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### QUALITY FIRST

Ontario, according to a recent review by Dairy Commissioner Radcliff, has been manufacturing butter for forty-six years. It is the oldest dairying province in Canada and manufactures more butter and cheese than any other province in Canada. Yet, according to recent reports, western butter commands a higher price than Ontario butter even in Toronto and Montreal, because it is of better quality and better flavor.

This fact has led to much searching of heart in Ontario and many reasons are advanced to account for it. The main reason given is carelessness in the handling of cream, not at the factories but on the farms. It has been found difficult to induce all the farmers to give the proper attention to the cream at the outset and it is well known that a few gallons of cream that is off flavor will demoralize the several hundreds of gallons with which they are mixed.

The investigators lay the blame for this on the butter maker who they declare, should promptly refuse to accept cream that is not up to the required standard. The butter maker puts up the defence that because of the keen competition the factory cannot afford to offend a customer and so lose him. This latter plea is a very common one. Through fear of offending a customer and losing him, the butter maker, the merchant, the dealer, accepts goods of an inferior quality and sacrifices not only the business in which he is immediately concerned but the business and the reputation of the whole province. It is well known that it is by the faults, not by the virtues that the reputation of an individual or of a province is judged.

Ontario's reputation as a butter making province has come under a cloud and probably for the reasons stated. We in Prince Edward Island with a better climate, better pasturage and shorter distances for the transportation of cream, than Ontario, have a reputation which has given us a choice of

markets for our butter and some other products. We know how a reputation can be maintained; we know how it can be lost and our whole business ruined. Let us see to it that "what we have we hold."

### REAL ENDOWMENTS

Most of the hospitals, colleges and benevolent institutions in the world are founded on and maintained by endowments, sometimes the gifts of the living, often bequeathed by the dead. Such endowments and legacies have done much for civilization, much for Christianity, much for the poor and the suffering. Too much could not be said in commendation of these endowments. Without them the world would be poor indeed and civilization would be centuries behind where it is.

There is a class of endowment of which we hear little, perhaps because it is less spectacular. The big endowment or legacy is usually trumpeted abroad, the testator is canonized by grateful beneficiaries and the public at large are fully advised regarding merits and faintly qualified the existence of which had not been suspected before the bequest was made public.

The other endowment we have in mind is the quietly made endowment that enables a young man or young woman to continue their studies in the university; that enables a young man or young woman to qualify for the profession they are naturally fitted for but to which they cannot attain without years of toil in earning the wherewithal to pay college expenses, years which are practically wasted as far as their real life's work is concerned.

Many such endowments have been made and many men and women have been enabled through them to attain to usefulness in carrying on the world's work, usefulness which without such assistance would have been deferred or unattained.

In recent years not a few wealthy men have advanced the necessary funds to young men whom they know to be worthy to carry them through college and no better use

### Current Comment

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and some of his colleagues are advocating an increase in immigration, that presumably as a panacea for Canada's unemployment ills. That while an increase of population has always been an admitted need where our territories are so extensive and our per capita burdens so heavy, it seems to us that an indiscriminate increase of people would not be without its element of danger in the present state of the country. A larger settlement of the uncultivated areas, if this could be worked out in a practical way, would have its advantages, and particularly to the railroad interests in the increased freight and passenger traffic. It would also have its influence, though slightly felt, upon the rates of taxation, for the greater the number of taxpayers the smaller the per capita tax weighs upon the individual. The big difficulty, however, is in getting immigrants of our own selection, and willing to be placed just where we want them, and unless this can be judiciously done then Canada is not in a position to invite the surplus population of other countries to make the Dominion a refuge from their present want of employment ills.

Some hundreds of thousands of people are at present sorely in need of work in Canada. It seems that it would be more like the first duty of our statesmen and big interests to see that these are properly placed where they can earn the necessary food and clothing for their families. It would be a rash project to add to their numbers by immigration, and thus to intensify the burdens which our institutions and individuals of charity have already to carry. If there is any part of the country in need of workmen nor labor by all

means ask our immigration bureau to import a supply, but it is an item of strong suspicion that those who are out of work and sadly in need of employment have tried in vain to discover the whereabouts of any such vacancies. They are certainly not to be found in the cities with the present slowing down of manufacturing activities, and it is doubtful if the present low price of farm products, in their ratio of comparison with other costs of living, will prove a very powerful attraction to agriculturists to settle upon our lands.

If we could adopt a system such as that conceived by the great Sir John A. McDonald, of making each new comer create his own supply of work then Canada would profit by immigration. It was his genius that opened up the vast prairies to habitation. First constructing the C. P. R. through that uninhabited region, and giving each alternate section of land on either side of the rail line to the Company for settlement, but careful at the same time to reserve every second section for the people of Canada to protect them from inordinate prices on the Company's lands. This Government land was offered to the people for free settlement, and every British subject could settle upon a free farm of 160 acres, with a privilege of purchasing the adjoining plot at the low price of 50 cents per acre. This to a large extent was the cause of depopulation of our own country contributed to the building up of our own country in a practical and scientific way, and it, with the assistance of his National Policy completely wiped out the difficulty of non-employment. No immigration scheme that will not provide its own demand for labor can be of advantage, while the present plethora of idleness exists.

### Others' View Points

#### DETERMINED TO "FREE" IRELAND.

(Hamilton Herald.)  
 There is evidence that the militant Irish-Americans rather than lose their occupation, will insist upon freeing Ireland in spite of the Irish people.

#### VILLANOUS TECHNICALITIES

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)  
 The New York State Board of Education has notified Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the Austrian specialist, who is the most famous operator in the world on hip joint disease, that he must stop practising because he has no license.

It was expected that the scientific bodies would be the first to recognize that the war is over.

#### HOLDS GOOD OF ALL JOBS.

(Toronto Star.)  
 While there was never, perhaps, a time when Toronto had on the street cars so efficient a lot of conductors and motormen as at present, yet there are a few conductors who act like cross schoolmasters and bully women passengers in a way that is absurd. A conductor who thinks it part of his job to lecture, reprimand and rebuke passengers, and who instead of trying to make everything go pleasantly seeks cause of dispute and wrangling with those who get on or off his car—he is in the wrong occupation. Half a dozen men can bring the whole service into disfavor. They should be taken off the cars and not placed in contact with the public.

#### A REMINISCENCE.

(Toronto Star.)  
 Lord Atholstan, of the Montreal Star, hastens to deny the rumor that he is to be Canadian could be made of one's surplus wealth. Many young men are spending fruitless years in uncongenial work for the sake of the few dollars that will enable them to enter upon their real life's work. These years could be saved to the world and to these young men by a judicious and easily spared endowment or loan on the part of the man or woman who could well afford to take the risk while living and it would carry with it satisfaction of seeing the results, a satisfaction denied to those whose bequests are realized only after they are dead.

### Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the collection of the late Mr. W. S. Louson

#### A TOAST

Ye have drunk, my friends, to the victors,  
 Ye have toasted the valiant and strong;  
 To the great of the earth we have drunk in your mirth,  
 To the wise you have lifted your song.  
 It is well—they are worthy, my brothers,  
 As aught that the firmament spans  
 But I pledge you a health to the others—  
 A health to the "also rans."

To the men who went down in the struggle,  
 To the runners who finished unplaced,  
 To the weak and the young, the unknown, the unsung,  
 The deprived, the oppressed, the disgraced,  
 Ye are blooded, developed, completed;  
 They are bred without stamina,  
 'Tis to them, the surpassed, the defeated,  
 I bow as I drain my glass.

Who are ye that should dare to reject them?  
 Do you know what the handicaps weighed?  
 Did ye suffer the pain, run the race, stand the strain,  
 That ye seff at the pace that they made?  
 It may be that they ran overweighted  
 It may be they were left at the post—  
 Far or near, 'tis to them, the ill fated,  
 I bow as I drink my toast.

They have lost, they are ill, they are weary;  
 Ye have won, ye are well, ye are strong.  
 By the drops that they bled, by the tears that they shed,  
 By your mirth, by your wine, by your song,  
 But all that has e'er helped to sweeten  
 Your lives; by your hopes by your plans,  
 I pledge you the health of the beaten.  
 The health of the "also rans."

Los Angeles Herald

High Commissioner in London. No doubt the mis-leading rumor found its rise in the suspicion that this would be the price he would charge for his betrayal of Mr. Meighen in the elections. It is not forgotten that he received his knighthood following upon a similar play in the party game.

#### ROTTEN LUCK FOR PROPHETS

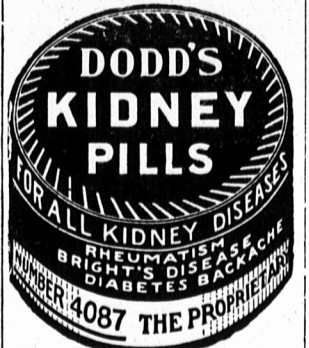
(Hamilton Herald.)  
 At any rate G. Bernard Shaw does not lack candor. He loudly predicted that the Washington conference would fail, and do more harm than good. Now he confesses that he has "rotten bad luck as a prophet." Wells has had equally bad luck, but hasn't the courage to admit it, and keeps on uttering dark prophecies. Shaw ought to take his friend in hand.

#### VENIZELAS AS LEAGUE ENVOY

(Boston Herald.)  
 In no way could the ability, character and experience of Greece's most distinguished statesman be placed more fittingly at the service of the world than by the task which he has undertaken at the earnest request of the Council of the Federation of League of Nations Societies. The council, at its recent meeting in Vienna, constituted a special committee of world propaganda in the cause of peace. Among the members are Lord Robert Cecil, Baron d'Etournelles de Constant, Senator Ruffini and Gustave Ador. They are men who have the work of the committee at heart, yet they cannot devote much time to it. Venizelos having resolved to retire from Greek politics, and being singularly well qualified to lead in the committee's activity, the council strongly urged him to serve and to dedicate all his energies to the task. After full consideration, he has agreed. Making this arrangement known through The Westminster Gazette, Major David Davies, member of Parliament for Montgomeryshire, speaks of Venizelos as the ideal missionary who during the next few years will be travelling from country to country, stimulating the League of Nations societies in their work of organization, and taking counsel with all the leaders of mankind. It is expected that, being closely in touch with the secretary of the league, with its unofficial supporters throughout the world, and if the ministers of a nation feel themselves on the brink of war and are in doubt how best to act, then there enters a uniquely important figure, the ambassador of the League of Nations, famed throughout the world as a master pilot on the ship of state, who may show how the League can peacefully end the dispute. Venizelos played an influential part in the Supreme Council of the Allies. The Council of the League could not have a better envoy.

#### THE OPTIMIST

Sometimes when things seem worse they are really much better. I know from the touch of things and from the sight of things, and by comparing them today with a year ago and the year before—that



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