

Opinions From Our Contemporaries

A WRONG SORT OF EDUCATION

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and he will not depart therefrom." is an old saying that still largely holds true. That being so, what is to be expected of the impression a boy receives at the moving pictures which are placed before him in this country? What does he see when he goes to the moving picture house? Shooting affrays, hold-ups, safe cracking, burglaries, gambling joints and a host of other scenes that the average child ought not to see and never will see in a lifetime in real life. Why, then, one wonders, do the moving picture houses present such films to the public and especially to children, and for whose edification the reels it is presumed are especially selected? Are there no others of an educative nature that could be secured for such occasions?

The trouble, no doubt, is that the film manufacturers cater to that sort of exciting scenes and they pay little attention to the needs of the children. One wonders that the theatre managers could rise in their might and insist upon a change, so far as the machines are concerned, at any rate. If a boy witnesses nothing but gun-play and wild life, is it to be wondered at that he becomes permeated with such thoughts and tries to emulate some of the scenes he has witnessed. If such scenes were true to life they would be bad enough, but they are not. Then why implant in the youthful mind impressions that are unusual and unheard of in our day? Moving pictures are a great power in the land and we want to see them used to uplift, not lower, the minds of those who receive from them the greater part of their education of life in other countries. It ought to be a constant endeavor to see that the pictures are worthy of the great cause of real education.—Guelph Herald.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC NOT DEAD

It may be that a few of our readers imagine that John Barleycorn is even now gasping his last, and that there is nothing further necessary except to make arrangements for the funeral. Unfortunately for the world the traffic in intoxicants is tremendously alive and is still prepared to give and take the hardest kind of blows. In Canada, with every province but one under some form of local prohibition, and even Quebec three-quarters dry, the distillation of whiskey and the manufacture of wine and beer proceed without let or hindrance, save that no wheat is allowed to be used in the manufacture of whiskey, and as only a few bushels were used anyway this prohibition is simply a joke. And instead of national war-time prohibition the Dominion Government simply agreed to prohibit the advertising of liquors in prohibition territory, and even this little sop to the temperance people failed to get through the Senate, not having the necessary party backing. It is evident that the liquor traffic has not appreciably relaxed its grip upon the Government, and there is hard fighting ahead if Canada is to go dry.—Christian Guardian.

THE GHOULS OF TRADE

All Canada is called upon to pinch and save as a measure of war-winning; and all Canada is pinched by high prices. It is no wonder that the whole country is in arms against the spoliation of the food profiteers who are coming the sacrifice of us all and the blood and the very lives of our soldiers into ill-gotten gain. In condemnation of this there is no politics. The hand and voice of the journals friendly to the government, as well as the voice of Labor Congresses and church courts, are raised against the predatory assaults of the food profiteers. There is no party politics in the condemnation. The General Executive of Home Missions and Social Service of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, on Thursday passed the following significant resolution: "Whereas our own and other nations are making great sacrifices in connection with the war, and whereas, it has come to light that certain individuals and groups of individuals are taking advantage of the war conditions to exact from the State and the public generally exorbitant profits by exploiting the necessities of life—

Resolved that the General Ex-

ecutive of Home Missions and Social Service of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, vote their protest against all such profiteering, and request that stringent measures be taken by the authorities concerned to prevent as far as possible, these unpatriotic, unworthy, and shameful practices and that the church, through its pulpits and otherwise, express its indignation because of these practices."

When the country is being combated for money; when everybody from childhood to old age, is importuned to save money to loan to the Government for war purposes, it seems an enormity of guilt that money by the millions should be diverted from the common store, the common cause, to swell the fatness of private and corporate purses.—Peterborough Examiner.

FORD'S DISGRACE

No language is strong enough to express the indignation which the news of the disgraceful proceedings at Ford, Ont., on Sunday aroused in the breasts of the Catholics of this province. Conduct so utterly unchristian and un-Catholic brings the blush of shame to the cheeks of all who have the interests of the church and the welfare of souls at heart. Our readers are cognizant with the facts from the despatches which have appeared in the press. The responsible head of the diocese, his Lordship Bishop of Fallon, appointed the Rev. Father Laurendeau to succeed the late Father Beaudoin as pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, Ford. "Of his competence from every point of view, to fulfill the onerous obligations of this portion of his care, there can be no manner of doubt," writes Bishop Fallon. In spite of this a certain element of the parishioners objected to the Bishop's appointment because Father Laurendeau was suspected of anti-bilingual sympathies. The Bishop very naturally refused to accede to the stand he had taken. Father Laurendeau had been appointed pastor by competent ecclesiastical authority, and for the Bishop to cancel his appointment for the reason given would be a betrayal of his trust and an abdication of his high office. Last Saturday evening, in obedience to his Bishop's instructions, Father Laurendeau proceeded to Ford to assume his new duties. He found the doors locked and barred and the approaches to the presbytery held by a mob of several hundred people. A considerable force to permit the priest's taking possession of the parochial residence. The riot act was read by the Mayor and a force of some fifty soldiers summoned from London to assist in maintaining the peace. Such are the bald outlines of an incident which is happily rare in the annals of Catholic Church government. It is difficult to see what the French enthusiasts of Ford expect to gain by the adoption of such tactics. Far from assisting their propaganda, such conduct must, inevitably alienate the sympathy of many who hitherto have espoused their cause. Whatever be the rights or the wrongs of the bilingual dispute the right of a Catholic Bishop to administer the affairs of his diocese admits of no debate. We know nothing of Father Laurendeau's views on the bilingual question. Whether his sympathies are for or against the French claims is altogether foreign to the point at issue. A priest is not ordained to propagate certain political theories or to foster certain national movements. He is ordained to do the work of Jesus Christ. Of his fitness to do that work his bishop is the judge. The malcontents of Ford do not question this fitness. But they do question the right of a Catholic Bishop to appoint as their pastor a priest whose views on extraneous matters do not coincide with their own. Our readers need not feel unduly alarmed at the regrettable incident. It must needs be that scandals come and when they do come they are a source of heartbreak to the loyal children of the holy church. But always the church emerges triumphant. The trouble at Ford is but an incident in the campaign waged against Bishop Fallon by men who masquerade under the guise of Catholics, but who to vent their petting spleen, would rend the Catholic Church in Canada into two opposing factions.

We do not believe that the majority of French Canadians of this province sympathize with their compatriots at Ford. Things have now

come to such a pass that it is their solemn duty to publicly disavow such scandalous and disgraceful proceedings.—Canadian Freeman.

DANGER FOR MANITOBA

While conscription will be made the one issue in the coming election, there is a side to the contest which the people of Manitoba should consider carefully. It is the probability (if not the certainty) that if Sir Wilfrid Laurier is returned to power he will pass a Remedial Bill fastening Separate Schools upon the Province of Manitoba.

He would be in a strong position to introduce such legislation in the Dominion Parliament. The settlement of the school question which he effected with Mr. Greenway in 1897 has been abrogated by the Norris Government, in the interests of the children, and with the approval of their parents. Sir Wilfrid Laurier might very well argue that as the province had not observed the agreement which it made with him twenty years ago, he should be relieved of any obligation not to coerce the province in the matter of education.

It must be remembered that Sir Wilfrid is an out-and-out advocate of separate schools. His denunciation of the public schools at the time he introduced the autonomy bill for Alberta and Saskatchewan revealed him as an enemy of a non-sectarian public school system. Holding such views, and having the excuse he would have, in the abrogation of the Laurier-Greenway settlement, there is no room to doubt that he would improve the opportunity to compel by Dominion enactment the creation of a Roman Catholic separate school system in Manitoba.

If the people of that province want to be sure that their present school system will be firmly established, and continued, they must see to it that Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not get the power to interfere with existing arrangements at this present time. If another five years are allowed to elapse, the Thornton School Law will be so unanimously accepted and thoroughly established that no Dominion government would dare to interfere with it. We trust that our friends in Manitoba will keep before the minds of their neighbors and fellow citizens the dangers that we have outlined flowing from the return to power of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.—Orange Sentinel.

IT IS UP TO MR. HANNA

We received a communication the other day from the Food Controller's which contained some startling statements from the pen of Mr. Harry Laurier, urging the necessity of economy in the use of bread. We presume that as the Canadian Food Controller sends out these statements of Mr. Laurier they are accepted by the Government as substantially correct, and the state of affairs which they describe is real and not imaginary. Here are a few of these statements: "The lives of many brave men, the lives of many women and little children, may depend on the thickness of the slice and the number of slices you eat. Now today at your breakfast table you will help to win, or you will help to lose, the war. We are in a state of siege! That may not be so easy to believe, but it is true, terribly true. "Think of our brave lads going over the top hungry! In very truth, if you eat that extra pound of bread, you are eating the flesh from the bones of our soldiers. Look at the blade of your bread knife, and see if it does not run with blood! If you throw away a crust, remember, you say Laurier, 'to repeat your devil's orison. There goes the life of a British soldier! Amen!'"

And then, after referring to the loss of his own son in the war, he asks, in impassioned tones: "We that have lost our own flesh and blood, we that have paid the price of victory, shall we be robbed of it for the sake of a pound of bread?" We would not minimize Mr. Laurier's appeal, we would rather emphasize it, but there is a growing feeling that our food control policy is rather too much of a humbug. We believe in economy, and our people believe in it; we are anxious to win the war and we are willing to make sacrifices for this end; and not a few of us have given our sons to the colors; and some of us are eating a little less white bread and considerably more brown bread, corn bread and oatmeal, for we are in this war to win. But we beg to call the Hon. Mr. Hanna's attention to the following fact, of which, possibly, he may not have heard, being so exceedingly busy trying to conserve the food supply by getting the people to eat less. The fact to which we refer is this: In 1916-17 Canada wasted in her distilleries in manufacturing whiskey

88,007,919 pounds of grain, and she wasted the same year in brewing beer 71,956,049 pounds of malt, or a total of 159,963,968 pounds of food, good either for man or beast. And by one stroke of his pen, the Food Controller could stop this waste. He has not done so. Why is it? We think it is time our Food Controller himself took a little of Harry Laurier's sermon. Suppose we put it in this way, "Think of our brave lads going over the top, hungry! In very truth if you waste that 160,000,000 pounds of grain you are taking the flesh from the bones of our soldiers. If you throw away this great quantity of food, remember to repeat your devil's orison: 'There goes the lives of thousands of British soldiers. Amen.'" To us it is a national crime that with the world and our homeland face to face with famine, Canada should continue the wasteful and wicked waste of 160,000,000 pounds of food each year. If Mr. Hanna believes what his department says, then in the name of God let him stop this waste!—Christian Guardian.

A BROKEN PROMISE

Are promises of premiers worth more than those of petty politicians? Apparently not. Read this, people of Smith's Falls and think of Roy Mitchell and how he was denied the vacant postmastership here.—New Hamburg, Ont. "A vacancy in the postmastership occurred here recently and instead of a veteran of the war being appointed to the position, it went to a staunch Conservative, whose only claim for the post, it is said, is that he has been an active party man. There is much feeling in the locality over the appointment and the steps leading up to it. The appointment of Joseph F. Rau to the postmastership came as a surprise to the residents. It was made in the face of a petition signed by a big majority of the voters in favor of a wounded soldier, Wilfred Cecil Lashinger, on the recommendation of a Conservative executive, which the former Tory president declares is not representative of the party in this town. Stories of pro-Germanism of some of the interested parties are afoot."—Smith's Falls News (Con.)

ONTARIO WOULD SOONER RAISE DOGS THAN SHEEP

Ontario might achieve eminence as a great sheep-raising country. The Ontario farmers have decided that their province must retain its present eminence as a great dog-raising country. The question whether the farmers will control the dogs or whether the dogs will kill the sheep seems to be decided. The dogs have it.—Toronto Telegram.

HORNERITE INJUNCTION

The appellate division at Osgoode Hall has allowed the appeal of Bishop R. C. Horner of the Holiness Movement Church from the interim injunction restraining him from exercising the functions of his office. He was removed by a vote of the General Synod but argues that there was not a representative attendance present at the time this vote was taken. He was restored by a later district synod meeting at Ottawa. The appellate division could not understand what irreparable injury would have occurred had the injunction not been granted, especially in view of the understanding that Mr. Horner would not exercise the functions until upheld in his contention. The appellate division considered that in view of a lack in the quorum which declared Bishop R. C. Horner deposed from the bishopric. The case comes to trial at Ottawa next Monday.

STOCK THIEVES IN HARVEY TOWNSHIP

Some One Stole And Killed Twelve Cattle From Brown's Ranch. A number of cattle ready for the market, have recently been stolen from Brown's ranch in Harvey township, and no trace of the thieves has yet been found. The other day, however, twelve hides were found buried near the scene of the robbery and the hides proved to be those of the cattle stolen. The thieves evidently feared to risk detection by offering for sale the hides, which, in the trial of the Dummer cattle rustlers, proved so important a link in the chain of evidence which sent a number of men to the penitentiary. It is likely that the authorities will be called upon to make another round-up of the men who have no regard for the property rights of others.—Peterborough Review.

NEWS ACROSS THE BORDER

No more gold will be allowed to leave American ports for Spain. An aircraft board of nine members is to be created in the States. The total advanced to the Entente by the U. S. A. is now \$3,425,400,000. The New York Railway Co. is prepared to take the city into partnership. The American Alliance for Labor and Democracy will send a mission to Russia. A tentative wage scale for the entire shipbuilding industry on the Pacific coast is being drawn up. Seven thousand shipwrights are idle at Portland, Oregon tying up Government contracts for steel. The total issue of certificates in advance of the second Liberty Loan now amounts to \$1,250,000,000. A \$2.50 gold piece will be presented to each of the 796 men drafted from Morris County, New Jersey.

RETURNED FROM AUTO TOUR

Dr. J. A. Faulkner, of Foxboro, has just returned from a 500-mile auto tour during which he visited Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Rochester and other points en route. He was accompanied by Mrs. Faulkner, Mr. A. G. Bennett, Superintendent of the Canada Cement Company's plant at Point Anne and by Mrs. Bennett. Dr. Faulkner speaks most enthusiastically of the new state highways in New York. The main arteries, as between Buffalo and Rochester, are surfaced with vitrified brick. They are sixteen feet wide, clean, smooth and dustless. No speed limit is imposed. Less important highways are constructed of concrete. Here also no speed limit is observed. On the Canadian concrete highway between Toronto and Hamilton, a limit of 20 miles an hour is imposed. Dr. Faulkner is strongly of the opinion that the new highway between Montreal and Windsor should be of the best possible construction. He believes that the tourist traffic such a road would attract would be worth millions of dollars to Canada. The fruit district between Hamilton and Niagara also called for much enthusiastic comment from the tourists. This was indeed the "Garden of Canada."

SUCCESSFUL SCOTCH DOUBLES

Tournament on the Local Greens—Handsome Prizes. The Belleville Lawn Bowling Club held a very successful tournament yesterday afternoon on their beautiful greens on William Street. Twelve teams, played three 8-end games, each, scotch-doubles. Judge Deroche and Mr. Philip Brockle piled up the largest score of the afternoon, having 36 shots to their credit. Mr. Robert H. Wray and Mr. Walter Alford were the runners-up, with a total of 29 shots. Mr. C. H. Vermilyea and Mr. J. J. B. Flint being a close third with 27 shots. Mr. W. B. Riggs presented Judge Deroche and Mr. Brockle with massive brass electric hall lamps, the base of the lamps being constructed in the form of a huge bomb, specially manufactured by the firm of Marsh & Henthorn. In a neat little speech Mr. Riggs congratulated the winners on their skill and good luck and stated that his object in presenting these trophies was to provide a good afternoon's sport and to stimulate interest in the time-honored game of bowls.

TO PRESIDE AT TRIBUNALS

Mr. W. B. Northrup, M.P., has selected others to preside at the exemption tribunals in addition to those previously selected by Judge Deroche. The following is the complete list of presiding officers for East Hastings:—Deseronto and Thurlow. H. R. Bedford, P.M., N. Vermilyea. Tweed. P. K. Newton, J.P. D. Beatty. Madoc. W. Cross. J. Burns. Bancroft. J. Jarman P.M. Fred Mullet.

BICYCLE STOLEN

There is an epidemic of bicycle thieving about the city. Last night a bicycle was taken from a verandah on Charles Street. The matter has been reported to the police and an effort will be made to locate the new proprietor.

ARRESTED AT G. T. R. STATION

John George Huntley, alias Carold and other names was arrested by the Belleville police at the Grand Trunk station here this morning upon the arrival of the Peterborough train. He is wanted at the Quaker Oats town for alleged theft and burglary. Peterborough police will come down this afternoon and remove him to Peterborough tonight. He was arrested upon information supplied by one of the passengers on the train who recognised him as a man wanted in connection with a recent burglary in Peterborough.

ON TRIAL AT MADOC

U. McInroy, of Springbrook, was up before Magistrate Casement and Gillen at Madoc yesterday afternoon for being drunk, resisting the police officer who went to arrest him, and disturbing a religious service at Ivanhoe on Sunday, Sept. 16th. After hearing the evidence all three charges were dismissed. Wm. Carnew for prosecution; W. D. M. Shorey for the defence.

HELDERS OF THE 3 1/2 PER CENT LIBERTY BONDS

Will be entitled to turn them in, in exchange for the new four per cents.

YOUTH STEALS THREE WHEELS

Pleads Guilty—His Mother Owns An 80 acre Farm

Franklin Courneyea, a 16 year old boy, was charged at the police court at Peterboro yesterday morning with stealing three bicycles. The first offence he was tried on was the theft of a bicycle valued at \$10 from Mr. C. J. Scott on September 13th. His home is in Tweed, but he has lived here for a year, working at the Lock Works. His father is dead. Prisoner pleaded guilty and elected to be tried by Police Magistrate Dumble. The Chief has all the bicycles now in his possession. Prisoner had sold two of the wheels one for \$5.50, the other for \$6.00. Prisoner's mother owns an 80 acre farm just outside Tweed, on which also reside five small sisters and two brothers. His uncle helps work the farm. Courneyea was remanded for a week, pending inquiry into his record and communication with his mother, who is in ignorance of his present situation. He was arrested several days ago and left in charge of Mr. Geo. Powell, Children's Aid Agent, in whose custody he still remains. His Worship remarked that the readiness of people to purchase articles from boys is encouraging juvenile crime.

ARE NOW AT WORK RAISING KEYSTONE

Steam-barge Was Sunk in Fog Off Chippewa Point in 1912. The work of raising the steam-barge Keystone, sunk off Chippewa Bay Point in 1912, while navigating the river in a heavy fog, has been commenced. Already 40 tons of coal have been taken out of the hold of the craft. Mr. P. McLearn has erected a new silo. Mrs. Geo. Badgley and Mrs. R. Miller attended the organization of the Women's Missionary Society at Melrose on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLearn and Mr. and Mrs. F. Corrigan attended Picton fair on Wednesday last. F. Robinson is busily engaged filling silos. Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller and Master Arthur spent Sunday at Chas. Miller's. Mrs. A. Lette and children, of Turriff, are visiting at A Hagerman's. Our road men are busily engaged drawing gravel. Clarence Long lost a valuable horse last week.

HAROLD

A large number from here attended Picton fair and report a good one. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Runnells and family and Mr. J. Cooney spent Saturday at Stockdale. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heath spent Sunday at Mr. John Scott's. Mrs. C. U. Heath has been on the sick list and has gone to the Belleville Hospital to undergo an operation. The farmers are busy filling silos. Mr. and Mrs. John West were at their son's, Will, on Sunday. Mr. Maybee went through Harold with a load of tomatoes recently. The price asked was \$1.25 per bushel, fast driver. Mr. N. Fleming is buying wheat in our vicinity and loading at Wellmans at \$2.75 per bushel—a good price. Mrs. Geo. Dafee, who has been on the sick list, is some better. Mr. and Mrs. C. Runnells and Mr. and Mrs. B. Faulkner motored to Picton fair.

FINE FIELD OF CORN

Mr. James R. Anderson, of Mountain View has one of the finest fields of ensilage corn in eastern Ontario. It embraces 14 acres and is remarkably even in growth and quality. It is uniformly about ten feet and is loaded with big ears, often two to the stalk. The government expert judge, Mr. James Boyd, of Cedar Grove, recently visited Mr. Anderson's field in connection with the Standing Field Crops Competition. He pronounced this field the best cultivated that he had seen anywhere on his rounds. The corn is of the Wisconsin No. 7 variety, a white dent, which Mr. Anderson has been growing for some years past. He finds it very satisfactory. The crop is being harvested this week and placed in the silo.