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The Haileyburian extends its thanks to Mr. Harry B. Childs, of Matheson, for two copies of the paper dated July 7th, 1921, and May 11th, 1922. Through the kindness of readers who have sent in old copies, we are accumulating something in the nature of a file, but it is on a very small scale yet and any reader who can find an old copy is urgently requested to send or bring it in. If the copy you have saved contains any special item which you wish to keep, we would be thankful even for a part of the issue.

Although this present week has been set aside by proclamation of the Federal government as "Fire Prevention Week," no previous official announcement was made so far as we are aware. A copy of the proclamation with other literature dealing with the question came to hand a day or two ago, but for publicity purposes, so far as the weekly newspapers are concerned, this is too late to be of much value. If any material benefit is to be derived from a fire prevention week, the dates should be announced some time previous and any literature of an educative character should be sent out early.

Elsewhere in this issue we reproduce several views of the town of Haileybury, some taken shortly after the big fire and others taken during the past month. These are only a sample of the reconstruction and the progress has been so rapid, particularly during the latter part of the summer, that pictures taken a month ago but poorly represent the appearance of the town today. This is especially true of the downtown section, which is being built up very rapidly. During the past month a new building on the Leggett Company, the new Bank of Nova Scotia building and P. H. Jory's new block have all assumed large proportions and another good business block which is being erected by A. G. and J. D. Macdonald is well under way, while construction has commenced on G. Seguin's block on Ferguson Avenue, south of Main Street. It is now safe to say that one more year's progress will put Haileybury back as a bigger and better town than before the fire.

Notwithstanding the great strides which Haileybury has made towards reconstruction during the past year, there is one particular in which the town is sadly lacking. This is the matter of hotel accommodation. Several efforts have been made by prominent business men, the Board of Trade and the Town Council to induce some individual or company to build an up-to-date hotel, but so far, nothing of a definite nature is assured. Some few weeks ago a tentative arrangement was made with Mr. Morin, of Sudbury, whereby it was proposed to form a company for the purpose of building a hotel, and an option was taken on a site near the lake from A. J. Murphy. This proposal is still being considered and those who have the matter in hand have hopes that a satisfactory agreement will be reached. Any reasonable concessions to a company or individual who is willing to provide a hotel should, and will be granted by the municipal authorities, and it is to be hoped that in the near future a definite announcement of progress towards the desired end will be made.

"Take of life where it has hurt you and prevent it from hurting you again or anyone else."—Maude Royden.

Immigration to Canada during the months of April, May and June, 1923, reached a total of 40,952, according to the August issue of the Labor Gazette.

If you have a house to sell or rent, a lot for sale, or if you want to buy or rent, a small Ad. will let the great majority of people in town know of it.

## Federal-Railway Act Amendment is Sought

Federal legislation will now be sought by the Ontario Motor League in connection with its campaign to render level crossings safer for motorists.

Following the application made by the League to the Dominion Railway Board Commissioners to have an order made directing that crossing danger signs be placed far enough away from the tracks to enable a driver to bring his car to a stop before the crossing is reached, a communication has been received from the Secretary of the Railway Board which in part says:

"I have been directed by the Board of Railway Commissioners to state that it has grave doubts as to its jurisdiction to order placing of railway crossing signs beyond the limits of the railway right-of-way, to which limits the Board has always been of the opinion that its jurisdiction under the Railway Act is confined.

"I am further directed by the Board to suggest that the Ontario Motor League take the matter up with the Department of Justice at Ottawa with a view to amending legislation, as a change in the law would, in the opinion of the Board, be necessary to confer such jurisdiction."

The Board of Directors of the Ontario Motor League has taken the view that this communication indicates the Railway Board is favorably disposed toward the idea of moving the crossing signs further back from the tracks and the League will take steps to secure the needed legislation at Ottawa.

The O. M. L. further pointed out to the Railway Board the advisability of a survey being made of the level crossings throughout Ontario with the object of ascer-

taining if they could not be rendered safer by the removal of bushes or other obstructions to view, and have received the following reply from the Board:

"The Board is continually giving attention to the question of improving the view wherever feasible by the removal of trees and other obstructions. This phase of the matter is one which is constantly kept in mind by the Board's inspecting officials."

The O. M. L. feel that even though the Railway Board has not as yet consented to the ordering of the suggested survey, something along this line may result in the not distant future and it is hoped that the inspection of these crossings will be increased in thoroughness.

It was recalled at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the O.M.L. held this week that the League wrote to the Railway Board pointing out the lack of protection afforded at the Oakville level crossing two days before the serious accident which recently took place there. Had this warning been at once acted upon by the Railway Board's officials the accident would in all probability been averted.

## Town Council Nearing End of a Busy Year

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 too big an undertaking for this fall, as it would cost more than the town could afford to pay and the time would be too short for the issue of debentures to provide the funds. The matter will be looked into to see if any temporary measures can be taken.

The new auxiliary engine and pump for the waterworks are expected in about ten days and will be installed without delay. A fresh supply of sand for the filters

will be brought in from across the lake and the system renewed. In this connection, reports of tests of the town water by the Provincial Laboratory at North Bay were presented by the chief of police and showed that the water is being kept in perfectly

good condition. In one or two places previous reports had shown some contamination but the trouble had been rectified and now all town water passed the tests. The waterworks superintendent was directed to speed up his

work of preparing a list of users in order that bills might be rendered. The question of the condition of the septic tank was again discussed and it will be possible now, since the water in the lake has receded, to have the necessary repairs made.

# New Telephone Directory

will be issued very soon

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