

WHAT CANADIAN EDITORS THINK

TORONTO THE PARADOX.

(Victoria Times)

THIS city of Toronto is held up to view upon every possible occasion by evangelists, and often by good men who do not pose as evangelists, as a model for all other cities upon the face of the globe. It is shut up tight on Sundays. It has more churches per head of the population than any of its less conspicuous neighbours. It has fewer saloons than any place that is not under prohibition. There is a solemnity upon the populace as it moves sedately to its various places of worship upon the first day of the week which shows that it feels the weight of the reputation it has to live up to. Yet along comes this man Gipsy Smith and candidly tells the people they are not what they are cracked up to be. If anybody on the outside, or any newspaper say in Montreal, Hamilton or Victoria, were to insinuate that the three hundred thousand odd citizens of Toronto are mostly hypocrites, sniveling, shuffling, canting humbugs, whose religion is but a sham, what a fuss there would be!

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EDITORIAL POETRY.

(St. John Sun)

YESTERDAY'S dull grey broke, at evening, into a sunset of fiery colour and a rainbow of wonderful perfection. The heavy curtain of cloud fell just short of the western hill tops and the sun, as it dipped in the horizon, poured under the low-hung fringe a flood of vivid yellow light which struck strangely across the glistening city, where the rain was still falling, and crowned the eastern sky with a double tiara of prismatic beauty. From end to end the glorious arc swung unbroken, better than half-circle and reaching near to the zenith. The outer bow, though perfect in its sweep, blended its colours somewhat indistinctly, but in the inner every line of the solar spectrum shone wonderfully clear, from its outer red, through orange and yellow and green to the blue and indigo and the purple mystery of the interior violet, almost phosphorescent in its glow. The yellow deepened into gold, into rose colour, till the rain washed it grey again and the night fell dark.

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THE SELKIRK PIONEER.

(Manitoba Free Press)

THE Selkirk settlers brought with them a realisation of the responsibilities of citizenship which enters to a very large extent into the present national spirit of Canada. From Ontario and other Eastern provinces there likewise came many who, though they spoke the same tongue with a different accent as those who came by way of Hudson Bay, were akin with them in custom, speech and aspiration as Britishers. But the immense material development that has occurred since the early efforts and struggles of the old timers has brought thousands who came among us without the qualifications required to make them good Canadians forthwith. Our city is taking upon itself aspects that are out of harmony with Canadian ideals.

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A BIT OF MORALISM.

(Halifax Herald)

THE man in the shop thinks that he would pitch in and be the best workman in the whole establishment only he isn't strong enough to work

like that, though he really has strength and to spare. The man who ought to improve his mind by evening study says that he would do it only of course he hasn't time, though as a matter of fact he has time to kill and does slaughter it by doing nothing for whole hours at a stretch. All these excuses are simply crutches by which we make ourselves walk lame. We fool ourselves into the belief that we need them and by using them day by day we finally get so accustomed to them that we feel that we must have them. By constantly using them our positive faculties are weakened our lives are blighted. We blame others for our non-progress when as a matter of fact we are like the lazy man in the bed. We are alone to blame.

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NEED TO TRAVEL.

(Lethbridge Herald)

THE Ontario editors are backing out of their proposal to make an excursion to Western Canada. The reason is that so few of the members of the association expressed a willingness to come. Just why they do not want to come is not stated. There is one thing sure, however, and that is that they need to come. Of all the editors in Canada or the United States the rank and file of the editors in Ontario are the most densely ignorant of Western Canada. Perhaps they are afraid to come, for if they do they will not be able to restrain themselves from sounding the country's praises and thereby be the means of inducing some of their readers to go west and be somebody and as a result the editor would get into trouble with the merchants who give them advertising. They would rather remain in ignorance and display it, as they so beautifully do on sundry and various occasions, than to come out and see the mighty nation growing in their own land with the prospect of a calling-down from the local general merchant for his write-up of the trip.

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SMALL POTATOES.

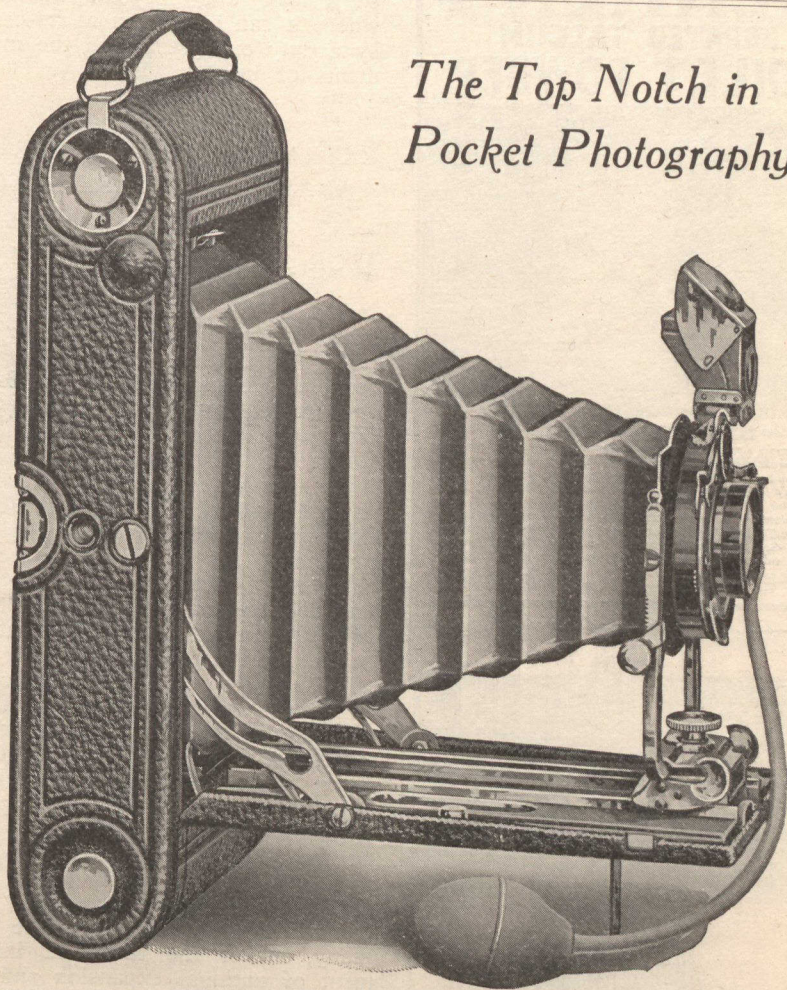
(Toronto Star.)

TO describe the action of the Senate in raising the duties on hops, oysters, and potatoes as the act of a hostile nation or of a nation seeking to coerce Canada is to give it too much importance. The total export of oysters in 1908 was valued at \$3,829, of hops \$33,567, nearly all the hops went to England, only \$891 to the United States; the export of potatoes was valued at \$517,576, but only \$18,480 went to the United States; the export of barley was worth \$1,239,972, of which \$862,446 worth went to Great Britain, \$166,296 to Belgium, and \$139,573 to the United States. Out of a total export of \$66,069,939 worth of agricultural products, only \$3,123,689 went to the United States. Out of a total export of \$55,101,260 worth of animals and their products, only \$7,729,157 went to the United States.

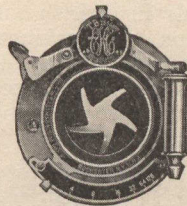
The probability is that the Senators who represented barley, hops, oysters, and potatoes were not striking at Canada, but were trying to please certain grain and vegetable growers and oyster men in the various localities which they represent. Small local considerations have more weight in the Senate than in the House, because the smallest State in the Union has as many representatives in the Senate as the largest. Moreover, the Senators are not elected directly by the people, but by the Legislatures, a procedure which lends itself to wire-pulling and small poli-

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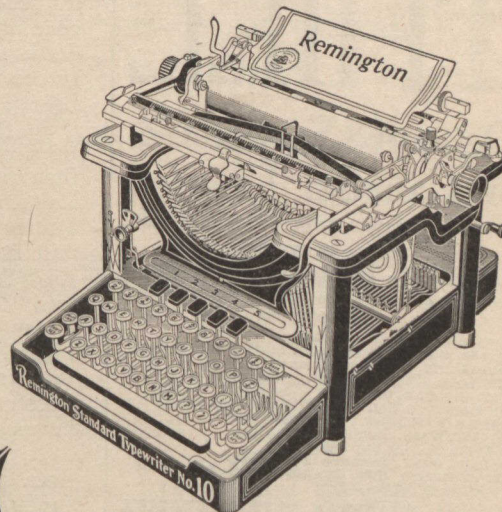
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