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WEAK SPOTS.

When Sir James Whitney returns from the old country he should face two conditions which are militating against the progress and prosperity of the province.

One of these is the breakdown of the agricultural department. The great work of Mr. Dryden, continued by Mr. Monteith, is being undone by a lack of initiative and energy in the present minister. This is a critical time in Ontario agriculture. The call of the west, the scarcity of labor, and the necessity of adapting farming methods to changing circumstances, demand an enlightened and progressive policy at headquarters. Mr. Duff is not the man to furnish this guidance. Failing it, there has been actual retrogression in some features, as indicated by Mr. Flavelle in his now famous letter to the minister. Although the prices of farm products were never higher, Ontario has not risen to the height of her opportunities. It is a time to break new ground, but the farmers are not being given the lead they ought to get from the man at the head of Ontario agriculture.

The second condition which the Prime Minister should courageously face is the demoralization of the education department. The present minister is the best of the teaching profession. He was given his portfolio as a token of Sir James' personal favor, but with no real qualification for the office. He has trusted to others, but he has not been well advised. The rash abolition of the model schools before their work could be overtaken by another system, has resulted in the scandal of thousands of children being temporarily deprived of schooling through a shortage of teachers. To the pressing need of an extension of the facilities for technical education, the department has been blind or negligent. The greatest province of the Dominion has stood still in this respect, while the smaller provinces by the sea have forged ahead.

Sir James Whitney cannot cover these weaknesses in his administration by presuming on his legislative majority, by putting on a bold front, or by characteristic bluster. They are a source of anxiety to intelligent Conservatives.

INDUSTRIAL TROUBLES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

While on the very crest of a wave of prosperity, Great Britain is menaced by the possibility of an industrial war on a gigantic scale.

Two weeks ago the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation locked out 15,000 members of the Boilermakers' Society, employed in northern shipyards. The cause of this drastic action was a stoppage of work by riveters at two shipyards, in violation of an agreement with the Employers' Federation. The striking riveters contended that they were not getting the benefit of the agreement in respect to a certain class of work. They were induced by the officials of the Boilermakers' Society, of which they are a branch, to resume work, but the Employers' Federation decided that an effective lock-out must be instituted, as the only method of ending sectional stoppages, and securing guarantees for the future observance of the agreement. Thousands of platers, helpers, and other classes dependent upon the boilermakers have been thrown out of employment, though in no way responsible for the trouble.

The area of disturbance has been spreading rapidly. The officers of the Boilermakers' Society have exerted themselves in behalf of peace, but they have been thrown over by the strikers, who by a vote of two to one, have declined to empower them to effect a settlement with the Federation. About 40,000 men are now out of work, and there is a prospect that the shipbuilding industry, which has been extremely active for the past year, will be paralyzed. At the same time thousands of Welsh miners are on strike, and the cotton spinners threaten a lockout unless a body of striking operatives accept arbitration.

The British trade unionists have cautious and able leaders, both in and out of parliament, and it is a bad sign when they have to confess their impotence to preserve discipline. If the trouble spreads it will check the present boom in which the country has made new records in foreign trade.

THE MILK PROBLEM IN OTHER CITIES.

Several cities of the United States are just now grappling with the milk problem. Statistics gathered by the Philadelphia bureau of municipal research from reports of the city's milk inspectors show that 80 per cent of the milk supply of that city during the hot weather is unwholesome and much of it dangerous to human health and life. The startling fact is disclosed that in some of the milk brought into the city in the month of July there were as many as 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 bacteria to the cubic centimeter. Physicians declare that the human body will withstand without any bad effects 500,000 of the bacteria to the cubic centimeter, all over that figure being injurious to health. The further assertion in regard to Philadelphia is made that because of the high temperature of the milk now being resold to households, 900 babies are due to sacrifice their lives in the months of August and September. So far this summer the infant mortality has broken all records in the city's history, the deaths averaging 100 under two years of age each week.

Chicago is another city which is being urged to arouse itself to campaign for pure milk. The conditions there are not so bad as in Philadelphia, but are bad enough, calling for prompt action, and the education of dealer and consumer as to the need of sanitary precautions.

The problem is one of cleanliness, and as a temporary expedient pasteurization is being resorted to in some cases. State laws go no further than to provide against adulteration of milk. What is needed is that uncleanliness in the handling of milk be made a punishable offence, and that dealers be compelled to keep milk down to a certain temperature while in their hands, for it is well-known that the higher the temperature the more bacteria.

The Democratic victory in Maine may be compared to Toronto voting Grit.

Goldwin Smith left an estate of \$32,000. He literally wrote with a golden pen.

The weather is good to the Western Fair. Consequently the directors are as smiling as the weather.

The London Daily Telegraph, one of the leading organs of tariff Imperialism, informs its readers that "the Queen's Own are raised in Ontario, and are the class corps at that town."

The tidal wave of insurgency is rolling from Maine to Washington. In the latter state yesterday, the "Old Guard" was completely routed in the Republican primaries. The greatest political upheaval in the United States since the creation of the Republican party is in progress.

Commander Roper, of the Royal Navy, who is advising the Government, objects to the term "tinpot" as applied to the Canadian navy, and thinks it arose from ignorance or want of thought. It was prompted not by want of thought but by malice aforethought in the minds of tinpot partisans.

The moving picture men of the provinces purpose holding a convention. If they are well-advised they will urge a central inspection of films. The system of local inspection is unsatisfactory. In some places it is non-existent, and what is prohibited in one community may be permitted in another. One censorship for the whole province would protect the public, and the picture men, too. The moving picture has come to stay, and may be made the means of wholly innocent and instructive entertainment. Those who are financially interested will be wise to encourage a censorship that will purge it of offensive features.

STRANGE REASONING.
[Ottawa Free Press.]

Sir Wilfrid Laurier says that the British preference is, and will remain, the basic feature of our tariff, yet the Toronto Mail and Empire says that his object is to make inter-British preferential trade impossible. How's that for sound reasoning?

AYLESWORTH'S GOOD WORK.
[Hamilton Herald.]

If it is true that Hon. A. B. Aylesworth has decided to retire from public life, he has chosen a fitting time to quit. He has earned the lasting gratitude of Canada and the empire by his preparation of the British case in the fisheries arbitration. The result goes to show the thorough and sterling character of his work.

A QUESTION OF VALUE.
[Metropolitan Magazine.]

Hogan was playing nurse to the twins on the front porch. The twins were annoyed because each wanted exclusive possession of a solitary kitten and they were yelling.
A neighbor paused at the gate. "Well, Hogan," he asked, "what would you take for them children of yours?"
Hogan shifted in his chair. "All the money in the world couldn't buy them," he declared. "But," he added, "I wouldn't give tin cents apiece for any more like them."
"Can you tell me," said the cool-looking young lady in white, confidentially approaching a young man at the soda fountain, "the most agreeable way to take castor oil?"
"Oh, yes, indeed," replied the man, his eyes brightening. "And while you are waiting," he added, "won't you have a glass of soda?"
"Oh, thank you," said the young lady, as he set it down before her. The day being hot, in a few minutes she drained the glass.
"Is the prescription ready?" she asked, sweetly, wiping her mouth.

The young man's eyes gleamed with benevolence. "The prescription," he said, tapping the glass, "was in here."
"Do you mean to say I've drunk it?" she screamed. "But it wasn't for me. It was for my little brother!" And she swept from the drug store.
"It's too bad," sighed the young man, "and she was one of our best customers."
But she isn't any more. Daily the soda fountain young man watches her enter the drug store across the way, where they look before they leap.

TEACHING A GIRL TO SWIM.
[Cosmopolitan Magazine.]
F. Hopkinson Smith, painter, author, engineer and professional optimist, tells a story showing that Boston boys of the streets are like all others. He overheard a conversation between two youngsters selling newspapers.
"Say, Harry, what's de best way to teach a girl how to swim?" asked the younger one.
"Dat's a cinch. First off you puts yer left arm under her, and you gently takes her 1 ft hand—"
"Come off! She's my sister."
"Aw, push her off de dock."

THE PRESENT STYLE.
[Harper's Bazar.]
Mary had a little skirt,
Tied tightly in a bow,
And every where a shrewd Mary went
She simply couldn't go.

HER OPENING.
[Youth's Companion.]
The courting of the Widow Healy by Terence Curran was a tedious affair to everyone in Magraw Place, most of all to the widow herself, who tried various expedients to assist her timid admirer.
"I'm thinking of nailing you for a sojor," Terence announced one night, when his fancy had been stirred by a newspaper account of a military paragon. "I'm not so old but I could do it. I was want in a school regiment."
"You go for a sojor?" cried the Widow Healy in mingled scorn and alarm. "A man that calls on a lone widow for two years and more, without pluck enough to spake his mind, hasn't the makings of a drummer boy in him."

TREATMENT FOR VOLUEILITY.
[Ladies' Home Journal.]
Abernethy was supposed to influence people by a brusqueness amounting to absolute rudeness. It is related that one day a very voluble lady took her daughter, who was ill, to see him.
"Which of you wants to consult me?" said Abernethy.
"My daughter," replied the elder woman.
Abernethy then put a question to the girl. Before she had a chance to reply her mother began a long story. Abernethy told her to be quiet and repeated his question to the girl. A second time the woman began a story, and a second time he told her to be quiet. Then she interrupted him a third time.
"Put your tongue out," he said to the mother.
"But there's nothing the matter with me," she exclaimed.
"Never mind, put your tongue out," he commanded.
Thoroughly overawed, the woman obeyed.
"Now, keep it out," said Abernethy, and he proceeded to examine the girl.

DISTANCE.
[Kansas City Journal.]
"How far down the Rhine did you go?"
"Twenty postcards."

THE MODERN UPPER CLASS.
[Washington Post.]
The unfortunate C. S. Rolls, said a New York almanac, "was probably the most aristocratic flier we had. As Lord Lonsdale, he was a well-to-do man, and an honorable, and in time he would perhaps have succeeded to the title."
"Last May I dined with Rolls at New York," said a well-known society figure, "and he was very kind to show me the antiquated book of his Wright machine. We talked at dinner about the society people who had taken to flying—young Drexel, young Gould, Clifford Smith, and a few other singular, of sewing machine fame."
"Oh, yes," said Rolls, with a laugh, "you don't really belong to the upper classes, now unless you own an aeroplane."

ABOUT THE RIGHT AVERAGE.
[Cosmopolitan.]
Senator Reed shot off a story about a certain type of man which he calls the "other people's business fellow." One of the kind was trying to extract information from an elderly, prosperous-looking man who sat next the curious person in the smoking-car.
"How many people work in your office?" he asked.
"Oh," responded the elderly one, getting up and throwing away his cigar, "I should say, at a rough guess, about two-thirds of them."

BARGAIN FIGURES.
[Washington Star.]
"The thermometer was a hundred at noon yesterday," said the man who watches the weather. "Today it is down to ninety-eight."
"My," rejoined his wife. "Isn't that a bargain!"

THE GENTLE ART.
[Los Angeles Examiner.]
In her trim little bathing suit she sat on the white sand.
"I adore intelligence!" she said.
"So do I," said he. "All the same, though, beauty and intelligence never go together."
"And you think me intellectual?" she faltered.
"No," he confessed frankly.
With a faint blush she murmured, "Flatterer!"

ONDERDONK RECALLED.
[Edmonton Bulletin.]
Hon. George P. Graham stated in Cranbrook that Oriental labor would not be employed to build the G. T. P. The assurance was hardly needed save for a few nervous newspaper supporters of the party which allowed Onderdonk to import Chinamen to build the C. P. R.

MACGREGOR—AINSLIE
[Edmonton Bulletin.]

Well-Known Sarnia Citizen's Son Wedded in Hamilton.

A very pretty but quiet wedding took place Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the residence of Mr. John H. and Mrs. Ainslie, 425 King William street, Hamilton, when their only daughter, Mabel Beatrice, was united in marriage to Roy Melbourne MacGregor, of Detroit, the son of Mr. John R. and Mrs. MacGregor, of Sarnia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Young, M.A.

At 1 o'clock, the bride entered the parlor of the arm of her father, to the strains of Leveillé's "Wedding March," played by her cousin, Annie Laura Ainslie, of Comber. The bride was gowned in white embroidered silk mull, and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley.

The room was tastefully decorated in asters, smilax and palms. A dainty wedding breakfast was served, after which the happy couple left for their future home in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor were the recipients of many beautiful gifts, testifying to the high esteem in which they were both held.

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There is no room for doubt about the wonderful bargains that we are offering this week and those who fail to take advantage of it must blame themselves.
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Today is farmer's day at the fair, and if there is a farmer within one hundred miles of London who wants a piano, his first call should be at 194 Dundas street.
Don't put it off a moment. The sale only lasts this week, so put a few dollars in your pocket and make us a call. Williams Piano Company, Limited, 194 Dundas street, opposite Advertiser.

REV. J. E. HOLMES CHOSEN

Succeeds Late Rev. R. J. Millyard as
Chairman of Sarnia District
Methodists.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Sept. 13.—A special meeting of the Sarnia district, consisting of ministers and laymen, in connection with the Methodist church, was held on Tuesday forenoon in the Methodist Church at Wyoming. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing a chairman of the district to succeed Rev. R. J. Millyard, recently deceased. There was a full attendance, and upon the first ballot taken Rev. J. E. Holmes, of Devine Street Methodist Church, Sarnia, was declared elected.

ANOTHER GIRL DROWNS IN HAMILTON BAY

Details of Case Indicate It Was Not
Accidental.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Hamilton, Sept. 14.—The second drowning of the city's youngest girl within two weeks took place this morning, when Emily Cole, 16 years of age, met death in the bay waters. The drowning took place about 6:30, the girl having left her home a short time previously. Her body has been recovered. Details of the case indicate that it was not an accident.

AFTER WIFE DESERTERS.

Toronto, Sept. 13.—A strong committee of the Association of Charity Workers has been appointed to frame an amendment to the laws regarding wife desertion, which will be submitted to the Attorney-General's office.
The desire is to obtain such modifications and improvements as shall make it easier to punish the offender, and make his punishment more effective. It is also thought that one who persists in leaving his wife should be put to some work, which would be remunerative, the money being used for the support of his wife and family.

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