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**SPEND YOUR VACATION IN CANADA**

Planning vacation trips is one of the pleasures of the average Canadian home. The approaching holiday season tempts the mind to wander to shady nooks, to the lakeside, to the fishing grounds and the camps.

Canada offers to her people all the attractions it is possible to devise, either for recreation or change. We have all conditions of temperature and altitude from sea level to mountain heights.

Why should we look beyond our borders for summer resorts? There is an old saying that "the fishing is always better on the other side of the creek;" can it be that this is the reason why many Canadians cross to the United States each year to spend their vacations, regardless of the superior attractions at home?

Canadians should see their own country and spend their money at home and thus realize more fully what a wonderful heritage we possess. In Ontario, yes, even in our own corner of it, can be found spots as desirable for a vacation as anywhere on the continent.

**NOTE AND COMMENT**

Church conferences may have difficulty to explain why so small a matter as the modern woman's skirt should bulk so largely in the debates.

A judge at Hamilton has ruled that a man who gives all his wages to his wife cannot be held responsible for the household bills. That ought to clear quite a few of us.

If labor troubles could be conducted on baseball rules it would help matters wonderfully. "Three strikes and out" would soon settle matters and business would go on as usual.

A city clergyman spoke in defence of church lotteries the other day. As far as one can see there is little difference between church and Wall street lotteries except in the amount of money involved.

The decision of the Attorney-General's department as to the distribution of the \$1000 reward for the capture of Norman Garfield is that the money be divided among the five applicants the two women who first saw him and the three men who participated in the capture.

The girls used to insist that they could do everything a man does in the way of athletics if they weren't encumbered by skirts. Well, they seem to be getting rid of that alibi just now.—Buffalo Commercial.

Australia's census shows a population of 5,419,702 an increase of 979,000 over 1911. Canada's population in 1911 was 7,2206,643, and it will be a disappointment if this year's census does not show over 9,000,000. It has had the advantage of a greater immigration than Australia.

The Hydro-electric Commission engineers have submitted a new plan for power distribution in rural parts to the Provincial Government. Briefly stated, the new scheme is for an underground extension instead of the overhead system generally used. The underground system will cost less than \$800 per mile as compared with \$1,300 per mile to build overhead transmission lines.

Henry Ford turned miller for the benefit of his employees. He is grinding wheat harvested from his Dearborn farm and selling flour to employees from the company's Highland, River Rouge and Dearborn stores. The flour is being sold in 25 pound lots for 98 cents. A barrel is sold for \$7.80. Detroit retail stores are getting from \$1.25 to \$1.45 for 25 lb bags, while barrels bring from \$12.50 to \$14.50.

The Managers of Canadian railways, having had ample evidence in a diminishing volume of travel that passenger rates were increased beyond the power of passengers to pay will doubtless welcome the reduction that comes into force on July 1. The rates will be 20 per cent. less than they were at the peak. A per mile rate of 3.45 cents is still, however, all the traffic will stand in these days of motor cars and busses.

High School Beards throughout the province are being served with a notice by the teachers on their staffs demanding the salaries as provided by the Federation of Teachers of the Province. The Federation scale of salaries provides for a minimum salary for assistant teachers of \$1700 per year, and minimum salary for principals of \$2500 a year with an increase of \$100 a year for each year the teacher has been engaged as principal. It is said that ninety per cent of the High School teachers in the Province are members of the Federation.

Reeve Edward Sills of Loughborough township was unseated and declared ineligible for municipal honor for two years by Judge Lavell when a motion, started by Frank Clark of Sydenham, an elector of the township, alleging Reeve Sills to have

been interested in a contract with the township, was heard before His Honor. It was disclosed in the evidence that he had accepted \$4 for helping to repair a bridge. Thomas Hagerman, a member of the Township Council, got \$5 for work he did on the bridge, and Mr. Clark, who started the motion, got \$6. Mr. Sills presented the bill for all, in Clark's name.

The legislation passed in the closing days of the 1921 session of the Provincial Legislature in Ontario included an important amendment to laws which pertain to education. By this a much vexed question pertaining to the annual maintenance and capital cost of high schools has in a measure been straightened out. Instead of the urban centres having to bear the greater part of the former and all of the latter the counties will now have to pay 100 per cent. of the cost of pupils who come from beyond the limits of the municipality in which the school is situated and about one half of the cost of permanent improvements, which includes new school buildings.

**CHAUTAUQUA BECOMES INSTITUTION OF ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLES**

Chautauqua, Watford, July 9-13.

The Watford Chautauqua just announced by the local committee, which will present an excellent entertaining and educational program, makes comment on this manifestation of western democracy timely. While the Chautauqua had its beginning across the line in the States, it is no longer exclusively American. Just as the Chautauqua, begun as a Sunday School Summer School for the Methodists, has outgrown its religious connection and become strictly catholic in its scope, broad enough to embrace all Christian religions as well as the Hebrews, presenting a program that is non-sectarian but always Christian; just so has the Chautauqua thrown off any national garments it at first wore and has become a citizen of the world—at least of the English-speaking world.

Chautauquas are now conducted in all the English-speaking countries except South Africa, that is, within another season this will be the case when the recently announced British venture of the Dominion Chautauqua gets under way a year hence. Programs have already been given in every Province of Canada, in Australia, in New Zealand for three summers, where Chautauqua is perhaps the biggest success of any part of the world, and in every state of the United States and Alaska.

We are indebted to an article in a recent issue of the World's Work, one of the leading monthlies with a serious purpose published in the United States, for the following statistics regarding the Chautauquas for the summer of 1920:

Number of Chautauquas held in United States and Canada 8,581; Number of Chautauquas held in Canada alone 891; Number of Season Tickets sold in U. S. and Canada 55,148,600; Number of Season Tickets sold in Canada alone 768,000; Total number of different people that attended 10,456,500; Total number of different people in Canada 1,463,750; Aggregate attendance in United States and Canada 36,868,900.

(It should be borne in mind that many people attended oftener than once and were therefore counted several times.)

As the World's Work says: "Such figures find companionship only in those attendant upon the growth of free schools and the modern expansion of journalism." Further comment is made upon the fact that Chautauqua is not now confined only to the United States, saying that Chinese students in the States are almost a unit for the adoption of the idea to their country, and continues: "The Chautauqua has become an institution of almost world-wide proportions, supplementing the schools and the press in the diffusion of contemporary enlightenment. As well suspend the newspapers and close the schools as to shut the door on the Chautauqua."

In fact, so universal is the recognition of the value of Chautauqua wherever it is found, that frequent mention is made in articles and stories that appear in the leading journals, newspapers, and magazines. H. G. Wells, in his most recent book "The Salvaging of Civilization," which was published serially in the Saturday Evening Post, states that if civilization is to be salvaged, it is necessary for the adults of the world to continue to educate themselves after they have left institutions of learning, and concludes: "In North America there are the hopeful germs of what may become later on a very considerable organization of adult study in the Lyceum and Chautauqua system."

That Chautauqua has meant much to other cities and towns in the vicinity of Watford is a self-evident fact that, nevertheless, needs frequent mention. It is to be hoped that large numbers of the people of this community will take advantage of the feast of good things provided in an excellent program at a very low cost; the Chautauqua cannot perform the service it is designed and intended to perform unless there are large numbers of people gathered under the tent at every session.

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