

# The Ontario Argus

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### AS THE EDITOR SEES IT.

Patriotism is in the air these days, and it extends from one end of the country to the other, and embraces all classes of citizens from the millionaire to the pauper. That is patriotism to one's flag and country. But there is still another kind of patriotism that is of quite as great importance but is not so generally observed. That is patriotism to the home town, to the schools, the churches, the lodges, the business men, in fact, to everything that pertains to the home life. The more prosperous the home communities of the country, the greater is the power of the country as a single unit. The man who exerts his influence in behalf of his home town uses as great a brand of patriotism as the one who mounts a platform and starts the eagle to screaming. As a matter of fact, there is no comparison between the two, for in nine cases out of ten actions speak louder than words. Patriotism to country is commendable, but that to both home and country is even better.

Have you noticed the peculiarities beneath the surface in the mobilization of the National Guard of the United States and its dispatch to the border? Serving in the ranks of many of the organizations are millionaires from the highest social and financial families. In the same commands are janitors, farmers, clerks, and common laborers, all good men and true. Each is serving his country to the best of his ability, but the most noticeable feature is the fact that social caste is utterly unknown. The millionaire and the laborer groom their horses or dig ditches side by side and joke as though they had been fast friends all of their lives. They are comrades in a common cause, and as comrades they think, act and do.

The national campaign is well under way, but because of the universal interest in the border situation many people are giving the respective candidates scarcely a passing thought. Newspapers are relegating them and their doings to the inside pages, while the full force of the limelight is focused upon Mexico and the troops on our own side of the border. It is hard lines for the politicians, but the people, no doubt, will live through the distressing ordeal without the loss of sleep or flesh.

It is surprising how quickly a person can lose interest in a subject that has been uppermost in his mind for a year or more. Since the European war commenced it has been the one great topic of conversation and speculation the world over. Now, so far as we of the United States are concerned, it is a back number, shoved off the map, practically forgotten. Our own little clothes line affair with Mexico is the all absorbing object before the public eye and in the public mind, and just at this time a sick mule on the border is of more importance to us than the outcome of the innumerable clashes across the water. Patriotism should and does begin at home.

Was there an item of news concerning yourself or your family that did not get in the last issue of the paper? If so it was omitted because we did not learn of it and you did not tell us. We want every legitimate piece of news in this community, and we ask you to tell us what you know.

### MAKING TIMES PROSPEROUS.

Prosperity to a considerable degree rests upon the whims of the business interests of the country and upon the people themselves.

If they are optimistic and believe in prosperity and work faithfully to that end, prosperity will be with us, regardless of conditions in other countries. We are a self supporting people and are not dependent upon the whims or exertions of others.

But if we become pessimistic, and constantly predict disaster and force ourselves to the belief that it is to come, then we are likely to get no more than that which we predict.

A few people through the constant use of their tongues can in time instill into the minds of others the same atmosphere of gloom that pervades them, and this is spread to others, and yet others, until communities and states and whole nations suffer from the effect.

But prosperity can be made, if we

want it. It will come, if we seek it. It will remain, if we nurse it. We should talk prosperity, feel prosperity, and act prosperity if we would have prosperity, for in no other way will we meet up with the favor of the gods.

It is up to you, to every citizen, to work for prosperity in this community, for it is an almost universal rule of man that we receive in proportion as we do.

### WOULD BENEFIT OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

There is a great irrigation project awaiting development. It is at the junction of the Snake and Columbia rivers.

The success of this project would mean the canalizing of that portion of the Snake river where rapids and shallow water prevent continuous navigation between Portland and the Lewiston country.

It is possible to reach an understanding with the government under present laws for damming a navigable stream for installing locks and canals.

But there is no legal authority for a compact giving the right to the dam builders to generate power to pump water to the irrigation project.

Here would be one of the most effective combinations conceivable for upbuilding the great Columbia basin. The enterprise would, while it reclaimed much land of unsurpassed richness, improve a waterway to the distinct benefit of a much larger territory to the east and extend its beneficial influence west.

This is presented a potent argument for the passage of the Shields bill, a measure which permits such development yet safeguards the interests of the public.

### KEEP THE TOWN CLEAN.

A clean town attracts attention whenever and wherever it is seen. A dirty one catches the public eye in even less time.

When the streets and alleys and yards and vacant lots in a town are clean and sanitary it bespeaks a like condition on the part of the residents with regard to their personal habits.

The Lord loves a clean man or woman, and the devil worships a dirty one. Which do you prefer?

If each person in town would use just a little more energy and thoughtfulness we could make this one of the cleanest spots in the country and our reputation would grow apace.

Not only would we benefit thusly, but the health of the community would be vastly improved and the physical capacity of the people would be greatly increased.

A clean man works with pleasure and with a definite object in view. Generally he gets there.

The dirty one labors from necessity only, has no ambition, and is the black eye that kills the town in the eyes of the other people.

### Keep the town clean.

### PORTLAND'S HANDICAP.

Portland, the metropolis and seaport of Oregon is begging from the Longshoremen's union that the little sea-going shipping of that harbor be not altogether driven away.

After spending millions on docks and dredging the harbor, which is 100 miles inland, the little handful of labor unionites called by the above name made handling cargoes almost prohibitive.

The interests of the city, the state, of commerce and much bled taxpayer are of no consequence compared to demands of a few agitators.

The deposits in the two local banks show an increase of \$144,000 over the same date one year ago. Practically every merchant in the city did a better business during June than a year ago, but they do not seem to have any confidence in the future and are not trying to extend business. Success or failure in battle, is a matter of the mind and the same seems to hold good in business. While these men are successful they will not admit it even to themselves, having got into the rut. There is a vast amount of new business available for them in the Harney valley, but they must go after it, otherwise other men with the necessary hustle will grab it. The post office receipts also show a decided gain for the past twelve months.

The railroad people have established a service to Crane on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, the regular train running through on those dates. In a short time all the supplies for the Burns country will go in from this point. The mileage is 127. With the establishing of this additional service from Ontario the railroad men will no doubt make some provision at Ontario to care for the engines and equipment used. Many of the trainmen have their families here now and others will move in when they can get houses. The track laying crewing should be here in a short time to lay the steel on the new passing track and switches, the grade having been finished. The building of the new water tank and the pipe lines will also start soon.

### DO YOU KNOW THAT

Intelligent motherhood conserves the nation's best crop.

Heavy eating like heavy drinking shortens life?

The registration of sickness is even more important than the registration of death?

The U. S. public health service cooperates with state and local authorities to improve rural sanitation?

Many a severe cold ends in tuberculosis?

Sedentary habits shorten life?

Neglected adenoids and defective teeth in childhood menace adult health?

A low infant mortality rate indicates high community intelligence?

### HOW PINEAPPLE JUICE AND PEPSIN RELIEVES STOMACH TROUBLE.

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Sunshine and fresh air are the best tonics for your children. They, likewise, are the greatest agencies for the curtailment of doctor bills.

The essence of wisdom is to avoid being a fool.

No matter how dark the clouds may be, there's a world of cheer on the other side. Break through.

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## FINAL REPORT ON DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Nyssa, Or., June 28, 1916.

To the Landowners of the Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage District:

Gentlemen—In regard to what has been accomplished by the board of supervisors since the 28th day of February, 1916, I desire on their behalf to present the following facts, being in a position to know the work accomplished by them during the four months following said date.

The district was organized September 2, 1915, and up to the 26th day of February, practically nothing of value was accomplished, for upon that date it was ascertained that the manner of drainage as heretofore laid out was too expensive and practically inefficient as to manner and method; that the outlet was in the wrong place and necessitated the unnecessary expenditure of a large amount of money; that the one now selected could be, and has been secured practically without cost; that the lands adjoining the district on the north and south and lands all within the same watershed and overlying the lands of the district; should have been included with the original district; that the lands lying contiguous to the district on the east were practically of no value and could in no manner be benefitted by the proposed drainage system and therefore should be excluded.

Confronted with these facts, it was apparent these evils must be remedied; that there was pending in the county court objections of some ten property holders attacking the district.

The supervisors realized that if the for approval in a day or so after the appraisers have been appointed and district was going to be a success, some changes must be made. That there also existed in the board of supervisors a difference of opinion as to the method of drainage; the extension of the boundary lines; what should be embraced and what lands should be excluded.

Notwithstanding all this, the board of supervisors took the matter in hand. The legality of the district was presented to the district court and the supreme court of the state, and approved, placing the district in

a position to issue warrants on bonds for the immediate construction and final completion thereof. The matter was laid before several bonding companies and they approved the bonds in a sufficient amount to construct the entire system.

The changes so contemplated required the survey of the lands within the watershed and the submission thereof to the county court for its approval.

In view of the statute outlining the method for this, some twenty days extra time was required before the hearing on this question could be submitted to the court. During this twenty days, in order to demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed drainage system, Mr. Fred J. Kiesel, of Ogden, Utah, was induced by the board of supervisors to construct a little over a mile of ditches upon his premises under the method approved by the engineer of the district, this work was laid out, constructed, approved and it is to be seen now by any person desiring to do so. Also, during this time, steps were taken to secure for the district a drainage machine. The same is now ready for purchase and operation, and can be had within twenty days.

Therefore, you might sum up the matter as follows:

That since the 26th day of February, 1916, the district has been practically reorganized; the boundaries have been extended; some one thousand acres of land excluded and eighteen hundred acres other lands benefitted by the system added to the district; a topographical survey of the new lands has been completed so far as necessary by the engineer of the district; the revised system of drainage has been installed; surveyed and satisfactorily tested; a full and complete set of by-laws have been drafted, printed and approved; a rough appraisal of the land has been made, which will be presented perfect the same; the court proceedings of some twenty-five or thirty objectors have been defended; adjusted and settled; the legality of the district has been passed upon by the supreme court and its legality fully established; the right of use of the Emulsion waste way has been transferred to the district, giving them full right and title to the use thereof; the purchase of drainage machinery has been fully perfected, ready for construction; the question of bonds has been settled; over a mile of drainage system finished,

and the district practically completed. This is the record of the board of supervisors for the four months following February 26, 1916.

As my work for the district for which I was employed being completed, I feel in justice to the board of supervisors that these facts be brought to your attention, as I have heard at different times some intimation that the board of supervisors were needlessly expending money.

This is the first district organized within your state under the new law and it can be readily understood that in the first organization made by men not thoroughly acquainted with underground drainage some mistakes would occur, but in the making of these changes the original topographical survey was used as far as possible. The survey of the old laterals and main, and the cost of appraising the lands of the old district was a loss, but the benefit derived from the new system was agreed by all to be so far superior that loss occasioned thereby was not considered, as no excavating had been done thereunder.

In severing my connections, I desire to thank the board of supervisors and the landowners of the district for the kind consideration and courtesies extended to me. I have none but the kindest feelings, and I assure you that if you find it necessary you may call upon me at any time. Misunderstandings are bound to occur where the intentions are not understood, or the situation fully appreciated, but I assure you that with my experience I can appreciate your position. Your district is now ready for construction and I believe that when your drainage system is completed and in working order that all will be satisfied.

Respectfully,  
C. E. DODGE,  
Drainage Expert.

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