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NOTE AND COMMENT

Bothwell Times—If M. Coue would devise some means whereby the average man would not have to work ten to fourteen hours a day the human disease would be lessened in no small degree.

New York Times—Grandfather wouldn't think of smoking when there were ladies present. Father always asked permission when he lighted up. Son offers a cigarette to a lady as he lights his own. Son's son asks her for one.

People who are short of coal may find comfort in the fact that the William C. Altwater Company of Chicago, whose business is that of selling and exporting coal has declared a stock dividend of 1,300 per cent.

There has been a net improvement of \$132,000,000 in Canada's surplus of exports over imports in ten months of the fiscal year 1922-23. That has done more than anything else to put the Canadian dollar on an equality with that of the United States.

Guelph Herald—Economy in government, economy in the legislature, economy in business and economy in private life is today being everywhere talked about and advocated. And, as is usually the case nowadays Governments and individuals are waiting around for one another to make a start. "After you, Alfonso," seems to be the universal game.

Brockville Recorder-Times—It won't do you any harm anyway, to say every day you are getting better and better and say it out loud. It would be much more beneficial than getting up every morning with a bad taste in your mouth, a long face, a tear in your eye, because you feel like saying, "I am getting worse and worse every day." The latter frame of mind is caused by looking backward. The right idea is to look forward.

The Warton Canadian Echo says: Like other citizens Sheriff Jerm attended the fair last fall. He was crossing over the race track when a speeding or racing event was on. He stopped, then a sulky driven by Arnott came along and there was a collision. The sheriff is being sued for \$120 because of alleged damages to the sulky, harness, etc. The defence, we understand, will take the ground that it was not speeding in ring at all, but horse racing, which is not allowed on a fair ground. The case will be decidedly interesting.

It used to be said that a winter with a heavy snowfall would be followed by a good harvest. This winter we have more snow than for several years, but it will have to be a wonderful harvest to beat last year's, which followed an open winter. A Goderich township farmer who has seen half-a-century of winters and harvests says there is nothing in the old saying; his observation is that the harvest bears no relation to the amount of snow in the preceding winter. But it is pretty hard to kill these old traditions.

The department of justice ruled Monday that interest paid on bonds by Canadian companies was liable for income tax. In the past the money paid out by Canadian companies in this way has not been taxed except as income by the persons receiving it. Under the new ruling the company paying out will be forced to pay taxes on the amount which is now to be regarded as company profits even though it is borrowed money. This is a very important ruling and a serious ruling to a large number of companies throughout the Dominion.

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Beans	37.91
Rye	11.94
Buckwheat	16.78
Flax	17.39
Corn (in ear)	31.96
Potatoes	82.81
Carrots	50.92
Mangels	104.89
Turnips	104.37
Sugar beets	103.86
Mixed grains	17.11

It is hard to get a fair idea from such a table. On the face of it, some figures are too low to make money. There is no profit in selling the product of an acre of potatoes for \$82.81. When one deducts price of seed, planting, cultivating, spraying, digging and bagging, \$82 gives one of the reasons why people leave the farm and look for a job in a factory.

PARENT AND SCHOOL TEACHER

The question arises as to whether parents are really doing their duty in the matter of co-operation with the school teachers trying to drill into their offspring the knowledge that will help make useful and forceful citizens of them.

Whether it is public, high school Sunday school of college, there is nothing that so assists the teacher in making the youthful mind receptive of training and in the maintaining of discipline as the fact that he has behind him the strong hand of the folks at home; nor is there anything else that so undermines his work as lack of this kindly co-operation.

We must have our eyes shut if we do not realize that in the children of today there is something missing in their attitude towards their school work and their future life. There are certainly exceptions to this rule, but taken generally children are allowed to develop a lack of application for the more solid things of life, a tendency to slip over work and studies or avoid them altogether. And in this connection a well known Kent county educator who was in Blenheim a short time ago pointed this out as a characteristic of the pupils of today, and said that in classes he had taught for the past year or two he has not found a single brilliant pupil. The principal reason for this he believed to be lack of application and improper influence in the home, that permits all sorts of excuses and amusements to interfere with full devotion of one's faculties towards the acquiring of all the important training for life.

School teachers are not always all that they should be, but none of them are so failing but that their pupils may learn something from them. It is a wrong attitude on the part of both scholars and parents to knock and hamper a teacher whom they consider is not doing well. All the more reason there should be for more generous effort at home in order to prevent damage being done to careers in the making.—Blenheim Tribune.

A NEW DEGREE FROM TORONTO UNIVERSITY

The Legislature of the Province of Ontario received on Monday of last week a very lengthy and very costly report. Last session a group of gentlemen were appointed by the Legislature to find out what is wrong with the hotel business and how to make it better. They spent a delightful summer at the task (with all expenses paid) and perambulated through the country and part of the United States.

The report of 150 pages contains their recommendations, twenty-six recommendations, to be exact. The most interesting of these is the proposal that a course for hotelmen be inaugurated at Toronto University. Hotelkeepers will surely jump at that. To sit at the feet of Sir Robert Falconer while he discourses on "The Roller Towel and the Chained Comb" would be both interesting and inspiring. Other topics suggest themselves: "What Gives the Hotel Clerk that Weary Look?" "The Waiter: How to Keep his Thumb out of the Soup." "The French of the Menu card." "Why is the Hotel Pillow?" etc., etc.

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ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Some Wise, Some Otherwise
Some Newswy, All Readable.

In the earlier period of his life the late Lord Northbourne was a Liberal member of the House of Commons, but that was in Gladstone's day. Once he declared: "The Englishman loves his beer and Bible; the Scotsman keeps the Sabbath and everything else he can lay his hands on; the Irishman does not know what he wants, and is never happy till he gets it; and the Welshman prays on his knees on Sunday and preys on everybody else the remainder of the week."

That the Penny Bank scheme is gaining ground in the schools of Canada is apparent by a statement issued covering the month of November and December 1922, showing total deposits during November of \$48,904.76 and December \$31,372.17, a gain of approximately \$3,000 over the total for the corresponding months of 1921. The average monthly deposits made by each pupil in attendance at schools in some western Ontario cities follows: Blenheim 6c; Forest 23c; Galt 33c; Goderich 22c; Kitchener 13c; London 30c; Niagara Falls 27c; Stratford 30c; Woodstock 16c. The average monthly deposit of each pupil for all Canada was 32c.

Rev. Canon H. J. Cody, rector of St. Paul's, Toronto, recently visited New York city. The scene was Fifth avenue. "As hard as you can," pleaded Dr. Cody, as he jumped into one of those battered yellow taxis, thinking only of the appointment for which he was late. There was a roar, wind whistling by as from an aeroplane propeller, eerie tilting at perilous angles, then a confused hub-bub, shrill whistle, and a loud Irish voice—"Hi, there, you're pinched for speeding." Out of the window appeared Canon Cody's clean shaven face, suffused with one of his blandest smiles. The thunderstorm cleared from the big Irish face of the traffic cop. Graciousness appeared as if by miracle. "I beg pardon, father. Go ahead," he whispered, "but be careful; there's a Protestant cop at the next corner."

This is the age of advertising. He who bloweth not his own horn, the same it shall not be blown. It pays, too. You have often wondered what some of the big ads. cost in the magazines. Here's a secret. It costs exactly \$15,000 for a full page ad in color on the back page of the Ladies' Home Journal. No, not for a year; for one issue. You think it madness to pay that amount of money. People used to think so. Fifty years ago there was not a hard headed business man who wouldn't have fallen off his chair if he had been asked to pay \$15,000 for one advertisement. Yet men compete now to secure in advance the right for positions at these prices. Business men have learned that it pays to spend money in advertising because that, in the long run, is the most effective and least expensive way to sell goods.—Vancouver World.

In the state of Iowa an education critic has been making an extensive investigation into the daily needs of 15,000 persons, of varying trades and professions, and has found how few of the painful arithmetical processes in public schools are utilized in adult life. He discovers that the arithmetical fetishes in public school curriculums and set by enlightened departments of education are not often employed even by book-keepers and business men. In fact, the bugbear of the young student at school is quickly forgotten by the time he reaches manhood. There is very little use for these atrocious figure studies for the average scholar when he has to earn a living. They are merely nightmares of an obsolete school system, except to those few students who are destined to be teachers and will have to inflict them on another generation.

In a pastime conversation the other day remarks were made to the effect that, many people were hard up at the present time. The other fellow who was apparently a bit of a philosopher, came back with the proposition that lots of people are the makers of their own hard times. "Now," he said, "take my case, I have carried on the past year and conducted my business to the best of my ability, and I am several hundred dollars behind where I was a year ago. But I can still keep going because I haven't spent every dollar I made in former years. Some people you know, if they have a good year go right and spend all they have and when a bad year comes they are really up against it. You know, if everybody would just have their wits about them and look ahead a little, they wouldn't have such hard

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Selected seed grain may be divided into two classes: hand-selected and mass-selected. Continued hand-selection keeps the valuable strains pure and maintains their vigour and productiveness, but it is a method requiring both time and care. It is from mass-selected seed grain, i. e. seed selected from grain after threshing that most farmers fill their requirements.

STORMY WEATHER HARD ON BABY

The stormy blustery weather which we have during February and March is extremely hard on children. Conditions make it necessary for the mother to keep them in the house. They are often confined to overheated badly ventilated rooms and catch colds which rack their whole system.

To guard against this a box of Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in the house and an occasional dose given the baby to keep its stomach and bowels working regularly. This will not fail to break up colds and keep the health of the baby in good condition till the brighter days come along. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

QUESTIONS and Bible Answers

If Parents will encourage children to look up and memorize the Bible Answers, it will prove a precious heritage to them in after years.

What day must be kept holy? —Exodus 20:8-11
How can we be free? —John 8:23
How can we know the truth? —John 16:13
How can we have God near us? —James 4:8
Of whom should we not speak evil? —James 4:11
How can we get wisdom? —James 1:5
How should a christian grow? —2 Peter 1:5-7

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OUR SENSE OF SECURITY

Men who are working to corner the "flu" germ say it is so small that it must be magnified 1,000 times before it can be seen under the glass. When one of the first and worst "flu" epidemics was sweeping the country some bright chap made an easy living selling masks made of gauze that were supposed to keep the germs from getting a chance to enter the mouth or nose.

And it may have been that the wearers of those nose bags had a sense of security, gathered from the idea that the germs might land on him, and look around, but couldn't possibly break through the gauze.

But from what we are told now the germs could walk 40 abreast right through the finest gauze made. We build quite a few of our houses on sand foundations.

Good seed should be made up only of the larger and plumper kernels. It is necessary to remove all impurities such as chaff, straw, dirt and other inert matter, weed seeds, seeds of foreign varieties and shrunken, immature or otherwise inferior kernels. Many of these impurities may be removed in the fanning mill, after which it will be necessary to go over the grain to remove what the fanning mill has missed.

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Record Book Issued by District Well Respected Country in the Great Whom 100 Made the Received Decoration

Lambton county is well listed in the roll of honor of school teachers who served great war—1914-1918—just by authority of Hon. R. minister of education. The book is handsomely bound compilation indicates painstaking work on the part of W. Anglin, registrar of the roll lists 848 names of those who laid down their lives for the cause to which they freely gave themselves in the other 210 were wounded decorations either awarded or for which they were mended total 78.

It is noteworthy that 350 listed in the roll are having returned to the teaching profession since their discharge. Heard The Call

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