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NO ABILITY TO MAKE GOOD

A cablegram from Liverpool reports that Edwin Smith, who was charged with being a stowaway on the steamer Montrose, had been discharged on the condition that he return to his home. It is added that "Smith had been unable to obtain employment in Canada." It has to be admitted that this is not a time of the year when work is any too plentiful in this country, but it so happens that the experience of this lad in Canada has been investigated, and it is found that though he had a good home with a kind hearted farmer, under whom he had entered into agreement to remain, on fair wages, while he learned farming, he left long before his engagement was up, and was not again heard of until he was arrested as a stowaway, as above narrated. Too often has Canada been given a black eye by the readily accepted stories of youths who have failed to give the country a fair trial, and through home-sickness or sheer fickleness have returned to Great Britain with an unfounded story of ill-treatment, privation or lack of work. Such youths would be failures anywhere.

A WAY TO SUCCESS

The Christmas buying season has departed for this year and most of the stores announce an increase in business over previous years. The weather conditions were ideal and the stores had extra clerks employed to take care of the Christmas rush. It is a noteworthy fact that advertising played a large part in attracting the buyers to town, and to observers it was these advertisers who attracted the majority of customers to their business places. Without a doubt consistent advertising pays, and the old method of "they know I am in business and will come when they want anything" died out years ago, and the up-to-date merchant is a heavy advertiser. If a business man wishes to keep up with the procession he must let the community know the line of goods stocked, besides keeping his store clean and the merchandise displayed in an attractive style. The great department stores of the country to-day claim that they could not operate except for the power of advertising to draw customers to their store. Square dealing and straight methods also go a long way in making a success of a business venture.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The recent action of the citizens of Singhampton and district in presenting a fur coat and gauntlets to a new doctor, who recently opened up a practise there, is well worth comment. They took that way of becoming acquainted and we feel sure scores of times this winter the doctor will have cause to appreciate the generous gift. Acts of kindness like this create a warm spot in the heart of any man that will always be remembered.

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It is a good sign of the interest of the younger generation in the carrying on of the business of the township when so many of them are contesting seats in the council.

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Says the Dundalk Herald: A Chap who went into a Dundalk barber shop paid for a shave with eleven coppers and a couple of two cent stamps. The next thing we know women will be taking in three or four eggs and asking for a hair-cut. What would happen if the eggs were excedingly stale,

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Saturday next is Rogmanay. In Scotland, the young folks then go the rounds of their friends, thus addressing each houselwife:

"Get us gude wife and shak' your feathers;
Dinna think that we're beggars,
We're only bairnies come to play
Get up, guide wife and gie's oor Hogmanay."

Refreshments follow, with a performanec of songs and dances.

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If there is a contest in your municipality next week, be sure and vote. Remember it is as necessary to elect competent school trustees, as good reeves and councillors.

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A stingy husband, who seems not to have entered into the holiday spirit, rises to remark that what the average woman wants is a strong man who can be wrapped around her finger.

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Girls,, we are only a few days from Leap Year. Be sure and look before you leap!

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With Lindberg at the helm—is that it?—flying is so far safe.

The Case of Aemilius Jarvis

In its issue of Dec. 5th, The Toronto Globe dealt at length with the case of Oscar Slater, who recently was released from prison in England after serving 19 years for murder, the sentence having been reduced from one of capital punishment owing to a doubt as to the man's guilt. Through the efforts of Sir Conan Doyle, it was proven that Slater, a German with a criminal record, could not have committed the murder of which he was found guilty. Though free, he still has the record of a conviction hanging over him. Now a special Act of Parliament is to be passed to enable one of the highest courts in the land to re-open the case and give the man a new trial.

"He may be of alien birth," said The Globe, "a native of a land with which Great Britain was recently engaged in bitter warfare, but Britons insist that he is entitled to what is well and favorably known throughout the world as British justice. And they will see that he gets it."

Have we, right here in Canada, a case analogous to that of Oscar Slater?

The Toronto Star, in its issue of Dec. 10, dealt editorially with the Aemilius Jarvis case in a manner which will be of interest to all Canadian readers. Following is The Star editorial in full:

"The friends of Mr. Aemilius Jarvis in Toronto and throughout the province are still pressing upon the Ontario government and the federal government at Ottawa their representations that Mr. Jarvis has suffered a great injustice and that the wrong should be righted in so far as that is possible. The sum of $200,000 was collected as a fine from Mr. Jarvis and is now being held by the province, subject to court direction as to its disposal. He also served a period of imprisonment.

"The friends of Mr. Jarvis are pressing for a new trial—a new trial at which could be produced decisive new evidence that was not available for his defense at his former trial.

"Mr. Jarvis was tried in October, 1924, and acquitted by the jury of all charges except that of having "conspired" with others in connection with bond sales. A year later Mr. Andrew Pepall was tried (Nov. 1925), and evidence was produced that completely demolished the basis for the conspiracy charge against Mr. Jarvis. The evidence that was available in the Pepall trial and which caused the acquittal of Pepall, with whom Mr. Jarvis was supposed to have wrongfully conspired, would completely exonerate Mr. Jarvis.

"This new evidence consists of detailed proof by Mr. Pepall of the disposal he made of $149,932 of bonds, which, at the Jarvis trial and in the absence of Pepall, were supposed, in the theory of the prosecution, to have been passed on to Peter Smith as a bribe This injurious suggestion the defense could not dispose of at that time. A year later at the Pepall trial it was disposed of completely.

"At the second trial evidence was produced showing that the law firm of Blake, Lash, Anglin & Cassels had revised the document wherein it was agreed between Jarvis and the Drury government that the remuneration of Jarvis was to be in the profit made on the re-sale of the bonds to the province. At the second trial, too, Mr. Drury and Mr. Doherty appeared as witnesses and confirmed this as the agreement that had been entered upon. The price to be paid was fixed in advance at 80 for one lot and 90 for each of two other issues. There could, therefore, be no conspiracy and no bribing of Smith to accept bonds at prices fixed long before in the written agreement between Jarvis and the government. In these bond transactions Mr. Jarvis had not met nor dealt with Smith at all, but with the premier and cabinet.

"The Star has on several occasions declared its belief that a very grave wrong has been done Mr. Aemilius Jarvis. His bond transactions were entirely in keeping with his agreement with the government, and notwithstanding all that has been said about those transactions an accounting would show that the net result of them was a gain of several million dollars to the province.

"Mr. Jarvis has suffered a great injustice and is surely entitled to a new trial at which would be available much important evidence that was not procurable on the former occasion.

"It is believed by the friends of Mr. Jarvis that the federal Minister of Justice could and should intervene to cause a re-trial of this case. But the responsibility for righting this grievous wrong does not rest only upon the justice department at Ottawa. The case is an Ontario one, the administration of justice is in the hands of the province, and the friends of Mr. Jarvis should press their case on the attention of the Ontario government. Premier Ferguson and the attorney-general should, on an examination of the evidence produced in the Pepall case, clearly perceive that there is every ground for the granting of a re-trial of the Jarvis case. This being the case and the miscarriage of justice having occurred during proceedings for which the attorney-general's department were officially responsible, that department ought to accede to the request of Mr. Jarvis' friends that it intimate to the minister of justice its acquiescence in their application for a new trial. Nor is it only the personal friends of Aemilius Jarvis who should concern themselves in the matter, but all those people in the city and in the province who pride themselves in our courts and in the administration of justice among us. The case is up for consideration and nothing can be more injurious than a lethargic public opinion unwilling to exert itself and ready to let a wrong remain unrighted because doing anything about it may involve a little trouble."

COMING

CHEVROLET

A New Chevrolet

JANUARY 2nd

D. McTAVISH & SON, Flesherton

Vote Whittaker
FOR COUNCILLOR

To the Electors of Artemesia:

I am in the field for Councillor of the Township of Artemesia for 1928 and your vote and influence will be appreciated.

May you all enjoy health and prosperity during the coming year.

—I. B. WHITTAKER.

Vote Davis
FOR COUNCILLOR

To the Electors of Artemesia:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence in the coming election as Councillor of the Township of Artemesia, for a third term.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.

—JOHN A. DAVIS.

Vote Purvis
FOR COUNCILLOR

To the Electors oh Artemesia:—

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for myself as Councillor for the Township of Artemesia for 1928.

Wishing you all a prosperous new year.

—R. D. PURVIS

BORN

SCILLEY — In Osprey on Saturday December 24th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scilley, a son.

MARKDALE

Reeve—T. H. Reburn (accl.).

Councillors—A. E. Colgan, A. W. Sproule, Elmer Tuck, J. E. England, W. H. Foster, J. H. Johnston.

School Trustees— H. Mercer, J. R. Armstrong, Thos. Tuck (accl.).

VANDELEUR

Mr. Albert Buchanan from near Midland is holidaying at his parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid and children, Billy and Victor, of LaPeer, Mich., spent the Christmas season with Mr and Mrs. Geo. Pritchard.

Miss Jean Wright of Toronto is holidaying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wright.

Miss Lillian Buchanan spent Christmas at her parental home here.

We wish The Advance staff and its army of readers all prosperity during the coming year.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. W. W. Trimble wishes to express his heartfelt thanks for the many kind remembrances sent to Mrs. Trimble by her friends in Flesherton in the hospital in Owen Sound.

TO:--

Our Friends and Customers

Hearty Greetings
Sincere Good Wishes

W. G. KENNEDY
'PHONE 37

Vote Corbett
FOR DEPUTY-REEVE

To the Electors of Artemesia:

Through the whole-hearted support of the electors of Artemesia I have served you two years as Councillor, and this past year a Deputy-Reeve. I now preent myself for re-election as Deputy-Reeve in 1928. The following are some of my reasons:-

(1) I am in honor bound to uphold the trust the ratepayers have placed in me in the past.

(2) I challenge proof of any misappropriation of funds during my term of office, and will be pleased to answer for any money I have collected for my services.

(3) Out of three bridges constructed under the supervision of the County Road and Bridge Committee during 1927. I took the initiative and had two of these constructed on the townline of Artemesia and Proton. These bridges were in a dangerous condition for years, and no action had been taken.

(4) In 1925 I was the means of having the mil rate placed on the tax bills, thereby making it possible for each taxpayer to figure the correctness of his tax bill. This has meant the refund of dollars to the ratepayers each year since. Previous to this where did these dollars go?

(5) I also took the initiative in 1926 in having a cash bonus paid on wire fence, thereby dicouraging the building of snow-harbouring fences.

Are you in favor of allowing "A Three-Man Opposition" to suppress one who has the interests of the ratepayers at heart, and one who is a heavy taxpayer himself.

Yours with the compliments of the season. —HERB CORBETT.

Vote Cameron
FOR REEVE

To the Electors of Artemesia:

I am again a candidate for the office of Reeve of the Township of Artemesia for the year 1928. My record as Councillor and Deputy-Reeve ensures me of running the affairs of the Township in a capable manner. Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season and properity in 1928.

—ALEX. CAMERON.

ANNUAL
Entertainment

Under the auspices of the S.S. of St. John's United Church

January 2nd

A Cantata entitled
"A Make-Believe Santa Claus"
will be presented by the School.
Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock

Admission: 35 and 25c.

We extend the season's greetings and wish you and those whose happiness is yours a full measure of success for the year.

An Appreciation

There could be little satisfaction in business without the friendships it makes. At the close of another year we can look back and think of the many friends who have made the task lighter, the desire to serve greater and the tie of friendship stronger; and we sincerely thank you all.

W. A. Armstrong & Son
Jewellers and Opticians. FLESHERTON.