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Looking to Canada.

REFERENCE WAS MADE IN THE ADVERTISER a few days ago to the fact that there were doubtless farmers in England who would be glad of the chance to come and farm in Western Ontario. Further evidence of this is to be found in a letter written by A. G. B. FELLOWES, formerly of Ingersoll, to J. C. PATTERSON of London. Mr. FELLOWES refers to the foot and mouth disease that has swept the country, claiming that it has been necessary "to slaughter 17,000 bullocks, 10,000 sheep and 6,000 pigs," which will have the effect of making meat supplies too high for some time to come. The British taxpayer, according to the letter, is thoroughly convinced, from the size and frequency of the tithes and taxes that are levied upon him, that Britain is making her people pay for the war instead of Germany.

The burdens on the ability of the taxpayer are so great, and his capital is levied upon so deeply, that there is a desire on the part of many very substantial farmers to dispose of their holdings and leave. In proof of this fact, we can quote that several real estate men in this district have been asked for lists of Western Ontario farms, giving prices, descriptions, market prospects, etc.

It cannot be claimed that the movement has advanced to the stage where actual moves have been made, but the idea is taking hold, and intelligent and fair-minded co-operation should result in Western Ontario, the garden spot of Canada, getting a good number of stalwart British agriculturists.

Uncontrollable.

TO WHAT extent is there an uncontrollable expenditure in civic affairs? If municipalities are going to remain solvent they must combat the idea that they cannot control the uncontrollable. Once let the idea run wild that a council—the elected body of the people—cannot control expenditure, and the tax rate will increase, and keep right on increasing.

HORACE L. BRITAIN, managing director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, and Citizens' Research Institute of Canada, dealing with this point in the *Financial Post*, points out that "in most civic budgets one finds the school expenditures listed under the 'uncontrollable' items. Legally, current expenditures for education are or may be uncontrollable by the city council, but they are controllable by the board of education, and, therefore, by the citizens who elect it. The citizens have just exactly the same right and power to control the expenditures of the board as the expenditures of the city council."

The use of the word "uncontrollable" in public financial documents makes it easy for politicians to excuse themselves for increased current expenditures by pointing out that the "controllable" expenditures, for which alone they claim to be responsible, have increased at a rate less than the rate of increase of "uncontrollable" expenditures. It is true that the expenditures of independent outside boards may be legally uncontrollable as far as the council is concerned. It is true that the increase in "uncontrollable" in any year may be due to the action of the preceding councils. It is also true that friendly co-operation with outside boards can do much and that when this fails there lies a way of escape through provincial legislation. It is further true that the people themselves are responsible if they allow present city councils to cripple future city councils by incurring debts unwarrantably large.

Why not abolish the word "uncontrollable" in civic estimates and with it the state of mind which it represents? If modern cities are to remain solvent they must learn how to control the "uncontrollable."

J. A. Spender Quits.

ONLY A few weeks ago Londoners had the privilege of listening to J. A. SPENDER, editor-in-chief of the *Westminster Gazette*, a man remarkably well informed on national and international questions, with his finger on the very pulse of the British Empire. As many people can testify, a few minutes' conversation with Mr. SPENDER would bring out more real facts concerning world and empire relations than could be unearthed in hours by any other method.

And now comes the word that he has resigned as editor-in-chief of the *Westminster Gazette*. It can hardly be imagined that he laid down the pen because he wanted to, for he was heart and soul in his work. For twenty years he was editorial head of the *Gazette*, and during that time the paper had a reputation for its literary style and its ability to interpret the political happenings of the day.

And now SPENDER is through. Why? The paper has recently changed hands and with the change of hands came a change of style. Lonn Cowdrey, old king, is the new owner, and the *Gazette* has ceased to be the *Gazette* of old. It now appears in the morning as a popular newspaper, whose success will depend on its

ability to cater to the tastes of the mass of the people. Several papers have commented on the change, and endeavored to read their own lessons from it. The *Ottawa Journal*, in a resume of the situation, claims that the SPENDER episode is proof that papers which live must be mirrors of the people's taste. There is a popular belief among Canadians that England demonstrates that serious journalism pays. Yet the evidence is quite to the contrary. The old *Pall Mall Gazette*, which its promoter boasted, should be "written by gentlemen for gentlemen," languishes in poverty and obscurity; the *Morning Post* boasts a circulation of but twenty thousand in a city of ten millions; the *Times*, despite a gradual gentrification before modernism, loses ground; the old *Westminster* has disappeared. And while the more sober newspapers have declined, and the political and literary reviews such as the *Nation* and the *Spectator* cling desperately to but a few thousand readers, the popular journals have flourished. Thus, the *Daily Mail*, which Lord Salisbury sneered at as "written by office boys for office boys," has a circulation of a million and a half; the *Express*, a pale shadow of the *Mail*, is up near the million; and the *Standard* and the *Evening News*, which touch the world in both its lightest and its blackest phases, are bought and devoured by the masses. And as in the daily, so in the weekly field, the *Nation* and the *Spectator* and the *Saturday Review* languish slowly, but not so with *John Bull* and *Reynolds*, and the *News of the World*. These, alas, with a score of others less prominent but equally bad, count their readers and their profits in the mass."

Reducing Age Limit.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERY, at its last session, discussed the age at which ministers should retire. The report adds that "the proposed pension fund was indorsed with the suggestion that the retiring age be changed from 70 to 65 years, also that the matter be referred to congregations before any legislation is passed."

If the period from 65 to 70 years is cut off it will be found that the weight of some very fine mature judgment and ripened experience will be sacrificed.

It takes a man a good many years in any calling to reach his best. Each succeeding year makes him more valuable to the world because he has the faults, failures and disappointments of the past on which to rear the success and constructive work of the future.

Nothing brings out the pure gold of a sterling character like passing through the furnace of experience.

Nor do we imagine many ministers, in good health, look forward to anything that will hasten the time of their retirement from active work. They believe they are called to do a certain work, and how often do we meet one who will admit that his work is done?

There may be a demand from the younger element to hustle off the preachers five years sooner, but it might be well to think the proposition over rather seriously before acting.

LITTLE 'TISERS

One of the best things to make a man go to church is for him to get the belief that his lungs are going or that he has a cancer.

What the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina seems to make very little difference in the BULLOCK case.

An attempt is being made to have the cuffs removed from bottom of men's trousers. We won't part with them until something better turns up.

PRESIDENT HARDING is said to have thirty business suits. His missus will have her hands full keeping on buttons and trimming the fringe off the heels.

First day of March did not look like either a lamb or a lion. The only lion touch was the swat at Ottawa that cut 400 off the payroll of the militia department.

The St. Catharines *Standard* is puzzled over this one. So are we: "Working men who are drawing 20 cents per hour will hardly pay 70 cents per hour to have their homes painted."

An Elmira hen has laid an egg eight and a half inches one way and six and a half the other. Any rooster that wouldn't cackle himself hoarse over this achievement should be led out to the chopping block.

Editor of the *Detroit Free Press* must have had company at the house recently. Therefore, he writes: "A woman's idea of being ready for company is to string eight or nine embroidered towels on the rail in the bathroom."

The editor of the *Guelph Mercury*, after lifting a couple of rails off the line fence to start the morning fire, looked about. After which he penned: "The loud cawing of the crows yesterday morning was further evidence of the approach of spring."

Surprise is expressed at the fortune left by a Toronto policeman which amounts to \$250,000, made mostly in real estate investments. He was probably one of those individuals who could see a couple of moves ahead all the time. Every common-

25 YEARS AGO TODAY
Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest. As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1897.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1899.
WEATHER—Fair and colder.

The annual competition for the Carling Medal took place yesterday afternoon and evening at the Simcoe street rink between the Forest City and London curling clubs. The score was as follows:

Afternoon Game.	
Rink No. 1.	
Forest City.	London.
J. E. McKillop.	W. T. Edge
J. W. McIntosh.	J. P. Cook
Chas. Hyman.	D. Regan
C. W. Davis.	Thos. A. Browne.
skip	16 skip
15	20
Rink No. 2.	
H. S. Blackburn.	J. S. Walker
Col. Lewis.	Ald. Rumball
J. Burnett.	Thos. Gillean
W. T. Strong.	R. G. Macfie.
skip	14 skip
14	15
Evening Game.	
Rink No. 1.	
M. J. Kent.	J. Bell
Chas. Sterling.	A. Tillman
Wm. Goodwin.	G. B. Harris
R. Inglis.	H. Beaton.
skip	13 skip
13	21
Rink No. 2.	
J. Hunt.	H. C. McBride
A. Talbot.	J. Walker
Dr. McDonald.	D. B. Dewar
R. Reid.	J. Evans.
skip	21 skip
21	16
Total	
64	72
Majority for London, 8 shots.	

A call from the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, O., has been received by Rev. Dr. Jackson of Galt. The matter will come up at the next meeting of the presbytery.

The quarterly convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in London district was held yesterday at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Evans, the organizer of the society, presided over the afternoon session. Reports were read from the following mission bands: Dundas street, by Miss Tanton; Askin Street, by Miss Cahill; Wellington Street, by Miss Crook and Miss E. Graham; London West, by Miss Weir; Colborne Street, by Miss Wheaton; First Methodist, by Miss Powell, and St. John, by Miss Manning.

The sympathy and good-will of the sister societies was expressed by Mrs. (Rev.) Ira Smith and Mrs. J. H. Macpherson, treasurer.

It has a few of them, and the rest of the neighborhood puts in its time wondering how they do it.

London Technical School has a number of mechanics taking up special work this season when work is very slack in their own lines. In many cases these men have found out, in actual practice, that they are in need of more and better mental equipment if they are going to the top of the ladder in their respective lines. All credit to the young man who has vision and common sense enough to realize his shortcomings and then go ahead to overcome them.

Here and there in Ontario are those who make friends of the birds. Miss Aida Bice of Clandeboy contributes most delightful bird stories to THE ADVERTISER columns at times. NEWTON TRIPP of Forest is another bird critic and observer, and writing to THE ADVERTISER, reports for the birds as follows: "There have been the usual winter residents. Chickadees, White-Breasted Nuthatches and Downy Woodpeckers which are always with us and present in my garden, where I hang up food for them. A farmer reports a small flock of Meadow Larks at the end of January, a few usually staying with us over winter, and American Crossbills were seen among the pines at the lake, and a small flock of Pine Grosbeaks were reported at Thorndon in January. We have had the usual winter robin. The first Prairie Horned Larks were seen February 3, and a dove on February 10 near the lake. The early birds appear to come a little earlier at the lake woods in the neighborhood of Kettle Point than at Forest."

POETRY.

THE CRY OF STRICKEN RUSSIA.
Hard on the heels of war,
Comes famine's ghastly band,
The scorching rays of tropic suns,
Have burnt up all the land.

Nor grass, nor herb, nor fruit,
In all that barren waste,
Nor purring brook, nor water course,
Their burning thirst assuage.

On, and yet on, they go,
A stricken woeful band,
All heeding of their children's cries,
They flee that burnt up land.

Moaning, creeping, crying,
Limping along the way,
The little children dying,
By hundreds, day by day.

For the black frost descends,
With chilling, biting breath,
And the little ones lie huddled
In the icy arms of death.

List to the wailing wind,
As it brings its load of woe,
Telling of dying children,
Mon Dieu, can this be so.

Oh, that someone, with pen
Dipt in deep carmine dye,
Would rouse us from our lethargy,
'Tis for help, our help, they cry
MRS. H. HOOPER.

LEGAL QUERIES

Editor Advertiser:
A's parents were born in Scotland; A was born in Canada. What nationality would A be, according to the last Dominion census?
Ans.—Scottish.
—AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

WANT \$120,000 FOR GAS PLANT

St. Thomas Aldermen May Delay Preparation of By-law for Council.

NEW MAINS TO BE LAID

Engineer Recommends Vertical Retort System at Meeting of Committee.

ST. THOMAS, March 1.—New gas mains are to be laid on Hiawatha street and Mary street of this city at a cost of \$3,500. The two streets are to be permanently improved this year, and so before the pavement is laid the present pipes will be replaced by four-inch mains. This was decided at a meeting of the gas committee Wednesday afternoon.

It is unlikely that the bylaw providing for debentures of \$120,000 to pay for the installation of one unit of a vertical retort system in the gas plant, will be prepared in time for the meeting of the city council Tuesday night of next week, and so action on the matter might be delayed for a short time.

The report of the engineer who recommended a vertical retort system and the proposed bylaw came up for considerable discussion.

R. Christie, manager of the gas works, asserted that the claim made by several people opposing the expenditure that hydro power would replace gas entirely for heating and cooking in the near future was untrue. This could not be the case, for there was not enough hydro available, even though the use of electric power proved economical. In the whole of Ontario, he said, there was insufficient hydro power to heat Toronto alone.

To show that the hydro power had made practically no inroads in the consumption of gas in this city, he stated that more gas was being used at the present time than in 1913. In that year seventy million feet was used; in 1914, 77 million feet was consumed; in 1915, 75 million; in 1920, 77 million and in 1921, 75 million feet.

Looks For Reduction.

Alderman Lemon believed that gas would gradually become cheaper while hydro power would remain stationary in price. During the past few years the price of gas soared owing to increased costs of material and transportation. In that time

Faces Liquor Charge For Giving Parsnip Wine To Charivari Party.

SIMCOE, March 1.—Because John Fick of Walsingham handed out to a charivari party in January a stone jar of parsnip wine to appease the crowd which came with shotgun, cowbells and other noise-makers after they had demolished a milk-stand, broken a window and showered missiles on his roof, Fick had to appear in court to face a charge under the Ontario temperance act.

There was no evidence of intoxication, though the wine made the offenders dizzy and groggy, and illness for from one to three days followed. The case was dismissed, the magistrate attributing the effects of the concoction to ptomaine poisoning probably, as there was no evidence or admission of intoxication.

The price of hydro did not go up. At the present time coal and transportation was becoming cheaper again and so he looked for a decrease in the price of gas.

Ald. Burger said that while he did not personally oppose the bylaw he would insist that it should first go to the people before sending it to the railway board.

Ald. Lemon said that he did not oppose sending it to the people but he believed that such a course was hardly fair. Many people not interested in gas would naturally vote against it, while many consumers who are interested in the price but who do not own property would have no say in what should be done.

RUN BUSES TO CONVINCE CITY PROPOSITION PAYS

Canadian Company Operates 16- Passenger Vehicle on St. Thomas Streets.

ST. THOMAS, March 1.—In an effort to convince the members of the city council that motor buses would be a paying proposition in St. Thomas the International Harvester Company of Canada is operating a 16-passenger bus built in their plant at Chatham, on the streets of this city for a few days, entirely at the company's expense.

The bus arrived here Wednesday under the supervision of J. W. Kilbride of London and Mr. Smith of Chatham. Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon the directors of the chamber of commerce were taken on rides about the city. Thursday the city officials will be asked to go on a sight-seeing tour.

The question of purchasing buses will come up for discussion at a meeting of the street railway committee Friday night, and will again be dealt with by the city council Tuesday night of next week.

INDORSES BIG HIGHWAY PLAN

Ontario Good Roads Association Opens Enthusiastic Convention in Toronto.

LAUDS PRESENT POLICY

Governor Cockshutt Invites 700 Delegates to Tea at His Quarters.

TORONTO, March 1.—Good roads enthusiasm bubbled over at the 29th annual meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association, which held its first session today here. The delegates, numbering several hundred, received addresses on the subject of road construction progress in the province, and gave approval to the measures which are now being taken by provincial, county and township bodies to further road building.

Hon. F. C. Biggs, provincial minister of highways, again stressed the importance of townships roads to the province as a whole in a short address. He paid tribute to the manner in which some of the more recent converts to the good roads cause were getting ahead with their belated programs.

"Road construction," said Hon. Harry Cockshutt, "is now being definitely pursued on a sound policy. Good roads are one of the greatest assets a province can have not only because they save time, but because they reduce the wear and tear on horses and wagons and on automobiles which use the roads."

At the conclusion of his address his honor extended an invitation to everyone present to be his guests at the government house on Friday evening at 5 o'clock, as he put it,

WOULD MAKE MAXIMUM INTEREST FIVE PER CENT

Guelph Trades Council Also Seeks Moratorium on Realty Purchases.

GUELPH, March 1.—At the meeting of the trades and labor council held last night, a resolution was passed asking the Ontario Legislature to enact legislation which will not permit any one to charge interest exceeding 5 per cent, and to have all interest rates exceeding 5 per cent, now in vogue, changed to not more than 5 per cent.

On real estate and home purchase agreements they will also petition the Legislature to pass a moratorium act to be in force for one year as a measure of relief to those men who purchased houses during the war on instalments, and who on account of the unemployment situation, were unable to meet their payments and compelled to mortgage their homes or lose their equity.

These resolutions will be forwarded to the Legislature at once.

ENJOY BOX SOCIAL.

ETTRICK, March 1.—Thursday evening a very successful box social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Guest, under the auspices of the Zion Methodist Sunday school. Although the weather was unfavorable there was a good crowd present and a good program was rendered. The boxes sold well, the proceeds amounting to about \$60.

GIVE BUILDING FIGURES.

GALT, March 1.—Building permits for February reached value of \$7,200, bringing the total to date for this year up to \$16,300.

"to enjoy a social cup of tea."

"We have reached the stage where public sentiment is advanced so far that the people are recognizing the value of the policy we are pursuing," said T. J. Maloney, president of the association. "The situation is fortunate in that it allows the money available to be spent in the best possible advantage."



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If you did not receive a copy of Dr. Chase's Almanac it will be sent free by Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

COMMON SENSE WAYS TO KEEP WELL
Rules for Obese Women

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.

TENDENCY to grow fat is apparently greater in women than in men, and should be especially watched if it is hereditary. There is only one sure and healthful way to prevent it—be sparing in food. A pound of body fat means the storage of about 4,000 calories.

Because they often lead such inactive lives women take on excessive weight quickly, almost before they are aware of it. The time to adjust the diet is when the tendency to store fat begins to appear. Once a great excess has accumulated, the problem of its removal becomes complicated.

Extensive reducing should be carried on only under the supervision of a competent physician who knows how to regulate the rate of fat loss according to general health.

But tables of normal weight for age and height are easily accessible and it will do no harm to weigh food or "count calories" in the early stages of growing fat. It often proves successful and is safe, although it must be kept up, sometimes through life.

As in the case of the fat man, the fat woman who tends to lose her slim lines of grace should carefully avoid food high in fuel value. Bulky food low in fuel value should be substituted for fats and dishes containing fat.

Candy, too, should be avoided. All cream dishes, puddings, cakes, and pies can be omitted.

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