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EDITORIAL

Christmas!

This happiest of the festivals and holidays of the year is again at hand. Each succeeding year it brings peace and good will and wonder. The happy home-comings, and family gatherings; the cherry good wishes, hearty and sincere; the meeting of friends and fellow-citizens in the Christmas spirit, unite in the inspiration to higher thoughts, and worthier motives, and kindlier deeds, and a right joyous fellowship. Friends seem to increase and multiply as the day of days draws near. The touch of the human bond thrills us, and the look in human eyes answer each to each in unwritten but intelligible friendliness. Often to our own surprise we are not ashamed to be considered of others, to be kind, even to be loving. For the brief space of Christmastide, out of the long, long year, in which self-interest so largely holds sway, we are glad to be our real selves. We give more freely of our love; we offer our labor without thought of reward, and we speak kindly words, that are all too rare, but always appreciated. As we approach this day of days once more we take courage and let our hearts have their way and life is made glad to ourselves and to others. When Christmas comes the world always grows better. May we cherish this spirit on this anniversary of Christmastide and aim to have it perpetuated in our lives and our environments throughout the weeks and the months succeeding the day we honor and celebrate. Then we will carry with us through the year the joy of Christmas living. Merry Christmas!

Esqueuing Election Contest

In the Esqueuing Township we understand Rev. Elliott will retire, Deputy-Reeve Hampshire will step up to the Reveship, and either Councillor Brown or Appleby will occupy the Deputy-Reeve's chair. Councillor Leslie will remain at the board and one new member will have to be elected.—Georgetown Herald.

What of the Future?

Send out invitations to a dance and the place will be filled with young people who will gladly pay for the privilege of being present. Send out invitations for a course of lessons which will make you more efficient and better equipped as a citizen and the fact that the course is free may fail to induce them to come. It takes hard work and application and striving to reach the top in the race of life. Will the young people of to-day reach that goal?—Lucan Sun.

Perpetual Care of Plots at the Cemetery

About once a month this journal is in receipt of letters from former residents of Acton, who have deceased relatives interred in Fairview Cemetery, asking if the Council cannot be persuaded to take up the matter of organizing a practical plan for the care of all plots in the cemetery. Last Saturday a letter was received from a former esteemed citizen and property owner, now living in Grey County, who says: "It often think about Fairview Cemetery, and of our plot there, and of many others like myself, whose friends have moved away, and no one is left to care for the plots. If the Council would make some plan by which those of us who have loved ones there could pay money into a fund, the interest of which would go to proper looking after the plots, I would be glad. I would try to do my share. I have heard of it being done successfully in other places." Last week the editor had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. L. G. Jackson, of the Newmarket Era, and this matter of perpetual care of cemeteries came up in conversation. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Newmarket Cemetery Board. Newmarket has had the perpetual care of cemetery plots in operation for half a century. Whenever a plot is sold the Secretary of the Board aims to have the purchaser agree to the perpetual care plan. A payment of \$10 to \$25 per plot provides for adequate care of the plot. The Cemetery Board now has over \$30,000 in this fund, and has requested the Provincial Government to take over this fund on deposit and pay the Board annually the interest which accrues. This step was taken in order to ensure the absolute safety of the fund, and therefore the proper care of plots for all time. The result has been highly satisfactory and Newmarket has one of the most attractive cemeteries in Canada. There is no logical reason why Acton cannot establish a similar scheme and make it a success. If the Council cannot see their way to undertake this work personally, it would be a desirable course to appoint a Cemetery Commission to administer cemetery matters, and put into effect this very desirable enterprise of perpetual care in Fairview Cemetery.

The New Receipt Tax
There appears to be a wide-spread opposition to the new stamp tax on receipts, which comes into force January 1. But, did anyone ever know of any tax that was ever introduced since taxes were first imposed, which was popular? Retail merchants of Canada and trades people generally are up in arms over the new tax. It will certainly be a very inconvenient tax to administer.

Liquor Profits and Charity
The Government of British Columbia is just now proposing the most seemly and logical course since they adopted Government control (?) in handling the liquor traffic. The Government sells liquor, and lots of it, for profit. They make the profit and get the people's money. A large number of the people of the Province find themselves in straightened circumstances, many of the homes in poverty because liquor is freely sold by the government liquor shops. Last week Hon. J. D. McLean introduced a bill proposing to use liquor profits for charity. The need for charity under prevailing conditions is inevitable. It is perhaps to the credit of the Government that they found out the need and have taken action. Liquor profits and poverty invariably go hand in hand.

Improved Position of Soldier Settlers
That soldier settlers on the land are in a much improved position as compared with a year ago was the statement last week of Major John Barnett, chairman of the Soldier Settlement Board, commenting on the satisfactory returns from collections throughout the Dominion. The repayment date for soldier settlers in the West is October 1 and in Eastern Canada November 1. Returns to the end of November show that 32 per cent. of the amount due the Board from its settlers has already been paid in. In the Province of Ontario 58 per cent. of the amount due November 1 was paid in the first 30 days. Next to Ontario, Saskatchewan has made the most favorable showing. Regina district figures show 50 per cent. of the amount paid, Prince Albert 30 per cent., and Saskatoon about 31 per cent. This is a considerable improvement over a year ago, when only 18 per cent. was paid in on November 30 over the whole Dominion. This favorable position, according to Major Barnett, is due largely to the legislation of last session. At the end of October 28,690 men had been established on the land. Of this number 22,281 secured loans amounting in all to \$62,336,442.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Has Toronto ever had a stronger Mayor than R. J. Fleming? Or a weaker Mayor than C. A. Maguire?—Mail and Empire. And they say Bob Fleming's a dyed-in-the-wool Grit, too.

Premier Drury was not chastised very severely for his "broadening out" policy by the members of the U. F. O. at their big convention at Toronto last week. He received the most vociferous applause and hearty welcome of all the speakers on the programme.

The campaign to lower the motor speed limit in Toronto should be a reminder to motorists that the speed limit is a maximum, not a speed permissible for all occasions. The law says that motorists must not drive 20 miles when danger is thereby created.—Toronto Star.

Canada's invitation to desirable immigrants to make their homes here is likely to lead to a considerable influx of good settlers within the coming immigration season, according to reports from various sources. In this influx, however, there must be careful discrimination against undesirables.

The fourth session of the fifteenth legislature will open on Tuesday, January 23, 1923, and will be followed by a general election in the early fall. This was decided by the Government caucus held last Friday, in the Parliament Buildings. This means a lively session. All parties will be talking to the country, through the galleries, election campaign material.

Following its precedent of last session, when the new Government sprung a surprise on Parliament by bringing down the Auditor General's report on the first business day, it is expected that this important document will be placed on the table very shortly after the House meets. The members and the country will appreciate this, as it means greater dispatch of business.

The Moderation League did not get much comfort when they approached the Liberal caucus in Toronto last week, requesting that party to make prohibition an issue at the next elections. The caucus took the position that the principle of the Ontario Temperance Act had been settled by the vote of the electorate, and as long as that decision stood, the Act was on the statute books to stay.

There are few farms that have not some corners, hills, or ravines, or other unutilized ground, where trees might be the only crop. It is a selfish argument with some, that the planter of a tree does not live long enough to benefit by it. This is not strictly true, but, if it were, every man should be glad to do something for the next generation and perhaps he could do no better than to plant a tree.

At our last convention a resolution was presented and adopted, urging the Dominion Government to take such legislative action as would make that blot on our national life, the business of betting on race tracks, a crime. It is high time that such practices were made unlawful. The people that banished and outlawed the traffic in strong drink, need to be awakened to see the evil of gambling.—Canadian-Baptist.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

MILTON
A heating plant has been installed in the Methodist Church. The new system, to be installed in the new building, was brought up by Kenneth Township, who for the past four years has been Principal of the Chateaufort High School, has resigned to accept the Principalship of the Ridgeway High School.

BURLINGTON
Mrs. D. Anderson and family moved to Toronto last week. The Burlington Memorial Committee held its final meeting last Friday night. It was found that there was a surplus of \$1,000. It was decided to give \$100 to the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association; \$100 to the Ladies' Auxiliary, G. W. V. A.; the balance to be used for the monument around the monument.

ROCKWOOD
T. G. Hutchinson had the grand championship bag of sale at the Windsor Fair. At the sale there this bag brought \$750. Mr. Douglas McNabb shipped a very heavy bag of wool to Toronto last week. It brought the highest price paid on the market that day.

GEORGETOWN
Mr. Oliver McKay received the news of the death of his brother, Mrs. Walter J. McKay, of Quebec, last week. Mr. Charles Tubby, of Seattle, an old Georgetown boy, visited his uncle, Mr. Oliver McKay, last week.

ERIN
Miss Hazel Evans is visiting with friends at Aylmer and Tilsonburg. The luncheon and fowl supper held under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of All Saints' Church, at Mr. Millan's Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, was a decided success.

CHRISTMAS
O never falling splendor! Still keep the green earth tender, Still keep the grey earth strong With the heavy, heavy, heavy, Of deeds that shall be done, While children's lives come streaming In from the north and south, O' Angels, sweet and simple, Through in our hearts and sing The message which attended The coming of the King. Till we, too, boldly pressing Where once the shepherds trod, Claim Bethlehem's hill of blessing, And find the Son of God! —Phillip Brodka.

WHY SKYROCKETS RISE
If you could see inside a rocket you would find the lower part of the same filled with powder, a chemical mixture that will burn at an enormous rate, and in doing so will produce a very large quantity of gas.

HELPING PROVIDENCE
There were two ministers among the passengers who were crossing the lake in a small boat during a storm when the boat seemed on the point of swamping a woman cried out, "The two ministers must pray!"

COMPLIMENTARY VALUE
How a combination of two papers in one, such as The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, can be produced is the subject of an interesting seventy-two page weekly treatise in a complete form journal, a home magazine for the seven days' reading for every member of the family, and a weekly digest of world news.

SMOOTHING THE ROUGH EDGES
Sometimes you find hatches covered with splinters or splintered wood which have worn so smooth by rubbing against each other that not a rough angle is left. You may pick up any one of them and rub it against your cheek and you find it as smooth as velvet.

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THERE WERE REASONS
A man struck a match to see whether the petrol tank of his motor car was empty. It wasn't.

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FRUE'S FUN
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