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Relief Work in London.

There have been a number of privately-called meetings held in the city to put forward various views in connection with the building up of an organization to take care of the distribution of relief in London.

There are those who would take it out of the hands of the city entirely, asking a grant from the civic treasury for the purpose. There are several things to be considered in this regard, and the city officials figure in nearly all of them. A case in point will illustrate the idea:

The relief office at the city hall was called in connection with a case where relief was thought to be necessary. An investigation was made, and there was no doubt about the need of the family, but the man of the house had his own ideas as to how it should be given. He was quite frank in stating that he did not want relief nearly as much as he wanted a chance to go to work. The matter was taken up with the engineering department, and work was found for this citizen. The work gave this family the relief that was best for it, and it gave the city some value at least for the money so expended. Best of all, it gave the man in question the satisfaction of working for his living, and there are very few who have arrived at the stage where they would not prefer this form of relief.

Much is made of the question of overlapping. There is some doubt as to whether overlapping is a greater trouble than overlooking.

There are families, and praise be for them, who will suffer hardship rather than go to the city for relief, or let their circumstances become known to others. These are often the people most deserving of assistance, and very often those the least likely to get it. Any organization that will function properly must be prepared to have a fairly complete record of such cases, although the evidence is not always easy to bring out.

Relief work should put up the slogan "Work if possible" as its first rule. Failing that, the distribution of assistance should be carried on as quietly and with as little ostentation as possible. No family that comes to the point where help is needed cares to have the fact heralded abroad. There is quite a lot of life yet in the old advice, "Do good by stealth, and blush to see it fame."

The idea of one central organization is good; it has been tried before but with varying success. There is no reason in that why it should not ultimately succeed, but it is a fact that it is going to be difficult and open to question if an attempt is made to entirely alienate it from the city hall. If the manner in which the work is done there is not satisfactory, change it, but keep in mind that departments centered there are the chief source of employment during the winter months for those who find themselves out of work.

Climate vs. Tariff.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie was in St. Thomas to tell the farmers of West Elgin at a political gathering that what they need is protection—protection against American foodstuff coming into Canada.

His reasoning was like this:

"Enjoying the additional advantage of climatic conditions which permit them (U. S. foodstuffs) to flood the Canadian market before the home products are ready, United States shippers are enabled to use the Dominion as a convenient dumping ground."

According to his own method of reasoning much of this foodstuff comes from United States because it is ready there before the same product is here.

In other words U. S. growers have it, and Canadian growers have not.

Bringing it into the Canadian market cannot then be a matter of competition, as there is nothing with which to compete.

A tax under such circumstances is not protection; it is a straight tax on the food of the people.

If Mr. Guthrie wants to sell protection to the Canadian farmer on the basis of protection as the American farmer has it, he is welcome to the business and all the political profits he can make from it.

The American farmer is paying through the nose for his protection. In order to secure it he had to make a bargain with almost every other interest represented at Washington, granting to each tariff concessions which weighed on the very things the farmer himself had to purchase. The result is that he is worse off today than when he started.

The Canadian farmers are too well aware of the condition of U. S. agriculturists to desire to follow in their steps.

Mr. Yorath's Warning.

Christopher J. Yorath has earned a reputation in Western Canada as an authority on finance. He is not a theorist alone, but has operated on the hard plane of making good on a positive issue, that of bringing Edmonton from a state of poor to that of good financing.

So when Mr. Yorath starts to speak on terms of education costs he is going to receive attention. Starting at 1901, he places the cost of elementary and secondary education in Canada at $11,750,000 against $37,688,000 in 1913. In 1921 it stood at $97,431,000, while today it is safe to assume it is comfortably over the $100,000,000 mark.

The amount handed over to school boards is a definite sum, while the city or town has to absorb any deficit there may be in the collection of taxes, and in western centers this shrinkage has amounted to 20 or 30 per cent in a number of cases.

Education costs are primarily a tax on real estate. Edmonton had an assessment for school taxes in 1913 of $181,000,000; today it is $60,601,000. Yet in this period the school expenditure has increased from $534,000 to $1,171,000. The source of school revenue has been cut in three, while the school cost has doubled.

Mr. Yorath is living in a district where he can draw upon positive figures to present the most startling argument for greater simplicity in the matter of schools and the extent of subjects to be taught in them.

We have had the same horizontal increases in Ontario, but the saving factor here has been the stability of the source of revenue to draw from. But for all that we cannot afford to ignore the point raised by Mr. Yorath. He makes no attack on education in so far as it touches substantial instruction in necessary lines, but he does draw his blue pencil through the tendency—and we have it—to keep adding items and subjects that cannot measure up to the standard of positive essentials.

The Work of the Police.

London and Toronto had armed robbers at work on Saturday night. Toronto had the variety that drive around in a car, make a dash for a till and escape. London had the kind that know how to use a jimmy, nitro-glycerine, and the proper method of blowing a safe door from its hinges. The latter are not as spectacular or as noisy as the former, but they are more to be dreaded because of the expert knowledge they have of the work in hand.

The London police ought to have the co-operation of citizens generally in running down and stamping out the season of crime that is on in London.

Much of it is referred to as petty robbery, but there is no such thing as petty robbery, because the amount stolen is limited only by the amount that the thief can get.

Criticizing the police because they have not captured each and every culprit is not going to help matters. The London police have a good record in this regard, and right now they want to feel that they have the backing and assistance of the community. They are entitled to it.

Another Vicious Circle.

A mail carrier in Chicago was arrested for stealing revolvers from the mail bags. Some figures that have come out since lead to the belief that it was a good thing this man was stealing, a good thing he was arrested, and a good thing that some of the inspectors have pried into the business of shipping arms all over the country.

The one mail order house, whose guns were being stolen from the mails, was sending out, according to the reporters, 1,100 revolvers per day.

That is only one mail order business, and there are scores of them doing the same thing.

The mails are used for this purpose, and it means that any thug can be armed by writing a letter and inclosing the price of a gun.

The mails are run by a service financed by the people.

The same people in turn pour out their millions to keep up huge police, detective and special squads to chase thugs and robbers.

It is about as silly a performance as could be imagined, and yet there it is.

Note and Comment.

One competent publisher owns up to the fact that he tried to buy the Marion Star, the late President Harding's paper, and said it was worth $400,000 or over. Muckrakers say it would be a crime to mention even $250,000 for it. The difference is between a man who knows and one who is out to spread scandal at any price.

Rarebits
By Rex

DOROTHY DIX.

Though your column is informative and bright;
You have placed upon my life a constant blight;
When you blame and criticize
Us poor, harmless married guys,
My wife reads your stuff and cries
"Dorothy's right."

Though both stern and gentle sexes you condemn,
Wives read only what you say about the men;
Though your column they peruse
All the married girls refuse
To accept your "funny" views
Regarding them.

My wife's written you a letter Doro-Dix,
If you answer you will get me in a fix;
So before you volunteer
To reply to her, my dear,
Let me whisper in your ear:
Dorothy, "Nix!"

The modern adaptation of the old song is "Everybody Shirks But Father."

Prohibition has its benefits. It has increased the value of a doctor's signature from nothing to two dollars.

In fact most medical writers find it hard to decide whether to confine their talent to writing essays or prescriptions.

Whenever we see the life of the party trying on all the women's bonnets we realize that, after all, hatpins have their uses.

Apparently no man can be a big success unless he has the gall to tell other people how to be one.

If the monkeys ever learn that they are supposed to be this generations ancestors you can't blame them if they lose their temper.

Anyway the United States can always boast of having the most oily politicians in captivity.

INTOXICATION.

"Your breath intoxicates me,"
Said the hero in a rage,
To the bright and winsome heroine
Who stood upon the stage.

When I heard him I decided,
With good drinks becoming fewer,
That I'd better bribe that hero guy
To introduce me to her.

A pamphlet came to us yesterday entitled, "The Acid Test For Your Eyes." Just another grape fruit advertisement, we suppose.

Without being particularly noted for a sense of humor, pedestrians are nevertheless always up to some dodge.

All tips and no pay makes Jack a bell boy.

When a married many always has clean hands one cannot help suspecting that his wife makes him wash the dishes.

If there is nothing new under the sun, will some guy please tell us how to remove a collar button imprint off ones' Adam's apple.

This may be leap year, but we haven't noticed any girls offering us engagement rings.

JAMES M'GUIRE CHOSEN HEAD OF POULTRY CLUB

Special to The Advertiser.

Wallaceburg, Feb. 17.—The Wallaceburg Poultry and Pet Stock Society held their annual meeting on Thursday in the library. The election of officers for the coming year was held and resulted as follows: Honorary presidents, Mayor Dr. S. A. Richardson, William McNairnie, sr.; president, James McGuire; first vice-president, H. McPhail; second vice-president, Frank Deroven; secretary, W. R. Hewer; assistant secretary, Fred. Colwell; treasurer, Geo. Warrener; superintendent, J. Brownlee; directors, W. Brethour, E. Taylor, J. A. Holmes, James Garnet, T. Kenny, S. Bradd, Theo Belanger, F. Hickling, W. E. Warner; auditors, Peter Forbes and George Masefield.

GREY COUNTY SOUTH L. O. L. ELECTS 1924 OFFICERS

Special to The Advertiser.

Durham, Feb. 17. — The annual meeting of Grey County South L.O.L. was held in Roberts' Hall, Holstein, with twenty-eight delegates present. They came from Mount Forest, Conn, Cedarville, Louise, Allan Park, Egremont, Durham, Glenelg and the local lodge. Officers were elected as follows: County master, Joseph Brown, Allan Park; deputy county master, William Lytle, Mt. Forest; chaplain, J. B. Moon, Mt. Forest; recording secretary, John McGirr, Durham; treasurer, R. J. Eden, Varney; director of ceremonies, Geo. A. Noble, Durham; 1st lecturer, George Robb, Cedarville; 2nd lecturer, Wm. Erwin, Durham.

HUNT TIRE SLASHER.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Feb. 17.—The police at Windsor are searching for a man who is reported to be slashing automobile tires with a sharp knife or razor. Several cases have been reported within the past month, where drivers returned to find large cuts in their tires after parking machines on side streets.

FUNERAL IN DETROIT.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Feb. 17.—Funeral services for Alexander McKay, former resident of Kincardine, who died here Friday night, will be held tomorrow from the family residence, 208 Pilgrim avenue. Mr. McKay, who was sixty-eight years old, came here from Kincardine twelve years ago. Active member of North Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church.

ILLNESS WAS BRIEF.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Feb. 17.—The death occurred at midnight Saturday of Lena Sheahan, wife of James N. Henderson. Although her health had been impaired for several years as the result of an attack of the flu, her death followed a serious illness of only two weeks' duration.

The Guide Post—
By Henry van Dyke

FORBEARANCE.

Forbearing one another in love.—Ephesians iv., 2.

We ought to see in God's forbearance to judge men a lesson of forbearance to us.

We are too quick; not often too quick to approve, but very often too quick to condemn.

We think it confers a sort of dignity and virtue to say of other men and women that they are bad.

We are in haste to don the judicial ermine and put on the black cap and pronounce sentence.

We foster evil reports, and repeat gossip, and devour our fellows like cannibals.

Who art thou that judgest another?

Remember Christ's words to his own disciples:

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."

How can we read the hidden motives, how can we know the deep repentance and regret that enter into the lives about us?

Beware of censoriousness. This world of impartial sunlight and equal falling rain is not the place of judgment.

And thank God, you and I are not, either here or hereafter, the final judges.

My heart would shrink in speechless terror from deciding the destiny of a single human soul.

That belongs to God; and to God not now, but when the shadows of time have vanished in the light of eternity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Advertiser welcomes letters discussing matters of public interest. It is necessary that the name of the writer be sent as an evidence of good faith, but not necessarily for publication.

It's Different Now.

Former Restaurant Keeper in Toronto Does Not Think Mr. McGarry Knows the Facts.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—I was just reading Hon. T. W. McGarry's remarks in regard to hustling along another referendum on the question of temperance legislation in Ontario. I notice that he compares conditions on the streets of Vancouver with those of Toronto. I have not been in Vancouver recently, but I do know Toronto now, and for years past.

I keep a restaurant there on a downtown street, and sold it about a year ago. Before the O. T. A. Saturday night was always a bad one because the bars closed early. There were many times when we had a man hired for the purpose of looking after the drunks who came in for supper after the closing of the bars at 7 on Saturday night. Mr. McGarry can't tell me anything about that because I was through it and he wasn't.

Since the passing of the O. T. A. there has not been any trouble on this score. It was very seldom that I ever had a man come into the place under the influence of liquor. Business was better all the way along, and it was much easier to get and keep a good class of help around the place on that account. J. W. C.

London, Feb. 18, 1924.

Not Welcomed Now.

Winnipeg Correspondent Wonders If Incidents of the War Have All Been Forgotten.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—May I congratulate Ontario and the organizations, whose letters of protest I have read in the Tiser lately, for having men sufficiently loyal and true to Canada to protest in every way possible the entry of Germans and other people of enemy countries into Canada. Who caused the whole world to suffer as it does today? The Germans. And whom did our brave, loyal men (and women, too) die to keep from our shores? These same people. Only five short years ago, and now we have a government which has already forgotten what loyal men and women suffered then and suffer still. In Manitoba, we have in power men far busier with church union, scrapping over trivial matters, instead of demanding that our province, at least, be kept free from Russian agitators, Germans, and others, never wanted in this country, today. Even in Fort William the Finns are harboring some of these Soviets, and in today's Winnipeg Free Press I see unemployed men are trying to stop the only men and women wanted by loyal people in Canada coming here by writing to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

These men hail from Toronto, and I feel sure Ontario people will see the working of the Workers' party in this—keep out British and allow the present government to bring in undesired foreigners so the already too large votes of these people may grow.

Our returned and maimed men can find little sale for their toys and other work, which is their only means of earning a living, but in Hull, Germans are to be allowed to open a toy factory. Are we such easy marks as to allow that? Surely not.

Let us save our country from the German kultur of the present.

Nothing but praise can be given to settlers from Germany of long years ago, but our wounds and hearts are far too sore for us to welcome enemy immigrants here again.

CANADIAN.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.

The Temperance Issue.

St. Thomas Writer Has No Patience With Effort To Wipe Off Progress That Has Been Made.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—Even an editor appreciates a few words of commendation, and if all who are pleased with your brief, spicy and up-to-date editorials were to so write you, you would be deluged with communications.

A Blyth correspondent indorsed heartily a recent editorial, and this correspondent wishes to express approval of your stand on the temperance issue. The editorial on the 15th inst., "He Got One Answer," was capital. What can Mr. Currie, M. P. P., mean (and a few others like him)? Do they forget that about three-fourths of Ontario was under local option law (and much of it obtained by 60 per cent vote) when the "war-time prohibition" was given us in 1916, and that only four years later it was overwhelmingly indorsed at the polls, and now, with one stroke, these gentlemen would deprive us of this law, which, notwithstanding their incessant opposition, has made good.

You spoke truly in saying that public sentiment, especially in rural sections, was "solidly behind temperance legislation," so one of these city M. P's., a few days ago, asked "Why Barrie and Stouffville should control Toronto, etc.?"

I hope the constituencies will watch the course pursued by their representatives on this question, for there is already much "twisting and turning" to see where it is safe to stand.

I agree with a writer in a Toronto journal, that it would be good business of the new government to improve and further enforce the present law, and not throw the country into an expensive campaign upon the say so of a few booze-favoring politicians, who are really more noisy than numerous. Yours for

TEMPERANCE.

St. Thomas, Feb. 18, 1924.

COURTRIGHT BLACKSMITH ILL ONLY FEW MINUTES

Special to The Advertiser.

Courtright, Feb. 16.—Fred Clinkerman, a well-known citizen of Courtright, died very suddenly Friday morning. He was 78 years old and for the past forty years had been running a blacksmith shop here. Survivors are four daughters and two sons: Mable (Mrs. Chowen), town; Margaret (Mrs. Bouce), Petrolia; Clara, Detroit; Orviel, Windsor; Charles and Blanche at home.

When Mr. Clinkerman got up yesterday he was not feeling very well, so went back to bed, and a few minutes after passed away. He was school trustee and had served on this board for a number of years.

Tavish Mactavish
To His People At Home

Dear Bob,—

How often stories in newspaper, either by accident or by the perspicacity of the editor, which have some bearing on one another, are placed in juxtaposition. Today I find three interesting stories of jewels. One says that Mrs. Jerry of Washington has become the possessor of a string of pearls belonging to the ex-czarina valued at $500,000 and the other two state that "the police have found a quantity of jewelry amongst the possessions of the dead girl which they consider valuable clues and are following up."

Women and gems have always been and I suppose will always be connected, whether in love or crime, in the ballroom or in the criminal court. The jewels of modern times have just as unsavory a reputation in the matter of fatal consequences as any of the famous jewels of history supposed to have caused a series of deaths and tragedies.

Sir James Cantlie, that rather eccentric old Scottish surgeon, with a very fashionable coterie of patients, has made one more "sweeping attack" on hygiene. He is a most refreshing chap to listen to and his preambles on civilized health are always interesting.

This time he says: "I use a warming pan every night and the result is that at 78 I can dance better than most of you at 17. Rheumatism is the curse of the professional man and it is due to damp clothes."

He is much more vigorous in dealing with the use of tooth brushes. He says: "You simply drive the poison deeper into the gums with the tooth brush. I cannot find any mention of dentists in the Bible, and if there were no dentists there were no bad teeth. Moses did not use a tooth brush. The country where teeth are worst and the dentists most numerous is America, which can produce good dentists, but cannot show sound teeth."

He likes to take a dig at all superficial fashions and adds on the subject of hats. "Adam in the garden of Eden used a piece of straw to tie a cabbage on his head, and ever since man has been using a hat band for no reason whatsoever."

He favors the use of liquid nightcaps, but only on the condition that they are taken at least an hour before retiring. Sir James is a golfing enthusiast, conducts a gymnastic class for men over 70, and heads it himself. He is a supreme optimist, and a tonic to the younger generation of medical men.

Speaking of doctors again—I seem to run to the profession today—I see a worthy "sawbones" in old London has been fined one guinea for speeding down the old City Road (you remember it?) at 45 miles an hour. In explanation he told the magistrate he had been going to attend a man who had his nose cut off. He arrived in time, however, to make a first-class job of it, and the nose is now "as you were." I hope the chap who was in this uncomfortable predicament paid the doctor's fine. It is worth a guinea to have one's nose replaced.

TAVISH.

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC COAST TOURS.

During the winter the Pacific Coast States and British Columbia offer a haven of refuge from our rigorous climate, particularly Sunny California. California has become famous as a winter tourist region because of its excellent climatic condition, its varied and magnificent scenery, the possibilities it affords for all kinds of outdoor sports and recreations, its splendid motor roads, sea-bathing, etc.

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Any agent of the Canadian National Railways will be pleased to furnish full informataion regarding these tours.—Advt. F.18,21,26

WOMAN INJURED.

Mrs. J. Lilie, of Brisbane street, an aged woman, fell on a slippery sidewalk in front of her home on Saturday and suffered a fractured leg. She was removed to Victoria Hospital. This morning her condition was reported to be favorable.

RESERVES JUDGMENT ACTION FOR $773,900

Application Made by Dominion Custodian To Be Made Part in Suit.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Judgment was reserved this morning on an application made by the Dominion custodian of enemy property, to add that official as a part in a suit between Marcel Weil of Paris, France, against the Canadian Picacfis Railway, to recover 7,739 shares of C. P. R. stock (par value $773,900) and accrued dividends. When war broke out these shares were registered in the name of the Deutschland National Bank, which owed the C. P. R. £500,000. The C. P. R. got authority to hold these shares pending peace. Later the interests of the Deutschland concern became involved in those of Marcel Weil, of Paris, and a suit in regard to the shares is now proceeding in France.

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"Also for myself and the other children I can find nothing to equal it. In fact, it was only a short time ago that I gave it to my 10-months-old baby, and could immediately see the difference it made in her. Now, I always keep Norway Pine Syrup in the house, as I feel there is nothing to equal it."

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