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**EDITORIAL**

**Our Forty-Seventh Birthday.**

This morning the FREE PRESS enters its forty-eighth year, and the present editor commences his forty-fourth year of editorial management. During the year an important change was made, and the former proprietor, who had been the sole owner since the retirement of his brother, Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, in 1870, took a partner, in the person of the foreman of the office, Mr. G. A. Dillis. Mr. Dillis grew up with the business, and in March last became manager of the FREE PRESS, to which he came as an apprentice thirteen years before. The policy of the paper continued unchanged. It has for its primary and constant aim the best interest of the community of which Acton is the centre. That its efforts are appreciated is amply proven by the constantly growing circulation of the paper, and the increasing patronage of its advertising columns and job printing department. As business has increased the effort has always been, and will continue to be, to improve the character and interest of our paper, and to give our supporters the best possible value for their money. We are measurably proud of the position of the FREE PRESS occupies among the local weeklies of the province, and will ever aim to worthily deserve this position.

**Licensing and Protecting Local Tradesmen**

An extensive licensing system has just been introduced by the Elmhurst Council for the purpose of protecting local business from itinerant peddlars, as well as to raise an incidental revenue. Butchers, bakers, restaurant keepers, lawdrymen, ice cream vendors and keepers of all sorts of amusement places must now pay a license to carry on business in Elmhurst, and transient traders will be liable for the full extent of the taxes if they visit that town. Local who pay municipal taxes should in any event be exempt from the Acton's Transient Traders' By-law. This measure is made more effective and stringently

**The New Wheat Board**

The Wheat Board, while it seems to be rather a work complex, in the effort to suit conditions in the various provinces, is a step toward an effective system of marketing farm products. The new measure is welcomed, especially by the grain growers of our great west. It looks as if what is needed is some sort of fair marketing plan for the crop of the present year, but the scheme as presented requires each province to take its own initiative. If Alberta and Saskatchewan, which have already taken action, are instrumental in establishing the Wheat Board, the other provinces may surely be trusted to give it a fair trial, or present an equally promising substitution for it.

**Canadians Should Reduce the Fire Losses**

Ontario Forestry Department is making every effort to impress the public of the danger of carelessness by campers and others, result in disastrous fires. It is officially estimated that the annual per capita fire losses in this country are greater than those in any other country in the world. These great losses are largely due to destructive forest fires, many of which are due to carelessness by campers and other forest frequenters during the summer season. The Forestry Branch, alive to these deplorable conditions, is doing everything possible to prevent such fires, and in this good work should have the support of all who are in a position to give it. Our forests are among the best provincial assets, and their destruction is a loss to every citizen.

**The Tribute of a Political Opponent**

It is to be expected that friends of Hon. W. E. Raney, the Attorney-General, will give him their confidence and admiration for the creditable manner in which he met all attacks and rebuffs during the recent session of the Legislature. The following, however, from such a representative daily journal as the Ottawa Citizen, whose political bias is not in accord with Mr. Raney, will be all the more appreciated. "Hon. Mr. Raney, Ontario Attorney-General, came through the session with much to his credit. The little lawyer in the cabinet has suffered the vilifications of many of the interests, particularly those of race track gambling and the liquor business. But at each turn he has come back and outwitted them. Apart from the many questions he has become involved in, he has shown that on purely tactical questions he is a more successful opponent than any of his colleagues."

**The First Session of the New Parliament**

The first session of the new Parliament elected last December was concluded last week. The speech from the throne, reviewing the events of the session, was delivered by Sir Louis Davies, in the absence of Lord Byng. It referred in hopeful tone to the future and pointed out advantages which it was expected would accrue from legislation which had been passed. One of the important measures, of course, was that dealing with freight rates, which matter the Prime Minister himself had taken in hand when the report came in from the special committee dealing with the matter. Rt. Hon. Mr. King himself introduced the bill to bring the committee's report into effect and bring about the reduced rates, and followed out the policy which he had laid down when the Crow's Nest Pass agreement first came before the House. This policy in brief was that unless it could be clearly shown that it was not in the public interest to continue the suspension of Crow's Nest Pass agreement that suspension would expire on July 6. The railways were given their opportunity to convince the committee and the result is now well known. The Crow's Nest Pass rates on grain and flour are to go back into effect and other commodities are to have the advantage of considerably reduced rates. There was objection to the report; that was to be expected, and the Conservatives moved to refer the whole matter to the Railway Commission. Their amendment found only 43 supporters, one of them was W. M. German, while two Conservatives and all of the Progressives voted against Sir Henry Drayton's amendment. The Government was thus given the highest majority of the session, namely 125. Generally the session just closed is regarded as having been a very useful one. At first glance it would seem that a Government with an actual majority of but one could not possibly carry on, but under the conditions which have prevailed in the Commons, where the Progressives showed willingness to assist, rather than block the Government's attempt to carry out necessary reforms, it has been shown that a Government can start under difficulties and finish a session with much greater strength. There was, if anything, less of the old-time party squabbling and more attention to real business. The new Prime Minister was able to institute a few needed reforms such as bringing down the Auditor General's report and the estimates earlier than usual and he was also able to keep the House plugging away at its work, and at the same time, without trying to drive the members night and day. Except when there was important business on hand which required to be finished that night, the House seldom sat after eleven o'clock and the result was a much better spirit for work among the members. And also, of course, the Government kept free of morning sittings, and the whole House benefited. Looking back over the first session of the new party House, it must be admitted that there has been little fault to find. The new men have applied themselves generally to the tasks before them, and they have added considerably to the debating average of the Commons chamber. Under the Government's policy Parliament has been consulted as to matters affecting the public and the Government has been guided thereby, instead of the Government bringing down a measure and forcing it through. The result would seem to be better legislation. There are those, of course, who look to a return to the straight two-party system with each party working along a well-defined line, but even if that should come, as it may, there will probably be some of the better features of the present system injected into it.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The women of the Dominion who are entitled to vote have been looked after by amendment of the Election Act of the Dominion Government, and as a consequence additional thousands have been able to secure their right to the franchise. Other amendments to the Act also take care of voters who last election were debarred by technicalities from voting.

Gradually, but surely, conditions are getting back to the pre-war basis, so far as general finances are concerned. Freight rates throughout the United States on practically all commodities were reduced by ten per cent. on July 1, when the railways and steamboats of the country put into effect the decision rendered in May by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the general rate case.

Some criticism is made respecting the extent of road building by the Ontario Government. But Quebec is a close second in similar enterprise. It has just been announced that \$7,500,000 will be expended on roads in that province in the course of the present season. This nearly doubles the amount spent last year. With a decrease in prices it will allow 45 per cent. more work to be carried out at the same cost.

There is a class of people who act as if the only laws they are expected to observe are those which accord with their personal opinions. Ex-President William Howard Taft says: "A citizen who is in favor of the enforcement of only the laws for which he has voted, and in the principle and wisdom of which he agrees, is not a law-abiding citizen of a democracy. He has something of the autocratic spirit. He is willing to govern but not to be governed. He is not willing to play the game according to the rules of the game."

The Dominion Government, which adjourned its first session last week, will meet in the House again in January and one of the important measures will be the redistribution bill. That and the expected further tariff revision, together with other legislative changes to be worked out during the recess, will provide plenty of interest for the country, and it is likely that before such time arrives, the Government will have increased its strength still further for it has many more friends to-day than it had when the last session opened.

"In my opinion Government control of liquor is not anywhere near so successful as the temperance measure we have in Ontario—straight prohibition," said Premier Durney on his return from British Columbia, where Government control of liquor is in force. The Premier, while loath to criticize the methods of the other Province, admitted that the British Columbia system was subject to considerable abuse. "I come back to see a more satisfied than before," he said, "and the prohibition is the better

**Neighborhood News—Town and Country**

**GEORGETOWN**

Rev. Percival Mayne left last week on a visit to Regina and other western cities. He expects to be away about six weeks.

Mrs. T. T. Moore, of Kitchener, is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. M. Moore.

John Honey and daughter, of Winnipeg, are visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Forster, of Rochester, N. Y., visited Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Crockett a few days ago.

Mr. E. C. Codling, of Hamilton, is the new manager of the Georgetown Foundry Co. Mrs. Codling and daughter will remain in town about a month.

Miss Jean Watson has returned home from Washington, D. C., where she visited at the home of her uncle, Dr. J. A. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Kamaewin left for their new home in Acton yesterday. The best wishes of many friends will follow them.

Normal branch of the Women's Institute will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lewis on Thursday, July 6.

Mr. J. A. Willoughby arrived home last week from Quebec. On his way home he stopped off at Ottawa and spent a couple of days with his brother, Senator W. Willoughby, and Mr. S. J. Willoughby.

Lieut. T. Jennie, who has recently become a resident of Georgetown, was highly honored last week when His Worship, Mayor Howard, of Guelph, on behalf of the Air Force Association of Canada, presented him with the coveted Air Force Cross in recognition of his services overseas.—Harold.

**OAKVILLE**

Councillor Gibson entertained the members of the Council to a chicken supper in the Hotel Gibson grill room one evening last week. After the dinner Mayor Foster congratulated Mr. Gibson and his chief, Mr. Bassett, upon the excellence of the menu.

Conductor Lockley is holding hand concerts on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 o'clock.

The forty-seventh annual congregational meeting of the Methodist Church was held on Wednesday evening, and the reports presented indicated marked growth and success in all departments of church activity. The contributions for the year total \$13,000, and the offerings for missions \$11,000.

Miss Florence Stewart went to Montreal last week on her way to New York.

While crossing Colborne Street at the foot of George Street on Saturday afternoon Mrs. Windset was struck, knocked down and run over by a motor car. She was not seriously injured, though she was badly shaken up and bruised.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Merry are leaving on Saturday for Ottawa. They expect to stop at Winnipeg, Lake Louise and Banff.

Miss Marjorie Tall, Detroit, is spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. H. J. Tall, Colborne Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thompson have returned from a trip down the St. Lawrence.

Sir Adam Beck has taken Mr. Wm. Hrouse's house for the summer. Sir Adam and Mrs. Beck will move to Grenville Lodge immediately.—Record.

**BURLINGTON**

The Orangemen of Burlington are going to celebrate in Guelph on July 12.

Work has been commenced on the extension to be made to the Royal Bank here.

Arthur Clark and daughter, Betty, who have been visiting her mother for the past few months, at Indianapolis, Ind., have arrived home.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Y. Rowson and two sons, Robert and Steven, who have been visiting at the home of their father for the past week, left for their home at Grand Rapids, Mich., on Tuesday.

Mrs. Rowson attended the Kewanee convention at Toronto.

On Sunday morning the members of Burlington Lodge, No. 145, A. F. & M., accompanied by number of visiting brethren, attended divine service in the Methodist Church. The service was held, and over 100 members assembled at the lodge room and marched to the church. Bro. Rev. J. W. Hunt, pastor of the East and West churches, and a member of the local lodge, conducted the service and preached a most inspiring and impressive sermon.

On June 31, Police Magistrate Hart sentenced Wm. M. Andrews, of Toronto, on two charges, three months in the Ontario Reformatory for stealing a canoe owned by Edward Giff and six months for burglarizing Mr. and Mrs. John Leck's store and stealing canned goods, cigars, etc., to the value of \$75.

On the morning fire broke out in a frame house on the fruit farm of Fred Bell & Sons, and occupied by Sam Macrae. The flames were first noticed by Mrs. Macrae, who was in bed, and when they rushed into the house they found one of the children playing with the fire in the bedroom, while two others were asleep in bed. The children were carried out of the house and most of the contents removed. The firemen responded very promptly, and notwithstanding the structure was developed in flames they soon had it under control.—Gazette.

**ERIN**

Rev. J. A. Evans attended the annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America at Kingston.

Mr. F. Yull and Miss Green have been engaged for the coming term as principal and assistant in the Hillburgh Public School.

Mr. D. L. Mundell has finished the erection of a large shed at the planing mill. Three years ago a storm totally demolished the shed at the mill, at which time it was controlled by Mr. F. W. Wood.

Mr. John Leck competed with a Hamilton team in a checker match at Guelph on Saturday last, and had the satisfaction of winning both in his part of the match and the group.

Rev. John Lindsay visited with his mother at Danville, Que., last week, his trip, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret McGee Gilmour, of Minneapolis, Minn., niece of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Overland, came up from Toronto on Saturday, and on route to Montreal from which place she sailed on June 30, for Europe.

Mr. Ben. Mundell, who has been helping to build his new underrigible in the purchase of the planing mill, has the "back to Erin" feeling and has purchased the vacant lot across the road from the mill, from Mr. W. Hull, and we understand intends building a modern dwelling.

Ernest Sprule, of the Centre Road, was met with a painful accident a few days ago. He was pumping water with a gasoline engine and in attempting to pull off a bolt his right arm got caught and both bones were broken. His other arm was also badly bruised.

The first annual church parade of the Ladies' Orange Reformatory Association, Erin Shamrock Lodge, No. 112, was held on Sunday at 7 p. m. to the Baptist Church. The service was in charge of Rev. J. A. Evans. The Orangeville brass band led the parade and the band conducted

**NEW VARIETIES GRAINS**

The Cereal Division of the Dominion Experiment Station does not distribute new varieties of grain to the public until they have been tested by the older sorts and approved, and the conditions of soil under which they have been determined. It is not until they have been tested by the older sorts and approved, and the conditions of soil under which they have been determined. It is not until they have been tested by the older sorts and approved, and the conditions of soil under which they have been determined.

Last year there were tested, according to this report, 112 varieties of spring wheat, of which 62 were of the hard red winter type, 2,880 lbs. of grain acre; seven varieties of winter wheat, of which the best was the hard red winter type, yielding 3,280 lbs. per acre in 27 varieties of oats, of which Golden proved the best, yielding 2,460 lbs. per acre in 25 days; 103 varieties of barley, of which the best was the hard red winter type, yielding 2,940 lbs. per acre in 25 days; 29 varieties of rye, all sown May 6, of which Early Illinois, yielding 2,100 lbs. per acre in 25 days, was the best; 14 varieties of field peas, all sown May 24, of which the best was the hard red winter type, yielding 3,060 lbs. per acre in 25 days, taking 25 more days ripen than Carleton Ottawa 712; varieties of flax, of which the best was the hard red winter type, yielding 1,100 lbs. per acre in 80 days, and varieties of hay, of which the best was the hard red winter type, yielding 14,607 lbs. per acre in 75 days on July 12, the date of cutting.

Forty-four plots of corn were sown for three production, results being headed for examination by the three divisions. An account given in the report of experiment, the control of insects, which was continued, and details of the distribution of 10,641 samples of seedling.

**HINTS FOR PEASERS**

Be sure your blades are sharp. Pinch it before you start mowing. Build a small canopy. Build it in the open, not against a tree or log or near brush. Herd away the trash from all around it. Never leave a can, even for a short time, without seeing it with water, and then cover it with earth. If you find a fire, put it out. If you cannot extinguish it, send word of it to the nearest fire ranger. Throw chips, shavings or clear-cut stumps in the dust of the road and steamroller them into the "dumps" leaving them. Don't log chips or stumps into brush, log or pile.

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**Jobs Depend on the Safety of the Forests**

**DON'T**

DO NOT take any chances with fire in the woods. DO NOT throw away cigarette or cigar butts. DO NOT neglect to drive your fire with care. DO NOT build your camp fire against a tree or on a log. DO NOT forget that the top of a tree is a chimney.

**RIVER DRIVERS, shanty men, pulp loggers, and all men who work in the lumber woods, on the river or at the mill—get this: Your job depends on keeping forest fires from burning up the bush.**

Every time you leave a camp fire or a smudge burning you are taking chances on a forest fire that will do you out of a job. Every time you throw away a burning match or a cigarette, or drop the "heel" of your pipe on the ground, you are taking a chance. In summer time, moss, dead wood, dry leaves or the regular wood-fibre soil of the forest are all ready to burn. Millions of feet of timber and pulp are being burnt up that way every year.

Ontario's forests are not growing fast enough to keep up. Forest fires will do you out of a job if they keep on a few years more. Watch yourself.

**Save Ontario's Forests They're Yours**

Ontario Forestry Branch, Parliament Buildings, Toronto