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## THE INNOCENTS ABROAD.

This is the way the Toronto World puts it:

If indulgence in wine, beer and strong drink would make the Alliance people the same as the rest of us we would honestly recommend them to take to the bottle at once.

There really are worse things in this world than the drinking of alcoholic beverages, or even than getting drunk. When a man takes a load on he merely gets dull and goes to sleep. That is practically all there is to the average case of intoxication.

Intoxication is a much less serious failing than many other human weaknesses, say hypocrisy, for instance. Hypocrisy is indicative of a radical defect in the moral constitution of the individual. The man who drinks may be perfectly trustworthy and honorable. But who can trust a man that is playing a double role? When an individual comes out squarely in favor of prohibition and at the same time votes for Hon. G. W. Ross as a standard bearer in the cause, what can you think of him? Every one knows that Ross has deceived the Alliance people, and yet they make him a vice-president of this organization.

The Alliance cannot hope to win the sympathy of self-respecting, conscientious people for their cause when they themselves eternally damn it by electing a hypocrite and a humbug as their leader. There is only one possible extenuating circumstance in connection with the elevation of Hon. G. W. Ross to the leadership of the prohibition movement. We have said the Alliance people are playing the part of hypocrites. It is just possible this charge is not altogether tenable. They may have been merely gold-bricked by the Hon. Mr. Ross, that is, the hypocrisy and double-dealing may all have been on the side of the Premier. If this is so, it would let the Alliance people out of the more serious charge of hypocrisy and convict them of mere imbecility, which is not in itself a moral crime. As between these two hypotheses of hypocrisy and imbecility we are inclined as much in favor of the latter as the former, perhaps more so. And for this among other reasons: Concurrently with the election of Hon. Mr. Ross as vice-president of the Alliance we notice the passage of a resolution of condolence in the death of Major E. L. Bond of Montreal. How refreshingly innocent these Alliance people really are to pass such a resolution! It is altogether likely that they are still unaware that, in doing so, they have made themselves the laughing-stock of the country. People who go occasionally into the saloon, or who frequent the clubs are well aware of the absurdity of condoling with the dead major. The dense ignorance of the Alliance people as to what is transpiring under their own nose tallies with the theory that they are the victims of the gold-brickers and humble-riggers, rather than that they are innate hypocrites. At any rate we prefer to let them off on the plea of general imbecility rather than find them guilty of unpardonable hypocrisy. Whichever view may be correct we trust the Alliance people will try and raise themselves to a higher standard of intelligence, even if they have to take a drink occasionally like the rest of us.

## A FINAL RESPONSIBILITY.

"Get out of your khaki and into your overalls" is the Huron Signal's advice to the Canadian troops returning from the war. And the advice is sound. Within the past ten days twenty-five hundred young Canadians have returned from South Africa and are putting in a few days of well-earned leisure greeting and being greeted by their friends. But the danger lies in the days of leisure being protracted into weeks of idleness resulting from a young man's habits being unsettled by the excitement of

even a brief period of military service in the field. One of the most important phases in the new method of evolving armies from the civilian population of the empire will be the subsequent re-absorption of these armies into industrial and business life after the necessity which created them has disappeared.

It is now apparent that in all future wars of any magnitude in which the empire may engage, the bulk of the army will be recruited from the civil population and the colonies will be expected, and no doubt be as eager as in the past war, to furnish a substantial proportion. As the colonies have no standing armies practically the whole of their quota will be called from civilian pursuits to take up arms. Actuated by a combined spirit of patriotism and desire for adventure there will be no difficulty in filling the ranks, but the process of subsequently reabsorbing the army back into civil life may be less easy. It is a process demanding even a higher order of patriotic spirit than the mere volunteering for war, and one in which the co-operation of non-combatants as well as combatants will be demanded. The new methods of warfare facilitate the utilizing of the services of irregular troops. The value of barrack-yard accuracy of movement has diminished with the adoption of extended formation. The machine made soldier has to a large extent given place to the man capable of intelligent initiative who can shoot and who is imbued with inherent qualities of patriotism and personal courage. It is a fortunate evolution of conditions for the empire because Anglo-Saxon peoples never have and never will tolerate the maintenance of large standing armies such as are part of the body politic of continental nations. The new conditions of warfare give an immense advantage to the nation that has "got the men and got the money too" as compared with the conditions which prevailed in the days of smoky powder and fighting in mass. While other nations may have to keep up standing armies that mount up into seven figures, the British empire can rely upon the patriotism and martial spirit of its peoples to supply abundant material of adequate quality to swell its ranks when they are needed.

But the one important consideration which may or may not amount to a real drawback in connection with this fortunate condition of affairs is the dispersion and absorption of an army so created at the conclusion of a war. The consideration constitutes a problem which calls for the exercise of an intelligent patriotism on the part of the people generally as well as of the soldiers themselves to solve. Bearing in mind the fact that the system saves them from the burden of permanently maintaining a large armed force the public should be prepared even at the cost of temporary sacrifices to facilitate the process of absorption. With us in Canada in connection with the war just ended the problem is but a small one, yet it should call for the ready recognition of the measure of responsibility which exists on the part of the people towards the returning soldiers. Every employer should feel it to be a duty he owes his country to assist in providing remunerative positions for the young men who have been in the field. And every returning trooper should feel that the duty of citizenship is equal in importance to his country with the loyalty and patriotism which actuated him in risking his life for that country in the hour of need. The recognition of this dual responsibility should make the process of reabsorption very simple. It is a reproach of old standing that:

When war clouds lower and danger's nigh  
"God and the soldier" is the people's cry.

But in these days of great armies under the new system of warfare it would not be well for the future success of the new order of things in the British Empire were the truth of the allegation to be established that when war is done and the danger past:  
God is forgotten and the soldier slighted.—Ottawa Citizen.

## A MOSAIC OF MISFITS.

Central Canadian.

The machine in Ontario politics produced a large body of men with misfit memories and wrecked consciences. It was a strong ally of the Enemy of the Church and Society, and yet was so deftly linked with them as to enjoy a free and happy course. Mr. Ross comes heavily on this sweet entanglement.

## TENACIOUS REAL ESTATE.

St. Mary's Journal.

"These city newspaper fellows," said a Blanshard township farmer to the Journal the other day, "are all the time writing articles advising the farmer's sons to stick to the farm. Just now the farms are sticking to the farmers' sons. There has been more mud this season than we have had in twenty years."

## The Passing of the Horse.

Very early in the development of electric traction it was predicted that the horse would ultimately decrease and perhaps disappear. Electric traction has now, however, been brought to a high degree of perfection, and yet the horse is still with us. Notwithstanding this, statistics show we are assured editorially by the "Electrical Review" (April 19), that the horse is going—slowly, perhaps, but none the less surely. Says this paper:

"Some interesting statistics lately published by our lively French contemporary, 'La Locomotion Automobile,' show that in Europe the horse is rapidly disappearing. In the various large cities, for example, in Paris the total number of horses in 1901, according to a municipal census of these animals, was 96,695, while this year it is only 90,796, a falling-off of about six per cent. In London, in the same period, the equine population has decreased ten per cent., while in Berlin, Vienna, and even in St. Petersburg, the same falling-off exhibits itself. This is and very largely to the numerous and continual increase in the number of automobiles used both for pleasure and business.

"In this country the supersession of the horse by the trolley-car has been absolutely astonishing in its extent. Probably to-day in New York there are not more than two-thirds as many horses employed as were used twenty years ago. So far, the automobile appears to have made no great inroads into the horse business, and it is likely that the extension of the use of automobiles will have to wait upon the growth of more scientific ideas regarding street-paving and road-making. However, the decadence of the horse is upon us, and his disappearance may be looked for sooner or later.

"As certainly as anything can be predicted the progress of engineering advance will totally extinguish the horse as a beast of burden. We may look forward with certainty and satisfaction to the day when cities at least will be horseless and when we will be removed from the tyranny of this animal, which has imposed upon us stone-paved streets, unending dirt, and, curiously enough, the horse-fly—an insect dependent upon the existence of stables for its birth and breeding. What the future of the horse will be is hard to say. It is likely that horses will continue for centuries to come to be used as instruments of sport and pleasure, but the day of their emancipation from hard labor in the streets and roads is not far distant."

## Earthquakes and Causes.

One of the most disastrous earthquakes of recent times is that reported from Russian Transcaucasia. The town of Shamakha has been practically destroyed, only a dozen houses being left standing, while a population of 25,000 has been rendered homeless. The number of fatalities is as yet unknown. Over 200 bodies had been recovered at the latest accounts.

To the student of seismic phenomena, the interesting and suggestive feature in the Shamakha earthquake is that it has occurred in the neighborhood of the Baku oil district—the most productive field in the world, not excepting that of Beaumont, in Texas. It is, furthermore, a section of the world which has hitherto been exempt from these phenomena. The scientific enquirer will naturally search for a cause, for cause and effect go together in the scientific analysis of all phenomena. Is there a natural oil reservoir tapped by the oil wells of Baku, on the shores of the Caspian Sea, located under the site of Shamakha, and has the tremendous drain of mineral oil from the same caused a void and a subsequent shrinkage in the earth's crust in that neighborhood? The enquiry is not far-fetched. It is usually assumed that the water taken from the oil withdrawn from the measures, filling the vacuum created by the latter's withdrawal, but if the water, being more tenuous, should find an independent way elsewhere, the vacuum created by the draining of the mineral oil would remain, and a shrinkage of the unsupported crust of the earth would naturally follow sooner or later.

It has been suggested that the tapping of the oil measures in the southern part of California has relieved the pressure of the gas created in them, and that the consequent gas explosions produced by excessive pressure, and thus removed one of the supposed causes of earthquakes in that section. There may be nothing in the theory, but it has been observed that the Los Angeles district has been notably exempt from seismic disturbances since the oil measures were tapped and vent given to the gases generated in them. Likewise the theory that the Shamakha earthquake was due to the drain on the petroleum reservoirs in the Caucasus by the Baku wells may be entirely at fault. But the two phenomena seem to invite the attention of the scientist, and open a new field for the study of seismic disturbances.

## Bees in War!

We do not know that bees have ever been recognized as among the accessories of war, but there is an old story current in the Southern States of a party who were out scouting or foraging, probably both, one morning, and saw a much larger party of the enemy's cavalry riding down on them. It was useless to retreat across an open plain, for the horses could go faster than they, while to surrender meant a fate but little better or perhaps a little worse than death. They gathered behind a wall or embankment, resolved to sell their lives as dearly as possible, when one of their number spied a stand of beehives a little way behind him. Quickly he communicated his idea to his comrades, and enough ran back to each to seize a hive and throw it over the wall in front of them. Very quickly the bees were set at work as busily as the men had been sworn into the service, and while the riders might have faced them, the horses would not, but were soon in full retreat a half mile away. Some of the boys got stung in trying to send missiles gone powerful than bee stings after the enemy, but they all reached camp again soon without needing the surgeon's care.

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## SOME PUZZLERS.

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How high (in inches) is a silk hat?  
Which way does the crescent moon turn, to the right or left?

How many toes has a cat on each fore foot? On each hind foot?

What color are your employer's eyes? The eyes of the man at the next desk?

In which direction is the face turned on a cent? On a quarter? On a dime? How many steps lead from the street to the front door of your house or flat?

What are the exact words on a two cent stamp, and in which direction is the face on it turned?

Write down, offhand, the figures on the face of your watch. The odds are that you will make at least two mistakes in doing this.

What is the name, signed in facsimile, on any dollar, two dollar, five dollar or ten dollar bill you ever saw? You've read dozens of those names. Can you remember one?

Your watch has some words written or printed on its face. You have seen these words a thousand times. Write them out correctly. Few can do this. Also what is the number in the case of your watch?

## The Boy and the Farm.

How often we hear parents discourage the boys who wish to stay on the farm! They refer to farm work as drudgery and that which tends to make them slaves to work rather than independent men. The biggest boys are educated for professional men and in many instances excel, but the vast majority of those, with a good practical education such as can be gained in our schools of agriculture, would become wealthy, progressive farmers, with fine farms and beautiful homes, if they had been encouraged and advised to stay by the old farm and make it a success.

## Alert For an Angel.

Mr. Stormington Barnes and his leading man were passing a village church. "Listen!" exclaimed the eminent tragedian.

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## Alarm That Worked.

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Second Office Boy—He did. De boss said if he wasn't back from dat errand in ten minutes he'd lose his job!

## She Spoke Too Early.

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Artist—Yes, they are not done yet. I leave that to the last.

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JAMES W. GARDNER, Architect, Chatham, Ont.

## PAMPHLETS FOR TOURISTS

Grand Trunk Issues New Summer Resort Publications.

Two new publications have just been issued by the publicity department of the Grand Trunk Railway System. One of them is descriptive of the charming summer resorts on the east coast of Lake Huron, including Southampton, Port Elgin, Kincardine, Goderich and Sarnia Ontario and the beaches that are reached through Port Huron, Mich. The publication is enhanced by direct reproductions in half-tone from photographs and is printed in the Luxotype process. In addition to a description of that part of the country there is information for the lover of food and gun, lists of hotels, with accommodation and rates, and a great deal of other data that is of interest to those who are looking for a summer play ground.

The other new publication is a description written in a story-like form most interesting, and dealing with that vast wilderness embracing the region around French River, the descriptive matter takes the tourist over the northern division of the Grand Trunk to North Bay and from there across Lake Nipissing to Chaudiere Falls on the French River, which is as far as navigation by steamer can be enjoyed. The rest of the journey is made by canoes, several portages being necessary; but the scenery is so grand and so magnificent that anyone is well repaid for a visit to this charming locality.

The hunting and fishing in this comparatively virgin district is unequalled—black bass, muskies and pickerel being the most numerous of the finny tribe found here, the big fellows of the muskies species running from 20 to 30 pounds are a frequent catch. The charms of this wonderful country beyond Lake Nipissing are not all confined to the summer season—it is beautiful in August and September, and it is gorgeous in October and November.

During the first two weeks of November the deer-hunting is good, and in duck-hunting season a full bag is obtainable at any time. The waters of the streams tributary to the French river are literally alive with gamey fish of all varieties and sizes. This interesting booklet just issued by the Grand Trunk includes all information how to reach the locality, and other particulars looked for by the sportsman or tourist. Copies sent free on application to G. T. Bell, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Montreal.

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.

This famous national park offers to the tourist and sightseer more novelties and curiosities than perhaps any other spot on earth. The stage ride from Monida is through scenery hardly inferior to the park itself, and this ride is one of the very many enjoyments of the trip.

The new route to the Yellowstone is via the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line Railroads to Monida, Montana, thence daily by special excursion coaches of the Monida & Yellowstone Stage Company to all points in the Yellowstone National Park.

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