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THE VALUE OF AN EDITORIAL.

A few days ago we had occasion to notice an editorial in The Canadian, the weekly paper issued by the Ontario School for the Deaf of this city, in which sensational charges were made in regard to the alleged untruthfulness and unreliability of newspapers.

Five-tenths of the news department of the daily papers was described as "pure invention" and four tenths as "conjecture and surmise." By "pure invention," of course, our contemporary means deliberate falsehood. This statement or insinuation is so utterly wild as to be undeserving of serious treatment. We pay passing attention to it merely because it illustrates an extravagant and unreasonable method of criticising what is after all a miracle of truth and accuracy—the modern daily newspaper.

When you consider the lightning speed with which a paper gathers its daily harvest, not only from its own town or city, but from every corner of the globe, it would be amazing if inaccuracies did not sometimes appear. That the inaccuracies are numerous or frequently deliberate is altogether aside from the fact. The paper appears a twentieth-century marvel of exact information.

The reports from the European war are, however, exceptional. The Ontario pays for the best service obtainable, and these reports have all been duly censored by the officials of the British War Office. It is unfortunately true that in the despatches "conjecture and surmise" have frequently appeared, not to speak of "pure invention."

But in regard to war news let us be fair. The publisher of a newspaper cannot go to the capitals of Europe every day to verify the statements that are sent out. He gives them to his readers just as he receives them. If the statements are unreliable or false the publisher is not to blame.

And when we consider the case of the governments who send out or permit to be sent out the various reports, let us not forget that the countries are at war. The time is also exceptional. To send out accurate data in regard to all the movements and proceedings at the front would be only to disclose valuable information to the enemy. No government is insane enough to do that.

We claim no responsibility for the character of the reports from the seat of war. That is the affair of the British War Office. People will have to be their own judges in regard to the truthfulness of the news given out. For our own part we consider that we have received a marvellous amount of very correct information in regard to the situation in Europe. We believe that the most of us who follow the despatches have a reasonably accurate idea of just how matters stand at the present time. Even from the war theatre it will be found that the misinformation sent abroad is surprisingly small in volume as compared with what is known to be true.

The newspaper press not only adheres to the truth as a matter of policy, but it renders a great public service in the correction of false rumors and reports. This has been illustrated on many occasions since the war started. Time and again wild stories have in some mysterious manner gone abroad and been given very general circulation on the streets. Sometimes these took the form of casualties to our local boys, sometimes the rumors were of great battles. The appearance of the papers served to show that the tales had no foundation in fact.

While The Ontario claims no responsibility for the truthfulness or the reverse of the war despatches, we do admit full responsibility for the local news. In the matter of local news we challenge anybody to show that we publish "pure inventions" or deliberately false statements. Aside altogether from the moral aspect of such a policy it would be business madness for a newspaper to cast discredit on its own performance by mixing fifty per cent. of lies with one-tenth of truth and four-tenths of "conjecture and surmise." The modern reader demands truth and dependability in the reports he is given in the paper. If it were otherwise, he would soon quit spending his money for it.

The following article in regard to the work and character of a daily newspaper is from a recent issue of The Hamilton Times and is well expressed and appropriate that we give it in full.

The daily newspaper is an almost indispensable necessity to every man and woman who can read. It is indispensable to the business man and to the professional man, and most workmen would rather go without their supper than their evening paper, and the women folks would be "lost" without it. Were the daily newspapers to suspend publication for a week there would be confusion and something like a panic in consequence. We would miss the news of the day, including the war news, and we would be as it were groping around in the dark as to what was happening in the world around us. We would be thrown back a hundred years.

The daily press is not only a disseminator of news, and of information generally, but it is a public record of the proceedings of many public bodies, such as Parliament, Civic Councils and such like, and in this way keeps the public posted as to the doings of their representatives, a work which could hardly be done by any other means. Every morning or evening the newspaper reader can sit in judgment on the men he has placed in power to transact his public business. In this way the newspaper becomes the guardian of the man who reads it. He depends upon it to keep him informed as to what is being done in all the activities of public life, and from the reports he receives through his newspaper he is able to judge the actions of public men.

But the average daily newspaper is something more. It aspires to be a moulder of public opinion. It discusses all sorts of public questions, and points out for the benefit and edification of the reader what it considers the right side of these questions. The newspaper editorials act as guide, philosopher and friend to those who read them. But there are some men who say that they place little confidence in newspaper editorials because the opinions expressed therein are only the opinions of one man—the editor.

Suppose we grant that. The opinion of the lawyer is only the opinion of one man, so with the opinion of the physician and the theologian. But the layman would not ignore or belittle the opinion of any of these men because it happened to be the opinion of one man. Similarly the opinion of the editor should not be thrown aside as of no account because it is only his opinion. His is as much a trained intellect as that of men of any other of the professions. He must at least be a student of political economy—the so-called dismal science—and he must be a close student of all public questions as they arise.

But it is scarcely true to say that an editorial is only the opinion of one man. It may have been written by one man. But the opinions expressed therein may have been the crystallization of the thoughts of many men. The editor when he is not writing is imbibing the views of other men, other editors, magazine writers, statesmen, and so forth. He gathers facts, data, and information, and analyses principles, and after careful thought he expresses the conclusions he has come to in his editorial. Thus an editorial is the work of many men and of many minds.

We may be told that editors are no more infallible than are other men—that they differ on political and other questions and cannot be depended upon. True, they differ. Who do not? The doctor, the lawyer and the theologian differ, and business men differ in their modes of business just as men differ in thought. But that need not be an argument against the editorial because it is written by one man. Uniformity would mean stagnation—death. The reader cannot discard the editorial because it is one man's production, without discarding the advice of his lawyer, doctor and minister. The average man has neither the facilities nor the time for arriving at an intelligent appreciation of the many questions that arise from day to day outside of the daily newspaper, and that is why so many men practically accept the opinions of their particular newspaper as their own opinions.

BOOST.

(From "Breakfast Table Chat" in The Detroit Free Press.)

Boost your city, boost your friend, Boost the lodge that you attend, Boost the street on which you're dwelling, Boost the goods that you are selling, Boost the people round about you, They can get along without you, But success will quicker find them, If they knew that you're behind them.

Boost for every forward movement, Boost for every new improvement, Boost the man for whom you labor, Boost the stranger and the neighbor. Cease to be a chronic knocker, Cease to be a progress blocker, If you'd make your city better Boost it to the final letter.

THE MARKETS

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Big export sales, estimated at more than 2,000,000 bushels, the largest amount this season, gave notable strength today to wheat, notwithstanding depression at the start. Prices closed firm, 1-4 to 1-2 cent higher, with May 1915 1-4 and July 1915 5-8. Corn finished a shade off to 1-4 cent, oats unchanged to 1-4 cent advance and provisions at exactly Saturday's latest figures.

TORONTO DAILY MARKET.
Butter, creamery, fresh, made, 24 squares, 0.35 0.36
Butter, creamery, solid, 0.34 0.35
Butter, separator, dairy, 0.33 0.34
Butter, creamery, cut, 0.34 0.35
Eggs, fresh, per doz., 0.34 0.35
Eggs, cold-storage, doz., 0.30 0.31
Honey, per lb., 0.10 0.11
Cheese, extra, 0.12 0.13

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
TORONTO, Jan. 24.—The Board of Trade official market quotations: Manitoba Wheat (New Crop), No. 1 northern, 1.15, in store, Fort William.

No. 2 northern, 1.15, in store, Fort William.
No. 3 northern, 1.15, in store, Fort William.

Manitoba Oats, No. 1 C.W., 44c, in store, Fort William.
No. 2 C.W., 44c, in store, Fort William.

Extra No. 1 seed, 45c, in store, Fort William.
No. 1 feed, 44c, in store, Fort William.

Yellow, No. 1, new, 32c, track, Toronto.
Canadian Corn, No. 1, new, 32c, track, Toronto.

Ontario Oats, No. 3 white, 44c to 45c, according to freight, outside.
Commercial oats, 43c to 44c.

Ontario Wheat, No. 2, winter, 1.15, in store, 1.14, according to freight, outside.
Slightly sprouted and tough, according to sample, 90c to 1.00.

Feed, 1.00 to 1.05, according to sample, 90c to 1.00.
No. 2, nominal, per car lot, 1.10, according to freight, outside.

Sample peas, according to sample, 1.15 to 1.17.
Barley, No. 2, nominal, 60c to 65c, according to freight, outside.

Freight, outside, No. 2, nominal, 60c to 65c, according to freight, outside.
No. 1 commercial, 60c to 65c, according to freight, outside.

Adjusted, 70c to 80c, according to sample.
Manitoba Flour, No. 1, per ton, 12.50, track, Toronto.

Second patents, in 50 lb. bags, 12.75, Toronto.
Strong barrels, in 50 lb. bags, 12.50, Toronto.

Ontario Flour, Winter, 12.50 to 13, according to sample, seaboard, in Toronto, freight, in present market.

Millfeed (Car Lots, Delivered), Bran, per ton, 12.50, Montreal freight, Middlings, per ton, 12.50, Montreal freight.

Good feed flour, per bag, 1.15, Montreal freight.
Hay, No. 1, per ton, 11.50 to 12.50, track, Toronto.

No. 2, per ton, 11.50 to 12.50, track, Toronto.
OATLE MARKETS.

UNION STOCK YARDS.
TORONTO, Jan. 24.—Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards were 2,652 cattle, 743 hogs, 173 sheep and lambs, and 111 calves.

Butchers' Cattle, Choice, heavy steers, at 17.75 to 18.15; good, at 17.25; medium, at 16.75 to 17.00; common, at 16.25 to 16.50; light cows, at 15.75 to 16.00; medium cows, at 15.25 to 15.50; cull cows, at 14.75 to 15.00; light bulls, at 14.25 to 14.50; heavy bulls, at 13.75 to 14.00.

Choice feeders, 900 to 950 lbs., at 16.25 to 16.75; good feeders, 800 to 900 lbs., at 15.75 to 16.00; medium feeders, 700 to 800 lbs., at 15.25 to 15.50; light feeders, 600 to 700 lbs., at 14.75 to 15.00; yearlings, 500 to 600 lbs., at 14.25 to 14.50.

Choice milkers and springers, at 16.00 to 16.50; good cows, at 15.50 to 16.00; common cows, at 15.00 to 15.50; light calves, at 14.50 to 15.00; heavy calves, at 14.00 to 14.50.

Choice, 120 to 150; good, 88 to 110; common, 75 to 100; heavy, fat calves, 60 to 80.
Sheep and Lambs, Light sheep, 17.75 to 18.50; heavy sheep, 16.75 to 17.50; light hogs, 12.50 to 13.50; heavy hogs, 11.50 to 12.50; and 44 cwt for stage, from prices paid for selected.

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WHELAN & YEOMANS OFFER THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES FOR SALE GET UNDER YOUR OWN ROOF

SEVEN Room Frame House, Foster Ave., barn, two extra lots, good garden, some fruit, good well at a bargain.

\$1500—Bleeker Ave south, two-story brick house, first-class repair, good cellar, electric light and water.

\$1000—Two story frame house, Pope Street, almost new.

\$4000—Bridge St. East.—One of the finest located homes in the city.

\$2800—Two story brick house, Dunbar St., all conveniences, barn and large lot in first-class repair.

BARGAIN—Large frame house with all conveniences, barn and two lots close to G.T.R. station.

\$4200—Lot 1, Con. 2, Tyndinaga, 100 acres with good buildings, 75 acres woodland, balance pasture; workland well fenced and watered; special terms for quick sale.

\$650—Frame house with large lot, West side Yeomans St.

\$1500—Frame house, Great St. James Street.

\$600—Frame seven room house, Catherine Street.

\$3500—Large lot on east side of Front Street, about 50 feet frontage with two houses and other buildings.

\$200—Each—Burham Street, 5 lots, 42 x 152.

\$12—per foot—Cor. Bridge and McDonald Avenue.

\$350—Albert Street, 56 x 100, West side.

\$125—Dufferin Avenue, between Pine Street and Victoria Ave. 5 lots about 60 feet frontage.

\$500—Corner Dundas and Charles Streets, 50 x 98.

\$250—Lot 45 x 135, Lingham Avenue.

\$125—Each for two good buildings, lots 40 x 174, on Ridley Ave. next to Midway Street.

\$150—Each for two lots east side Ridley Ave., also 40 x 170 ft.

\$75—Each, North Coleman Street, 5 lots, 45 x 160.

A BARGAIN block of 12 lots on Sidney Street.

\$10—per foot—Foster Avenue, north of Bridge.

\$3500—One of the best livery and food barns in the city, handy to any part city.

2 ACRES on bay shore, the best location site in the city, good dockage and along C.N.R. Double frame house on ground.

\$800—Five acre block near Albert College, just outside city. Land suitable for gardening. Seven minutes walk from Front St.

\$4500—75 acres, 4th Con. of Tyndinaga, well watered and fenced, 16-acre house, some fruit.

\$6000—150 acres, one mile from Cannifton, 7-room frame house, bank barn, drive house etc., well watered and fenced.

145 Acres—One of the best located farms on the bay shore in Ameliasburg Twp.; all first-class buildings, well fenced and watered, about 600 apple trees, close to church school and cheese factory; terms arranged to suit purchaser.

\$6500—100 acres, 3rd Con. of Tyndinaga, good stock of cultivation, buildings in good repair, well fenced and watered.

\$6000—92 1/2 acres, 3rd Con. of Tyndinaga, good basement barn and frame dwelling, well fenced and watered.

\$3400—Will buy 370 acres, good stock farm, good house about 125 acre timber, good house and barn, lot Con. of Hungerford.

100 Acre farm, 6th Con. of Tyndinaga, first-class buildings, well fenced and watered, price right, easy terms.

\$14000—300 Acres, 1 mile of Pontypool village, north of Peterboro, 200 acres work land and 100 acres pasture and wood land, extra fine buildings, well fenced and watered, first-class for stock or mixed farming.

\$6500—200 acres clay and sandy loam, all well fenced and watered on Bay shore, five miles from Pictou, two-story 9 room frame house, large new verandah, cellar and large cistern, large barn, stabling for 25 head sheep, and cattle shed, new wagon house with large loft and stable, orchard and about 25 acres fire wood, R.M.D. and close to church, school and blacksmith shop, buildings all painted. Good terms.

7 1/2 Acres, just north of city, good frame house and barn, about 9 apple trees at a bargain.

100 Acres on Kingston Road. Fine brick house and barn. One of the best situated market gardens close to Belleville and Point Anne markets. Would make a good dairy farm. Between 600 and 700 apple trees in first-class condition.

\$1800—Just west of city limit, 7 room frame house, good cellar, well and cistern, electric light, over one acre of ground with barn and fruit.

\$3700—Two-story brick house and barn, all conveniences, hot water heating, large lot, extra lot if wanted; Victoria Ave.

\$2500—Double House, Moira St. good cellar, electric light, house for cooking, city water in house and barn.

\$3000—Two-story brick nine-room house; large lot and barn, hot water heating, just north of city limit.

DOUBLE brick house, Mill Street, lately remodelled, up-to-date with full plumbing and hot water heating, electric light and gas, large stables suitable for livery or boarding stable. Deep lot 80 foot frontage.

\$2800—New two-story 8-room brick house; all modern conveniences, full basement with gas for cooking in kitchen and basement.

\$2600—New up-to-date frame dwelling, Foster Avenue, electric light, gas for cooking, full plumbing, good basement.

\$4000—South Charles St. New two-story brick, hardwood floors throughout, sleeping porch, large basement, all conveniences; one of the best finished homes in city.

\$1800—Rough cast Dwelling and barn, Bridge St. west, city water on lot, two garden lots at rear, cheap if required.

\$2650—Two story brick house; 7 rooms, hardwood floors on first flat, gas for cooking, electric light and furnace.

\$710—Frame Cottage, five rooms and outside shed, city water, Cor. Strachan and Grier Streets.

\$2200—Two-story eight room brick house; electric light and city water; Mill Street.

\$4000—New two-story nine room brick house; all modern conveniences, large basement and verandah. Great St. James St.

\$2500—New two-story frame house; all conveniences, full basement, good lot with pear and apple trees. Chatham Street.

\$900—Seven room frame house, large lot, first-class garden soil. Strachan Street.

\$3000—Two-story brick house; twelve rooms, in first-class repair. Alexander Street.

\$1400—Two-story frame house South Pinnacle Street, water and gas hot water heating, large lot with barn.

\$1200—One and one-half story frame double house, Pinnacle Street, large lot, city water.

\$1350—Solid brick house Bleeker or Ave. three minutes walk to G.T.R. station. Large lot. Will make first-class boarding house.

\$3500—Up-to-date eight room brick house on John St. Electric light and gas, full-sized basement. Five minutes from Front St.

FINE up-to-date frame house on Great S. James Street, large verandah, hardwood floors throughout, electric light