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**EDITORIAL**

**Set Forth Acton's Attractions More Widely**

"Why Walkerton is Attractive," a neat folder stating what the County Town of Bruce has to offer to manufacturers and home-seekers, has been prepared by the Walkerton Welfare Association and is being circulated throughout the Dominion as a means of advertising the town. The idea, which is a good one, might be copied by the business men of Acton, following up the big signs just erected by the Council.

**Punch Boards and Baseball Pools are Illegal**

Provincial officers made a round of the billiard parlors, barber shops and cigar stores of Guelpch last week and where punch boards and baseball pools were discovered they were confiscated and taken away. These gambling devices are all illegal and prosecution follows where they are found on any public premises. Restaurants and parks were also visited by the officers and the proprietors warned that no sales of candy, cigars or cigarettes are allowed on Sunday, and offenders against the law will be summarily punished. It will be a salutary thing if these offences are discontinued in all communities.

**Fire Protection Day for Canada**

Because of the great loss of life and property damage by fire during the past decade, the Government, by proclamation, is calling upon all citizens of Canada to exercise special care and to observe October 9 as fire prevention day. According to the proclamation, citizens will be required to inspect their dwellings and remove all conditions likely to cause fire. The inspection is also to be applied to factories, public buildings, warehouses, theatres, hospitals and other institutions. It is certainly high time this country made a united effort to reduce the fire hazard and prevent the abnormally large loss now being sustained from fire.

**Acton Welcomes You, Come Again!**

The welcome signs advocated in these columns some months ago, have now been prepared and placed. These signs placed on the leading roads assure all visitors to our beautiful town that a welcome awaits them. It matters not where you hail from or where you are going. We are glad to see you! Come right in and make yourselves at home! Whether you come to buy or sell, to make a friendly call or to spend a pleasant holiday in our town, you are equally welcome. We hope you will find your visit pleasant and profitable. Stay as long as you like. But when you must really go, we assure you that we mean it when we say: Thank you! Come again! If you wish parking places for your car—our fourteen-acre park is at your disposal.

**Canada's Fuel Supply Problem**

The present action of the United States in the matter of the distribution of coal from the mines of Pennsylvania makes a serious problem for Canada. The Mail and Empire says: "The United States Government expects to put into effect an embargo on the export of coal to Canada. It is within its rights in doing this, and the lesson may arouse the people of this country into real consideration of their fuel problem. We have been content to be dependent on the United States too long for our own good." Unless prompt and effective measures are taken by our Government to ensure supplies of coal from Canadian and British mines there will be real suffering by thousands of citizens the coming winter, and hundreds of workshops will be closed.

**Nearly Half a Century in Editor's Chair**

With last issue of the Canadian Statesman, of Bowmanville M. A. Jaffe, the venerable editor, entered upon his forty-fifth consecutive year in that important position. Mr. Jaffe became proprietor, publisher and editor on August 1, 1878. To-day, so well as he can remember, there is not a business man in town in any business who was not at that time, and every professional man of that time has passed on to his reward. During this period, too, the Statesman has absorbed all the other newspapers but one that have been published in Bowmanville and Newcastle—some six or seven—and was never a better newspaper than it is today. Mr. Jaffe has also the great satisfaction now of having two sons associated with him in the business, and they are men of high character, experience and ability. The Statesman has a noble past, its future is bright and full of promise.

**Burdensome School-Examination Fees**

That approximately \$40,000 was paid in fees by pupils writing in the various departmental examinations during the recent closing exercises in the lower, middle and upper school examinations is the rather interesting discovery made following a tabulation of the amounts received in the Province. In view of the fact that the fees are rather an expensive item, and as the money is expended solely on payment of examiners and other incidental expenses, an effort is to be made shortly by Western Ontario municipalities to have the department at Toronto abolish the fee system and pay all expenses out of the provincial treasury. The examination fee system now in vogue has become a burden on those homes where the children aspire to advance in the curriculum of the secondary schools. The fees paid by two candidates from one home in Acton at the recent examinations was between \$20 and \$30.

**Bonusing Industrial Concerns**

There is frequently heard the query: "Why don't we secure more industries for Acton?" At the outset all interested should realize that Acton is so fortunate as to have already industries with as large or larger aggregate investment, and giving employment to more citizens than any other town in Canada of similar population. The experience of many towns which have been lavish in granting bonuses, loans and other concessions to firms, companies and individuals presenting prospectuses which promised much in the way of local business and employment of labor, has been both unprofitable and unsatisfactory. Last week the Barrie Examiner in commenting upon this matter had the following to say: "Collingwood's experience with bonused industries has not been very satisfactory, yet the town is continuing to back chances. In January the ratepayers voted to take a shoe company's bonds for \$10,000. Half of these bonds have been handed over and the company is asking for the other \$5,000, against the payment of which the Enterprise protests on the ground that so far not a shoe has been manufactured and there is no present indication that the making of shoes is contemplated in the near future." The same paper states that the Council is borrowing \$4,000 from the bank to start up another industry. And still another industrial proposition provides for a free site and guaranteeing \$50,000 of bonds to a company that proposes to manufacture leather by a vacuum and airless pressure process." Scores of towns throughout Canada have had similar experiences. Acton will do well to offer every reasonable encouragement to bona fide manufacturers which are to be operated by men of experience, and companies which have a fair amount of capital necessary for operating; but proposals for bonuses or other expensive outlay by men who have not had practical and business experience in the business ought not to be entertained.

**"Get" Raney at any Cost to Truth or Propriety**

It would be amusing, if it were not for the general unfairness and often the utter disregard for truth, to observe the studied efforts of some of his political opponents to heap opprobrium upon the Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General. An instance of this is shown in the Alliston Herald of a recent issue in the item copied into the Erin Advocate, published in the riding represented by Mr. Raney last week. The Alliston Herald's item is as follows: "The local sportsmen who handle the race meets in town realize just what Raney's levy on race track receipts means. For races in this town last Saturday the driving club paid \$10.00 in day tax and ten cents for every admission to the grounds whether it was paid or complimentary. The gate receipts did not meet the expenses and the members had to make up the balance. Races on the Alliston track will not likely be seen again—at least not until a man with some sense replaces the imbecile Raney."

It is almost unthinkable that such a worthy newspaper as the Herald would lend itself to such a scurrilous epithet in referring to the Attorney-General of Ontario, even if the imputation were tenable. The imputation is, however, outrageously astray. As a matter of fact the per diem tax of \$10.00 per day collected by the Province of Ontario for trotting races, was enacted and first imposed in 1911 in accordance with a statute passed by the government of the late Hon. Sir James Whitney; and the ten cent tax was imposed by Order-in-Council in April 1917, when Sir William Hearst was Premier, under the authority of the Amusement Tax Bill of 1916, passed by the same government. Mr. Raney was not in office until the end of 1910, and therefore had nothing whatever to do with the legislation, which the Herald characterizes as the work of an imbecile. It is surely up to the Herald to offer a fitting apology to Hon. Mr. Raney for its unwarranted characterization of him; it is also an imperative duty in all fairness to the memory of that worthy man, the late Hon. Sir James Whitney, to apologize for the mistatement, and it is just as fully a duty to offer an apology to the Hon. Sir William Hearst. Verily these political extremists do err grievously at times.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Ontario is going after the better class of British immigrants and Hon. Manning Doherty has a scheme to locate them here. Men and women of sturdy English, Irish and Scotch stock, like our pioneers to this country, are the kind of settlers Ontario requires. They will be a great asset to the country.

The Oakville Record is now an all home print paper, four pages, seven columns, and much improved. Brother Wilkinson, the publisher, is aiming at the first prize position at the next contest of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association, for best all around weekly.

Electric current and power is to-day a most timely subject. The development of Canada's water powers, is everywhere in business and governmental circles, a topic of discussion as the coal crisis becomes every week more serious. This province is relatively in a fair position to meet a great emergency, thanks to our private and publicly owned water powers.

The drug stores in some portions of Ontario are getting so mad at the stoppage of cigar sales and other knock-knocks on Sundays that they are closing up their stores altogether. That seems to be doing what the Alliance is trying to accomplish, and the druggists are apparently well pleased at an easy way to get out of a lot of unnecessary work.—Guelpch Mercury.

**Neighborhood News—Town and Country**

**ERIN**  
Erin defeated Chatham in a basketball match on Friday by a score of 7 to 3.  
Erin village has decreased in population since 1911 in 1919 to 1921.  
Mr. Jay Nurse, Miss K. Nurse and friend, Mrs. Hobbie, motored from Detroit, Mich., and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobbie at their home.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Parrot and two daughters, of Detroit, motored here last week and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Litch. They are very much taken up with the beautiful view and scenery in this section.  
Rev. H. P. Humphries, of the Baptist Church, by special invitation, vacation in Vancouver, B. C. Rev. Mr. Swayze, of Toronto, has charge of the church in his absence.  
Mr. Frank Hurd left last week for Cochrane, Ont., where he has taken a position as superintendent of construction work with the N. O. R.  
Mrs. Roy Grundy happened with her family to the cottage at Guelpch, where she was taking a rest, when she was taken ill. She is recovering nicely.—Advocate.

**MILTON**  
Milton Public School board estimated expenditures of \$11,550.10 for the year. Of this the return of Trafalgar township which is utilized under the Education Act, is \$2,222.22.  
The workmen have made a good job in the concreting of Court Street from Main Street to the C. N. R.  
Mr. B. W. Michener has accepted the position of Principal of Hildesheim Public School at a salary of \$1,000.  
Under By-law No. 239 the curfew bell began ringing on Monday, the seventh day of August, at 10 o'clock P. M., and will continue every evening at the same hour, Sunday excepted. All children under sixteen are required to be at their homes unless accompanied by their parents.  
J. W. M. Mackay and family have gone to their summer cottage at Lake Simcoe, Victoria County, near Balsam Lake, where they will reside during the month.  
Mr. and Mrs. Archie McMillan left on Tuesday on a trip to Western Canada, where they will visit relatives and are also proceeding to the coast.  
Nine members of the Milton Tennis Club motored to Acton where they played afternoon and evening games. The Milton players won all the afternoon games and Acton won all those played at night.  
Mrs. Thos. Henderson and her daughter, Mrs. Bentley (nee Annie Henderson) of Montreal, Miss Helen Henderson, superintendent of the Block Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, who has just returned from a trip to Alaska, and Mr. Harry Henderson, of Winnipeg, were visitors to their home town last week, the guests of Mrs. Wm. News.

Milton appears to be a fruitful field for motor tire thieves. They have already made two or three good hauls from local garages, and made such successful getaways that they came back again early last Thursday morning and carried off ten new tires from Clements' hardware store, besides getting a revolver and a pocket watch that was left in the drawer.—Herald.

**ADVICE TO MOTORISTS**

Caution of motor accidents are discussed in the annual report of the Provincial Department of Highways. The report states that accidents may be divided into two classes: those that are unavoidable and those that are avoidable. It points out that all motor drivers must be careful to drive with extreme care. The horn should be sounded in such cases as to warn of the possibility of accidents. Hearing gear or other mechanism may get out of order, or a thoughtless pedestrian may step off the sidewalk in front of the car.  
Excessive speed is said to be the most prolific cause of accidents, and a more rigorous enforcement of the law should be urged. No one should exceed the following paragraph in the report to the serious consideration of all motorists:  
"Too many accidents occur to children. The presence of children on a sidewalk is a warning to the driver of a motor car to drive with extreme care. The horn should be sounded in such cases as to warn of the possibility of accidents. Hearing gear or other mechanism may get out of order, or a thoughtless pedestrian may step off the sidewalk in front of the car."  
A child runs from the sidewalk in front of a motor car is not always a sufficient excuse for an accident; for the driver of a motor vehicle, if he is competent to drive, should be able to avoid such things, and he should be reasonably prepared for the possibility of a child running from the sidewalk in front of a motor car in many cases an evidence of reckless driving.

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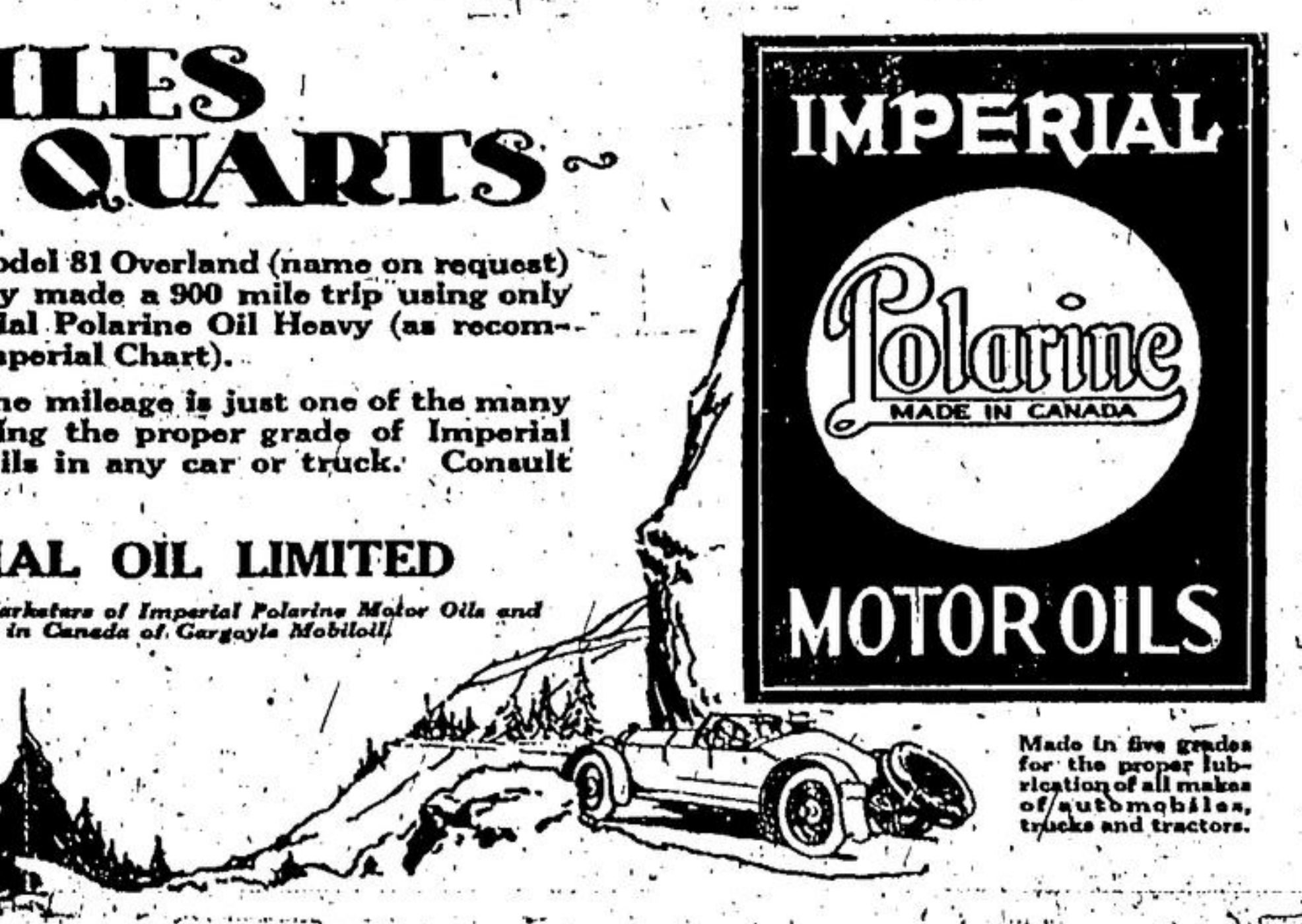
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