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COUNTING OUT UNWARANTED

It is well that the decision of the County Court of judges, to so count the votes polled in the late Dominion Election in North Huron, as to give the seat to the candidate polling the fewest votes, has been appealed to the higher Court. We believe the Judge erred when he threw out the ballots that had the counterfoil attached. It was the duty of the deputy-returning officers where these irregularities took place to remove these counterfoils, but if he did not the ballots should have been counted by the judge whether they were few or many. The law so provides. It enacts that ballots deposited by the deputy-returning officer in the box with counterfoils attached shall be counted if they have been "inadvertently" so dealt with. The dictionary definition of the word is lack of thoughtfulness or inattentiveness, negligence, heedlessness or carelessness. And as neither at the official count in the polls or at the recount before the County Judge was it alleged that the failure to remove the counterfoil (though a wrong act) in any measure invalidated the secrecy of the ballots, surely they should have been counted by the judge and the returning officer confirmed. There is no question as to the intention of the law in this respect; the trouble is with the interpretation of the statute.

It would be an outrage to seat a candidate in a minority of over 300 votes because of the blunder of those charged with the conduct of the polling.

PUNISHMENT OF CRIME

The prevalence of crimes of a serious character and the best means for combating lawlessness is again engaging the attention of the authorities in Canada as well as in the adjoining republic. Our neighbors in the United States are really suffering in this regard to a much greater extent than we are and they have been enquiring why crime is so much more prevalent within their borders than in Canada. We believe the explanation is the greater certainty that the law will be justly administered without fear or favor. Nevertheless, there is far too much serious crime in this country and good reason for considering how best lawlessness can be put down. The great extension of crimes undetaken by armed bandits, with the aid of automobiles is puzzling the authorities, and it is being seriously proposed that the lash should be used in the punishment of those found guilty of crimes of this nature. Mayhap it should be given a trial. We know of no one who has been whipped for this brand of crime or for offences against women and children who again come into the clutches of the law for a similar offence.

In any case, the Courts will do well to extend the utmost vigor of the law to the criminal found in possession of a murderous weapon when arrested for crime. Such a one might not have actually slain his victim, but there is no doubt that the possesion of a gun, dagger, stiletto or other deadly weapon proved that he had murder in his heart and meant to commit it, should it be necessary to do so in order to accomplish his purpose or to escape punishment for his misdeeds.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sickly one, do not despair. Remember that the sun has a sinking fit every night, but it comes back strong in the morning.

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A good sign for every home front door:—"Enter with knocking; leave the same way."

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Our mechants can be helped and the wheels of commerce lightened to the advantage of all, if Advance readers will study the advertisements and make purchases of Christmas presents as speedily as possible.

CANADA'S WOMAN MEMBER

(Canadian Farmer)

Though we do not see eye to eye with Miss Agnes Macphail in many things, we are heartily glad that she is back in the House of Commons. She has practised the ethics that she has preached, and surely, if women are in politics for any one thing, they are there to strenghen the moral side of the different issues that come before the Government. If all the women who will, no doubt, follow Miss Macphail into office in the years to come stick to their guns as courageously as she has stuck to hers and keep their womanliness as well as she has done, it will be a good thing for the country.

SPECIAL DECORATIONS

The stores in town are being decorated for the Christmas season and some especially nice displays are being noticed. W. A. Armstrong & Son are to be complimented upon their artistic display of Victor Radio machines in their window. It certainly pays well to have displays in the window that will catch the eye of the passer-by.

"ONWARD" NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Irwin visited friends in Cedarville last week.

Onward U.F.Y.P.O. held a meeting last Thursday evening with a good crowd present. Miss Kate McMillan occupied the chair. The main topic was a debate resolved "that Bobbed Haired Girls make better companions for the Farmer than long Haired Girls." The affirmative side won.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Oliver and family also Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Turned spent last Friday evening at D. McPhail's.

Geo. Banks threshed his grain stacks last week.

J. Anderson is visiting his parents in Mount Forest. The aged couple are very ill at present.

Jas. Turner disposed of his large flock of geese last Saturday afternoon by way of a shooting match.

LADY BANK

(Last week's items)

The Ladies' Aid held their bazaar in Feversham on Saturday evening of last week and it proved to be a success, considering the condition of the roads.

Mr. Sherman Ottewell and family of Feversham have moved into this vicinity again, occupying the house owned by Mr. Ed. Harbottle, once known at the Ferguson farm.

Miss Aleda Feighen of Sunlight College school, East Mountain, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Semple over the week end.

Master Harry Allen of East Mountain visited with Ernie Semple and took in the big bazaar at Feversham.

Mr. Stewart McMullen has returned home after spending the summer months in the West. His brother, William, also accompanied him.

The Ladies' Aid of Providence church will hold their December meeting at the home of Mrs. John Ottewell Jr. on Wednesday the 9th.

The Indian must have died and forgotten to have left his order for his summer to come to us this fall.

4TH LINE AND VICINITY

Miss Jessie Hooper of Egremont is visiting at the home of Mrs. E. Purdy.

Mr. Albert Hazard and son, Chas., returned from the West after a successful business and pleasure trip.

Mr. Harry Pedlar leaves Tuesday on a pleasure trip for a few weeks.

Mr. R. F. Purdy captured a fine owl. Folks interested in wild birds should see this fine specimen.

Mr. Geo. Hazard is hired at Mr. R. Whittaker's for an indefinite term.

Mr. Ben McKenzie left Tuesday for Florida to join his son, Bill.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lever are visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Gerald Morgan, at Moorefield and friends at Brussells.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. E. Wickens spent a day in Owen Sound last week.

Mrs. Tuplin, who has been in Flesherton for the past couple of weeks' visited with Mrs. A. Stewart before returning to her home at Feversham.

On Monday evening L.O.L. 509, Orange Valley, held their regular meeting when the officers for the following year were elected.

Miss Catherine Davidson, Barhead, visited with her friend, Miss S. Alcox, a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. G. Pritchard at Vandeleur the past week.

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Bank of Montreal Leaves

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The Bank of Montreal took over the Merchants Bank of Canada, which had been established here in 1919, and about six managers of the bank have been here in that time.

FLESHERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

4th Class—A. Heard, J. McFadden, M. Fenwick, E. Fenwick, G. Sled, M. Bibby, E. McMullen, A. Lever, A. Irwin, B. Phillips, L. Batty, B. Patton

Sr. 3 — S. Preston, G. Stuart. E. Fisher, W. Colgan, G. McMaster, A. Clements.

Jr. 3—E. Ferris, H. Best, B. Patton, F. Welton, B. Sled, B. Castle, J. Gibson, E. McKillop, E. Freeman.

Sr. 2—M. Ferris, D. McFadden, D. McMullen, W. Preston, A. Warling, A. Laughlin, B. McEachnie, M. Stuart V. McMaster, J. Gibson, W. Laughlin, E. Kerton.

Jr. 2—E. Talbot, G. Boyd, E. Warling, Ed. Patton, H. Bibby, H. Croft, C. Gibson, B. Welton.

Sr. 1—L. McEachnie, H. McKillop, W. Littlejohns.

Jr. 1 — P. Gibson, A. Turney, E. Clements.

Pr. B—E. Brown, E. Burnett, A. Lawrence, C. Talbot, F. Patton, H. Laughlin.

Pr. A—F. Lawrence, D. Stuart, E. Croft, R. Semple, B. Murray, G. Gibson, H. DeCudmore.

Pr. C—D. Kerton, J. Poole, A. McKillop, D. Kerton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Shaw and children of Lions Head motored down on Saturday and spent the week end with Mrs. Shaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thurston.

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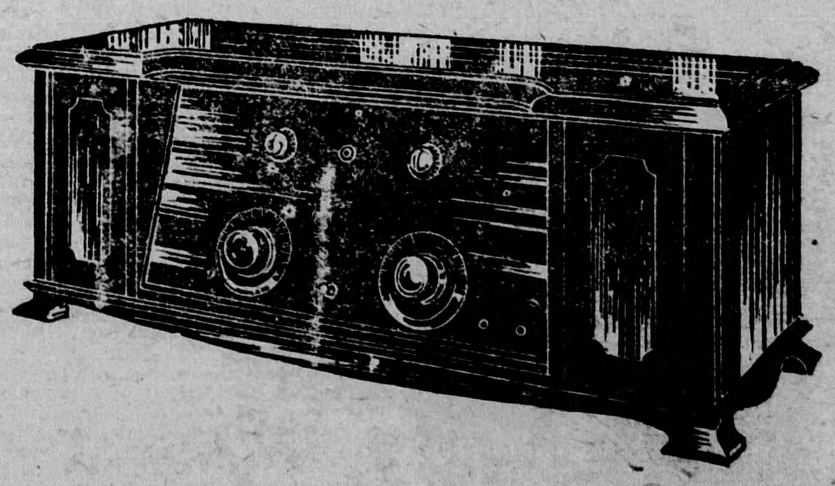

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