THE
Flesherton Advance
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HON. PETER SMITH COMMITTED

Ex-Provincial Treasurer Peter Smith was committed for trial on ten different charges in the magistrate's court at Toronto last week by Police Magistrate Jones. Jarvis Senior and Jarvis Junior, brokers, were also committed for trial. The Crown will attempt to prove that the ex-Treasurer and the brokers entered into a conspiracy to defraud the province of a large sum of money.

During the course of the preliminary hearing Mr. McHattie, manager of the Bank of Toronto in Stratford, gave important evidence showing that the accused had deposited coupons in his bank from July 5, 1920, to Feb. 5, 1921, to the value of $6,623.57, representing bonds to the value of over $141,000. The prosecuting attorney claims to be able to prove that these bonds were a portion of the profits made out of the province by the Jarvis firm.

While it is not permissible to comment on this case we may say that it is still possible that Mr. Smith has some reasonable explanation to give for his suddenly acquired wealth, and we hope he has. It is not a pleasure to have any public servant convicted of wrong-doing, and the whole affair has caused an uneasiness, to say the least, in the knowledge that a man can even reasonably be charged with such a breach of trust. This feeling is also intensified by the suspicion that the man now under fire is not the only one who should be brought before the courts. When the thunder-clap fell two men were found missing from their posts who, it is thought could save the country a lot of money by telling what they know. Why were these men allowed to escape? Why are they not brought back? There are a lot of things the public would like to know in connection with this mess.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If a town is coming out all right on its hydro bill and has a low rate, just keep it to yourselves. It doesn't pay to tell the world. as the rate is apt to be "stepped up."

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The Creemore Star was handicapped recently when one of its baseball-printer mechanics foldel his tent and, like the Arabs, silently stole away, leaving the editor in a hole. However two reverend gentlemen, former printer "devils" turned up and helped get the paper out for that week.

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James Murdock, Labor minister in the King cabinet, drew his deposit of $4.050 from the Home Bank the day before it failed. He is now attempting restitution by returning money to the liquidators. Of course it was quite legal to draw money from the Home bank before it failed, if required in the ordinary course of business, but it is demonstrated that members of the King government knew of the impending failure and decided to save their own money, while callously allowing the thousands of shareholders and depositors throughout the country to bear the full force of the storm without warning. We put up storm signals for mariners when bad weather is imminent, but no signals of any kind were given out when the Home bank was tottering, although the government knew the fall was to come, and evidently the very day it was due.

The county of Simcoe spent last year on its roads $228,491.29, and has received a cheque for $108,332.29. the governments proportion on expenditure.

Cost of Government

Condensed into understandable terms the Civil Service at Ottawa shows that 39,000 persons employed by the Government draw an aggregate salary of over $50,000,000 and that Cabinet Ministers, members of the House of Commons and Senators receive annually another $1,585,000. It costs the man with a family of five persons over $27.00 annually to pay for being governed at Ottawa, and these figures do not include the Ontario service at Toronto. We are much overgoverned—a condition for which no particular party is to blame. When the people insist upon the choice of men who will fearlessly and unselfishly tackle the problem as a national one, irrespective of party interests, some relief may be looked for, is the sizing up of the Huntsville Forester.

Broke The Bread Wagon

Meaford, May 26.—As a result of driving his automobile wtihout headlights Mr. Chas. Tomlinson of St. Vincent got into trouble about 9.30 p.m. Friday night. Mr. Lorne Reid, who drives a bread wagon for Mr. J. H. Armstrong, the baker, had left his rig standing on the side of the granolithic pavement on Seymour street in order to deliver an order at Mr. Youcksch's. He had scarcely reached the house when he heard a violent crash and on recrossing the pavement discovered that Mr. Tomlinson had ran into his bread wagon, smashing it so badly as to render it unfit for use. The front wheel of the automobile locked with the hind wheel of the wagon, completely tearing off the box and throwing it on the side of the road, breaking the axle, shafts, one wheel and the springs. The horse, literally carried for some distance by the force of the impact, was not seriously injured. The animal was frightened so badly, however, that it ran away with all that was left of the wagon, but was captured in front of the Meaford Creamerv. The automobile was considerably damaged.

Mr. Tomlinson informed Mr. Armstrong that he would stand good for necessary repairs to the bread wagon. He said that something went wrong with his headlights and that he had done his best to get them going again.

GOT OFF EASY

On Saturday morning last about eleven o'clock a large touring car, coming up the county provincial road towards Harriston ran off the road just between Mr. Wm. Davis and Mr. Geo. Davidson's. Before it could be stopped it went through a provincial wire fence, smashed off a post near the ground and broke the wires. It journeyed on about five rods into the field before it coudld be stopped. In the car were the driver and several other people, including two children, none of whom were in the least hurt. The car also came through without any apparent damage. The occupants of the car were strangers to these parts and had no inclination to make their identity known. We understandl they made some adjustment to the provincial road superintendent for the damage done to the fence. —Harriston Review.

Collingwood is enjoying a satisfactory business period at the present time with upwards of 800 artisans and laborers employed in the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company's plant. Our prosperity industrially will likely be greatly increased in the near future by the erection of a rod mill in connection with the Imperial Steel Corporation, the financing of which is well under way.—Enterprise.

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HOME

By A. S. Thurston

THE PASTORATES

The unchangeable changeability of Home has always struck me, and anon it has seemed to be embodied in the clergymen who have swum out into the village current and breasted the stream with the rest of the folk, adding their bit to their well rounded life.

In the Methidist church we had the changeability emphasized by the regular change of pastors. Periodically the man of grace had been sent, willy nilly. to share in the life of the village and make their stamp there; and with equal precision their Conference had broken off the tenure of their service and torn them away to make new friendships and attempt new services, the while new expounders of truth blossomed behind the pulpit of Home.

To question the wisdom of the itineracy system is beyond the scope of the writer at the present time—but the mate of his hearth fire is a living fruit of the system, and ingrained deep in her heart is the nomadic capacity for friendships—but the door to lasting friendships and deep intimacies is one that responds but rarely to any key. ,

The life of a Methodist minister and his family seems in prospect as restless as the waves on the ocean shore, full of comings and goings, steadfast in purpose, but always shifting, changing—never constant.

And then. on the crest of another hill in the village is the temple of John Knox, the Presbyterian place of worship; and from its pulpit the passing of half a century the people may know but the sermons of several pastors. deeply versed in theology and the grace of service. ,

Here is found typified the unchangeability of Home. To the pulpit, have come young men in their comparative youth, and they have served until the grey crept into their hair and long years mellowed their fire—christening and marrying the same people in the march of time. A decade is a short tenure in the service of John Knox.

A lively sympathy exists between the two peoples of these rival churches; and an interchange of service between the two pastors has often show how little variance there is between these two branches of the "House." In fact. about anniversary time the same children frequently attend both Sunday schools.

A wonderful succession of men there have been leading the spiritual life of Home, and gracing it as with a benediction. One recalls the ageing man who could not resist the lure of a horse that could "step out" (that was in the days before automobiles), and of whom the terrible scandal was whispered that he was fond of horse racing—who isn't ?

There was the trial for a time of the young minister who smoked cigars, was not married, and had an impelling regard for the gentler sex.

Then, there were men well versed in Scriptural lore, powerful men, and gifted with a flow of words that could lash and sear the guilty heart, or could raise the old-fashioned ones to a height of ecstatic bliss.

And there was the young athletic man with an arm that loved to slip around the young lads just growing into self-consciousness and lead them off into long walks and confidential talks that never hinted at "preaching." They would cover the world of sport and study, and then marvellously would open up into a discussion of life-work, and the service of a man in this world. He was the young people's pastor, and powerfully he led the way through pleasant fields—but he hit hard and mercilessly when it was called for. Not long since I heard him; his mop of red hair is streaked with grey, but he is a young man still and his voice is as vibrant with clean passion and unwavering—no, buoyant—faith as then.

And to-day the pulpit is occupied by a scholarly, dignified man who who seems to fit the occasion of unrest and seething changes. For he is mild and quiet, preaching a gospel that falters not, and with a knowing, soothing hand touching the sores that seem to throb and ache as though they might never mend.

But there was also a Baptist chapel that played its little part on the bank of a rippling stream on the way to school. It was weak, pitifully weak—a mission church—but it played its part, too. And with the other volunteers in the hundred-and-umpty-umpth he went through the training camps and travelled the way that a soldier goes—a trained and educated man, but by choice a private soldier, refusing the proffered Chaplaincy so that he could be close to his pals.

He travelled the WHOLE way, and did not come back again, nor will he. But he is enshrined as one of the village heroes.

St. Mary's Guild, Maxwell, Re- Organized Last week

The ladies of St. Mary's church, Maxwell, met at the home of Mrs. Will Hall on Thursday, May 22nd to re-organize their Guild. Rev. Pogson, the rector, was present and took the meeting until after the election of officers, when he handed the meeting ovr to the President. The election of officers was as follows:—

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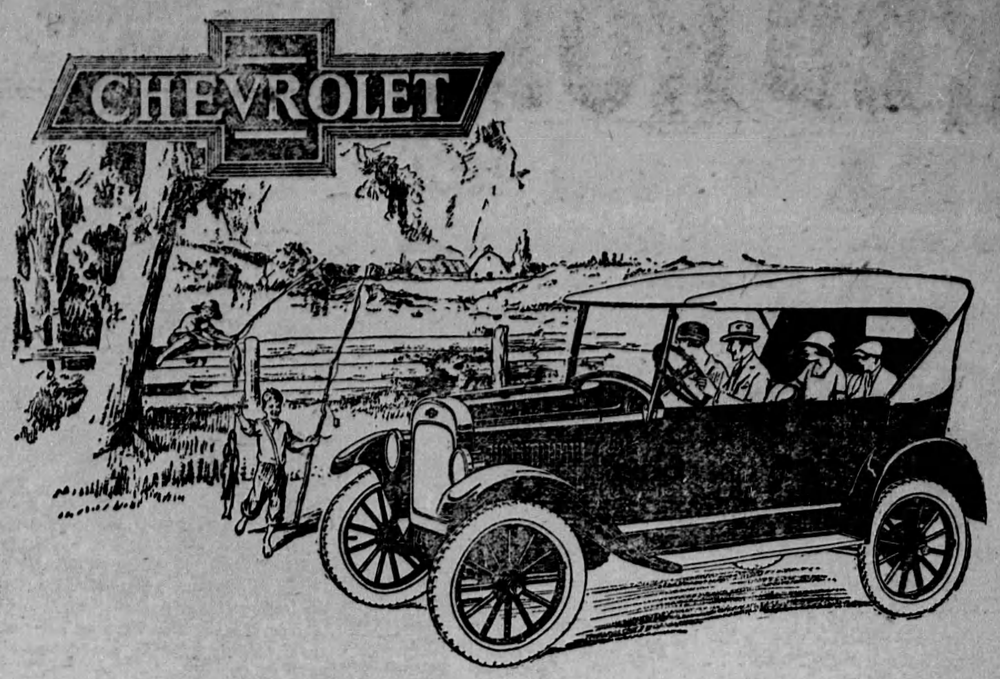

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The Other Side

(Walkerton Telescope)

Citizens who have the welfare of the community at heart prefer to buy at home rather than send their money to the big city stores. They feel that they are playing the game by spending their money where they have earned it and also that by patronizing their home merchant they are buildng up the home community and thereby benefiting themselsve.

But we must not forget that this friendly preference for buying at home implies a corresponding obligation on the part of the merchant. The small town shop-keeper who is protected to a greater or less extent by "buy at home" sentiment, owes it to the community and to his customers to measure up as far as possible to his opportunities. A buy-at-home preference in the community should be used as a wall to protect him when he slumbers. An illustration occurs to us just here of a citizen who some time ago desired to place a large order for goods. He wrote to three city houses and at the same time he asked for samples and quotations from two local retailers. He had a reply from the city firms by return mail but two weeks later both of the local retailers asked for more time to get quotations from their wholesalers.

Customers who give a local dealer first preference have a right to expect that he in his turn, though handicapped in certain respects in competing with the department stores, will not only strive to meet this competition as best he can, but at the same time will give the customer a favorable deal in lines where outside lines does not touch him.

If his business premises are kept neat, his show windows attractive. his advertising fresh and live, and he himself keen to give service, his customers will take pleasure in rallying to his support against outside competition. Otherwise in the long run, a good deal of buy-at-home sentiment will get as cobwebby as the merchant's shelves and will eventually die of dry rot.

In these days of keen competition and quick transportation, the country merchant who is alive to the situation has a real opportunity, but if he does not seek to compete with the best that is going, his business will be a hand-to-mouth proposition.

WAS FOUND GUILTY

Walkerton, May 24.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs. George Lawrence was found guilty by County Judge Klein, at Walkerton on four of the five charges appearing in the indictment, charging her with performing illegal operations. Five young women gave evidence against the accused. The finding came at the conclusion of lengthy evidence taken during Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Lawrence was not sentenced at once, but was remanded until June 2nd, when sentence will be pronounced. She is being retained in Bruce County jail until that time.

The trial was held strictly in camera only witnesses, lawyers and officials being allowed to hear any of the evidence. The evidence as taken by the Crown and the defense was very conflicting, witnesses for each side contradicting each other frequently. Evidence produced by the Crown showed that Mrs. Lawrence had made a practise of committing the crimes with which she was charged. This Mrs. Lawrence stoutly denied in her evidence.

It is possible that an appeal to a higher court will be entered.

As a result of recent amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act, the onus of proof is on the motorist to prove his brakes were in perfect working condition every time an accident occurs. The police have the right to stop every car, inspect the brakes, and if not functioning properly, order the driver to have them repaired immediately.

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