganize, or do whatever is necessary to get the department into shape. He ought to have the power to appoint a fire chief, or if the controllers and aldermen prefer to make the fire chief the responsible head, he ought to have power to appoint a commissioner who would look after the office ends of the department. The whole business of fire prevention should also be put into the hands of either one official or the other, so that it would be responsibly attended to.

The matter should be settled before the holidays begin, and if action be not taken immediately there will be no settlement in sight before the fall fires are lighted.

Germany in Asia Minor

In no direction has the disingenuous diplomacy of Germany been more apparent than in the negotiations associated with the Bagdad Railway concession. In 1898 the Kaiser paid a visit to Constantinople and made it his business to be particularly agreeable to the Sultan, that Abdul, who was the subject of Swinburne's famous and rather lurid sonnet. Wilhelm posed as Turkey's only friend in Europe and obtained from the Sultan a concession to build a railway from Constantinople to the Persian Gulf by way of Bagdad. This, however, was not the first appearance of the German in Asia Minor, for ten years earlier a German company, financed by the Deutsche Bank, had been authorized to take over a short railway from a point in Asia Minor opposite Constantinople to Ismid, and extend it into northern Anatolia to Angora, south of the Black Sea.

The Kaiser's concession naturally aroused concern in Britain, whose interests in the Persian Gulf it directly menaced. It had been turned over to a German syndicate and the railway was represented by the Kaiser's foreign minister to be purely a private enterprise. This British statesmen believed until it became evident later that the German Government was behind the scheme, and that it was really a state enterprise. In January, 1913, the German ambassador to Turkey publicly declared that Germany's interests in Asia were very great and were bound up with those of Turkey. He added that the Turkish possessions in Asia, Germany will attack the label "Touch me not!"

Had the German plan materialized the large and valuable mineral deposits of Asia Minor, and much land available for cotton growing, would have been opened up to German exploitation. But it was more especially Mesopotamia, which formed the goal of German ambition, Germany has no petroleum, which Mesopotamia holds in abundance, and had the Balkan States been brought under Austrian—really German—control, and with Asia Minor in the same position, Germany would have had an independent source of supply, and even been immune from the consequences of a blockade by sea. Failure in this war will deprive Germany of all the advantages she hoped to gain from the long years of patient negotiations with the Turkish Government. That is one of the reasons why the fate of Constantinople is awaited with so much anxiety by Germany, and why the allies are pursuing their effort to force the Dardanelles with so much determination.

Progress of Spelling Reform

Spelling bees are reported to be again in vogue. Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, or protruding Piles. No surgical treatment required. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve you at once. Dealers, or Kincaid, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Sample box free if you mention this paper and enclose 25c stamp to pay postage.

PLATITUDES

"THERE IS SUCH A THING AS BEING TOO PROUD TO FIGHT."
"THERE IS SUCH A THING AS BEING SO RIGHT THAT IT DOES NOT NEED TO CONVINCE OTHERS BY FORCE THAT IT IS RIGHT."

PRESIDENT WILSON PHILADELPHIA MAY 10th 1915

PRIVATE CANUCK: There is such a thing as being too proud to work. There is such a thing as not being too proud to let others do the work for you.

coming into vogue in the United States, and in some districts sectional contests are being held, the winners to contend among themselves for the state championship. Matches of this kind are, of course, only possible in the case of a language where, as in English, the spelling of many words bears little or no relationship to their pronunciation. It is this quite needless discrepancy which raises spelling to the dignity of an accomplishment, gained either by accurate memorizing or the power of visualization. Were the spelling of English based on phonetic principles there would not be any extraordinary merit in its mastery.

Altho little is heard of the movement for the introduction of a reform in the spelling of English, it continues to make steady progress. At the recent annual meeting of the Simplified Spelling Board, held in New York, encouraging reports were made regarding the steady advance that is being made. No less than eighty-eight national institutions now use simplified spelling with nearly 6000 teachers and more than 80,000 students. Newspapers and other periodicals to the number of seventy-nine, with a combined circulation of over two million, have adopted simplified spelling, and the list is constantly growing.

More than half a million of this circulation has been added since the annual meeting thru the action taken by the Ohio members of the Scripps-McRae League. The newspapers adding that circulation include the Cincinnati Post, Cleveland Press, Toledo News-Bea, Columbus Citizen, Akron Press and the Covington (Ky.) Kentucky Post. Not only is there direct and continuous progress of this kind, but even newspapers opposed to simplified spelling are admitting new forms that have crept into general use. The dropping of silent letters is becoming more common, and as the public becomes accustomed to these changes others will certainly follow.

SUGGESTED ACTION BE SETTLED OUT OF COURT

Chief Justice Meredith suggested in the non-jury assizes yesterday afternoon that the litigants in the case of York Township v. Charles Hibbard should endeavor to settle the matter out of court. Hibbard sued the township for \$2500 on account of the death on Aug. 15 of his son, Jack, who was killed by the caving in of a bank of sand on Harvie avenue. Defendants claimed that the collapse of the bank was due to undermining done by the deceased and his playmates.

What Thin Folks Should Do to Gain Weight

Physician's Advice for Thin, Underdeveloped Men and Women.

Thousands of people suffer from excessive thinness, weak nerves and feeble stomachs, who, having tried advertised flesh-makers, food-fads, physical culture stunts and rub-on creams, resign themselves to life-long skinniness and think nothing will make them fat. Yet their case is not hopeless. A recently discovered regenerative force makes fat grow after years of thinness, and is also unequalled for restoring the waste of slenderness or faulty digestion and for strengthening the nerves. This remarkable discovery is called Sargol. Six strengthening, fat-producing elements of acknowledged merit have been combined in this pure preparation, which is obtained from the food eaten, and the additional fact that this people need are provided.

A month's systematic use of Sargol should produce flesh and strength by correcting faults of digestion and by supplying highly concentrated fats to the blood. Increased nourishment is obtained from the food eaten, and the additional fact that this people need are provided.

Leading druggists supply Sargol and say there is a large demand for it. While this new preparation has given splendid results as a nerve-tonic and vitality, it should not be used by nervous people unless they wish to gain at least ten pounds of flesh.

THEATRE LICENSE FEE IS REDUCED

Provincial Tax Undergoes Big Cut From Figures First Proposed.

MANAGERS COMPLAIN

Levy Would Be a Hardship in War Time, Was Their Plea.

Theatres in the larger provincial centres will not be assessed on the new provincial rate quite as highly as at first expected. The provincial treasurers, after receiving many representations from various municipalities, has decided to make an appreciable cut in this tax, and notices are now being issued to all proprietors of the smaller centres where a playhouse put on only four or five shows a year.

According to the first schedule issued, \$800 was charged on theatres in all places of 20,000 or over in population, \$200 on all over 10,000 and under 20,000, and \$100 on all under 10,000. The new rates provide for a collection of \$200 on all of 25,000 up to \$100 on all under 25,000 and over 10,000, and \$50 on all under 10,000.

ORDER FOR ATTACK ON TRANSYLVANIA?

Message From Berlin Seems to Indicate Deliberate Purpose.

EXCUSE IS PREPARED

Liner Said to Be Equipped With Guns on Fore-Deck.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

ROTTERDAM, May 11.—Is the Cu-rnarder Transylvania to be the next victim of a German submarine? The question is raised by the issue today by a semi-official agency of correspondence orders from Berlin of the following message:

"Steamship Transylvania, which left New York with 975 passengers, as is well known here, belongs to ships with which the German navy is liable to attack by German submarines."

The message then quotes the military journal "Army and Navy," as stating the Transylvania left New York for Liverpool on a recent voyage with two 40-centimetre guns on fore-deck and other armaments. This is apparently being put forward as an excuse for another premeditated crime.

FENDER PICKED UP BICYCLIST WHO FELL

Disregarding the traffic officer's signal nearly caused a serious accident last night at the corner of Queen and Yonge streets, when H. Vincent of 188 Sherbourne street, riding a bicycle attempted to pass a moving Dundas car, with the result that he was struck and picked up by the fender without suffering any bodily harm.

ROWING CLUB WILL LOSE ITS LICENSE

(Provincial Board Intimates That Drinking Privilege Has Been Misused.)

STRANGERS ADMITTED

Short Shift for All Club Licenses Is Forecasted by Commissioners.

The liquor license of the Toronto Rowing Club is now hanging in the balance before the Ontario license commissioners, and it is altogether likely that it will be refused. Chairman Flavell made a statement concerning its disposition yesterday, which has a provincial significance, and which shows the attitude of the commission towards all club licenses.

"I'll tell you frankly that if we had the power, which we have not, I would do away with club licenses altogether. I believe they are a curse," he said. He was supported in this position by Commissioners Ayscarr and Smith, both of whom stated that they had heard of several instances where members of sporting societies, neither were of sporting societies, neither would be allowed to join an athletic club with a license.

The rowing club members were summoned before the board to answer a charge that liquor was being sold in respect of membership and that it was "a common drinking place." Evidence, said the chairman, showed that the charge was true, although they desired to hear both sides of the case before rendering judgment.

J. F. Boland and E. J. Livingston appeared on behalf of the club and T. L. Monahan appeared for the creditors, including several breweries. The liabilities of the club reach \$3000.

The Club's Intention.

Mr. Boland explained that the intention was to make over the club into an athletic association. They had tried to keep the doors locked, but Mr. Monahan had got in. One man, Hinch, had boasted of his success.

Commissioner Ayscarr claimed that three of his men had been drinking at one time. The chairman stated that he knew two men who as non-members claimed they could drink there at any time.

Mr. Livingston stated that they would give any undertaking that the place would be run respectably and that the law would be complied with. The license was needed because of over-head expenses and to meet deficits.

"That is a bad plea to come to me with," said the chairman, emphatically. "Why not do away with it and raise the fees? All your arguments are against the granting."

Mr. Monahan stated that many would not join for social purposes unless they could secure a glass of beer. Moreover, if cancellation came the creditors would suffer. Vice-Chairman Boland suggested the cancellation again and decision was reserved.

Saturday Boats to Niagara

The announcement of the Niagara trips of the season to be made on Saturday the 15th, has brought to the ticket office at Wellington and Yonge streets an unusual demand for books of family tickets, showing that the water trip has been eagerly awaited by Toronto people. Steamers leave the Yonge Street Wharf at 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Canada Steamship Lines Limited, 46 Yonge street, corner Wellington.

JANITOR GETS CHANCE

Charles Fleming was given a chance to make a fresh start by Judge Coatsworth in the sessions yesterday. Fleming pleaded guilty to stealing several hundred dollars which he had collected apartment house in the west end. Having made restitution the judge allowed him to go on suspended sentence.

ESTATES DISPOSED OF

The late Harry W. Ellison, cashier for W. R. Brock & Co. for many years, died intestate. The estate, valued at \$10,735, will be divided between Mrs. Mary J. Ellison, his widow, and his infant son.

Three other wills were filed for probate—Annie Parker, 8915; John Cunningham, 1114; Caroline A. Scott, \$1000.

RESTITUTION HIS PLEA

Offering restitution for a number of musical records which he stole from his employers, Mason & Risch, Fred Baker was remanded until May 17 for sentence by Judge Winchester in the sessions yesterday.

MAKE WAGE AGREEMENT

An agreement has been signed by the executive of the Bricklayers' Union and the employers, the Builders' Exchange, calling for a term of twenty months at a rate of 55c an hour.

KEEP THE MEN IN GOOD HUMOR

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WILL FIX HOURS OF SOLDIERS' DRINKING

Military Authorities Empowered to Act by Provincial License Board.

WILL GIVE SUPPORT

Cancellation Will Follow Infractions of Law in Indian Communities.

Any regulations which the military authorities in any city choose to draw up to protect the soldiers from intoxication will obtain the whole-hearted endorsement of the provincial license board. Chairman Flavell made a strong point of this matter last evening when the subject of restrictions was broached. He stated that he did not approve the idea of putting soldiers on the Indian list, but that the commission was prepared to back the action taken by the military authorities.

"No military order is binding upon the hotel-keeper except thru the board," he said, "but any license-holder who disregards a military regulation in this respect will be answerable to the board."

He stated that in his home town, Lindsay, such a military regulation allowed soldiers to enter bars only between 6 and 9 o'clock in the evening, only to obtain only beer and porter. He spoke of the excellent results obtained because the licensees recognized that failure to obey the regulations left them liable to the sudden removal of their privileges.

The board is believed to be opening negotiations with headquarters at Ottawa with a view to having these regulations made more generally effective throughout the province.

Information is also being obtained from Deputy Superintendent Scott as to the number and location of Indian communities, and license-holders in those districts will be warned of the sudden removal of their licenses if the law regarding sale to Indians is infringed in any respect. The board is determined to take radical action in case of offence, and that cancellation of licenses may be expected.

Beautiful Kawartha Lakes.

The Kawartha Lakes district to the north of Lindsay and Peterborough, comprises some of the most attractive summer resorts in Canada. The Indians call the territory "Bright Waters and Happy Lands." The air is pure and invigorating, and there is magnificent sailing, canoeing and fishing, and excellent tourist accommodation. In common with the whole of the Highlands of Ontario, Kawartha Lakes are reached by the Grand Trunk System.

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RETURNS TO THE FRONT

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CONVICTED OF SHIPING WITH A MILK BOTTLE

Jane Hartshorn heaved a milk bottle at the head of Fred Roberts of 869 Yonge street some time ago. Her aim was as accurate as a sniper's. She was found guilty of assault in the sessions yesterday and will be sentenced next week by Judge Coatsworth. The woman proved to be a rather bolsterous prisoner. She laughed defiantly when the evidence was being taken, but when "Guilty" was announced her cries could be heard in the city hall corridors.

THE LUSITANIA'S DEAD.

A wire has been received by A. F. Webster & Co., Cunard agents, to the effect that the company would return all identified bodies of the victims of the Lusitania, free of charge, to New York, should the relatives wish it.

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