

The seeds of pessimism sprout most vigorously in little minds. Littleless in none of its various forms, finds representation in The London Advertiser. Optimism is cheer, and cheer is the major note in your home newspaper.

CONDEMN PUBLICATION OF RACING TIPS

CITY PASTORS RAP PRINTING OF SELECTIONS
Denounce Unqualified Publication of Information Likely To Encourage Gambling.

CLERGY PROTEST AS UNIT
Secretary of London Social Service Council Claim Practice Illegal.

The London Advertiser does not publish selections of "tips" on horse races or other matter tending to encourage the gambling evil in either morning or evening editions.

"It is almost inconceivable that at the very moment a bill forbidding newspapers to print race-track gambling 'tips' has passed the United States Senate, and while the Detroit Council of Churches has petitioned the press of that city to suppress similar information, that there should be in the Dominion of Canada three or four daily journals, one of them actually a London morning newspaper that still furnish their readers with suggestions as to the three 'best horses' in each race to bet on each day."

"It is indeed a surprise to me," a member of the London Ministerial Alliance stated frankly Wednesday morning. "I did not actually know that these so-called 'tips' were published by any morning newspaper in the city. I know that the practice has been discontinued for a long time in Toronto, and for many weeks by The London Advertiser."

"Why, surely, we are not forced to say that we are behind the Americans in this respect. I see only this morning that the United States Senate has passed a bill to prohibit all American newspapers from publishing predictions or suggestions of this nature."

"Personally, I do not think that the publication of this matter can do good. It is thoroughly demoralizing in character, and can only contribute to the advantage of petty gamblers, that 'dons,' and the financial and moral ruin of many of the youths of our city."

"The minister pointed out further that in order to combat the most dangerous of betting odds and friendly 'tips' the authorities should conduct a careful study of the laws affecting forms of gambling and prepare such amendments thereto as shall give perfect control over the situation."

"This is a subject," he concluded, "in which the better citizens of London, irrespective of religious denomination, desire only that the youth of our city be protected from harmful and menacing influences, such as the publication of race-track gambling 'tips' are bound to produce. The newspapers are daily visitors to our homes and are read by hundreds of our city's youth every day in the week."

"We feel, therefore, that this printed matter to which we raise objection is very hurtful to the young life of our city. We simply desire to express our vigorous disapproval of such matter and thrust upon us regardless of our wishes."

"I am indeed surprised," was the comment made by Rev. W. L. Ambridge, "that such 'tips' are actually still published in the morning edition of a local paper. I feel that such suggestions are indeed detrimental."

"I object to it very much," commented Rev. J. G. Stuart, a prominent member of the London Social Service Council. "Newspapers should be ashamed of themselves for publishing such things, because it means nothing more than the encouragement of gamblers."

"It seems an absurd thing to put a ban on gambling, then, provide facilities through publishing of racing tips broadcast," was the view expressed by Rev. D. C. MacGregor, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

"It might be taken," he granted, "he claimed, 'that I would be opposed to giving place in the newspapers to racing tips.'"

"It is nothing more nor less than a kindergarten for gambling. It is a great temptation to young men and women, perhaps on a rather limited salary, to be offered a chance, even if a very slim one, to make a considerable amount of money to carry through social or other projects."

"Publishing of the 'tips' brings gambling to the attention of the young men. Making of handbooks is based on the 'tips,' and the publishing of the 'tips' gives a chance for the carrying on of this system of gambling on the streets and in other places illegal in the sight of the law."

"This country is decidedly behind the United States in legislation affecting gambling. They are logical, at least, on the other side of the line."

Encourages Evil.

"Gambling on horse races is the evil of the whole business," stated Rev. T. S. Roy of Talbot Street Baptist Church, "and there is no doubt that the publication of 'tips' on the horses most likely to win the races encourages the evil habit of gambling. For that reason it should be frowned upon and discouraged in every way."

"Nearly every man who ever drove a horse likes to be able to get out on a country road and let the animal speed up a bit. The horse likes it, and so does the driver, but that has nothing to do with gambling on horse races, which has come to be a habit that should be turned to Page 7, Column 2."

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DR. HENRY MEEK DIES FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

Outstanding Physician of Western Ontario Was Invalid For Past Year.

WAS BORN NEAR FINGAL

Traveled Extensively and Actively Worked For Western University's Success.

Dr. Henry Meek, who died at his residence, 330 Queen's avenue, at 5 o'clock this morning, was one of the outstanding physicians of Western Ontario. He had been ill for some years, and it was his custom to spend about five months of the year at his home in Fingal, Ontario, and the rest of the year in London. He was not so well as usual, and had been staying at his home in Fingal for some time. He was a native of Fingal, Ontario, and had been in London for many years. He was a member of the London Ministerial Alliance, and had been active in its work for many years. He was a man of great energy and ability, and had made many contributions to the community. He was a member of the London Social Service Council, and had been active in its work for many years. He was a man of great energy and ability, and had made many contributions to the community. He was a member of the London Social Service Council, and had been active in its work for many years.

Three Brothers Survive. His death took place at 5 o'clock this morning, very peacefully. Awaiting early, he got up, dressed, and with a cheerful "Good morning," returned to bed again immediately. He entered upon his last sleep. Dr. Meek is survived by his widow and three brothers, Charles, a lawyer in Toronto, and George, who is still living on the old farm near Fingal. He is survived also by a nephew, a member of the London Ministerial Alliance, and a son-in-law, a member of the London Social Service Council.

Dr. Meek, who was 68 years old at his death, was keenly interested in the progress of the Western University, and many of his warmest friends. For many years he was professor of gynecology at that institution, only resigning two years ago, when his health made it impossible to continue in active work. He was one of the foremost surgeons of the province, being the pioneer in aseptic surgery in this part of the country.

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Dr. Meek took no active place in public affairs, but he was always keenly interested in his quiet way," said Dr. John MacGregor, one of his closest friends, in speaking of him this morning.

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The funeral, which will be private, is to be held from his late residence at 2:30 o'clock on Friday.

SUPPORTS APPEAL OF HON. JAMES MURDOCK
Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 11.—The principal business of the Alberta Federation of Labor at its Tuesday afternoon session was a speech by Hon. Alexander Ross, minister of public works in the Alberta cabinet, in which he dealt with the question of unemployment. Mr. Ross took occasion to lend his support to the appeal of Hon. James Murdock, federal minister of labor, who some days ago urged that employers and employees throughout Canada get together on the wage scales to reduce those existing the coming spring. He declared, would give the greatest possible fillip to business and bring back employment at normal times, and a consequent wiping out of the ranks of the unemployed in the least time.

At the present time there are 3,700 registered unemployed in Alberta.

OPPOSE RESIGNATION OF FARMER CANDIDATE
Calgary, Jan. 11.—That no Progressive member-elect in Alberta should resign his seat in favor of Hon. Chas. Stewart, minister of the interior, was urged in a resolution adopted yesterday by the United Farmers' political association of East and West Calgary. Stewart was recently appointed to the federal cabinet, and no seat has as yet been found for him. The resolution recommended that no member of parliament resign his seat except with the consent of a "dually constituted" accredited convention of representatives of the group, groups or organization which nominated, endorsed and elected him.

DESCHANEL DEFEATED FOR OFFICE IN SENATE
Paris, Jan. 11.—Paul Deschanel, former president of France, seeking his first senate office, was defeated today in party caucus for membership on the senate foreign affairs committee. Before he was elected to the presidency of France in 1920 he held the office of president of the chamber of deputies, and was at one time president of the parliamentary committee on foreign and colonial affairs. He was elected to the senate in January of last year.

BREAK IN MAIN PERILS OTTAWA WATER SUPPLY

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Bursting of the side of a valve in one of the 51-inch water main feeders of the city, at Bronson and Laurier avenues yesterday afternoon, placed Ottawa for an hour in a most critical position. The break, which was most unusual, was traced to a defective valve. It caused much inconvenience in public institutions like the hospitals, as well as private dwellings.

Predicts Galoshes Soon to Make Way for Russian Boot.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The heavy flapping galoshes will soon lose popularity with the women and girls, according to exhibitors at the National Retail Shoe Association's exhibition today. They are to be supplanted by the Russian boot, according to shoe men. The foreigner on exhibition which dealers say will de-throne the galoshes is a patent leather boot with red tops.

Called By Death
Prominent London Physician Passes After Prolonged Illness.

WENIGE RAISES OBJECTION TO WILSON'S PLAN

Declares the Pay-As-You-Go System Was Fathered By Him.

MAYOR SAID IMPOSSIBLE

The Defeated Candidate Also Points Finger At Engineering Probe.

Removed to Hospital.

Obtaining the assistance of Chris Brooks, a farmer living near by, Mr. Northover returned to the scene of the accident, released Mr. Langford, and carried him to Mr. Brooks' home, where Dr. N. P. Schram and A. L. Oatman's ambulance were called, and Mr. Langford was removed to Victoria Hospital. Mr. Langford sustained crushed left shoulder, crushed right lung, and severe scalp wounds.

The place where the accident occurred is very dangerous by reason of the sharp turns on the approach to the bridge.

From the position the automobile was found in, it apparently had turned a complete somersault, alighting on its rear wheels and resting on the abutment of the bridge.

The main portion of the bridge has been closed for several days, and it is probable that it will be closed for some time.

The motor car was badly damaged, and it is impossible to state whether it was the steering gear of the car which was the cause of the accident, but this is the general opinion, because marks in the earth show that Langford never straddled the wheels of the car after making the turn onto the bridge.

Langford had been employed at the City Gas Company up until a year ago. He was a member of Hackett L. O. No. 865.

Besides his parents, with whom he resided, Mr. Langford is survived by a widow and one daughter.

Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson ordered an inquest into Mr. Langford's death, and a jury was empaneled at noon Wednesday.

FIND DELORME INSURED WEEK BEFORE MURDER

Montreal, Jan. 10.—It has been ascertained that several days before his body was discovered outside a deserted shack, near Snowdon Junction, Roul Delorme, 24-year-old Ottawa student, took out \$25,000 worth of life insurance with the Salvaguard Life Insurance Company of this city. The Salvaguard Company decided to carry half the risk, while the balance was reinsured with the Sun Life Assurance Company.

This morning one of the teachers of the University of Ottawa, where the young man was a student, was closeted with Chief of Detectives LeFarge for over two hours, but the subject of their discussion was not disclosed.

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