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EDITORIAL

"You showed in last issue Halton's unique position in the matter of provincial premiers. Mr. Editor," said a citizen who has recently returned to Acton from the west, last Thursday, "but you should have given the good old county credit for another premier. Hon. Mr. Martin, Premier of Saskatchewan, is a Halton boy, and was born at Milton." Good for Halton again.

Never before was the dependence of the commercial welfare of the country on the growing crops more evident than it is at the present time. Reports from western Canada continue to be to the effect that crop conditions there are of the most promising nature and the outlook for a large yield becomes better and better as the season advances. This is reflected in a large measure by the more optimistic undertone which prevails among a large number of business men.

There is a fair prospect that some at least of the men and companies guilty of over-reaching through the Department of Forests and Mines will be brought to book. Premier Drury says the results of the investigation going on in these departments will be astounding and that those who have stolen the people's property will be forced to return it. It is generally hoped this promise will be implemented. Too often such investigations fizzle out without effective results being accomplished.

The Catholic Church Supports the Temperance Cause

If the Roman Catholic Church follows the advice of Bishop Fallon they will be in the forefront in the effort to secure the total prohibition of liquor in Ontario. At the annual retreat of the clergy at Assumption College, Sandwich, recently, he said, speaking on the Ontario Temperance Act: "No matter what you and I think of the Ontario Temperance Act, it is now the law of this province. It was enacted by competent civil authorities; it has undoubtedly behind it the approval and support of the great majority of the people of the province. So long as the Ontario Temperance Act is the law of the land, it demands your respect and your most loyal effort to have its provisions observed. The authority behind it is lawful and competent civil authority, and the Catholic Church teaches that all authority is from God. For, mark well," continued His Lordship, impressively, "this particular law cannot be brazenly violated. Authority in this particular instance cannot be openly flouted, without going far, dangerously far, toward bringing all law and all authority into contempt."

Canadian Wheat and Grain

The great crop of Canada in the world's eye is our wheat. No crop report would begin without first reference to this chief food product. The outlook for the prairie crop is so far very favorable, although they got off to a bad start. The growth has been rapid and rains fairly general. Some local damage from soil drifting and from grasshoppers is reported but so far there is nothing to cause any alarm. The decreased acreage sown this year is enough without any crop scare to engage our serious attention. Instead of 17,750,000 acres of wheat there is a decrease of 13 per cent., leaving 15,502,000 acres for our returns to be made from. The area of fall wheat sown this year is 740,300 acres, which represents a slight increase over the last two years. The crop in Ontario will be only an average one as regards yield. Recent rains have helped it out at the critical time of the shooting of the ears. Spring wheat in the East is no big factor in the totals, but the crop is good color and is reported favorably from all sections. An average yield this year in both spring and winter wheats will make this crop run in the neighborhood of 22.5 bushels per acre for fall wheat and 16.5 for spring wheat. This will give us 283,840,000 bushels against a total production last year of 193,800,000 bushels. But many things can happen before the wheat runs down the elevator spouts. But with wheat around \$3 and an average crop, it will steady business, if our wheat wealth should total three-quarters of a billion dollars. And it may easily do. Farmers' Magazine.

A Chamber of Commerce Desired

A good many years ago a Board of Trade was organized in Acton, and for a time a dozen or so of members paid their membership fees. There was not much activity in the organization. The secretary, who acted without remuneration, spent most of his leisure in compiling statistics and answering letters which came from the provincial board. Not much benefit accrued to the town, although considerable correspondence to prospective manufacturing establishments was carried on. It is now felt, however, that the time has come when it will be in the interest of the town to have a business men's organization effected for the consideration of matters of vital and general interest to Acton. There are constantly matters arising which should receive the careful and united consideration of the business men of the town; matters which hardly come within the purview of the Municipal Council, but which it will be of general advantage to deliberate upon. The constitution of the Chamber of Commerce as now revised is well adapted to the local needs in such matters as may arise for consideration. A good strong representative organization of our business men, banded together to improve conditions and take steps to add to our industrial activities, would be of genuine value to the community, and would be a real help to the Council in the important routine duties which its members have constantly before them to the exclusion of matters of the general outside interest, which our business men could advantageously handle in an organized capacity.

Hon. N. W. Rowell Definitely Retires

Hon. N. W. Rowell, whose resignation from the Cabinet was referred to last week, has definitely announced his decision to retire to private life. Mr. Rowell leaves this week on a vacation to England and the continent. He will spend about three months overseas, and upon his return will resume his practice of law. This is Mr. Rowell's first real vacation since he became leader of the Opposition in Ontario nine years ago. He has deservedly earned this respite from the exacting duties of public life.

Canada Top for War Pensions

The following comparison of the allowances in the case of a totally disabled private soldier with a wife and three children (of pensionable age) is interesting:

Canada	\$1,644.00
Great Britain	870.42
Australia	854.01
New Zealand	1,138.80
South Africa	750.20
United States	1,200.00
France	600.00
Italy	372.27

Encouraging the Young Folks on the Farm

The Dominion Government is doing a good thing in encouraging the young people of the rural sections of the Dominion with practical agricultural tuition and competition along lines not on the regular curriculum of the school. Opportunities are afforded for development in nature study, school and home gardening, boys' and girls' clubs in poultry, pig and calf rearing, canning, bread-making and similar activities culminating in the annual school fair. Practical projects of this nature may easily be made the medium for training the intelligence, because they are seized upon eagerly by most boys and girls.

Co-operation, Not Conflict, In Hydro-Radials

The attitude of Hon. E. C. Drury, Premier of Ontario, with reference to the Hydro-Radials, ought to be commended rather than be condemned. The Premier has offered no opposition to the Hydro-Radial scheme, but the expenditure proposed on the roads to be exploited, and secured is so large that he is justified in having the matter thoroughly investigated by a commission, the personnel of which shall be made up of competent experts. The assurance of the Premier that the members of the commission shall be pro-Hydro men and that their investigations shall be pursued with such promptitude as is consistent with competent investigation, should satisfy all concerned. The fact that the decision of the government synchronized with the proposed transfer of the Guelph Street Railway to the Hydro system has no particular significance. The action taken by the government need not necessarily prejudice the transfer eventually.

Ontario Anti-Glare Headlight Law

The new anti-glare headlight act comes into force next Monday. All motor vehicles in the province must have the headlights equipped with approved anti-glare lenses or devices by that date. The law will be vigorously enforced if instructions from the Highway Department are carried out. A penalty of from ten to fifty dollars is provided in case of non-compliance. The government is determined that within a short period of time every motor vehicle shall be equipped with approved non-glaring devices. All wishing to have their devices tested should forward them immediately to the department of highways, parliament buildings, Toronto, for inspection. The tests referred to, of course, are only of interest to manufacturers, dealers and distributors of anti-glare lenses and devices. A list of those approved will be issued in the near future. The observance of this new law will remove much of the danger now experienced in driving at night.

That Vault for Fairview Cemetery

Last winter when the ground was frozen to a depth of four or five feet and grave digging was found to be almost an impossibility, there was much talk of the necessity for the construction of a mortuary in Fairview Cemetery, so that winter grave digging might be avoided. It was even hinted then that the Council would seriously consider the erection of such a desirable utility, as soon as the spring opened. But spring has come and gone, and we are now sweltering in midsummer torridity, and yet no action has been taken toward the desired end. At Renfrew a similar convenience is desired for Thornhill Cemetery, and to secure funds for such a building a whirlwind campaign was held during the past week with gratifying results. If the Council feels that its present financial obligations are too great to warrant the undertaking of this enterprise with municipal funds, the Renfrew scheme might well be emulated here. It was a community effort and the people gladly contributed to the worthy object. With a properly organized campaign there is no doubt Acton would loyally support this most desirable object. The Council should naturally take the initiative in the matter, and citizens generally will sincerely hope they will.

Hon. Arthur Meighen is the New Premier

Sir Robert Borden was relieved of the Premiership on Saturday and Hon. Mr. Meighen is his successor. He is Minister of the Interior and Member of the House of Commons for the constituency of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and is next Prime Minister of Canada and the leader of the recently formed National Liberal and Conservative Party. Hon. Arthur Meighen will be the first Westerner to attain the office of Prime Minister of Canada. He is a native of Ontario, having been born at Anderdon, Blanchard Township, Perth County. He was educated at the University of Toronto. He was admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Toronto University at almost the same time that Sir Wilfrid Laurier became Prime Minister of Canada in 1896, and has become Premier of Canada in his forty-seventh year. In 1905 he was first elected to Parliament, and in 1910 moved a resolution to remove the duty on agricultural implements. He was returned at the general elections of 1911 and 1917; was appointed Solicitor-General on June 26, 1913; Secretary of State and Minister of Mines, August 28, 1917; Minister of the Interior and Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, October 2, 1917. In religion he is a Presbyterian. Mr. Meighen is a keen debater and skilled in destructive analysis. It seems to be the opinion of many politicians that the new Premier will find it a difficult position to successfully lead the new National Liberal and Conservative Party.

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Talbot: "Yes, and perhaps you've had to pay for them?"—Paid, too.

DRILL: "Did you get any marks today at school, or not?"
Pupil: "Yes, but I'm sure where they don't show."—They're life."

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Who makes the best of everything is a question in any home. She may make mistakes, but may get away with spelling a dish in mixing or baking, but if, with the mishap, she sends in a gleam of sunshine, a smile, a laugh, or a kindly word, she will quickly forget their disappointments and make the best of what they cannot help.

And how much better this is than the carrying-around of one who has the faults and failings of others who have never mucked themselves. Accuracy and precision are most valuable, but the fulfilling of the law, and Christian charity is greater than faith, hope, and housekeeping, or anything else.

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