

The Ontario Argus

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WHY WE DON'T GET INDUSTRIES

An examination of the history of repeated efforts to establish industries of any nature here in Ontario shows that Ontarians with money are not interested in promoting the growth of the city. At least the Argus has failed to find a single industry here that was fostered by local capital.

We will take that back. We have found one community effort in which local capital went the limit—that was in sinking the oil well. But aside from that has there been any local institution backed by local capital?

It is a fact that Ontario can pave its streets; can plant trees and park its thoroughfares, and dress itself in all the good clothes of a modern city, and not bring lasting substantial prosperity.

It is the aggregate of little industries, numerous pay rolls, diversified activity that makes cities prosperous, and Ontario has made no bid for that type of progress.

We seem to be after something big, so that we can bound to position and prosperity; overlooking entirely the little things that can be done to accomplish that end. Why is this so?

When this question has been directed to men who are familiar with conditions here and have for years watched various attempts to do things, the answer invariably amounts to this: "The men here who have money all want ten per cent guaranteed. They won't take chances."

Perhaps that is the correct solution of the entire problem. Our capitalists expect too large returns. They are afraid.

The Argus is loath to believe that, for most of the capital accumulated in Ontario is held by men who have made it in the cattle and sheep business or in financing these industries. To make this money they took long chances. They did not play "sure things," for there are no industries which present greater hazards than do the raising of cattle and sheep.

The Argus is inclined to believe that the timidity of Ontario capital is in part at least due to the fact that most of the capital accumulated has been made in this restricted field and that the owners, knowing that field, and not knowing others won't take chances in unfamiliar lines of endeavor.

Another reason for their timidity, perhaps they have never so analyzed it, is that the capitalists of Ontario have, nearly all of them, made their money playing a lone hand, to a greater or less degree. Stock companies and associations do not appeal to such men. They want to run everything; they have connections with, just as they ran their sheep and cattle on the hills.

Now there is a large measure of logic in their position. What they have, they have worked for. And many have worked hard and suffered long privations. So long as they are comfortably fixed, what do they care whether the city grows or not? That is how they reason. And you cannot argue with a man in that frame of mind. His money is his, to do with as he pleases, to invest or not to invest is a decision he alone can reach.

How can such a man be induced to back new industries for Ontario? That is the question that must be solved or the city will have to depend on the introduction of new blood or induce outside capital to enter this field.

The opportunities are here—that is certain. If the Argus may venture an opinion—all that is needed is leadership. If some one or two of the financial leaders of the community will manifest their faith by backing new industries—take stock in the proposed Building & Loan association, or in anyway show their desire to forward the interests of the city—we believe they will be followed by those who have confidence in their judgment.

This cannot be done, of course, if everyone expects to get ten per cent returns the first year. That can not always be done. So far as men of that idea are concerned the citizens who want progress and prosperity to reign in Ontario will either have to secure a change of heart on the part such as these or work on without them. Put such citizens down as a liability; not an asset of the city, and act accordingly.

A TIP FROM CARSON

Sir Edward Carson the Ulster leader, gave the government and people of the United States a mighty good piece of advice on Saturday when he said: "America—today you attend to your own affairs; we will attend to ours."

That was the advice Americans gave Great Britain in the days of 1861-65. And when, in some quarters, it was not heeded, the United States made Great Britain pay the bill for damage sustained thru the activity of Southern privateers built by Confederate sympathizers in the British Isles.

This world war will have solved no problems for America if it substitutes the Irish-American question for the German-American.

There are problems enough here at home; or at least on the Western Hemisphere to demand all the ability the American government seems able to summon to its counsel, without adding to its burdens the internal troubles of the British Empire.

Americans will not forget that while American boys were bearing the brunt of German steel in France, Irish plotters were aiding the German cause by a back-fire revolution which could not but reduce the efficiency of the British fighting force, and therefore of the allied armies.

Until America has solved the Mexican question, the Philippine question and many other problems that are peculiarly our own, we had better heed the advice of Sir Edward and mind our own business.

A NEW CITY

Ontario will look like a different city when its streets are paved. It will pass from the class of rural towns to that of the up-to-date small city that shows pride in appearance, evidence of prosperity and progressiveness that will attract the favorable impression of the thousands who pass thru here each year.

This change resulting from the existing faith in the city shown by a large majority of its voters however is not enough to bring about the growth and prosperity which the city's location merits. There must be active co-operation all down the line.

The street paving program is to the city what good clothes is to the individual in business. It gives the appearance of substantiality and progressiveness. It furnishes the good impression on first acquaintance that in turn makes possible the opportunity to go farther toward success—but like the individual who is thus well received, the city must deliver the goods to enjoy continued confidence which brings results over a long period of years.

MUZZLE THE DOGS

Three persons, two of them children of tender years; one a little girl of but two years were attacked last week by an unlicensed dog. The lives of all three of these are endangered and should the animal be proven to be the victim of rabies their lives can only be saved by resort to the expensive Pasteur treatment. In any event two of the victims will be marked for life.

How far this mad dog epidemic will go can not be foreseen for there is no way of knowing whether or not other dogs have been contaminated. One of the reasons given when the license ordinance was passed was that by its enforcement valuable dogs were protected from attack from the curs which wander the streets among whom are found the vast majority of rabies victims. Now this protection comes only from enforcement, not from the writing of the ordinance. What we need is a crusade on dogs or a muzzling ordinance, and its enforcement.

ONTARIO IS FORTUNATE

While our neighbor Vale is almost bone dry, so far as its supply of city water is concerned, Ontario is enjoying a full 65 pound pressure on every water tap. This condition will continue, too, unless the Snake river crawls farther down its banks.

But Ontario should take warning from the situation at Vale; and the condition that prevails in many towns on the banks of the Snake in Southwestern Idaho. Steps should be taken to run a temporary intake out into the stream so that the city will not be endangered.

Now is the time to study the problem and to be prepared to meet possible contingencies. The city can not afford to take chances. We have had one experience already this season. That is sufficient, as everyone will agree.

If Caldwell and Nampa can grow, and build homes, why can not Ontario?



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