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THIRD WAR LOAN

Present prospects are that the third domestic war loan, now before the people, will be as satisfactorily disposed of as were the first and second both of which were over-subscribed by 100 per cent.

Subscribing to the war loan is by no means a sacrifice, it is a highly remunerative investment and the loans already made, with those yet to be made will in future years be one of Canada's greatest assets.

HOLLAND THE UNNEUTRAL

The British Government, says an exchange, has issued an unofficial notice to Holland that it will regard as an unneutral course a continuance of cessation of shipping trade with United Kingdom ports.

The Berlin war lords are congratulating themselves upon the success of the U-boat terrorism so far as neutrals are concerned. That has been their biggest gain—the frightening off the seas of neutral ships that have a perfect right to be there.

It must be recognized that the Dutch people do not willingly acquiesce in the conditions imposed by German frightfulness. To go into the war, they say, would be national suicide.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

An elderly lady teacher in a remote district of our little province was greatly annoyed by a new species of deviltry that became epidemic among her pupils. Each pupil, apparently, carried a pin, either for offensive or defensive purposes, with the result that there were frequent interruptions to the ordinary routine of school work and frequent complaints from "jabbed" pupils.

The culprit was let off. Thereafter pinching became an effective substitute for the time honoured pin-sticking until it too became such a nuisance that the elderly lady was obliged to make pinching a criminal offence, and the pinching stopped.

This early chapter in the evolution of our school system is recalled by the suggestions that are being put forward with a view to regulating the running of automobiles. One prescribes the stopping of the auto engine so many yards from the terror-stricken (?) horse; another suggests going into the ditch, another, getting out of the auto and going forward to meet the terrified horse with a flag of truce, etc. etc.

There are certain written and unwritten laws regulating the conduct of men and women on the roads and elsewhere. The decent citizen, male or female, will observe these laws; the others will, when it suits, violate them and place themselves within the power of the law.

If we begin applying rules to the drivers of autos, other than the general rules now regulating and safeguarding the rights of all on the highways, we must do the same with respect to the drivers of horses.

The reckless driving of either carriages or autos is punishable by law whether accidents result or not. In the case of the autoist, who is obliged to have a license before he can drive at all, the remedy is easy—his license can be and should be cancelled or suspended according to the degree of guilt.

RACIAL PRIDE

Love of one's country, like love of one's home, is a natural instinct common to all true men and women of whatever nationality or whatever race.

We should in every way encourage and develop this instinct not in ourselves alone but in others; should honour those who rejoice in their country's best traditions and voice their pride in them.

We in Canada, we even here in Prince Edward Island, made up as we are of different races, have not always regarded each other's national aspirations and rejoicings and celebrations in their true light.

It is fitting that these national and racial traditions be perpetuated, that each of our great races—and they are all great in a common greatness—should rejoice with the others, should encourage the others in keeping alive their best traditions.

AUTO BUS

Sir.—"Ward Five," in your issue of yesterday about voices every other ward in the city. It was my privilege to interview a large number of the representative men of Ward Four in regard to the attitude of the men who represent them in this particular matter, and I found that they were loud in their praise of that progressive Councillor for Ward Five—Harold Jenkins—and those other Councillors who showed a desire to go forward, and not behind.

I am Sir, etc., PROGRESS.

WHAT THE AUTO MAY DO?

Sir.—Being a subscriber to your valuable paper I take great pleasure in reading the news of the Island. I have often noticed the different opinions about the Auto question. I would like to say a few words about it if you will allow. The auto has come to stay. It is the convenience of both the rich and the poor; cars are manufactured to fit the pocket book of both.

There is not one case in fifty where a horse will not get used to them if they are seen more often than they are at the present time. I have owned and handled horses up until a few years ago, and have yet to say that I never had one which did not get used to the autos. Twelve years ago I visited Prince Edward Island and purchased four horses and shipped them to Boston and used them in my business at that time.

I will give a few things the auto has done. It has made better roads, increased the value of property, given thousands employment, and abundance of pleasure, has increased the building of hotels and inns. There are many other things the auto has done, which I read about every day.

To my mind that that of many others, in allowing autos more privileges on the Island it would bring much wealth and tourists to the Island every season. With the taxes imposed you could build roads and it would not be long before the highway to Prince Edward Island would be an example to other places.

I am Sir, etc., A. M. H., Brookline, Mass.

The Farmer And The Automobile

Sir.—I am a farmer, residing at Hartsville, some sixteen miles from Charlottetown. I have read a great deal about the auto, and listened to considerable more, for and against its running in this province. I have travelled considerably, as far as Colorado, and in several of the States, and have seen the auto in operation in all these places, both city and country districts, where they are operated by thousands and tens of thousands.

The co-operative marketing of wool, which has been so successful on Prince Edward Island, is not being sought by sheep-raisers of the eastern section of Ontario. A conference on the wool-marketing problem was held the other day in the office of Mr. T. Arkell, head of the sheep and swine branch of the Department of Agriculture, and there was a large attendance of those interested.

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OUR OTTAWA LETTER

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 12.—What has been done to combat the constant increase in the cost of living in Canada since this matter was taken up by the Labor Department, will, it is expected, be fully answered within a short time as reports covering the whole situation are now being prepared and will be given to the public before very long.

A soft-headed bullet which lodged in his lungs was the reward received by Pte. "Bun" Connolly for trying to ease the pains of two wounded Germans in "No man's land."

That the exceedingly high cost of fish and the great scarcity of this foodstuff is not due to the war, as is generally supposed, but more to the influence brought on the fish markets by the big American firms, is the opinion of Professor Prince, Commissioner of Fisheries, who, by the way, is not unknown on Prince Edward Island.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY

BY CHARLES SAROLEA.

Peace still seems far off. In the words of the King's message: "The end is not even in sight." We do not know when it will come or how it will come, but we do know that the settlement will largely depend on Russia.

The complicated and contradictory relations between the two countries can be summed up very briefly. On the one hand, the closest intercourse between the Russian and the German Courts, and that close intercourse extended to the army to the bureaucracy, to the universities, to the industrial and commercial classes.

Until Peter the Great, the Romanoff Family was a National Dynasty. It had remained national from sheer necessity, as no European Court would have cared to intermarry with Tartar and Barbarian Princes. Even at the end of Peter the Great's reign, the prestige of Russia had scarcely assumed itself in the politics of the West.

Let us be under no delusion; as the war is being protracted, as the economic and military pressure increases, as the decision is being delayed, there exists at least an increasing danger of a breach in the European Alliance.

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