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FOOL LEGISLATION.

It seems a very foolish proceeding in a legislative or other body to seek to prevent the use of automobiles on the public roads of the country.

And yet that is what is being attempted at the present time in three provinces of Canada—in Prince Edward Island, where complete prohibition is sought by legislative enactment, and in Nova Scotia and Ontario, where members of the legislature are pushing measures to so restrict the use of the roads by automobilists that if they pass, the machines will be of little use.

Legislators and everybody else might as well recognize the fact now, that automobiles have come to stay, that they are a factor in our latest civilization and that their use can be no more prevented than could the locomotive and the bicycle, which in their early days were opposed and legislated against. For the present, automobiles are principally the perquisites of the affluent, yet the day is not far distant when they will be as common as bicycles and carriages and when they cannot be done without.

There may be rural objections to the use of automobiles on public roads, but they are largely imaginary and could easily be swept aside by the exercise of a little common sense and discretion in the parties most concerned.

The objection is made that country horses are frightened and lives are endangered by the use of the automobile, but the country horses and the country people will have to get used to the machines just the same as they have had to reconcile themselves to the puffing steam locomotive with its train of cars.

And the man who runs an automobile has his part to do. He must not hunk out into the country with the notion that the public highways were made especially for his benefit, and that everybody else must clear the track. He must have regard to the comfort and safety of his fellow citizens who are compelled to walk or drive a horse when they "locomote," and if the opposing classes show a disposition for the rights of each other there will be no need for the fool legislation proposed in the various provinces to suppress the automobile.

THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.

Clergymen and others who urge young people to enter the matrimonial state, perhaps do not stop to take into consideration all the conditions implied in that connexion.

No doubt it is better for young men and women to marry early in life, but there may be very good reasons why many of them may not be able to assume those relations—reasons which they would not care to disclose, and which they are under no right to unveil even to their spiritual advisers or their most intimate friends.

Not many young men care to ask a girl to share their lot in life until they can see a way clear to make a comfortable living in the matrimonial condition. Most young men in this country at least, have to make their own way in the world. The majority of them first seek to get a fair education, after that they have to choose a trade, profession, or calling of some kind, and discover if they can keep themselves before undertaking to marry and rear a family.

The latter problem is a very important one, especially in these days of expensive living, and any young man who rushes into matrimony without fully counting the cost, and preparing to meet it, makes a serious mistake, which may handicap him all the rest of his life. Better to wait until the conditions for bread-winning appear at least favorable, before committing yourself to conditions which may prove not only disastrous to yourself, but embarrassing to others.

And as to the girl. She should feel assured that the man who seeks her in marriage is not only capable of earning a living, but is willing to do it, and that his habits and ambitions are such as will warrant the expectation of future success in that line. It is not always true that when a man stalks in at the door love flies out of the window, but prosperity in

the home is certainly no bar to its happiness, nor are affluence and ease certain producers of domestic felicity. The time to marry is when you feel able to assume the responsibilities, material and otherwise, and not before, though persons without experience may advise and urge otherwise.

SMALL JOURNALISM.

If the editor of the Chatham World ever attended church or read his Bible, he would discover that it is a serious sin for a Christian to bear false witness against his fellow man. For a couple of days last week, the Herald, owing to an accident to its mechanical equipment, was forced to reduce the number of its pages, and the World seizes on the circumstances to announce that this paper is reduced because of the change of government, and consequently the loss of patronage.

This may be decent warfare, but it strikes us as very much of the Indian variety.

The World, no doubt will be disappointed on learning that the Herald is in a most healthy condition, financially and every other way, and that it has no intention of dwindling in size or enterprise.

A few irresponsible Tory sheets for some years have taken it upon themselves to frequently declare that the Herald could not exist without government patronage, but they were simply lying, and hoped it were true.

The World should be above this kind of small journalism, this impertinent interference with the business affairs of a contemporary, and independent attempt to injure a fellow craftsman.

CURRENT COMMENT

It looks as if parliament will not get through its business much before Dominion day.

The legislature will open, and the Scott Act election will be held in this city on the same day, Thursday, April 30.

The weather is favoring the highway bridge contractors, and if the ice remains firm for another ten days, all danger of inconvenience to the public will be removed.

The people now have a government that will do things.—Woodstock Press. (Yes, "do things" for the hungry office seekers. The government was in session here for a week and its principal effort was to find places for the grafters.)

The board of trade, after discussing a proposition to secure the lighting of the highway bridge, turned the matter over to the city council. Why not try the government? The bridge is a provincial highway, it is sometimes dangerous for pedestrians at night, and it would seem to be the duty of the government, and not the city to furnish the necessary light.

Mr. Foster advocates a permanent commission to purchase all government supplies, but the premier pointed out that the proposition subverted the principle of responsible government, inasmuch as it removed from the men selected by the people a responsibility which Mr. Foster would impose on a life appointed body. Funny that when Mr. Foster was a member of the government he never put forward such a proposition.

Mr. Hazen has frequently declared that the public printing should be put up to tender, and that its cost could be reduced one-half. Mr. Hazen now has the opportunity to put his principle in practice, but will he do it? Not very likely. Indeed he has already given evidence to the contrary. He has farmed out the publication of the Royal Gazette to one of his own friends without inviting competition, and he will likely follow that course all through. The Hazen is an ardent advocate of the Tory principle that "to the victors belong the spoils."

AIL SERVICE.

St. John River Districts no longer to be served by Star Line Steamers. The new Arrangements.

Hereafter no mails will be carried by Star Line steamers.

It will be remembered says the Sun, that upon the expiration of the contract for the summer service the company declined to renew on the same terms but asked an increased subsidy on the ground that the amount received in the past was much less than a fair remuneration for the work performed. Negotiations have been in progress for some little time, and the decision has now been reached by which the postal department will perform the whole river

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

To the Editor of the Herald.

Sir—Three young men who attended the Scott Act meeting last Sunday evening, afterwards entered a place where liquor is sold and announced that they were very thirsty. They said that the meeting was the driest they ever attended. It was so dry in fact that each of them had to take three drinks before going home. This would have been impossible under the license system, for the bars would have been closed up tight on Sunday evening. That is the difference between a strict license system and the free run system as illustrated by the Scott Act. Under license every bar must be closed up at ten o'clock at night, and at seven o'clock on Saturday evening. No bar is allowed to be open on Sundays.

As for the speeches that were made at the meeting in question by the Rev. gentlemen who spoke, there was nothing in them to justify the continuance of the Scott Act in this city. No attempt was made to

show that it had been a success, but there was plenty of abuse of the liquor dealers. It seems to be a constant feature of Scott Act speeches. When it was suggested that under a license system the license inspector would prevent the law from being violated the Rev. Mr. McConnell exclaimed that you might as well set the devil to inspecting hell, as to expect a license inspector to prevent the sale of liquor. This was an eloquent method of expressing the views of the Rev. gentleman, and if it meant anything, signified that no man could be found in Fredericton honest enough to carry out a license law. On the other hand, we know that the Scott Act people consider any dirty tramp from abroad that they may employ to act as a pinner and obtain convictions, is good enough for their purpose, and to set aside the evidence of respectable citizens. We shall recur to this meeting again.

LICENSING COMMITTEE.

er service exclusive of Star line assistance.

Commencing April first, Wednesday of this week, several new services will come into operation. From Westfield Station to Gagetown, stages will give a daily mail to all points along the river, making double trips. In winter two-horse rigs will be used and in summer single teams.

From Oromocto, which now has a daily service the mails will be carried daily to Upper Gagetown, also by stage. The same kind of service goes into effect on Wednesday between the Mouth of Jemseg and Cambridge, the latter point now having a daily mail at Long Reach. This point depends on a service from Clifton, three times a week.

There is only one gap on the whole of the main river not covered by rail or stage, that between Gagetown and Upper Gagetown, but up till the present no post offices have been opened in that district. Thus the river service will, beginning on Wednesday, be practically perfect. The majority of offices between Westfield and Oromocto now, even in summer, had only a tri-weekly mail, and between twenty and thirty of these will hereafter be supplied daily. The service will be better, it is said, far all the year, than has in the past been provided during the summer months.

The president of the Star line some time ago announced that if the all contract were not renewed on better terms, the company would give only a tri-weekly instead of a daily steamboat service to Fredericton. It is understood that this plan will be followed, and that with the steamer which is not on the route a series of excursions to various points on the river will be arranged during the summer months.

POSED AS A GOVERNESS.

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PARIS, March 30—Blanche Leclaire who is twenty-five years of age, and is known to the police as "Isabel," was arrested recently for 270 thefts; all of which she is charged with having committed during the last four years.

She has fair hair, blue eyes, and an expression of trusting innocence. An expression of trusting innocence. But she makes a practice of taking engagements as governess, and after remaining with her employers long enough to help herself to the valuables in the house, departing to fresh fields of enterprise.

She had never been caught and might not have been caught yet if she had not been careless enough to apply for the post of governess in a family where she had helped herself to \$300 worth of jewelry only six months ago.

In her room the police found all kinds of disguises, including twelve wigs of different colors, jewelry enough to stock a shop, silver and linen marked with every letter of the alphabet and a number of savings bank books, by forging the owners' names of which she has been able to withdraw the sums standing to their credit.

Miss Bessie Reator—Ain't it fierce the way the price of everything has gone up?

Miss Tricie Shanley—Fierce! Its the limit! Why, out of my 18 per I have to pay 50 just for living expenses. I can hardly save a cent.

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