THE
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INSANITY CAUSES A STIR.

A prominent Hamilton man, who was a persistent consumer of intoxicants, so injured his health that his mental faculties were impaired and his relations had him examined by two medical men. They found him to be a fit subject for detention in a mental hospital, and he was committed accordingly. There he remained for some years, but recently after representations by outside sympathisers his physician was permitted to examine him, and it was soon afterwards certified by the hospital staff that he was fit to be given his liberty. No sooner did the patient (Zealand by name) reach the outside world than he gave an interview for publication, alleging that he was not properly treated while under detention, that he, an educated man, was made to consort with every variety of inmate; that he was not provided with suitable employment; and that he was not permitted to communicate with friends outside the institution who could have aided him to secure his liberty or a proper hearing.

It is but fair to say that the hospital authorities assert that everything done in the case of this man was in accord with the provisions of the Act of the Legislature governing these institutions; that the hospital authorities have never countenanced railroading of persons into their custody; that every effort is made to cure the patient or to alleviate his condition; and that, far from desiring to retain inmates indefinitely, effort is made to have the afflicted one set at liberty, or placed in the care of friends, the very moment that his condition warrants such a course.

Nevertheless, it is possible that the public mind could be further assured if, in the conduct of the asylums steps were taken to have cases such as that of Zealand promptly looked into by some one independent of the committing authorities or the experts of the institution. We hear a good deal these days about the increase of insanity, and statistics are published showing that the number of insane persons committed have steadily increased. There is a possibility, however, that the increase is more apparent than real. In other words, we have been gathering up and committing to places of detention many persons of weak minds who, in bygone days, would have remained in their homes, or in the homes of friends, doing neither themselves nor anyone else harm, although not fully possessed of their wits.

These types of weak-minded persons gave force to declarations made from time to time by the late Dr. Maurice Bucke, Superintendent of the London hospital for the insane for many years. Dr. Bucke believed that no one was entirely balanced mentally; that all of us lacked something in our mental make-up; and that we should night and morn express thanks to Providence that our condition in this regard was no worse. We remember that on one occasion in support of this view, this eminent alienist prevailed upon the highly respectable parents of a notorious scapegrace, who had the best of up-bringing, yet persisted in crime, and died insane, to have his brain dissected. It was found that in that delicate organ there was a lesion which had probably existed from birth.

The investigation which is requested by the man now bitterly complaining that he had been wrongfully treated and detained long after his mental faculties, impaired by excessive drinking of whiskey, had been re-established, would show nothing very much amiss but it might indicate that in our anxiety as a people to provide institutions for all and sundry, we have a tendency to lock up persons, often at public expense, simply because they are as the saying is "a little dff," and not in danger of injuring either themselves or their fellows. Has there not been a tendency, also, it is argued, to shift the responsibility for looking after these harmless creatures from their relations to the taxpayers?

NO PLACE LIKE CANADA

The Stratford Beacon-Herald tells the tale of a man who had travelled over a large portion of the United States and came back a bit disillusioned: "When we got back into this corner of Ontario, it was with a feeling that it is, beyond any chance of [illegible] the very finest country in [illegible] that had covered just about ten [illegible]iles. I haven't got much [illegible] the statement that a young man in Canada has got to go to the United States to get a chance. I believe there were more people out of work in many of the places I visited than there are in Ontario, and I noticed President Green of the American Federation of Labor had stated that about 25 per cent. of the membership were either out of work or not employed steadily. There's some thing too, that Ontario has got that's decidedly worth while, and that's regard for the Sabbath. A person may try to create home environment for the children, but, when the whole trend of the times seems bent in the direction of making Sunday a wide-open scramble, there's not much opportunity for the individual home trying to stem the tide. Never again will I refer to the Canadian Sabbath as "slow," and I will get into a quick argument with anyone who does."

THE STATUTE LABOR QUESTION

We were sorry to hear of the adverse vote the by-law for the abolishing of statute labor received in the Township of Artemesia. There seems to be a general feeling among the electors to let well enough alone, and not bother with any new fangled ideas of road construction. They wish to continue with the inefficiency of statute labor with all its abuses and unfairness. It was charged at the nomination meeting of the township that the residents on the county and provincial highways were satisfied with things as they are and it indeed looks to us that the charge was not far off the mark. The concessions and sideroads in the township are indeed in a sorry state and something has to be done to remedy the present state of the roads. We believe that it was in the best interests of the Township to have voted yes on the proposition, and that the township would have been better off financially if such a thing had been done. There will be another time, though, when the ratepayers will do justice to the by-law.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Fail not to write it "1927" and get a reputation for sobriety, anyway.

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We are pleased to see our friend, Editor Colgan, Markdale, returned as head of that municipality. Ed. is highly respected by all classes and his victory is a popular one.

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At this season, when so many are making their conduct resolves for 1927, it is not amiss to remember the declaration of Mark Twain: "The miracle that elevated the few is to be found in their industry, application and a brave, determined spirit."

CARD OF THANKS

To the Electors of Artemesia:

Ladies and Gentlemen— I desire to heartily thank my supporters for the generous support accorded me in re-electing me as your Reeve for 1927, and I appreciate very much your confidence placed in me. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

—J. A. HOGARTH.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Electors of Artemesia:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I feel very grateful to the electors for the whole-hearted support tendered me at the polls on Monday. It is my intention in my new capacity as Deputy-Reeve to apply my services to what I consider to be the best interests of the township and county. Season's greetings.

—HERBERT CORBETT.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Electors of Flesherton:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I desire to express my gratitude for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me sa Reeve of the village for 1927. I esteem it as a high honor to serve you to the best of my ability, and will make it my endeavor to see that your confidence is not misplaced.

Yours most sincerely,

—W. H. THURSTON.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to thank the people of Artemesia for their confidence in me, as shown by electing me Councillor by acclamation. It will be my purpose to serve you to the best of my ability and thereby justify your trust. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year,

W. J. MacMILLAN.

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J. A. Hogarth Elected Reeve of Artemesia

Herbert Corbett was Also Elected Deputy-Reeve by a Safe Margin

Council By Acclamation

Abolishing of Statute Labor Failed to Carry Again

REEVE
J. A. HOGARTH
DEPUTY-REEVE
H. CORBETT.
COUNCIL
T. L. MERCER, (Accl.)
J. A. DAVIS (Accl.)
W. J. McMILLAN (Accl.)

Reeve J. A. Hogarth was again returned as head of Artemesia Council, but by a decreased majority from last year, he bein gopposed by Mr. Alexander Cameron of Eugenia, who was fathering the abolishing of statute labor. Mr. Herbert Corbett, of last year's council, tried conclusions with Deputy-Reeve Alex. Carruthers and was successful by a substantial majority. The council had been returned by acclamation and is composed of T. L. Mercer, J. A. Davis of last year's council and Mr. Wm. McMillan, who takes Mr. Corbett's place.

The by-law for abolishing statute labor received a better reception than last year, but was again unsuccessful in carrying, being defeated by a vote of 366 for, to 395 against, a majority of 29 against the by-law.

The following is the vote by polling divisions:

	Hogarth	Cameron	Corbett	Carruthers
Flesherton	42	45	41	39
Ceylon	82	32	58	40
Priceville	40	63	67	29
Proton	67	29	62	33
Portlaw	28	33	29	26
O. Valley	61	13	57	16
Eugenia	38	137	96	70
Vandeleur	39	21	47	12
	373	397	457	265

On the question of abolishing of the statute labor system of road work in the township the ratepayers voted again this year to keep on with the old way. The vote was as follows:

	YES	NO
Flesherton	38	46
Ceylon	41	71
Priceville	65	37
Proton	43	52
Portlaw	28	35
Orange Valley	14	60
Eugenia	38	137
Vandeleur	34	28
	366	405

Majority against abolishing of statute labor 39.

WALLACE — INKSTER

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Inkster of Luseland, Sask., announce the marriage of their daughter, E. Jean, to Mr. Ralph C. Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wallace on Wednesday afternoon, December 22nd, 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m., the Rev. W. A. Cameron, Presbyterian minister of Saskatoon, performing the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father and was unattended.

The rooms were prettily decorated with Christmas colors, red and green. The bride's gown was of blue satin crepe, with metallic trimmings, shoes and hose to match. After the wedding dinner the couple left for Winnipeg on a honeymoon trip, the bride travelling in a smart gown of black and red taffeta, with hat and coat to match. They will be at home to their friends after February 1st at Suite 11, View Court, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

CALLED BY LONG DISTANCE FROM VANCOUVER

Mr. Edwin Dance, at Vancouver, B. C., called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Dance and the family, by long distance telephone on Sunday evening last with a Christmas message to the folks at home and good wishes to Shelburne people.

Vancouver is about 2.160 miles from Shelburne as the crow flies, and the voice came over the wire remarkably clear and distinct and speaks well for the service rendered by the Bell Co. — Free Press.

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W. L. Taylor is Again Reeve of Osprey Twp.

Wm. C. Edwards Elected As Deputy-Reeve — The Seat New This Year

One New Member in Council

REEVE
W. L. TAYLOR.
DEPUTY-REEVE
W. C. EDWARDS.
COUNCIL
R. J. MORRISON.
JOHN GRUMMETT.
SYLVESTER CLARK.

Reeve W. L. Taylor of Osprey was again successful in being returned as Reeve of the township against Mr. Geo. Ross of Marwell, with a majority of 167. A Deputy-Reeve was required in Osprey this year and W. C. Edwards was successful in winning over Laughlin Cameron with a majority of 154. Mr. Edwards was a member of the 1926 council. Two of last year's council men were returned: S. Clark and John Grummett, and R. J. Morrison, son of Mr. Angus Morrison of Maxwell, is occupying Mr Edward's position in the council and took the highest vote in the council. Mr. J. J. Kaitting the other aspirant for the council was defeated.

The following is the vote by polling divisions:

	Reeve		Dep.-Reeve	
	Ross	Taylor	Cameron	Edwards
Maxwell	81	91	88	78
Feversham	79	89	46	107
Singhampton	10	122	25	102
McIntyre	28	50	56	23
Rob Roy	24	27	9	42
Badgeros	39	48	34	41
Hatherton	18	17	5	25
Wareham	28	30	28	27
	307	474	291	455

FOR COUNCILLORS

	Clark	Grummett	Kaitting	Morrison
Maxwell	94	91	35	119
Feversham	56	56	91	73
Singhampton	86	36	33	63
McIntyre	38	49	30	52
Rob Roy	7	13	37	17
Badgeros	31	57	26	50
Hatherton	26	16	5	15
Wareham	24	46	11	17
	362	364	268	406

W. H. Thurston New Reeve of Flesherton

Only One Member of Last Year's Council on New Council Board

H. Freeman Headed Poll

Fred Stuart Headed Poll For School Trustee — Ernest McKillop & C. Stewart Other Trustees

REEVE

THURSTON	123
Meads	58

COUNCIL

FREEMAN	137
RICHARDSON	119
PHILLIPS	111
WELTON	99
Findlay	86

In the elections in the village W. H. Thurston had a very substantial majority over W. J. Meads, who has been the Reeve during the past two years and who has served the interests of the village faithfully. The new Reeve never served in the council but spent two years as village clerk when the village was first incorporated. In the council Mr. C. N. Richardson is the only member of last year's council who has retained his seat. Both O. W. Phillips and G. B. Welton have had experience in former councils, but this is Mr. Freeman's first experience. To head the poll like he has is a sure indication of his popularity in Flesherton. Mr. T. W. Findlay, who was in the council for the past two years, was defeated. He served well the interests of the village in the fire and park department.

In the election of school trustees Mr. Fred Stuart, who was in last year's council, headed the poll with 150 votes and Mr. Ernest McKillop came second with 149. Mr. Chas. Stewart was the other member elected while Mr. Wm. Burnett, trustee last year, was defeated.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. H. Freeman wishes to thank all his friends and supporters for the magnificent vote polled in his behalf on Monday, enabling him to head the poll for council of the village for 1927. He will endeavor to merit your trust during his term of office.

1927 County Council

Several New Faces in Grey County Council This Year

As the result of the elections held on Monday in Grey County, the following gentlemen will comprise the County Council for 1927, with the exception of the town of Meaford, where Reeve W. F. Riley was the only one of the large number nominated to qualify, and another nomination meeting will be held on Wednesday to name the candidates.

Artemesia — Reeve, J. A. Hogarth. Deputy Reeve, H. Corbett.
Bentinck—Reeve, D. J. McDonald. Deputy Reeve, Robt. Grierson.
Collingwood—Reeve, J.J. Buchanan. Deputy Reeve, W. I. Field.
Derby—Reeve, Donald E. Sinclair.
Egremont—Reeve, Neil Calder. Dep Reeve, J. A. Ferguson.
Euphrasia—Reeve, W. H. Erskine. Deputy Reeve, Harry Thompson.
Glenelg—Reeve, Wm. Weir.
Holland—Reeve, D. J. Gardiner. Deputy Reeve, Alex. Stewart.
Keppel—Reeve, John A. Pringle.
Normanby — Reeve, Chas. Holm. Deputy Reeve, Wm. Ovens.
Osprey—Reeve, W. L. Taylor. Dep. Reeve, J. Edwards.
Proton—Reeve, Wm. Jack.
Sarawak—Reeve, James Dickson.
St. Vincent—Reeve, J. L. Lembke. Deputy Reeve, David McEwen.
Sydenham—Reeve, M. X. Traynor. Deputy Reeve, Joseph Fretter.
Durham—Reeve, Allan Bell.
Hanover—Reeve, M. S. Armstrong.
Meaford—To be elected.
Thornbury—Reeve, J.W. Hutchison.
Chatsworth—Reeve, S. H. Breese.
Flesherton—Reeve, W.H. Thurston.
Dundalk—Reeve, H. C. Moody.
Markdale—Reeve, A. E. Colgan.
Neustadt—Reeve, Louis Himmler.
Shallow Lake—Reeve, D. Allen.

"Mother looks forward to my telephone visits—"

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"That was a wonderful idea of yours, Fred, that I should alternate my letters to mother with telephone calls.

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