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## EDITORIAL

### Church Courts Endorse the Ontario Temperance Act

Church courts—Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian—during the past month have affirmed their belief in the efficacy of the Ontario Temperance Act and the good results which it has produced in the life of the community. They also commend the Drury Government for its faithfulness in enforcing the law. Some of the resolutions have even further and condemned the politicians and liquor devotees who have sought to discredit the Act.

### Adopting Modern Methods Overseas

The Old Country is gradually coming to see that women should be given equal rights with men in all legal matters. Another step has been taken in this direction by British House of Commons. A bill entitled: "Separation and Maintenance Order Bill" has been enacted. It is designed to straighten some matrimonial tangles and remove matrimonial infelicities which are largely attributed to the fact that heretofore in many ways the law does not treat the sexes alike. The conservative people of the British Isles will eventually give women their proper place, as well as enact prohibition, for the protection of the whole family, and the state as well.

### Keep the Park Sweet and Wholesome

It is painful sometimes to be obliged to listen to the profanity and foul language indulged in by some persons in the park. Fortunately this is not very common. There should, however, be a forceful effort made by the Park Committee of the Council to prohibit all profanity and obscenity there, under penalty of expulsion at least. In other places action is being taken along this line. Following a conference of representatives from churches and other organizations with Dr. H. W. Baker, chairman of the Stratford Parks Board, the latter body will be asked to exclude from the parks for a month persons guilty of swearing or using offensive language. To further curb a habit about which there has been complaint principals of schools will be asked to speak to the boys. Placards in parks and playgrounds will also give warning.

### An Atrocious Murder for Which Ireland Must Suffer

Another cowardly murder has occurred during the week, growing out of the troubles in Ireland, which may be far-reaching in its results. The assassination of Field Marshall Sir Henry Wilson, at the door of his home in London, was as mad a crime as the Phoenix Park murders in Dublin a generation ago. The effects will be more far-reaching and will involve Ireland in difficulties, dire and disastrous, which will further prolong the settlement of peace in that troubled land. Irishmen the world over, truly patriotic to the land of their birth or of their fathers', reproach with loathing such inhuman tactics as have been manifested in this cowardly tragedy. Field Marshall Wilson was an illustrious official of the British Empire, appointed us Ulster's agent for the restoration of order and the accomplishment of peace. Thus perpetrators of this cold-blooded murder must be punished, and punished they will be, and it is sincerely to be hoped that due punishment will eventually be meted out to the equally guilty instigators of the dastardly crime who inspired the outrage and who hide behind their cloak of rebellious leadership.

### Canada's Natal Day

Saturday, July 1, will mark the fifty-fifth anniversary of the confederation of the provinces and territories of Canada into one harmonious Dominion. A new nation in the British crown was then consummated. For loyalty and prosperity it has equalled any other nation anywhere. Peace within our borders, and plenty for our needs, have always prevailed. All citizens who have Canada's interests at heart will sincerely hope for a continuance of these blessings, and that there will be many, many happy returns of the anniversary of our natal day. When we wish an elderly friend "many happy returns" there sometimes mingles with this conventional wish the unwelcome thought that he may not live to see another birthday. But that thought need not intrude on our felicitations to our country on her natal day. There is no reason why Canada should not see a thousand birthdays, and each happier than the last. There have been few years indeed in our national history which we need to blush to face. There have been anxious times, hard times, temporary setbacks, even, but as a whole, the tendency has been onward and upward. Each First of July marks a step forward, something new attempted, something new accomplished. And so from our hearts, with no haunting doubt nor questioning, we wish "O Mother Canada, many happy returns of the day."

### A Suggestion For Fall Fair Boards

The Farmers' Sun suggests milk booths as a desirable addition to the fall fairs and farmers' picnics. A great number of school fairs throughout Canada and the United States have been having at least one "milk bar" on the fair grounds, where pure, clean, ice cold milk can be had at cost. Why not have a milk bar at your fair, it queries, where the children can have plenty of milk and less pop and soda? It could suffice, too, as a centre for an educational exhibit on milk and its importance in the diet of both adults and children. Butter milk, which is also a healthful beverage, might be included, and many would welcome it as well.

### Life's Vocations—Give Young People a Chance

The year's examinations are now in progress. Numbers of young people will shortly graduate. They will, of necessity be obliged to decide upon the future of life's activities. These young people deserve to be given a chance to make good. "All I want is to be given a chance," said a college graduate recently and the sentiment did him credit. The right sort of young folks do not demand special favors, privileges. They do not ask that they be given an advantage over some one else. But they do ask and have a right to expect that they shall be given a chance.

### The Cost of War to Canada

War at any time and in any country is a costly enterprise. This very year, fifty-seven years after the American Civil War, it is costing the nation for pensions as much as it cost in actual expenditure of revenue during one of the years through which the war was carried on. The cost of war never ceases with the signing of the peace treaty or the winning of victory.—ACTON FREE PRESS. The cost of war? When will Canada get away from it? Hardly in the lifetime of the present generations. The experience of the Republic will be this Dominion's. The maimed and crippled veteran we will have with us for many a year. And this grateful country will see that he doesn't suffer.—Galt Reporter.

### Taxes Must Meet the Costs of the War

According to the new taxes inaugurated by Finance Minister Fielding's budget a tax of 4½ per cent. must now be paid by customers upon all printing. In May, 1920, a tax of 1 per cent. was put on printing. This was later increased to 2 per cent., and then to 3 per cent. Then about a year ago it was decided that a printer was in the same class as a merchant tailor who makes a suit to your order, just as a printer prints a job to your order, and the tax was taken off. A manufacturer who sells to a wholesaler adds 2½ per cent., but as a printer sells directly to the consumer he must put on the whole 4½ per cent. tax. The Government should derive big revenue from the increased sales tax, but the war costs must be paid.

### Continuing at School Until 16 Years is Reached

There is now well under way a widely extended movement to have the Adolescent School Attendance Act repealed by the Ontario Legislature. It is alleged that the increased attendance of pupils from fourteen to sixteen years of age, adds greatly to the burdens of the ratepayers in providing additional school accommodation. Other claims assert that many homes need the children when they reach the age of fourteen, to work at the home, on the farm, or to earn wages, to supplement the father's or mother's earnings. The advantage of two years' extra schooling must be very great, however, and the Government will do well to weigh carefully all phases of the important question, before taking any steps to repeal the Adolescent School Attendance Act.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada leads the world with volume of exports per head of population. Computations made at Ottawa show that Canada's exports now amount in value to \$150 per capita as compared with \$98 for the United Kingdom and \$65 for the United States.

Many Ontario towns have set apart camping grounds for motor tourists which will attract visitors when the list of grounds is published, as it will be. Acton Council should set apart for this purpose a section of the park, and see that Acton is included in this list.

"Times may be hard and money tight," but automobiles and motor truck sales continue to advance in a most trifling manner. It looks very much as if the money is forthcoming for almost anything we think we want "dreadfully bad." There's a big difference, however, between a "need" and a "want."

The changes in the Criminal Code making jail sentences obligatory on drug peddlers and deportation on aliens, are in the right direction. The law must be applied too hard on the traffickers in opium and its related drugs so disastrous in their effects upon the victims who are foolish enough to indulge in them.

A former resident, who has friends interred in Fairview Cemetery, writes to enquire if the Council has taken any step to ensure permanent care of cemetery plots upon payment of a stipulated sum. This important matter should receive the attention of the members. It has been a live question for years, but no definite action has been taken.

It is gratifying to the Free Press that the Council has now in hand the matter of erecting signs at the entrances to town on the four leading roads, and at the railway stations. The suggestion made in this column several months ago in being worked out in an attractive manner. The enterprise is sure to be regarded favorably by travellers generally, and our town will be put on the map in an effective way.

It was reported at the recent meeting of the General Assembly in Winnipeg that the Presbyterian Witness had gone behind some \$37,000 in the two years since the church has taken over and united the two denominational papers. This is an indication of the costs and hardships that beset weekly newspapers to-day. Notwithstanding their large constituencies there are no denominational papers in Canada whose revenues reach their expenditures to-day.

### Neighborhood News—Town and Country

#### BURLINGTON

A Dominion Day Celebration, under the auspices of the Nelson and Burlington Agricultural Societies, will be held on the new fair grounds on Saturday, June 24. Mr. Joe Green's beautiful Water Street home has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton of Hamilton, who intend to make a home there. A motor trip through New York state, attending the summer phort course at Cornell University, Ithaca.

In the Methodist Church on Sunday morning, Rev. Jas. W. Hunt of Palma Circuit, and a member of Burlington Lodge, preached an able sermon.

On Monday evening, June 26, the Misses Hilda and Mabel Hall will inaugurate a more frequent service between Burlington and Hamilton. In addition to this the fares will be considerably reduced.

Work on the new High School is progressing slowly, and is very doubtful if the building will be ready for occupancy by September 1, although every effort will be made to hasten its completion.

#### MILTON

G. A. Wilson has bought Alvin Plumb's farm, 4th line, Equeston, and his daughters have gone to Toronto to spend the summer.

Mrs. T. J. Brown returned home last Thursday from a visit of about three weeks to her mother and sister in Chicago.

Miss Jean H. Pantin, H. A., left last week to take a post graduate summer course in chemistry in the University of Chicago.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen H. of Milton, to Harold Kemp, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kemp, Toronto.

The Methodist and Presbyterian congregations will hold joint services for the month of July, and will be uniting July 2, in Knox Church.

The ladies' section of the Milton Lawn Bowling Club has started the season with a membership of 33, out of which 4 girls have joined.

Mrs. H. M. Moore, State College, Penn., announces the engagement of her daughter, Marguerite Louise Haller, to George Sherwood Hunt, Ph. D., Department of Mines, Ottawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

Last Thursday Police Magistrate Phillips tried Ward Tweedie, of Kildare, on the charge of assaulting Mr. John Macpherson with intent to commit murder. Tweedie was convicted of assault and fined \$25, with \$4 costs. He settled.—Champion.

#### GEORGETOWN

Mrs. (Col.) G. O. Brown spent the week at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Rev. Dr. McColl is spending a couple of weeks in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Barractough were with friends there last week.

Mr. John H. Weston, of Verona, signed last week.

Don't smoke cigarettes near gasoline.

Mr. A. Hazelwood left last week to spend a couple of weeks at Muskoka.

The Georgetown Tennis Club held an enjoyable open tennis competition on Saturday.

Mr. E. D. Foley, of Detroit, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blight attended the funeral of the late Mr. J. T. Ellis.

What might have proved a serious accident occurred at the Council Chamber, Stewartown, on Sunday last when two autos collided. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt. This has also been a dangerous corner for vehicles and especially for horses. Before a real serious accident happens, let us move to the side of the old hotel used to stand.—Herald.

#### ERIN

The Progressive Political Association will hold a picnic in Stanley Park on Wednesday evening, July 1, at 8 p.m. Hon. Prime Minister, and Hon. W. E. Hartley, Attorney-General, are announced to deliver addresses.

Priscilla Cook was so unfortunate as to be struck by lightning while at play in the school yard on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. and little daughter, of Buffalo, N. Y., are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ryden.

Mr. H. W. Snelling, of Kingston, has been appointed manager of the Bell Telephone Co.'s office in town and is now in charge.

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The Women's Institute, of Erin, will have a summer course of two weeks, commencing July 2, on "Personal Hygiene and Home Sanitation." Agents for Canadian Pacific, Cunard Anchor, & Anchor Donaldson Lines Steamships.

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### CHEERFULNESS

Cheerfulness is the secret of success. A smile and a song are worth a great deal to a person in any calling in life. Carlyle says, "Give me the man who sings at his work." It was a famous pilot that he did not practice what he preached. "That sage of Scotland only excelled at what he sang, and made the art of it about him miserably. Of all the men we meet on the street, there be no face we 'welcome' as much as that of the one who greets us with a smile. We like the act, we like the man, and exchange greetings, while we turn the corner to avoid the man with the harsh voice and the frown."

The soldier with a buoyant spirit, who always has a smile on his countenance, always stands more handsomely than the one who is sour and silent. Soldiers march better to the sound of martial music than they do when they have no band. The spirit of cheerfulness is the perfect badge of valor. It is a song the French Revolution was won by a song. Home three ago, a brave Gordon Highlander played his bagpipes to encourage his comrades, when his leg was shot away.

The work we do with a song is likely to be well done. The man who employs cheerfulness will be a good preacher, and the man who employs writing will be a successful author. We should think of this in choosing out life work. If a man is not happy in his work, he should give it up at once, and find something congenial; for the greatest excellence can only be attained when the spirit is in accord with the labor engaged in.

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RECIPE FOR A WOMAN'S FORTUNE

Mrs. Harry Green was in her lifetime the Southwest Woman in the world. Without capital, friends or influence she built up a fortune estimated at \$50,000,000. The maximum government business life she formulated as follows:

1.—Invest in real estate; buy a house for \$5,000 that can be soon sold for \$10,000.

2.—Invest with a profit the proportion of which corresponds with the size of the investment.

3.—Women are seldom successful in commercial undertakings because they do not appreciate the importance of marketing their own business.

4.—Buy a small amount of short-term lottery but the good of it all lies with the things inflated. Success is a stranger to initiation. People with money to invest should pay no attention to the doings of others, but look on things from their own point of view.

5.—The goal of success is not always reached by the roughest road; the path is an easy one to find. That's why so many people fail it.

MISSPLACED CONDOLENCE

The Rev. Mr. Stevenson thought it was his duty to call on the widow and condole with her on the loss of her husband. When he arrived at the house, he found the poor woman in tears, and he said kindly:

"Dear lady, try not to allow your grief to overcome you. Remember, your husband is far happier in the other world."

"P—perhaps he is," sobbed the widow.

"But I think you are very rude to say so!"

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