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THE ONTARIO DEFICIT

Ontario is reported to have had a deficit of \$15,000,000 last year, and the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. W. H. Price, says the deficits during the four years of Farmer Government amount to \$24,000,000. No doubt the Conservatives are making out the strongest possible case against the Farmers' Party, and the latter will have something to say in reply to the assertions of Mr. Price. A deficit of \$15,000,000 in one year, however, will require considerable explanation, and the record will be chalked up against the Farmers' Party as evidence that it is not as careful in the matter of public economy as the old parties. The announcement of the Provincial Treasurer will lend a much keener interest to the dispute as to who should be the official opposition. Premier Ferguson has ignored the Farmers' Party, which is the larger, and recognized the Liberal group. The latter complacently accepts, and Hon. Manning Doherty, leader of the Farmers' Party has seized every opportunity to attack both old parties and demand recognition of his own. He will now be invited to explain the deficits. If the situation actually is as bad as it is painted the Conservatives have not fallen upon a bed of roses in coming into power at this time. The general demand for economy will be emphasized and expenditures will be scrutinized with a watchful eye by members of all parties. However, provincial deficits are not unusual, as Manitoba and some other provinces can testify. The Valley Railway and the spring floods afflicted New Brunswick with one last year, and in this province as in others the estimates for the current year must be considered with a careful eye on the general financial situation.

REAL CIVIC SPIRIT

Eight hundred citizens of Vancouver met at luncheon recently and decided to take immediate steps to establish a civic research bureau. The movement is backed by the Rotary, Kiwanis, Gyro and Lions Clubs and the Council of Women, the last named representing sixty organizations of women. Many of the city's leaders were at the luncheon, and it was decided to raise \$10,000 to cover the first year's operations, and to secure guarantees that would ensure a similar amount for each of two more years. When the first \$10,000 is secured a governing board of twenty to thirty citizens will be formed, and a managing director engaged to conduct investigations and make reports, and the chairman said that Canada would be secured to get a man combining tact and energy with an extensive knowledge of civics. It is proposed to raise the first \$10,000 by asking 5,000 citizens to subscribe \$2 each, and when the plan is in operation to ask business firms to make a contribution.

One of the speakers said that "the success of democracy depends on the knowledge of citizens and their sustained interest in public matters," and another stressed the point that business men have little time to make detailed study of civic affairs and the director of the research bureau would be a private secretary to them, marshalling facts and presenting them in understandable form. "City business is your business," is the slogan of the bureau, and its avowed purposes are— "To determine the fundamental community requirements of Vancouver, focus the attention of both citizens and city council on and urge the development of those essentials; to create a well-informed citizenship through publication and discussion in a non-political, unbiased manner of the facts underlying the administration of our public affairs, to co-operate with civic officials by surveys of their particular work and render assistance in perfecting the administration."

Vancouver is not trying an experiment. The value of research bureaus has been proved in Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and many American cities. The plan has been in operation in some cities since 1906. The value of the Vancouver movement is the greater because it is sponsored by successful organizations having a deep and unselfish interest in civic welfare. It will not only inform the people but create public opinion and build up intelligent citizenship. The Vancouver Sun says of it—

"Now that the four service clubs of the city, along with the most prominent organizations and taxpayers have formally sponsored the formation of a civic research bureau, that bureau should be established and put to work with minimum delay. And that the bureau may function with maximum efficiency, those who are behind it should not be content with any but the best statistical talent and expert civic brains that money can secure in the Dominion. That some such organization is necessary in Vancouver, as in all other cities of metropolitan aspects, has been amply proved by the reluctance with which citizens have come to approach decisions in matters

of civic finance. That reluctance is born solely of the fact that hitherto no agency has existed for the definite purpose of keeping public opinion and civic government in closest touch with one another. A civic research bureau will supply that deficiency."

THE LAW AND THE CITIZEN

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler has given the people of the United States a lecture on law observance and enforcement that ought to stir the public conscience of the country. He stands not only for the enforcement of the prohibition laws but all other laws. Dr. Butler quotes a paragraph from an address he delivered last January to a group of newly-naturalized citizens as follows—

"Resolve to know and to obey the law. If there be unwise or unjust laws it is in the power of the American people to change them in orderly fashion. You are not yourselves the law. The law is established by our legislatures—local, state and national—and it is declared and interpreted to us by the courts. Any attempt, or a share in any attempt, knowingly to violate the law or forcibly to attack or overturn the institutions on which our country is based is a crime of the first magnitude. Shut your ears to those who would invite you to any such undertaking."

Of course there cannot be one law for the newcomer and another for the native citizen, and so Dr. Butler quotes from another speech he made in January as follows—

"A lawless people will sooner or later become a barbarous people. Civilization can only rest upon obedience to law, and only those laws will be genuinely and permanently obeyed which by their own force and reasonableness make appeal to our intelligence and our conscience. From the standpoint of the citizen our law is a unit. When I urge obedience to law I mean obedience to the whole body of American law, constitutional and statutory. I mean the First, the Fourth, the Fifth, the Sixth, the Tenth, the Fourteenth and the Fifteenth Amendments, as well as the Eighteen 's'."

This is sufficiently explicit and the stand taken is unassailable. Disregard for one law breeds a general disregard, and "civilization can only rest upon obedience to law."

An Ottawa despatch intimates that neither St. John nor Vancouver is likely to get a favorable response to the appeal for needed port facilities. This is not where economy should begin. Canada's progress depends upon her trade. Seaports are essential and facilities for handling traffic are essential. Canadian trade should be carried on through Canadian ports. There is no good reason to refuse what St. John asks and has so long been promised. The needed improvement is asked for in the interests of the Canadian trade which is essential to Canadian progress.

The New Jersey House of Representatives has voted in favor of compulsory medical examination of all persons applying for marriage licenses, and for postponement of the marriage of those afflicted with certain diseases. This is now regarded as a radical measure, but it is one that will be widely adopted before many years have passed.

Germany's revenues in January showed a distinct improvement, following the example of December, which showed a very notable increase over November. If the international commission of enquiry can find a way to bring about a better feeling between France and Germany the whole European situation would rapidly improve.

The Major General who said in the British Parliament yesterday that "if the Empire is to be defended by Sermons on the Mount, God help them," is not a far-sighted gentleman. If the Empire and the world are to be saved the Sermon on the Mount must prevail.

speculate on the probable length of the present truce between mine owners and miners.

Charles Gorman has annexed the international one-mile skating championship. His string of scalps is growing.

With fourteen violent deaths per day for a year, the city of New York needs a safety league embracing the whole population.

More New England textile mills are on short time. A large number of manufacturing towns are affected.

Press Comment

OUR FARM SCHOOL

(Fredericton Mail.) The school of domestic science at the Fredericton Experiment Station got away to a good start this week with thirty students in attendance. The students who come from all sections of the province are comfortably housed, have a capable staff of instructors and are making satisfactory progress with their work. New Brunswick has a big stake in its agricultural interests and it is of the greatest importance that the men and women on the farms should be well equipped for their duties. Women play an important part in farm life and without their assistance farming cannot be carried on successfully. By providing scientific training for young men and women the school of agriculture founded through the efforts of Hon. D. W. Messerum is conferring a real and practical benefit on agriculture in New Brunswick.

HIGH COST OF KNEE BRACES

(Ottawa Citizen.) With drastic economy in the air, it is but natural that the Labor minister in Great Britain should look askance at the expense of utilizing themselves in the customary library of court functions. A court suit costs about \$750. It is hard to imagine modest men like Fred Jowett of Bradford, or John Wheatley of Glasgow, expending any such sum to adorn themselves in knee braces and silk stockings.

When the United States ambassador accepts the hospitality of the King, he is allowed to appear in normal evening dress. Since the war, the German ambassador, too, has been conceded this privilege. The advisers of King George may be expected to solve the difficulty for the Labor ministers in the same way.

MOTHER OF WOMEN M. P.'S

(London Chronicle.) Mrs. Henry Fawcett has every claim to be regarded as the mother of women's suffrage in this country. It was 56 years ago, when recently married to Henry Fawcett, the blind Professor and afterward Postmaster-General in Gladstone's Government, that she began her crusade. On the same platform were her husband, John Stuart Mill, Charles Kingsley, John Ruskin, and James Stansfeld. When a few years later a drawing-room meeting was held, from which sprang the foundation of Newnham College, Mrs. Fawcett remarked that if the universities were opened to women he did not suppose that they would produce any senior Wranglers. Unfortunately he died before his only daughter, Philippa, appeared in the class list of 1890, "Above Senior Wrangle."

SUNDAY SUITS

(Brandon Sun.) All the would-be philosophers that attempt to define what is the matter with this erratic age have missed one immense factor in our degeneration. We have no Sunday suit. And it was a time-honored institution that did much to steady generations of men. It was not the sartorial embellishment itself that made us more moral feeling—it was what went with it, the accessories. Never lived a man who dared to be flippantly sacrilegious garbed in a Sunday suit. Everything was of the best, within and without, and it always gravitated towards the church. You couldn't resist following a straight way, however narrow, in those wonderful Sunday suits. And maybe the world is the poorer for the passing of the Sunday suit.

To some of us, whose memories go back to lands beyond the seas, to Saturday nights and Sabbaths of Scotland, there was a breadth of terrible respectability to the Sunday suit that attaches to great family Bibles, to straight-backed, hard kilted pews and strait-laced family commandments, seemingly attached to high chimney hats and their sombre appendages. It is a far cry from then to these automotive Sundays and lessened respect for the Sabbath. We seem to enjoy life more now, but we do miss the solidity, stamina and steadfastness of Sunday suits. Of course, men are better dressed these days. We count more suits in the necessities of life today. The cost of living has risen automatically to the larger wages. But we wear fine material carelessly and clothes are no longer an indication of man's character. Affluence, integrity and religious seal could once be registered in one Sunday suit. We were not so prosperous then or free as we are now. There is no longer a thrill to a Sunday suit, nor a clothes closet of the nature of a shrine in the home. The art of wearing clothes is now a mere casual occurrence. Probably the pause the old Sunday suit gave us would help us stabilize ourselves today. We are none the better morally for the passing of the Sunday suit.

A DESERT CITY

(Christian Science Monitor.) Laden caravans she sends When hoof scarred paths of camels wind, And evermore the merchant fleets Her treasure marts of commerce find. Shrewdly to the western host For Western gold and Western ways She yields her Eastern garner up— But Syrian she ever stays. Allen manners touch her not. The world of trade may come and go, But, fed by his changing springs Her tranquil fountains leap and flow.

Strident voices of her noons Beneath the fingers of the sun Are proudly hers as is the night Of quiet when the day is done.

Blooming 'mid the whirling sands— The futile sands without her gates She stands in fragrant loveliness, In tropic beauty stands and waits.

Eyes inscrutable she turns Across the desert to the sea. Of Orient the matchless pearl, She holds her mystic charm in fee. —Maude de Verne Newton.

LIGHTER VEIN

It's Too Expensive "I'm certainly at a loss. Don't know what to give my brother for his birthday." "Why don't you give him money?" "Oh, it doesn't cost as much as that!" —Answers (London).

A Quick Change

"Have you ever laughed until you cried?" "I did so this morning." "How?" "Father stepped on a tack. I laughed. He saw me. I cried." —Korsaren (Christiania).

Then Mother Took a Hand!

The small boy's head bobbed up over the garden wall, and a meek little voice asked: "Please, Miss Brown, may I have my arrow?" "Yes, dear, certainly," the next-door neighbor answered, beaming. "Where did it fall?" "I fink," was the reply, "it's stuck in your cat." —Reynolds' Newspaper (London).

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MELLON INCOME TAX DEFEATED

Washington, Feb. 19—Aided by a group of 17 Republicans, on Farmer, Laborite and one Independent, House Democrats today eliminated from the revenue bill the Mellon income tax itself that made us more moral feeling—it was what went with it, the accessories. Never lived a man who dared to be flippantly sacrilegious garbed in a Sunday suit. Everything was of the best, within and without, and it always gravitated towards the church. You couldn't resist following a straight way, however narrow, in those wonderful Sunday suits. And maybe the world is the poorer for the passing of the Sunday suit.

LIFE WAS BURDEN

SAYS THIS MAN

John McNeen's Condition Was Such That His Arms and Legs Felt As If They Were Creaking Every Time He Moved—Stomach Trouble, Constipation and Indigestion Relieved by Drego.

John B. McNeen, of Fredericton, N. B., is a farmer and like the average farmer his life has meant hard work, exposure and a certain amount of worry. At the age of 62 he found this had told on him and the penalty was a stomach that did not function properly; constipation and rheumatism. Now John McNeen is another man. He has taken three bottles of Drego. "I was troubled so with rheumatism," says Mr. McNeen, "that at times I thought every bone in my arms and legs was cracking, the pain was severe. My kidneys were also very weak and I had a poor appetite. The little that I could eat would sour in my stomach and gas would form after each meal. I suffered terribly with constipation and was always looking for strong laxatives which gave poor results. That naturally kept me in a weakened condition. Living was really a burden to me. "I thank the day I started taking Drego. I can enjoy my meals now. The gas and the pains in my stomach are gone. My kidneys are in a fine condition, better than ever. The rheumatism in my joints is practically gone and my bowels are regular. I sleep all night like a boy of 10."

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THE FRENZIED PACE TO EASY STREET

There was a time when you and I were coming along, when a man worked faithfully twelve hours a day, year in and year out, for the possible privilege of some day becoming boss—and working sixteen hours a day, says Maxwell Drake, in Forbes Magazine, New York.

That day is done. And there are few who mourn its passing. But has the pendulum, perhaps, swung a little too far in the opposite direction? I believe that the boss in many a small business today—retail, wholesale and manufacturing—wears the robes of responsibility with unbearably lightness. The boss looks upon his job with a "Why-should-I-do-any-work?" attitude. He is not there to labor, but to be waited upon.

Many a young and struggling business has fallen upon evil days and come to rack and ruin, simply because the head of the house got a crazy notion that he was a made man with a private gold mine that could be tended by the hired help while he hobnobbed around the club with veterans who had spent years in building up successful institutions upon solid foundations.

Let's face the facts in sensible fashion. It takes a long, hard pull to build any legitimate business up to the point where the head of the firm is justly entitled to use an Easy Street number on his visiting cards. The boss who figures that he has permanently "arrived" within a period of a year or two, or three or four or five from the day he starts out in business, should take setting-up exercises for his grey matter. He needs to train down to the point where he can wear a smaller hat.

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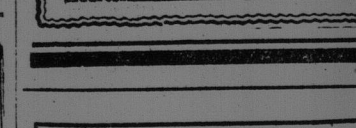
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