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#### EDITORIAL NOTES

IN BREAKING of the prospects for a Municipal Council for 1914 the *Georgetown Herald* says: "The present Mayor will not be a candidate. Councilor F. H. Near has signified his intention of dropping out. Councilors Mack and Hart will be both after the leadership, and Councilor Harber is undecided as to his course."

PROVIDED that no fewer than fifty thousand Parliamentary electors in Saskatchewan meet ballots at a plebiscite on the Monday in December next year on a bill for the abolition of the bar, the majority of the voters that will secure the enactment of the measure. It is possible that the closing of every barroom in Saskatchewan.

HIS WILLIAM MACKENZIE returned from the old land last week, thus completing his third journey there to float loans for his railway. Each time he has been successful, and together he has raised \$10,000,000 in 1913. Mr. Mackenzie made the statement for publication that money had not been hard to secure in Britain for investment in Canada.

IT MAY NOT be generally known that under the Tree Planting Act of the Province of Ontario, trees planted on the public highways become the property of the owners of the land adjacent to the highway. Hence telephones, telegraph or electric companies or persons destroying or injuring such trees, without the owner's consent, are liable to fine or imprisonment.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S Department is studying the magnitude of the Province that great and unnecessary loss of life is caused by trespassing on railway tracks and that the provisions of the Dominion and Provincial Railway Acts require strict enforcement in order to protect human life. Provisional orders may be made under Dominion Railway Act, section 408, and under the Ontario Railway Act, section 286 for such trespassing.

A WRITING in the Chicago *Intelligencer* tells of a symposium which took place at a breakfast given to unemployed men in Chicago some months ago. A prize was offered for the best statement of reasons for unemployment, and was awarded to the man who gave the following five reasons: (1) Unrestricted immigration, bringing in too many men; (2) Incomplete employment for all; (3) Incomplete education arising from both birth and bad habits; (4) The selfishness of employers who work their men over hours and thus lessen the need for employees; (5) The drink habit, for it is a great novelty to see a man looking for work who does not drink a drop. (6) Drifting away from religion.

A LETTER from Mr. Albert Esling from Washington, D. C., last week says he was there as a member of the delegation of over 4,000 representative citizens from every section of the United States, who went to Washington to petition Congress for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. To many this is believed to be the beginning of the end of the legalized liquor traffic in America or the divorcing of the Federal government from partnership in the traffic. It is believed the time is not far distant when Congress will grant to the people the right to vote on this question of national prohibition. "This is all the temperance people ask."

RANKY have municipal politics been so quiet on the approach of the nominations as they are here this year. It may be taken for granted that the elections will be quite satisfactory to have the present Council re-elected for 1914. There is every probability that Reeve Hynds will be re-elected by acclamation, especially in view of the fact that he is pretty sure of being elected Mayor of the County without opposition. No other member is more deserving and none will fill the position with greater ability and dignity. It was rumored a week or two ago that Councilor Smith had applications for the Re-assembly for next year, but this is generally regarded as a canard. It would be a well-deserved recognition of service well rendered the past year if the retiring members of the Board of Education are re-elected. Their work in bringing the new school building to successful and satisfactory completion is worthy of this honor. We have an excellent Board, thoroughly interested in the educational progress of the town.

#### LIMBHOUSE

The time works are under their usual for this time of the year. Remember the Sunday School Christmas Tree and entertainment to be held in the Stone Church in the village on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd. A good programme will be given. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gowdy, of Kansas City, Mo., were guests at the home of Mr. W. Gowdy over Sunday. Mr. Thomas Arthur, who has been spending the past few months in the west, is visiting his son, Mr. Joseph Arthur. Messrs. Harold and Rex Palkington were home from Toronto over Sunday. Mr. F. P. Evans spent a few days in Stratford and Brantford last week. Messrs. W. McDowell and D. Sharp have returned from Northern Ontario. A number of our visiting people enjoyed the splendid skating on the pond Saturday evening.

### NEW SCHOOL ABOUT COMPLETE

Architect Cameron Reports that When a few Details are Finished, the New School will be Open.

#### INSPECTION BEYOND COMPLIMENT THE BOARD

The Board of Education met in the Council Chamber on Monday afternoon at four o'clock. Members present: C. G. Spaight, Chairman; Wm. Johnston, N. Forbes, Robert Scott and John H. Kennedy. Letters were received from Miss Mabel F. Howie, of the High School Department and Miss Winifred Watson, of the Primary Department, reporting on their visits to the new school.

I am pleased to present a very favorable report generally of the continued progress and efficiency of the work of the school. The last inspection reveals of special importance for the future educational interests of Acton have reported on their visits to the new school. The Board is pleased to report that the new school is a source of great satisfaction to you. The opening of your new school will mark a long step forward in the provision of adequate educational facilities for the school year. It is a source of great satisfaction to you. The opening of your new school will mark a long step forward in the provision of adequate educational facilities for the school year.

In view of the likely increase of attendance in the lowest forms at the general session, I might point out, however, that one of the chief features to ensure steady progress and efficiency in any school is permanency in the personnel of the teachers, and the Board will do well to see that there are as few changes as possible.

In the matter of equipment I would recommend the Board to provide a book for each pupil for use in the primary classes, for clay modelling, paper cutting, parquetry work and woodwork. A special need of your school is a library of supplementary reading. I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of this. A large proportion of the people will not continue their education beyond the high school and the most valuable service to be done them will be the development of a love for reading for their own delight and instruction. Though the facilities of this kind provided by the public library may be of great value, it is an opportunity which they ought not to be forced to miss.

I must not conclude this report with out expressing to the Board my deep appreciation of your very loyal support of the school and the organization of the Trustees of the County. Your attendance at the convention in London last week was a very commendable example of public spirit in educational affairs and I trust will result in the success of the gathering.

The Architect and Contractor of the new building waited upon the Board in connection with the completion of the school. Mr. Cameron reported that he had inspected the premises throughout on Saturday and found a few details not satisfactorily completed. The contractor assured the Board that the building would be ready for occupancy by the first of October. He remarked that with the completion of his contract Acton has one of the best built school buildings in the County.

The matter of the penalty clause for non-completion by the first of October was referred to. It was agreed that if the several items claimed as extras were allowed to pass without charge, that the penalty clause would not be enforced. The new rooms will be occupied upon the re-assembly of the scholars after the Christmas holidays.

Principal Stewart waited upon the Board on behalf of the staff to request that the school close on Friday of the week instead of Monday next as per the school calendar.

The Board agreed to the proposal. Moved by William Johnston, seconded by N. Forbes, that the salary of Miss Mabel F. Howie be increased by \$20 and of Miss Winifred Watson by \$25 for the year 1914. Carried.

Moved by Robert Scott, seconded by N. Forbes, that an amount of \$12,000 be placed on the school buildings as follows: The Gore Mutual, \$3,000; The Wellington, \$3,000; The Waverley, \$3,000; The Economical, \$3,000.

#### GUELPH MAY NOT GET ARENA

Understood Hon. Mr. Duff to Promise for Winter Fair BUT HE DENIES THE PROMISE  
Guelp's hopes for an arena for the winter show are not bright. The whistler that the Government would build an arena was silenced yesterday by a denial by Hon. Mr. Duff. The Globe's Minister of Agriculture said: "I notice that I have been reported in Guelp and other papers as having stated that the Government would undertake to build an arena for the winter fair. Hon. Mr. Duff has also reported as having said substantially the same thing. There is absolutely no foundation for such a statement. Neither Hon. Mr. Duff nor I have ever said anything, and no person has any authority for making such an announcement."

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### VOTING ON LOCAL OPTION

Efforts are Being Made to Close 123 Additional Bar Rooms

#### HAMPTON IS IN THE FIGHT

One hundred and thirty-two licenses will be attacked in the local option vote which takes place in a number of municipalities throughout the province on January 24th. The three most conspicuous places which are being attacked by the temperance forces are Nanticoke, Marie, Harris and Cobourg.

In the Nanticoke area 11 licenses with a population of 10,000. There are eleven licenses in Marie, population 6,000. Cobourg with a population of 5,000 has twelve licenses. Nanticoke is also a fighting point. It has eight licenses and a population of 2,500. Other places voting with the number of licenses affected are: Arnprior, 7; Aylmer, 3; Brantford, 3; Brockville, 3; Meaford, 3; Paris, 3; Thorburg, 1; Waterloo, 1.

There are at present 222 dry municipalities in Ontario out of a total of 635. Of the total population of Ontario 1,000,000 are under local option. Hampton is at present without any licenses, but local option must be carried at the forthcoming election or licenses will be issued again. The by-law passed before, and was upon one a technicality, and in the meantime licenses were withheld.

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The report from Florence, Italy, that "La Gioconda" (Mona Lisa) the celebrated picture by Leonardo da Vinci, stolen from the Louvre two years ago, has been discovered at Florence, by the Minister of Public Instruction and Fine Arts.

The G. P. R. machinists of all Canada will make a demand in the spring for an increase of wages, and if this is refused there may be a big strike. The movement may also possibly be extended to the Grand Trunk Railway shops.

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