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**NOTE AND COMMENT**

The Ontario Temperance Act provided for exemption of hotels from business assessment during 1917-18-19. There is now no exemption.

The British census, which started this week, reminds writer in The Contemporary Review that the first modern census took place in Canada, then under French rule, in 1665, and that the first one in Britain was not until 1801.

A session of the Legislature beginning in January and ending in May is the price Ontario pays for failure to provide a safe working majority for the Government of the day.

The President of the United States has the use of nine motor vehicles at the Executive Mansion. The cars are furnished by automobile companies, and old cars are replaced without charge. Canadian dealers do not press many autos on the Government.

Next to New York City, Toronto has the largest per capita debt of any city on the continent. It is thirteen times as great as that of Philadelphia, ten times that of Chicago, and six times that of Detroit.

"General" Jacob S. Coxey, who in 1894 led the march of "Coxey's Army" of unemployed from Ohio to Washington to protest against the unemployment situation, declared Thursday that if Congress does not act quickly to relieve unemployment he will head another invasion of Washington far greater than the last.

Many years ago, a well-to-do farmer told us he made it a rule to sow each year the kind of produce that brought a low price the year before. When barley was cheap he sowed barley; and the same with other cereals; while grain at a high price, he sowed sparingly. He said the tendency of farmers was to sow high-priced seed and overstock the market, when the prices would come down.—Durham Chronicle.

British war widows are re-marrying so rapidly that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Austin Chamberlain, expects to be able to reduce pensions appropriations in this year's budget by ten million pounds sterling.

The Seattle Post Intelligencer says that "if the prodigal son had lived in the day of high skirts he wouldn't have become so excited over the fatted calf."

Medical men say that the mild winter was a healthy season, thus contradicting the adage that a green Christmas makes a full graveyard. The air of a hard winter may be bracing and healthful, but the drawback is that many people, especially those somewhat advanced in years do not breathe that air, but the heated air of houses, street cars and places of business. The most healthful climate is that which gives the maximum of days which invite one outdoors. Our well-heated houses, perhaps, make us rather too much inclined to shrink from the outside air. The outdoor sleeping porch is a good institution.

**SUFFERING OF YOUNG WOMEN**

This Letter Tells How It May be Overcome—All Mothers Interested.

Toronto, Ont.—"I have suffered since I was a school girl with pain in my left side and with cramps, growing worse each year until I was all run down. I was so bad at times that I was unfit for work. I tried several doctors and patent medicines, but was only relieved for a short time. Some of the doctors wanted to perform an operation, but my father objected. Finally I learned through my mother of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and how thankful I am that I tried it. I am relieved from pain and cramps, and feel as if it has saved my life. You may use my letter to help other women as I am glad to recommend the medicine."—Mrs. H. A. GOODMAN, 14 Rockvale Ave., Toronto.

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**CURRENT COMMENT**

Those fussy persons who object to short skirts overlook how handy they are when a woman has to get at her money.—Guelph Herald.

The "Noble Six Hundred" which Tennyson wrote impassioned lines about had nothing to do with Six Hundred Dollars Ontario's Noble M. P. is handing themselves.—Toronto Telegram.

Writings editorially, The World's Work is of the opinion that the United States policy since the Armistice "has exercised a malevolent influence upon the course of human existence."

A Nebraska girl writes to a newspaper that she wants a husband a man who can swear when necessary, who stays out at night, and chews tobacco. The Newmarket Express-Herald says this is the kind of man many women get without advertising.

A Toronto builder declares that the day's work for a bricklayer is now about 500 bricks laid on a wall as compared with 1200 a few years ago. This goes to show that men on high pay are not producing half the work formerly done on less than half the bricklayers' scale of prices not very long ago.

Years ago there belonged to almost every family of quality designated Parental Control, which was thought to be necessary in each household. It looks now as if many fathers and mothers had turned it over to the children and permit them to do almost as they like. Late hours, gadding the streets, playing hockey from school and church, etc., are on the programme with little attempt at obeying parental authority. Such a spirit leads to anything but a good end, and it is no kindness to permit even the kiddies to usurp the place of the parents. Whose "boss" in your house?

Peterboro Examiner:—It is announced that over one million dollars of Canada's share of the profits of the army canteens during the war has been received at Ottawa and that the Finance Department is in charge of it until a final decision as to its disposal has been reached. How this money is to be expended to the best advantage is a matter for serious consideration, but at least, no difficulty should be found in arriving at the conclusion that the canteen profits must be used for the benefit of the men who fought overseas.

An energetic undertaker in the U. S. is said to make a canvas for prospects, and give a discount to all advance orders. The advantages claimed are a person sees the class of goods, saves his friends trouble on his demise and belong to a new fad crowd. Taking time by the forelock is often commended, and is a desirable qualification no doubt, but the above looks a trifle like rushing the season, and there is a repulsion even in the thought of it by many. Of course you don't necessarily have to die on any particular day because your casket is paid for, more than in having a lot in the cemetery.

"I've thought out everything to write, and now I've hit the point—because the phone rates jump again around this worthy joint. It used to be that talk was cheap; but now I don't use the phone—just put your hat and coat on, and go over to her home. For just last week they took a jump—way up so awful high—that when we get our bill next month, we'll all be sure to sigh. We like to meet the worthy gink, but the talk was cheap—I know that we would wallop him right on his precious beak."—Simcoe Reformer.

We venture to say that making out the 1920 income tax returns has caused more anxiety to citizens than the message which Noah received announcing the flood. When chartered accountants, competent business men and even officials in the tax office at London disagree as to the amounts to be added or deducted, what chance has the average man of sending in a correct return. From various conversations we have had they have been returned with the hope that they will pass muster. The 1919 plan of government accountants figuring up the amount of income tax one should pay was preferable to the present system. It at least gave one certain protection from fines or goal.

Though his barns and all their contents were destroyed by fire during Thursday night, Gordon Veale, of the fifth concession of Caradoc, was unaware of his loss until he left the house Friday morning. Neither did any of his neighbors see the blaze. The loss is estimated at about \$5,000. Lightning is believed to have been the cause. The barns and implement sheds were completely destroyed, together with contents, which included four horses, two of them registered mares valued at \$800. Other animals lost were: Four registered cattle, one cow and five calves. Hay, straw, grain and eight tons of fertilizer were lost, and also a new hayloader and a binder that had never been assembled.

Everyone reads the "Guide-Advocate Want Column" on page 4.

**PASSING OF THE PIONEERS—ARE THEIR LIFE STORIES WRITTEN?**

(Owen Sound Sun-Times.) Every few days one reads with regret, and often with a sense of personal loss, of those who came in the early years to the town, or to some of the townships round about, and contributed through their lives to the making of the town a city, and the townships among the finest in the county or Province. Of them, there appears often but a brief biographical note, giving little beyond a bare outline of a life bravely and worthily lived. It seems a pity that there should not be made and preserved in every municipality, at least a worthy sketch of such lives, in recognition of the contribution they made in their day to the general welfare of the community. Such a record would in the course of time furnish valuable materials for historical sketches. They would be an incentive to the next generation to do as well or better than the previous one. They would develop civic consciousness and civic pride. They would help set a standard that no one would care to fall short of, and many would try to surpass. The rising generation would emulate the virtues and achievements of those who went before and blazed the way, and made it easier for those who came after to go further and do better, even, than they had been able to do.

When one thinks of the handicaps of the earlier days, and how bravely and cheerfully the first and even the earlier, settlers faced their tasks, and how heroically they stayed with it, one feels ashamed to grovel and whine, when one has to deny one's self this or that, and even sometimes to be content with a horse when one's father or grandfather was thankful for—sometimes indeed proud of—a good yoke of oxen. There were compensations even in the earlier years. There were fewer diversions and distractions. More time was spent socially. Fewer books were read, but they were more carefully read. There were fewer religious services, but they were on the whole more highly prized. Clothing was plainer and coarser, but it wore longer, and one didn't feel quite so embarrassed if he wasn't able to buy a new suit or hat every year. It seems a pity—a shame, that the stories of pioneer life should not be written, before all the pioneers have passed, with all the wealth of literary material they have stored in their memories of the past. Local papers, perhaps without exception, would be glad to publish any such sketches if brief, graphic and artistically true—real pen-pictures of real life.

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