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## EDITORIAL

The habit of vacation is growing on the people. Everybody that can do so now tries to snatch a few days for rest and recreation, and when not indulged in to excess it is found that the time thus spent is not lost. It means in most cases increased vigor and better work for the rest of the year. But there is no rest for a tired editor. Winter and summer, year in and year out, he must stick to his task. Even when he goes from home he must manage somehow to keep the printers going. The cry for "copy" knows no break. Nevertheless, few editors die, and none resign.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

It is the aim of the editor to frequently pen helpful hints for this column which are calculated to encourage young people to become imbued with proper views in life and life's opportunities and responsibilities. A vital element in any truly successful life is courtesy. It has been well said that the first law of courtesy is to think of others. Some young folks are unduly conscious of themselves. But even if by constant thought of themselves they avoid certain social blunders, they have failed in perfect courtesy, because they are thinking of themselves and not of others. The spirit of courtesy is one most desirable to cultivate.

The fallacy of beer and wine licenses has been amply proven in the city of Hull, Que. The liquor traffic in that city since the granting of beer and wine by the Quebec Provincial Government, at the instance of the Hull City Council, is proving anything but satisfactory to the citizens at large. Whiskey, gin, and other intoxicating liquors, the sale of which is prohibited, except under a medical certificate, to the Government licensed vendors, is sold openly in most of the licensed vendors, while there are said to be nearly 100 blind pigs in operation. Ontario, like New Brunswick, will put down its foot hard against the granting of any such dangerous subterfuge.

### Unlimited Free Postal Area for Small Papers

The Financial Post submits to the Dominion Parliament the fact that inasmuch as rural weeklies, national weeklies and periodicals are in a different class from the leading dailies, whose profits are large, they should be accorded unlimited free postal area. The Post goes on to say that the rural weekly and small daily are more of a public institution than a money-making institution. There are few editors of country weeklies and smaller dailies who are not underpaid, self-sacrificing public servants. They give more than they get from their communities, and when they are leaders, as so many are, commanding respect and confidence, their papers are a power. Another phase of good work these local papers do, says the Post, is to keep those who go out into the world, to the big centres and foreign parts, in touch with their old homes. For that reason we would also favor carrying copies of rural papers going to these subscribers free of postage. This is really a great national service, a good investment for the country. There are few men or women who do not hope to go back to and do something for the old home. If the world treats them well they want to share the good things with the schools, churches, and institutions in their old homes. Many of them do. These generous thoughts can be best retained by keeping them constantly in touch with the doings at home. There is only one way—the local newspaper. No matter how busy we are we make time to read that, if it comes to us. At one time these papers were carried free to any subscriber in Canada or in the United States, but Dr. Coulter dropped this very soon after his advent to the Deputy Postmaster-Generalship. It was a very serious mistake. Thousands of Canadians were cut off who have never since regained touch.

### Gambling Devices at Midway Shows

A series of street fairs and midway shows are travelling here and there throughout the country which have features most undesirable for any community. One of these organizations was installed at Brampton on the day of the recent Orange demonstration. Gambling devices were freely offered and numbers of unsophisticated visitors were fleeced out of various sums, large and small. Last week a midway show completed a week's operations at Guelph. Here too gambling went on in a wholesale way. After the affair was over and the operators had left the city the matter was brought up at a meeting of the City Council. Ald. Carter denounced its gambling accompaniments. He was prepared to show that affairs of that kind were a great detriment to the city and gave as an illustration a man who went to the show with his pay envelope of \$28.00 in his pocket and before he left his money was all gone. It was estimated that \$25,000 or \$30,000 was taken out of the city by these shows, and the alderman thought that this sort of thing should be stopped. He pointed out that Guelphites who were caught gambling were liable to prosecution. The Guelph Mercury makes this comment: "The objection taken at the Council meeting to midway gambling is quite in order. The harmful and swindling and profiteering done there, if practiced by any local merchant, would rouse the citizens to justifiable fury. Honest amusement and breezy entertainment, free from disgusting freaks and monstrosities, are welcome to Guelph any time the people desire them, but the cheap gambling crooks ought to be kept out at all cost." It is my contention that any local institution which contemplates bringing any of these amusement features to Acton will demand that the gambling features be rigidly eliminated. The criminal code of Canada forbids them under severe penalties.

## Ontario's Farms and Towns Attractive

The residents of this good province do not require to go out of Ontario, or in fact, away from home in any section of it, to have surroundings as attractive, health-giving and picturesque. With sweet-smelling new-mown hay on every side and ripening grain on every farm, and fruits coming in daily from the garden, the meadow or the wild places, who would not sing, "Oh to be in Ontario in July and harvest time?" Father Goodrow returned recently from a motor trip in company with his father, Mr. W. Goodrow, of Hamilton, through Western Ontario and as far north in Michigan as Saginaw. Father Goodrow declares that the scenery, the homes and home surroundings, the farms, towns, villages and hamlets of Ontario excelled in general picturesqueness, in tidy environment, in neatly painted homes and buildings, those of either town or country which he saw anywhere across the lines.

### Let's Be Truly Patriotic Canadians

There are many definitions of patriotism. At election time the candidates of all shades of politics make patriotism a significant stock in trade. But it should be the policy of true Canadians at all times to be real patriots. The question may naturally be asked, "What is a patriot?" Here is the best definition that we can conceive: A patriot loves his own country better than he loves any other. No Canadian is worthy of the name who does not feel that his own land is of every land the best. He who is not a loyal citizen of his own country is a poor citizen of the world. We have a right to demand, and we must demand, that all who live under the Canadian flag and get their living from Canadian soil or Canadian industries must give their undivided allegiance to Canada. Any man has the right to choose whether he will live in Canada or elsewhere; but if he chooses to live here, the question of allegiance is not left to his decision.

### The Hydro Radials for Ontario

A big fuss has been stirred up in Ontario over the action of the Drury Government in halting the work on the Hydro Radial schemes of the province. The Provincial Government has issued a memorandum, stating that they are not unfriendly to the scheme but that they are not satisfied as to the financial position into which the scheme is leading the province. Undoubtedly there are sections of the province that badly need the services proposed and many men feel that Ontario's development is only begun and that we should prepare for future business by a generous plan now. We believe that the Government is fully aware of this need, and will not be slow to proceed just as soon as they are satisfied that conditions warrant it. In the meantime we await the report of this commission. We believe both Hon. Mr. Drury and Sir Adam Beck are sincere and honest in their views, and we are more hopeful of saner treatment of these questions under the present regime than we have yet seen.—Farmers' Magazine.

### Carelessness With Broken Glass

The criminal thoughtlessness of many persons in getting rid of broken glass is deplorable. It is an illegal offence, answerable to the law with considerable penalties, to throw or deposit glass on any public street or highway. And yet, the careless throwing of broken glass on the street is of frequent occurrence. It is extremely dangerous to children; horses' feet are often painfully injured, and the damage to motor tires is expensive. A fatherless newsboy in town had his foot so badly gashed on a broken milk bottle thrown carelessly on the side of the street, the other evening, that he has had to sit with his bandaged foot on a chair ever since. Would that people generally had the spirit of the old Scotch charwoman in Glasgow, who was observed by a policeman engaged in picking up something from the street and putting it in her basket. "The policeman took her roughly by the shoulder and inquired what she was doing. 'Oh, sir,' she replied 'just picking up the bits of broken glass to save the bairnies' feet.'"

### Keep Acton Attractive to Visitors

It manifestly pays to have a community interest in the appearance of the town and its homes and their general surroundings. Visitors are attracted by the efforts, municipal and private, to make Acton a pretty town. These efforts give pleasure to every citizen who endeavors to beautify his surroundings, and they create very favorable impressions upon visitors. The other day in Fergus, when the President of the Board of Trade was extending a welcome to the visiting newspapermen, and incidentally extolling the commercial and manufacturing importance of that town and its picturesque surroundings, he said: "In one respect Acton has the advantage of us. In driving through that enterprising town I was struck with the splendid lighting of the streets." It is to the advantage of every citizen and home owner to keep his premises tidy and attractive. Plant trees and flowers; keep the lawns and boulevards trim and neat; remove all refuse from the streets; keep vacant lots and back streets free from weeds, and generally have an eye to attractive, healthful, sanitary surroundings. Acton has a reputation throughout the country for progressiveness and beauty. Let us all aim to earn a share of merit in preserving this good name.

### Hydro Power for the Farm

The use of electricity on the farm is only in its infancy, it is bound soon to become a necessary and common accessory to successful farming throughout Ontario. The rising cost of coal, gasoline and labor on the farm is causing, and will continue to cause, a constantly increasing demand for electric power. The great advantages of electricity on the farm and in the household are fully appreciated by farmers. Requests for information and applications for hydro electric power from rural municipalities are coming to the Commission constantly. Farmers are carrying by-laws—practically unanimously in the rural districts, just as has been done in towns and cities. Pickingering township recently carried the by-law by a vote of 11 to 1. The need for a cheap power in agricultural and domestic operations is just as important as in industrial enterprises and railway operation. To arrange for obtaining hydro electric power in rural districts, a petition must first be signed by those wishing the power and submitted to the Township Council, who will forward it to the Commission, together with a map of the township on which the places of the petitioners have been located. Full particulars regarding method of procedure may be secured on application to the Commission at Toronto. The average farmer will profit from consideration of this important matter.

## THE CONCRETE MIXER

A gang of fifteen or twenty men engaged in building a concrete road. Some with teams and wagons were hauling sand and gravel, some with wheelbarrows were filling the mixer. Another man was carrying cement. Another was writing the sand and gravel as it came out of the mixer. Others with wheelbarrows were filling the frames of the new road with the concrete. The mixer was filled from the mixer at regular intervals.

"Is this machine a great deal faster than the old way of mixing the material with shovels?" I asked the man who had charge of the machine. "Yes," he answered, "it is faster than the old way, but that is not the only reason why it is so much better. The cement is mixed in with every bit of sand and gravel; that makes it harder and uniform all the way through so that there are no weak spots in the road to break and crumble. The old way left the road spotted with hollows and cracks which were the cause of much work and expense in the future."

"I had it just built in many places, I thought as I rode on, that it was not at their work. There are miles and miles of it, and it tends to take away from the old way of mixing the material. But when the worthwhile sand is mixed with cement and gravel, it gives cohesion and unity, to make character firm and enduring and serviceable, to save us from the weaknesses—the cracks, holes—that sometimes mean disaster, instead of service. Kitchie, philosophy, culture, will not fill this place in the character of the man, although they are very valuable. Jesus Christ alone can do for man what the cement does for the concrete."

It is not enough merely to be able to say that we have Christ. We need to have our character and lives permeated with Him all through. He needs to be brought into the whole life uniformly so that no part will be without his influence and his work. Business, pleasure, politics, religion, home, neighbors, country—all must be filled and bound together with his presence that we shall be one in Him and He in us.—Youth's Companion.

What we have to put into life is what we have to put into life. It is not stable. It will not serve as a material for eternal buildings any more than sand could be piled up to form solid masonry. There is need of something to give cohesion and unity, to make character firm and enduring and serviceable, to save us from the weaknesses—the cracks, holes—that sometimes mean disaster, instead of service. Kitchie, philosophy, culture, will not fill this place in the character of the man, although they are very valuable. Jesus Christ alone can do for man what the cement does for the concrete."

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