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THE WONDERS OF WIRELESS.

A few years ago, some experts were saying that wireless had about reached its limits; its indefatigable inventor evidently believes, however, that it is only in its infancy. In a lecture before an audience of upwards of a thousand electrical engineers in New York, a night or two ago, Mr. Marconi told of some of his more recent accomplishments with wireless, and according to a report of the proceedings, especially remarkable was his demonstration of what he has accomplished in the way of focusing short waves on a given point. He began his experiments in wireless telegraphy with these short Hertzian waves, but soon turned to longer waves in order to develop transatlantic communication; since then, he thinks, the short waves have been unduly neglected and may be turned to useful account for a multitude of special purposes.

One of the ways in which these short waves may be turned to account is the guidance of ships near the coast. "With a wave only 3.1 metres in length," says the report, "Mr. Marconi has succeeded in sending a slender radio shaft to a point nearly 100 miles away. In his demonstration he used a 'baby' set and waves only a metre in length, converging them upon a receiver 20 feet away with a precision that amazed his hearers. So accurate is the focus that the wireless compass constructed on this principle is correct to within a quarter of a degree. What amazing accuracy this is anyone may see by trying to visualize the distance which the hour hand of a clock moves in 2 1/2 seconds of time. A ship is well steered if its course is true to the nearest degree; sailing ships can hardly attain a greater accuracy than a quarter point, a quarter, that is, of 1/4 degrees. With bearings true to a quarter of a degree from two or more known stations, a vessel could fix its position on the chart as accurately as though it were in sight of land, and the famous inventor hopes that this new improvement in the wireless compass will make navigation safe even in the densest fog."

Mr. Marconi had other interesting things to tell his audience of experts. Including hopeful progress toward the elimination of "static," and new improvements in sending wireless telegrams which will make possible 200 words a minute over short distances and at long range whatever speed the serial constants will permit. In view of these accomplishments, Mr. Marconi is apparently justified in his claim that wireless is only in its infancy.

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Among the resolutions passed by the Women's Institute during the Convention this week was one calling on all members of the Institute "to vote together against any members of the Provincial Government or Provincial Opposition who did not take the view that the raising of revenue from the export of liquor was not a violation of the intent of prohibition."

Is not this rather a reversal of form? If the resolution as passed is actually worded as it was given to the Press as above, it means that the women approve of raising revenue from the export of liquor and that such export is not a violation of the intent of prohibition. In view of the attitude which women as a body take, and the Women's Institute in the past has taken, on the matter of sale of liquor, this resolution is directly contrary to that attitude. And yet the news despatch announces that the resolution was passed "by an overwhelming vote."

Another resolution, which might have reasonably been passed, but was not, was that condemning home lessons for school children. Children are sent to the schools to be taught, and teachers are paid to instruct them. The practice now is that the parents have to do the instructing when the children are preparing the lessons overnight, and the teacher merely hears the learned lesson. The five or six hours a day during which children are in school is quite sufficient confinement for them, and if the teachers are honestly doing the work for which they are paid, the instruction then given is about all that the minds of children can absorb profitably, without having to give more time to the evenings. The report sent to the Press said: "The opinion was expressed that without home study some children could learn nothing." If this is the case, it does not speak very highly for some teachers, when the parents are called upon to do the teaching. Why send children to school at all then?

The resolution regarding the censoring of films brought out the expression of opinion that censoring should be done at Ottawa for all Canada, and not left to the different provinces.

On principle this is sound common sense, in view of the fact that pictures which are passed in some provinces are condemned in others. It might, however, be difficult to carry out this plan of Dominion censorship by reason of the fact that one copy of a film does not do duty all over the country, but many copies must be despatched at one time to different places in order to supply the demand. That the present system of censorship leaves much to be desired, admits of no question; but how to satisfactorily remedy it, is quite another.

CANADIAN MAGAZINES.

In the discussion on the Budget, the question of taxing American magazines came in for some attention. The enormous amount of American literature which comes into this country was declared to be preventing the legitimate expansion of the Canadian produced article. Sir Henry Drayton taking up the case of Canadian authors and publishers, proposed some added direct tariff measure that would check the influx of current reading material from outside and afford the Canadian publisher an opportunity of following his patriotic desire to issue Canadian literature, set up by Canadian compositors and printed on Canadian paper.

American magazines have got such a hold upon Canadian readers, however, that the latter would probably keenly resent any such course as Sir Henry proposed. It cannot be denied that in many respects American magazines are in advance of the Canadian publications, a fact attributable no doubt to the much more extensive facilities the publishers of the former possess when compared with their Canadian brethren. There is no doubt, however, that the Canadian public is rapidly becoming more eager to read Canadian stories, Canadian articles of general interest and Canadian poetry than has been the case before; but, as Sir Henry Drayton pointed out, the opportunity of so doing cannot be assured to them unless some steps are taken to assist the publisher in his task of competition against the already firmly established institutions of other countries, in particular those of the United States, which now have almost free access into this country.

Although Sir Henry Drayton's proposal did not meet with the approval of the House, it has at least started something which may in time result in some good being accomplished along this line. It is another effort to promote home industry and home interest, two things that need encouragement if Canada is to be built up on proper lines.

DE VALERA'S COURSE.

In the course of a statement made to newspaper representatives on the Irish elections, De Valera is reported to have said: "These results seem indeed a triumph for the Imperial methods of pacification—outrage, murder and massacre, and then a threat with a concession, the policy of a kick and a carrot, with a kick in reserve. By the threat of immediate renewal of the infamous war, our people, harassed and weary and fearful of chaos, have, in the majority, voted as England wanted, but their hearts and their aspirations are unchanged, and Ireland unfree will never be at her best or genuinely reconciled with England. England's gain is for the moment only, and England's difficulty will still be prayed for at Ireland's opportunity."

With the leader of a party which will number at least one-third of the new Irish Parliament openly professing such views as above quoted, does it argue very promisingly for the success of the new regime? When he says British compulsion dictated the result of the elections, the most stolid voter must rub his eyes. The British Government was extraordinarily scrupulous in its resolve to leave the fate of the treaty wholly in Irish hands. The only attempt to put pressure on the electors was the grand scheme, of which De Valera was the author. It failed, and its failure is the first really encouraging sign of moral and political progress in the new Ireland.

If De Valera is really the Irish patriot he professes to be, he still has the opportunity of giving the nation the benefit of his ability and unclouded soul. These ends he can attain by sticking his own views and submitting to the will of the people. They want order instead of anarchy, industry instead of industrial chaos, and freedom of elections instead of the intimidation of the gun.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Where has the Money Gone?
(Financial Post.)

Guelph is another community which is beginning to have serious doubts about Hydro. It will be remembered that city was snatched out of a line to Puelich Lake and a connection with the Grand Trunk system at Hespeler, when Sir Adam outpromised anything the Canadian Pacific officials could in reason propose. To use the expression, Sir Adam "swung the lead" with his usual effectiveness. But not only did the Hydro fall to build the connection promised; it also got the people to put up \$150,000 to put the street railway system on its feet—or wheels—after the latter thought they were getting the local white elephant off their hands.

And now it appears that the Hydro has spent the \$150,000 advanced by city and, according to a "citizen" who helps pay the damned piper, who sends The Financial Post a report of the local council meeting, "there's nothing to show for the money." At this meeting of the council the proposal was discussed of having the street railway revert back to the city and Mayor Howard explained that the Public Works Committee had felt for some time that the Hydro was holding up the city in connection with the railway.

Commenting on the very unsatisfactory situation, the Herald states that "it will come as a surprise to most people to learn that the sum of \$150,000 already granted to put the street railway in Guelph on a better basis has been expended."

The Herald demands a complete job and in the meantime, while waiting for the money, it will take to insure that.

Three Kinds of Dancing.
(Dr. Brander Matthews, in New York Times.)

For now more than a quarter of a century, the popular dance has been the most popular of the dances, although I doubt greatly whether she has reason to be gratified by the gyrations of all her votaries. We have had an abundance and a superabundance of each of the three kinds of dancing, the graceful, the ungraceful and the disgraceful. We have had a countless cakewalk. We have had the insistent, pulsating of the jazz band, with its pulsating trap drummer. We have had Oriental dances which learned their art on the lower east side of New York. We have had the so-called "interpretative" dances, which revealed themselves only too often as ungainly gawks cowering to music far too good to be dishonored by their incoherence of far more captivating when we have had the Luminous Dance of Love Fuller, which was not a dance at all, but which was none the less a delight to the eye and a joy to the memory. We have had the simple movements of the skirt dance as Kate Vaughan and Letty Lind performed. And, above all and beyond the seven veils, far more visible by Holden's marionettes than when it was attempted by mature opera singers. We have had the Apache dance, the Fox Trot, the Charleston, the Fox-Trot and the Slunk would be ashamed. And, above all and beyond all, we have had the Russian ballet, Pavlova and Karavina, the Russian and the Russian. What have we had?

Congratulations.
(Farmer's Sun.)

The Canadian farmer congratulates the Canadian on his independence, his possessions, his economic outlook and ability to pay a fair share of the national taxes.

German Hospitality.
(Nashville Southern Lumberman.)

A warning from Berlin says that American tourists are being grossly overcharged. Maybe the hospitality of Germany is not what it used to be.

Progressives Saved the Day.
(Guelph Herald.)

The Progressives saved the day when the Liberal Government at Ottawa was brought to book for disregarding its campaign promises in refusing to implement the Liberal promise to give the Progressives a seat on the board of the Canadian Pacific.

Reminiscence.
(Hamilton Herald, Ind.)

In his second bucket speech yesterday Mr. Fielding made a remarkable statement. "We have never stood for protection, and we do not stand for it now."

The Liberal Look.
(Edmonton Journal.)

Mr. McManister, of Bromes, a strong low tariff man, addressed himself in Parliament last week to the sad case of Mr. Raymond, of Brantford, who as a member of the Liberal party, had been a free trader.

W. S. Gilbert could have written an amusing ditty on the strength of this. Mr. Raymond's principles are quite contrary to those of the Liberalism, as interpreted by Mr. McManister, but, despite what he may say and how he may vote, he is still a Liberal. If proof is wanted, look at his face.

There are many others scattered throughout the country whose retention of the Liberal label has been somewhat mystifying. When from now on they notice that their constituents are being closely scanned by friends and neighbors, they should understand why they are subject to this attention.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Yesterday I had to go down to papa's office so he could take me to get a new pair of shoes on account of my new pair looking like a old pair already, the first thing pop saw when he saw me being. Wat kind of a hed of hair is that to come down town with? You look more like a mop than a son of mine, how many years has it bin since you had it cut last? he sed.

Not so very long, I sed, and pop sed, Well go down stairs on the first floor and you'll find a barber shop, tell the barber to cut your hair and tell him I'll pay him when I come down in about 30 minits.

Yes sir, I sed. And I went down and 3 barbers was shaving 3 men and one was standing next to his chair waiting for somebody to get in it. Wich I did, saying, Mr. Potts says to cut my hair and he'll pay you when he comes down.

With pleasure, sed the barber. Being a kind of a fat barber needing a hair cut himself, and he cut my hair and pop had cut came down yet and the barber sed, How about a little singe?

All rite, I sed. On account of me having saw people getting a singe before but never having one myself. Wich he did, lighting a long thing like a skinnie candle and making me smell like a chicken when you burn its fethers off but not giving me any other sensation, and pop wasnt down yet and the barber sed, How about a little shampoo? Being another thing I never had from experience, and I sed, All rite. And he gave me such a fearsome one you mite of thawt he had a grudge agens me, and after that he put some tonick on my hed and started to massage my face on account of me saying All rite each time, and he was still massaging it wen pop came in, saying to the barber, Wat are you doing to him?

He sed he wanted a massage, sed the barber, and pop sed, The dooce he did, he must be crazy, and the barber sed, Well he sed he wanted it, heurs the check. And he rote on a little piece of paper and handed it to pop and pop sed, 3 dollars and 50 cents, wat is this, a joke? and the barber sed, Certenly not, he had a haircut, a singe, a shampoo, tonick and a massage.

Not to speak of wat he's going to get wen he gets home, sed pop.

Wich I did.

THE LAUGH LINE

Regular Inhabitants

"Are your summer boarders popular with the regular inhabitants here?"

"None," replied Farmer Corntassel; "only 'cep'ain 'till the mosquitoes."

Convinced

Ted—Has your amateur gardening taught you anything?

Ned—Well, I'll never again believe that we reap what we sow.

Experienced

"The man who gives in when he is wrong," said the street orator, "is a wise man; but he who gives in when he is right is—"

"Married!" said a meek voice.

A Net

There's something in a hammock, said Brown, that reminds one of a spider's web.

I know, said Jones. It's the way a spider spins it.

He Knows

"My husband is merely a manufacturer of waste baskets," sighed the woman with aspirations. "It seems such a prosy occupation."

"On the contrary, there is really much poetry in the waste baskets," replied the unappreciated bard.

Measure Taken

"If you kiss me again," declared Miss Lovely firmly, "I shall tell father."

"That's an old tale," replied the bold, bad young man. "Anyway, its worth it," and he kissed her.

Miss Lovely sprang to her feet. "I shall tell father," she said, and left the room.

"Father," she said softly to her parent when she got outside. "Mr. Bolder wants to see your new gun."

"All right, I'll take it in to him," said her father, and two minutes later he appeared in the doorway with his gun in his hand.

There was a crash of breaking glass as Mr. Bolder gived through the window and departed in all haste for the railway station.

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"No, lady," answered Weary Willie. "Many's the time I've wished I had an auto."

A CHANGE OF DIET.

"Mamma, I want a dark breakfast," said the child. "What do you mean, child?"

"Why, last night you told Marj to give me a light supper, and I didn't like it."—Boston Transcript.

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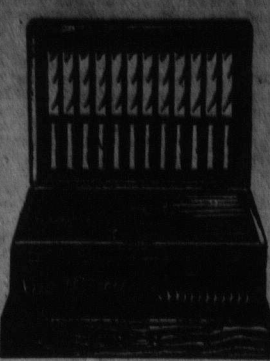
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