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CLOTHING PROFITEERS.

Mr. A. R. Balcom, chief metallurgical engineer of the Acme Engineering Co., Toronto, sends the Toronto Globe a copy of the following letter addressed to the Minister of Labor:

Dear Sir,
 I observe in today's Globe an article on The High Cost of Living, also mentioning the cost of clothing.

For some considerable time I have been making tests and analytically examining the samples of goods secured from various so-called reputable business manufacturers of the city of Toronto, and the discovery is simply appalling. As an example, one reputable business house sent me samples ranging from \$45 to \$75 for an ordinary suit, the higher-priced ones being guaranteed to be all wool, and on examining these in no instance was there ten per cent. of wool in any of the cloth. On the contrary, the cloth was spun from woollen rags put together with a small amount of wool, that is, what is known as new wool, and the fur clippings from various fur-bearing animals. Once in a while a chicken may contribute a part of it. Another reputable business house, with suits up to \$55, claiming them to be sixty per cent wool, did not have a thread of wool in the cloth.

Now, if you will start an analytical examination you can easily verify my statements.

I fail to find a yard of cloth anywhere that can possibly cost one dollar, at the present price of labor and material, and I am prepared to prove my statement.

I would like to correspond with you on the subject.

Very truly yours,

A. R. BALCOM.

These statements are made on the authority of a specialist who is not trying to hide behind anonymity. The Sydney Record suggests that the Minister of Labor should order an inquiry by his department or refer the letter to the Parliamentary Committee on the Cost of Living which is now sitting. No doubt Mr. Balcom is prepared to submit his evidence, as he has invited correspondence on the matter. If he has made no mistake, his discovery is "simply appalling," as he himself says. The public wants the searchlight turned on high prices to see what profiteering lurks beneath Mr. Balcom's offer must not be rejected.

Since motor-trucks certainly do wear out the highways more than do lighter cars, especially in the soft months of the spring, remarks an exchange, it is fair to ask them for an increased support for the upkeep of the roads. The state is at vast expense to build and repair practicable highways, and the motors using them are supposed to pay something approaching an equitable proportion of the cost, since they are the great beneficiaries of the highway system. The trucks, now so widely employed for transport which once was served by the railroads, benefit most of all by the great trunk lines of road and their feeders. We can see no reason to avoid increasing the share which they pay in the form of license fees and registration.

One of the greatest days of the peace celebrations in London will be the tribute on the Thames to the British Mercantile Marine, when some 300 boats manned by merchant seamen and decorated with flags, will form a pageant from Tower Bridge to Chelsea. Chorus of 50,000 trained voices will be located along the river embankments to lead the singing, and thirty bands have been arranged for. The decorations of the shores, bridges and strings of barges will be of a kind never before attempted in the history of the Thames.

Detroit Free Press: The next few years are going to be crowded with activity. The deferred peace-time activities of four years, the rehabilita-

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tion of war-torn property, the immediate requirements of the world, all aggregate a total of work to be done, or labor to be performed, of livings to be won never before equalled in the history of the world. Neither for men nor for women is there the slightest cause for apprehension, except lest by fearfulness they may blind themselves to their opportunities.

Montreal Gazette: Those manufacturers and wholesalers in Toronto who are publicly insisting that there is absolutely no indication that prices will go down are talking more for their own satisfaction than for the public comfort. They are die-hards who deserve to be swatted. Do they wish to make the unfortunate average consumer madder than he already is?

Liverpool Post: Amongst the curiosities of children's prayers the following seems worthy of a prominent place. A small boy who had been reprimanded by his father for the repetition of an act of disobedience against which he had been warned before, was heard to say in his prayers at night, "Oh, God, make me a good boy, and if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Chicago News: Izaak Walton's are again in search of that mythical paradise where the fish bite and the flies do not.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It is easier to want things than it is to get them.

There is enough opportunity, but not enough takers.

The quickest way for a woman to get rid of her ideal is to marry him.

Your capacity for sympathy was intended for others, not yourself.

Whoever invented the word "impossible" was a quitter.

If you are looking for trouble and can't afford to buy an automobile, buy a mule.

Half the world is still kept busy correcting the mistakes of the other half.

Free speech continues to prove its right to get the speaker into trouble.

A bad habit is like a weed—the longer it grows the sturdier it becomes.

Well, at any rate none of the fault-finders have so far called the highway bridge floor a jazz floor.

A man may succeed in forgetting the past; but the future will remember him.

Did you ever console yourself with the thought that some people look happy because ignorance is bliss?

A man has to work harder to go to hell than he did in the days of old, ere certain creeds had been revised.

If you consider carefully everything you say people will soon find it out and think you too calculating.

Lord Beaverbrook Arrives

Lord Beaverbrook arrived here by motor late Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by D. W. Ross, Vice-President of the Dominion Steel Company, and also of the Bank of Nova Scotia and Hubert Sinclair, of Newcastle. His Lordship said that he was simply enjoying a rest to recuperate his health and intends touring the Maritime Provinces. He went from here to St. John today, as his present plans include a trip through Nova Scotia. He declared that meeting his old friends and enjoying the bracing, invigorating New Brunswick air was already making him feel much better, and his appearance indicated that he is in much more robust health than this time last year. He welcomed all his old friends most heartily and was given a warm reception by old Newcastle and Fredericton friends. His Lordship declined to discuss public affairs.

Reception.

Mrs. William Bruce Hicks will hold her post-nuptial reception on Friday afternoon, June 20th, from 4 till 6, at 225 York Street, City.

Bailey-Lipsett

Yesterday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Devon, Mr. George W. Bailey of Devon and Mrs. Charlotte Lavinia Lipsett of the same town were united in marriage by Rev. A. D. McLeod. The service took place at three o'clock and the couple left for Boston by the evening train. They will spend some ten days travelling in the Eastern States.

Estate Admitted to Probate

The estate of the late Henry L. Ward of McAdam Junction has been admitted to probate with total probate value of \$1500. Elizabeth Ward, the widow of the deceased has been named as sole executrix and beneficiary of the estate which amounts to personal property to the value of \$500 and real estate to the value of \$1000. Allison McKay of this city is proctor.

Strawberries

St. John Telegraph: What is said to be the first crate of New Brunswick cultivated strawberries for this season was received at St. John yesterday. The berries came down on the majestic from Webster's wharf and the recipient said they were very fine berries and a good size for this time of year.

Want German Cannon

Chatham Gazette: With the consent of Mayor Gaynor, F. E. Neale sent the following telegram to W. S. Loggie Monday morning. It is to be hoped that he will succeed in getting one of these guns for Chatham.—W. S. Loggie, M. P., House of Commons, Ottawa: Citizens of Chatham urge you to use every endeavor to secure one of the German captured guns recently arrived in Montreal for Elm Park. Consider that the number of valuable lives Chatham lost in the war she is justly entitled to one. T. M. Gaynor, Mayor.

Admitted to Probate.

The estate of the late Howard T. Douglass, general merchant, of Stanley, who died at Victoria Hospital a few days ago, has been admitted to probate before Mr. Peter J. Hughes, judge of probate. The estate was sworn at \$20,100, of which \$31,000 is real estate and \$17,000 per sonal property. Under the will of the deceased, Janet Rosilla Douglass, widow, is made the sole executrix. A bequest of \$1,500 is made to Mrs. Martha Phoebe Douglass, mother of the deceased, and the remainder of the real and personal property goes to the widow of the deceased.

White-McKenna

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Christchurch Parish Church yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock when Miss Elizabeth McKenna was married to Mr. Benjamin White of Marysville. The bride was becomingly gowned in white satin with veil and pearls and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaid Miss Alice McKenna, was attired in Nile green silk with picture hat and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her father Mr. Bernard McKenna who gave the bride away. The bridesmaid was supported by the best man Mr. Wm. Bailey. The ushers were Masters Douglass Bailey and Ernest Doherty. After the wedding the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held. The presents were numerous and costly including cut glass, silver etc. The out-of-town guests were Miss Alice Scott of St. Francis, Me., Miss Mae Wilson of Macquac and Mr. Alfred Earl of Moncton. The dining room was prettily decorated in pink and white.

CITY BOWLING LEAGUE NOTES

Last evening at the Palace Bowling Alleys the Civil Service team defeated the C. N. R. team by a total of 3 points to 1 and the Celestials also defeated the C. N. R. team 3 points to 1. This leaves the league standing as follows:

Teams	Games	Points	Stand.
Palace Alley	10	28	700
Chestnuts	11	27	614
Celestials	11	26	591
Palace Juniors	10	23	575
Palmer McLellan	10	22	550
Civil Service	8	17	531
C. N. R.	11	23	523
Curlers	11	23	523
Capitals	11	22	500
City Team	9	16	444
D. S. C. R.	9	10	278
Jeeper's Club	11	7	159



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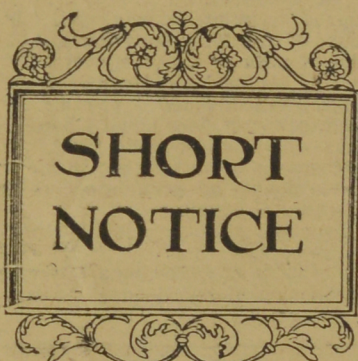
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