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Editorial

Our pulpits are our work clothes. Each of us live some kind of a sermon every day.

THE PRICE OF FARM PRODUCE

The prices realized from the products of the farm so far this season have been disappointing, to the producer and out of proportion to the prices obtained for other commodities. In a section like this where the chief industrial activities have to do with the cultivation of the soil the result has naturally been rather unsatisfactory and has in a measure interfered with the prosperity which the Valley has enjoyed during recent years.

The present conditions are partially due to the abundant crops harvested which ultimately is bound to make for material betterment. Moreover, compared with pre-war times, prices are far from discouraging and indicate that when the returns are all received conditions will not be so bad.

Many apple growers suffered severely in consequence of the unusually violent gales of the late summer and fall, and there has been considerable anxiety regarding the prices likely to be obtained for the fruit which was saved. Reports that have come to us of returns from shipments to the old country, however, in most cases look to us fairly good, and those who ought to know report the present tendency of the market upward.

The excellent hay crop of the past summer and the consequent low price of hay, while not to the liking of the grower who has to sell, cannot but prove most beneficial to the country at large. Abundance of fodder will mean a very decided increase in live stock and enable the producer of milk and butter a much better likelihood of a satisfactory profit. Last year with hay selling at forty dollars or more per ton dairying was attended by far greater difficulty than at the present.

SHIP BETTER FRUIT

The opinion is apparently becoming more and more general that we are sending too many inferior apples to the English markets. Just how far the present unsatisfactory prices ruling are due to this cause it is difficult to say, but the large amount of number three and domestics which make up our shipments is undoubtedly to a considerable degree responsible. Not more fruit but better fruit more attractively packed, will be found, we believe, a much better policy in the end.

The whole matter of our organization requires careful consideration in view of the fact that the apple crop is so important to the material prosperity of this Valley. Unexcelled as an apple growing section, we are not today holding the place that we might. Our methods need revision and some action along this line should not be longer postponed. When Nova Scotia apples are placed on the market in the same business-like manner that is demanded by other products the grower may reasonably expect to reap a legitimate profit for his investment of time and money. This will not result, however, so long as prices for our apples are permitted to be fixed in an open market in which the seller has no likelihood of receiving a fair deal.

CAN'T LEAVE IT TO GEORGE

Editor Walker, of Enderby, B. C., comments thus in his weekly paper: "It has been said that the Enderby post office does the biggest drygoods business in town. There is hardly a day passes that the mail truck is not loaded down with parcels of dress goods, etc., from the East. This isn't as it should be, but it's as it will be until inducements are offered by the local merchants that will hold the business in the home field. The Commoner has devoted columns and pages to articles urging home-town buying, but we've reached the conclusion that there is another side to the question and that it is up to the hometown merchant to get after the business if he wants it."

CRIME AND THE MENTAL DEFECTIVE

(Dr. J. G. Shearer.)
All Canada was shocked at the bungled and twice attempted execution of a young man who had been convicted of a brutal murder in an Eastern Province in the recent past. The bungled execution by a drunken hangman was shocking enough. But the more shocking thing was the murder because Society itself was really more to blame than the poor mentally defective murderer. He should have been from his early years a ward of society, protected from the terrible perils of liberty among normal people whose competition, temptations, and taunts led him to fall into illicit sexual association, fits of temper, and finally a frenzy of jealousy which drove him to his awful deed and to end his life on the gallows.

His is by no means an exceptional case. A great many of the most brutal murders and other shocking deeds of violence are committed by irresponsible feeble-minded men or women, who instead of being exposed to unfair competition and overpowering temptation at the hands of normal and unscrupulous fellow-citizens ought to have been discovered in childhood as subnormal and to have been cared for in the protected atmosphere of a rural and industrial training school adapted to their peculiar needs such as we have now in some Provinces of Canada, and in many American States and in the United Kingdom.

Dr. H. H. Goddard of Vineland, N. J., gives three selected feeble-minded murderers in his book on "The Criminal Imbecile".

One of these, Jean Giannini, a youth of sixteen, a fairly high-grade moron, because he had been placed in the dunce corner by his teacher for some breach of discipline or failure in his lesson, in a spirit of revenge enticed his teacher outside the village and with an old money wrench with which he had armed himself brutally beat her to death and gloried in the publicity his terrible deed

had given him. Another, Roland Pennington, a farm hand, of imbecile mental status, led on by the farm manager who was jealous of the farm owner, brutally attacked the latter and with the help of the manager did the victim to death in horrible fashion. Both manager and boy were convicted and executed—which was gravely unjust to this poor boy.

The third, Fred Tronson, an elevator man, was attracted to a Stenographer, whom his elevator carried up and down daily, proposed marriage, was refused, bought two revolvers, followed the young lady on the street car to her home, again proposed and being again refused, opened fire and finished his brutal deed inside the girl's home into which she fled. He too was an imbecile. Being convicted he was given a life sentence in the penitentiary. His life should have been from early years spent in a training school or colony for the feeble-minded where he would have been happy, contented and safe in this protected atmosphere and the community safe from the crimes he was liable to commit. Dr. C. K. Clark the great alienist, is quoted as saying that probably one half of all crime in general is due to the non-care of these well-intentioned, weak-minded but dangerous potential criminals. When will Governments learn the wisdom of discovering and properly caring for these unfortunate creatures and so protecting them and the public from the very serious dangers to which they are constantly exposed? Probably not until the public gets to know the alarming facts and insistently presses for action. Even in money it costs less to care for these potential criminals before they become actual assaulters, murderers, prostitutes, incendiaries and the like.

A HAPPY ENDING

Sunday School Teacher: "Now, Willie, what was your 'good' act for the week? Who did you make happy?"
Willie: "My Aunt Carrie. I went to see her and she was happy when I left."

WHERE IS THERE "A BETTER 'OLE'?"

Is there a place in the world today, as well off as Canada? asks The London Free Press. Canadians may do a certain amount of grumbling, but there is not a country, not even the United States, where conditions generally are as good, where there is as little unemployment or as much general prosperity as in the Dominion.

The reason is not hard to seek. Canada has the greatest potential natural resources in the world and her production is rapidly increasing. She has what the world needs.

The Financial Post has been making a preliminary survey of the production of the Dominion for the year, and estimates that our revenue will be the largest of any normal year in our history. The Post places the revenue at \$250,000,000 more than last year, and after making allowances for the present higher range of values over \$500,000,000 in excess of the pre-war year, 1913.

The Post, for instance, figures on a survey made on September 30 that the total value of the products of the farm for 1923 will be \$1,702,226,000 as against \$1,626,028,000 in 1922 and \$1,061,610,000 in 1913. Revenue from minerals is placed at \$236,511,000; paper, pulp, wood and timber, \$443,570,000, and fish \$38,000,000 a total of \$2,420,407,000 as against \$2,168,125,000 in 1922 and \$1,407,754,000 in 1913.

The increased production is reflected in our export trade. Exports for the nine months of the year showed an increase of over \$304,000,000 over the same period of 1922. In the same period our total exports exceeded our imports by over \$94,000,000. Canada now stands in fifth place in the exporting countries of the world in foreign trade. The Post figures that Canada exports three times as much per head as the United States and one third more than the mother country.

Will someone please show us "a better 'ole'" than Canada?

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY

The amazing story entitled, "The Wonderful Heroine" which appeared in the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, has caused widespread speculation as to the identity of this young and beautiful woman, who by her heroism, self-sacrifice and abounding trust and faith in God, by her sweet purity and astounding courage in the face of unspeakable horrors, came to be regarded as a living saint and the wonder woman of a great Empire.

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HONESTY

There's many a puzzlin' problem that attacks a feller's mind, when discoursin' to a Public, of a mighty various kind.

There's some will differ with ye, and there's others that applaud—an' some that won't believe ye on yer oath, so help ye God! Which brings the solemn query into this here humble song: Can anything be honest—yet remain, dead wrong? I've allers heard that Honesty was just among the things, that took a man to Heaven, on the shiniest of wings; that a man that wuzzent honest, had mighty nigh as well, consult the ticket agent for the slowest train to hell—So, a little sober thinkin' will arouse the question strong,—Can any man be honest—yet, remain dead wrong?

I try to foller reason in the ideas I evolve—an' I sometimes pray fer guidance, when I've got a thing to solve I've catered more to judgement, than to tolerance or taste, in these days of much palaver where the syntax goes to waste. . . . Let me cast this humbly pebble in the philosophic pool—That Honesty is reaky—in the bosom of a Fool!

TOWN OF DON'T YOU WORRY

There's a town called Don't-You-Worry. On the banks of River 'Smile; Where the Cheer-Up and Be-Happy Blossom sweetly all the while. Where the Never-Grumble flower Blooms beside the fragrant Try, And the Ne'er-Give-Up and Patience Point their faces to the sky.

In the valley of contentment, In the province of I-Will, You will find this lovely city. At the foot of No-Fret hill, There are thoroughfares d'ightful In his very charming town, And on every hand are shade trees Named the Very-Seldom Frown.

Rustic benches quite enticing You'll find scattered here and there; And to each a vine is clinging Called the Frequent-Earnest-Prayer. Everybody there is happ' And is singing all the while, I the town of Don't-You-Worry, On the banks of River Smile. I. J. Bartlett.

The best way to avoid the grounds of suspicion is to keep off the grounds.

One good thing about telling the truth is you don't have to remember what you say.

CROWDED BOTTLES

Lady.—"Look here, Mr. Milkman, there never is any cream on the milk you sell here."
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