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WHO GAVE THE KING BAD ADVICE

(Toronto Telegram)

Whoever is advising the Crown to bless Canada with a bumper crop of titles every six months is giving the King bad advice. His Majesty the King does not spill the titles out of the fullness of his royal favor as a village philanthropist might upset a painful of candles in a scramble for the contents of the pail. The King's counsellors in Ottawa and Britain, should be advised to keep the Sovereign's name clear of association with the output of a title factory. The King is brought nearer to the people when the name of George V. is used in connection with the distribution of honors to Canadian soldiers. The King is not brought nearer to the people when his Majesty's name is misused in connection with the distribution of titles to civilian favorites. The Canadians on the latest list of birthday honors are just as eminent and deserving as the Canadians on any other list of King's birthday or New Year's honors. British Institutions are not strengthened, the King's name is not exalted in the land, by the tendency

"To stuff the country so full of knights that their feet will stick out of the windows of our own Canadian home."

EAT WHOLE WHEAT BREAD.

(Kingston Whig)

Senator Casgrain did not succeed with his resolution in the Senate, because it was held over, yet he emphasized a great truth when he said Canada was losing millions of dollars annually by eating white bread in place of whole wheat bread. The Department of Agriculture of Quebec has issued a little pamphlet entitled, "The Fallacy of white bread," by Aurele Nadeau, and the Senator having read it, began at once a propaganda of some value. Whole wheat bread is that which is made from flour that contains the mineral, salt, oils, fats, and cellulose, and all these are extracted from the wheat in the production of white flour. The change is the milling is advocated on the ground that white flour will not really contribute to the health of the people and to their financial welfare. England and France have restored to the use of whole wheat bread. The King has it upon his table. France has saved \$58,000,000 in a year by changing from one system of milling to another. The soldiers are better fed, and the wheat that goes into white flour feeds only six-two people, while the same quantity going into whole wheat flour feeds eighty-five persons. In all probability, the millers would protest against any legislation that would put them to the expense of changing their process of making flour, but in ordinary times, much less in war times, an economy so great as the flour business affords is surely demanded.

Charleston

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wattenburg and little daughter, Louise, and servants arrived last week and are occupying their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Webster, Mrs. H. Johnson, H. Webster, and Miss Helen Troy motored to Kingston on Sunday and spent the day at W. J. Berry's.

Miss Muriel Wilson spent a few days at her home in Athens.

S. W. Kelsey motored to Kingston on Saturday.

Miss Cora Kelsey is spending a few days at Long Point and Sand Bay.

E. Latimer was called to Delta last week by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Hazelton.

Mrs. Cliff Green is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. Webster.

H. Foster is gathering eggs in this section for the Athens egg circle.

Miss Flossie Spence leaves in a few days for Kingston, where she will enter the General hospital as a nurse in training.

BOTTLES ARE VERY ANCIENT.

Nearly as Old as Man, They Were First Made of Animal Skins.

Who made the first bottle has never been determined, but the necessity for some means of transporting liquids, of which water was undoubtedly the first to be considered, must have existed from the beginning of the human race, and it is generally considered probable that the first receptacle for this purpose was made from the skin of an animal. This was removed with as little mutilation as possible, and all the unavoidable openings were carefully sewed up, leaving a single leg for filling or emptying, which was tied up with a cord.

These, we know, were used ages ago by many primitive peoples and have since been employed extensively in many parts of the world, and even today they may be seen in use in some oriental countries. It was this kind of bottle that was referred to in the Bible in the much quoted dictum relating to putting new wine into old bottles. The objection to this procedure was that the skin of an old bottle has become fully stretched and weakened by use, and if new wine was put into it the pressure of the gases generated by the continued fermentation of the wine would burst the bottle.

It is a generally accepted fact that glassmaking and glass bottles originated among the Egyptians, although at what date no one has presumed to state. Even in Egypt, however, the art of glassmaking in its early history appears to have been confined to certain localities and was not practiced at all widely.—Scientific American.

INGENIOUS LETTER BOXES.

Clever Device in Use in Cities and Towns in Hungary.

"One sees mail boxes in operation in Hungary, both in cities and small towns, that are the last word in efficiency, and they are certainly good to look at as to their design," says F. B. Schlesinger. "It was fourteen years ago that I saw them, and they had then been in operation for many years, and I have yet to see anything better in any part of the world."

"The letter boxes are such that one does not have to lift any part of them in order to drop the letter. There is a wide slot on both sides protected by brass flaps working on hinges, so that the letter drops down without any possibility of becoming stuck near the top in the lift, as in our boxes. Furthermore, the letter carrier does not touch any letter when he takes the mail out. He has a bag with a locked steel oblong automatic top, the key to which is in the postoffice.

"This top of the bag is slid into a slot at the bottom of the mail box, which opens automatically and can only be opened by the insertion of this specially prepared bag. By virtue of this the entire bottom of the mail box rolls back and its contents drop straight down into the bag. Upon removal of the bag by sliding it outward the bottom of the box slides back into place and locks automatically, as well as the bag with its automatic top."—New York World.

Strength of an Indian Beetle.

One day a native servant brought me a longicorn beetle which he was carrying by its feelers, while the beetle was carrying a stone weighing nearly half a pound.

But how the feelers could stand the strain (the beetle was carried in this fashion for about forty yards) and how the legs could retain their hold of a heavy stone which they could not encompass I cannot conceive. The length of the beetle was two and one-fourth inches, its feelers three inches, and it weighed one-fourth ounce only, while the stone weighed seven and one-fourth ounces, measured three and one-fourth by two and one-half inches and was seven inches in circumference.—Serampore (Bengal) Letter.

Use of the Word "Some."

The American "some" is so modern—at least in adoption on this side of the Atlantic—that even now we have recorded the case of a British officer who did not understand it. But one finds it in Sir Mountstuart Grant Duff's diary as long ago as 1880. He was dining with the Hudson's Bay company at the City club, where Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian prime minister, made a speech about the recent inclusion in the Dominion of all British North America save Newfoundland. "When we got that," said Sir John, "we thought ourselves some pumpkins."—London Chronicle.

Fixing the Thermometer.

When a thermometer falls without breaking and the mercury becomes separated in the tube and thus fails to register correctly, the best and quickest way to repair it is to put the thermometer into a small saucuppan of cold water on the stove, allow the water to heat until the mercury is forced to the top and then remove from the fire, and when it settles the mercury will go down the column unbroken.

Little Things.

"It's the little things that cause us the most annoyance," said the parlor philosopher.

"That's right," agreed Mere Man. "The people who live next door to me have seven children, the oldest being ten."—Town Topics.

Friends and Foes.

Dear to me is the friend, yet can I make even my very foe do me a friend's part. My friend shows me what I can do; my foe teaches me what I should do.—Schiller.

The hate which we all bear with the most patience is the hate of those who envy us.—Cotton.

STATIONING

FINISHED

Last Draft of Stations Announced

Pembroke, Ont., June 6—At the Montreal Methodist conference last night, Rev. Thomas Brown, and George Stafford were elected to the general conference delegation.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Pembroke for entertaining the conferences. Conference accepted the invitation from Ottawa district for next year's sessions.

Last Draft of Stations.

The last draft of stations was presented near midnight as follows: W. Philip from Pakenham to Morewood; W. E. Long from Shawing Falls to Pittsburg South; J. W. Charlesworth from Avonmore to Elginberg; Ernest Coding from Harrowsmith to Battersea; A. W. Stewart from Battersea to Harrowsmith; Andrew Galley from North Gower to Pakenham; Andrew Fairbairn from Chelsea to Easton's Corners; W. Hansford Stevens from Almonte to Pembroke; John Hurst from Carendon to Beachburg; A. T. Hopper from Gloucester to Castletford; W. J. Westaway from Castletford to Braeside; H. S. Cook to Clarendon; H. Lloyd Morrison, transferred from British Columbia Conference to Wesley Church, Ottawa; L. H. Fisher from Manotick to Carp; D. D. Elliott from Pakenham to North Gower; S. J. Pike to Chelsea; A. T. Jones from Pembroke to Coaticook; J. S. Williams from Diamond to Compton; S. W. Boyd from Algonquin to Magon; H. A. Young from Wesley Church, Ottawa, to Phillipsburg; J. Humphrey from Harrowsmith to Bedford.

District Chairmen were elected:

The following chairmen of district Montreal North, R. Smith; Montreal South, A. A. Radley; Matilda, J. H. Miller; Brockville, P. L. Richardson; Kingston, J. D. Ellis; Perth, T. Brown; Pembroke, M. Taylor; Ottawa, W. H. Raney; Quebec, J. Seller; Stanstead, J. J. Hughes; Waterloo, I. Nelson.

Financial Secretaries: Montreal North, E. D. Mick; Montreal South, W. Timberlake; Matilda, H. Walker; Brockville, G. Stafford; Kingston, G. S. Glendinnen; Perth, W. Howitt; Pembroke, J. A. McNeill; Ottawa, T. A. Hicks; Stanstead, A. T. Jones; Waterloo, J. P. Letts.

Sunday School Secretaries: Montreal North, F. J. Hayden; Montreal South, J. G. Fulcher; Matilda, T. W. S. Coates; Brockville, J. R. Cooper; Kingston, J. A. Waddell; Perth, G. W. Dustin; Pembroke, W. R. Johnston; Ottawa, J. W. J. McFarlane; Quebec, H. Mick; Stanstead, A. Shorten; Waterloo, P. Hergeau.

WILL NOT

EXEMPT HOTELS

Gananoque Says Hotel Men Must Pay Taxes for 1917.

(Gananoque Journal)
The by-law to grant exemption from municipal taxes for 1917 to the standard hotels in town, did not get beyond the committee stage, as it was killed in the second reading, when a motion to strike out the first clause dealing with the matter was carried.

In the discussion, Mayor O'Connor said one of the reasons he was not in favor of the by-law was that too much hurry had been made in getting up the petition presented to the Council at the last meeting asking for exemption. There were about nine hundred voters in the town and out of these there were about seventy names on the petition. The laboring class had been ignored by those who had got up the petition. The other reason was that the hotel men had not made an effort to overcome the changed conditions brought about by the cutting off of the bar.

It had been said that Gananoque hotels are high class ones. That no doubt was true. In his opinion they were too much so. They were catering to one class of town visitors. What was required was hotels where people could go and get a cheap meal if they wanted it. Let the hotelmen have their dining rooms with all their high class menus and frills, but he felt in order to make the business pay they must also provide for a class of people who did not want, or would not pay for this kind of thing.

Reeve Wilson felt that in view of the hotels being a public necessity, some measure of relief should be granted them; he did not favor total exemption of tax, but possibly a fifty per cent reduction would be a fair one, and he would not strongly urge that.

Deputy Reeve Ellis was not in favor of granting the exemption asked for and taking it out of the laboring men who were tax payers, and who had not been asked to sign the petition. He was in favor of granting the hotels assistance, but it should come in another way. He would favor giving them the monopoly in the sale of soft drinks, which was now sold in restaurants. His sym-

pathies were with them, but not to the extent of granting exemption when it had to come out of the pockets of other ratepayers.

Coun. Sine thought some consideration should be given the names on the petition. They were those of prominent men in our town and no doubt had given the matter careful thought. The hotels were a necessity and we should do what we could to help them out of the position in which they were placed by the new law. There was no doubt that good hotels were asset to the town. We had good hotels and they helped to advertise the town. With regard to the Inn, the proprietor, Mr. A. A. Welsh, had done considerable advertising, and had sent out a large number of circulars, which could not help being a benefit to the town. He would not favor exemption from all municipal taxes, but would like to see something done, possibly a 50 per cent reduction would be about right.

Coun. Cowan favored exemption. The hotelmen should be helped, seeing they were prevented from making money by selling intoxicating liquor—which he was glad they were.

Coun. Lloyd said he had been reading a lot and seen that hotelmen in other towns were making the business pay and they should be able to do so here. He did not favor exemption.

Coun. Smith was not in favor of it when it first came before the Council, but had somewhat changed his views since then. He would like to see something done, but did not care to go the length of total exemption from municipal taxes.

Coun. Karr was opposed to exemption in the interest of the laboring men. The Hamilton, Toronto and Kingston Councils would not grant exemption to the hotels in those cities. The working men had turned down the by-law for a fixed assessment to the Steel Company of Canada, and he was sure they would be against exemption to the hotels.

Coun. Keyes thought the hotels should wait and see whether they could make the business pay before they asked for help. They should wait a year longer at least, besides they had their license fees and business tax refunds of last year. Before the by-law was thrown out an amendment to clause one, making it a 50 per cent reduction of municipal taxes on standard hotels was lost. The original clause was then voted on and was lost.

ANNUAL HORSE

SHOW AT PERTH

Over Two Thousand Persons Passed Through the Gates Last Saturday.

Perth, June 7.—The annual horse show conducted in connection with the S. L. Agricultural Society was held in the Fair Grounds last Saturday, and it was one of the most successful ever held. The attendance was unusually large considering the busy season for the farmers. The day was none too warm, but the threatening rain held off, and over two thousand visitors passed through the gates. There were all the usual classes on the programme and in the carriage and heavy horses there were some exceptionally fine horses. Mr. James McVeety carried off the honors for heavy Clydes, while Mr. Robert J. Harper ran him a close second. Mr. Street of Douglas, with a handsome brown mare swept the carriage class under 62 inches. There were a number of fine standard bred stallions, among them being Gold Hal, owned by Mr. Thos. Sloan of Smiths Falls.

There were two classes for trial of speed and these events proved to be the great attraction. In the three minute class the result was:

Wm. Murphy, Portland... 1 1 1
Star Pointer, b.g. Donre
Fournier, Baltimore... 2 2 2
Highland Laddie, b.g. Dr.
Young, Smiths Falls... 3 3 3
Bonner L., b.g. Wm. Joynt,
Delta... 4 4 4

In the 2.20 class the result was:—
Golden Rex, ch.g., Frank Larroche, Ottawa... 1 1 2 1
Gamey K., bh., K. Polk,
Portland... 3 5 1 2
Black Maud, b.m., B. Grant,
Westport... 2 2 3 3

The Daughters of the Empire conducted the refreshment booth on the grounds, but the weather was not such as to induce the visitors to call for more than one cold drink at a time, with the result that the booth did not attract as large crowds as was hoped.

The Red Cross Society had a refreshment tent on the grounds and this organization did a good business.

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