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EDITORIAL

Fifty Years Old This Year

During the past months THE FREE PRESS tried repeatedly, but in vain, to stir up the Council to a realization of the fact that 1923 is the jubilee year of the municipality. It has been felt that some special action should be taken, or some suitable memorial erected to signalize this important date in our history. Citizens generally, who have an interest in the annals of the community, will appreciate some action in this direction by the Council elected to serve the town this jubilee year. It is an interesting coincidence that Acton was incorporated a village in April, 1873, and Brampton a town in December, 1873. Brampton proposes erecting a Memorial Hospital to commemorate its jubilee year.

Aim to Make Worth-While Your Life

At the beginning of this new year many Canadian young men and women are contemplating the activities of real life. It will be well for all such, at the outset, to plan their lives and their work with a view to making the most of themselves. The occupation which pays well financially, but means a lowering of standards or a sacrifice of principle, is the worst possible one for any young person to engage in. It is a mistake to plan one's life work in such a way as to narrow the opportunities for growth or advancement in the better things of life. In the eagerness to acquire money some young people neglect their friends, neglect their duty to their families and on the human side become dwarfed. Whatever the secondary ambitions, the first and uppermost should be to make a worth-while man or woman, and no matter how much money is made, nor how great fame is acquired, there will be a measure of failure if the development of high character and the spirit of helpfulness to others are not the foundation of the life's principles.

The Value of the Weekly Newspaper

In an address by Rev. A. H. Moore, M. A., at the University of Toronto recently, on "The Mission of the Weekly Newspaper," this significant paragraph was given: "The metropolitan daily gives its readers a picture of world-news at a glance. I heard Premier Mackenzie-King say the other day that the daily newspaper is designed to give to the hurried man of affairs a glance at world events as an interlude between courses at the breakfast table, and is then cast aside as he rushes out to his daily duties. Not so the weekly. It is a visitor to the home. It is kept until time for leisure reading is found. It goes into homes where it is read from first to last. It comes into intimate contact with the people and can therefore deal far more intimately with personal and community affairs. Because he realizes this and appreciates the importance of small incidents as well as great events, the editor of the weekly paper is not impatient of these details, personal items and local news of every description and character. He knows that somewhere he is cheering some heart that feels its loneliness and isolation, that he is enabling some neighborhood to express its corporate life, to realize its existence, and to feel that it, too, is an integral part of the great world of affairs."

A Resolution Worth Making and Keeping

A good resolution which a lot of people could make, with profit not only to themselves, but to those with whom they associate in business and other relationships, is to be prompt. Meetings, entertainments, gatherings of all kinds, are held up and disturbed because one or more indifferent persons come in late. There are also the habitual late comers to church. Such delinquents disturb the devotions of those who go to church to worship, disconcert the preacher, and cause very much more confusion than they can possibly realize. "I'll be prompt" is a 1923 resolution which should be made and not broken.—Brampton Conservator. Quite a large percentage of people in all communities fail to realize the virtue of promptitude. This lack was always a great annoyance to the late W. H. Storey, Esq., who was the soul of punctuality. When a member of the Council and Board of Education he was invariably in his place on the stroke of the time appointed. And he had the faculty of reminding the members who failed to keep appointments very forcibly. On one occasion at a meeting of the School Board Mr. Storey was on time, and for ten minutes was alone with the Secretary of the Board. The other five members were late and it was ten minutes after the regular time before the meeting was opened for business. "This is shameful," he said, in a feigned spirit of annoyance. "Here are six men who lost ten minutes each, which means sixty minutes; a whole hour of good time gone forever, to no purpose. Gentlemen, let's be on time hereafter."

No Immunity for Foreign Vessels
The United States Supreme Court takes the ground that foreign-owned steamship lines must observe the prohibition laws respecting the carrying of liquors into American ports. The stand is taken that the act extends wherever there is American jurisdiction. It also holds that foreign vessels in American waters enjoy no immunity whatever, and that in coming to the United States they must obey American laws or "take the consequences."

The Dominion Government's First Anniversary
The Dominion Government has passed the first anniversary of its career, and the members look back upon a year of accomplishment and progress, such as has fallen to the lot of few administrators in this or any other country, during recent years. Sworn to office the last of December, 1921, the administration finds itself one year later without a change in either ministry or portfolios; every minister being in charge of the department which he took over upon joining the administration. After conditions such as the last few years experienced, when ministers themselves hardly knew which department they were administering, this comes as a decided relief.

Higher Cost of Motor Tires
There is reason to expect that rubber, which has been plentiful and cheap for several years, will soon advance in price. With the demand for rubber for motor tires the great plantations of the Malay peninsula and other countries greatly increased their production. For some time crude rubber has been selling for about fourteen cents per pound, which is considerably less than it costs to produce. The British colonial office has now come to the relief of the planters, who lost largely on their production, with a scheme for forcing a reduction in the crop. It will put an export tax of seven cents a pound on all rubber exported in excess of sixty per cent. of the normal crop. It is expected that the price of rubber will rise to twenty-five cents per pound.

Dominion Parliamentary Session
The Federal Parliament has been summoned to open on Wednesday, 31st inst. Indications are that the session will be a heavy one. There are a number of important matters which must be taken up and as the work proceeds it is inevitable that interesting, and in some cases, lengthy debates will be precipitated by resolutions placed on the order paper by private members. The Government has indicated that it proposes to bring down a redistribution bill early in the session. This is necessary following the census of 1921 and its passage will pave the way for dissolution at any time the Government should consider the time ripe for going to the country. The revision of the Bank Act, due this year, is also expected to provide a great deal of work for the members of the House. This measure, will, it is thought, receive particular attention at the hands of the Progressives, who have a number of proposals that they intend to lay before the House. Establishment of a national bank is expected to be pressed for, as well as the necessity of a more generous system of credits to farmers and stockmen and the encouragement of small banks. Other matters of interest to the people of Canada will also demand the attention of the House at Ottawa.

EDITORIAL NOTES

With the British embargo lifted, and a reduction in ocean freight rates of \$5.00 per head, just announced, Canadian cattle men will have a fair chance to find profitable markets in Great Britain.

The value of the grain crops of Western Canada for 1922 is \$455,030,800. This is \$130,000,000 more than the value of the previous year's grain crop, and should tend to revive business very perceptibly.

Ramsay township, in Lanark county, is entirely free from debt and has sufficient money invested in bank stock to yield some \$600 a year towards schools. Few municipalities are able to make this proud boast.

It is always a pleasure to note the progress of our country in its dealings with outside nations. According to advices from Washington, D. C., Canada is the principal source of the United States for raw furs, which now annually accounts for between 20 and 25 per cent. of the total import value.

Present indications are that Canada will have for its current fiscal year, an unusually favorable trade balance. For the seven months ending October, the excess of exports was \$80,000,000, and the volume of wheat and other grains sent abroad was larger than usual. Canada's dollar may soon be worth over one hundred cents.

School districts in various parts of Canada are taking an interest in the reforestation movement. It is easy to enlist the sympathies of the youth of the country in tree planting. There is pleasure in the mere act of putting something into the ground and watching it grow. It is a very worthy and useful employment for pupils.

The Newmarket Hotel Co. declared a dividend of seven per cent. for 1922. In addition to this there is a balance of \$2,800 of which a bonus of \$500 was voted to the manager, and \$2,000 invested in bonds as a sinking fund. The report is accepted as evidence that a well managed hotel can be made a financial success without the sale of liquor.

With a view to fostering a Canadian spirit it has been decided that all the books sent next season to the over-150 highhouses in the Dominion shall be "All Canadian." The Upper Canada Tract Society is preparing to send over a thousand Canadian books. The young people of the Public and High Schools of the Province will send an aggregate of more than this number.

Trade conditions at home and abroad have improved, and the Dominion Government, seeing the need of wider markets to bring about a greater prosperity at home, has set out to secure such markets by negotiating trade treaties with France and Australia. These treaties have been completed, giving Canada access to the markets of those countries, and treaties are in the course of negotiation with Italy and Belgium.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

BURLINGTON
The annual meeting of the Nelson and Burlington Agricultural Society will be held in the local library on Monday, January 15, at one o'clock. The G. H. A. Intercollegiate series are meeting at the local rink Thursday evening last, when Grimby defeated the local boys by the score of 10-4.

OAKVILLE
Donald Stanbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Stanbury, 1111 Broad Street, is recovering from pneumonia and was out last night for the first time since his illness. The local Pigeon fanciers' club held a show of pigeons on New Year's Day in the Burlington Hotel. The number of exhibitors exceeded the club's expectations and was over 100. The Children's Party and Veterans' Association held last Wednesday evening in Victoria Hall was a great success and one of the best of the festive season.

MILTON
The coal shortage in town just now is rather acute, although all the dealers are expecting some relief. Mr. H. E. E. L. is the caretaker of the Post Office, is confined to his room with a severe attack of influenza grippe. Owing to the scarcity of water the Milton flour mill is obliged to make use of the engine motor in order to help out with the power and to give the pond a chance to fill up.

ERIN
The Council for 1923 will be composed as follows: William J. Wilson, Councillors, J. H. Gibson, G. Griffin, J. Hamilton and J. M. Steele. The School Board will be composed of Dr. Abbott, L. T. Austin, G. T. Ross, W. Graham, J. McKinney and J. Thompson. J. M. Steele, acting for the estate, William Graham, for the School Board, and J. Dale, of Harriston, acting for the estate, settled on \$2,000 as the price to be paid the estate of the late George Ernest for the site for the new school in Erin, thus closing a long arbitration.

GEORGETOWN
Mr. H. D. Warren, Toronto, spent Monday—election day—in the old town. Mrs. Charles Warren left last Friday for Montreal, there to attend a family reunion. Miss Margaret Finley left last week for Southern California where she will visit relatives. H. Conk & Co., Ltd., have secured several large orders, which will keep their woollen mills rushing until early summer. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watson spent New Year's with friends at Willand. Some of our local golf enthusiasts enjoyed a game on New Year's Day. Miss Helen Row left on Sunday night for Port Arthur, where she has accepted a position on the Collegiate staff.

A JOLLY GAME
This is a game the little ones will like, because they can so easily make use of their own. You only need an old book with some animals in it which you can cut out. A magazine will do as well. Or, if you prefer, motors to race with, but some out of some advertisements or catalogues. Each player has to have one of these motors, or animals, and a fan, or a piece of paper tied into a fan. Then lying flat on the table, and you have to fan them so that they get to the other end of the table. The one to get there first, of course, are the winners. It is so amusing for youngsters, and your own youngsters find that he is fanning your racer slowly.

FIRST AID TO THE CHILDREN
If the child should put a bead up his nose put a small amount of cayenne pepper on his upper lip and he will sneeze it out. Never try to dig it out or you will only push it further into his nose.

THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF RADIUM

A substance thousands of times more valuable than gold, costing over two and a half million dollars an ounce, which cures disease, yet is so dangerous that contact with it may mean death, and which has revolutionized the life of the most remarkable woman in the world. Mrs. Curie, French scientist, discovered this wonderful metal twenty-six years ago. Radium looks like tooth powder, yet \$10,000 worth could be held in a tiny vial. It is obtained from pitch-blende, a velvety black mineral which was looked upon as waste matter. Radium had been extracted from it. In her search for fresh fields to conquer, Mrs. Curie made an analysis of a ton of this waste and upon separating all the minerals in it, discovered radium. The cost of radium is so high because of the labor involved in producing it. To get one gramme, 5000 tons have to be sorted down to 500 tons, and this in turn has to be chemically treated to produce a tiny quantity of the precious substance. In the last twenty-six years only 100 grammes of radium have been produced. The principal radium mines are in Czechoslovakia, which produces 90 per cent. of the world's supply. Radium, whose annual yield is thirty-five grammes, is worth \$100,000 per gramme. It is used in thousands of ways, to which it is being put—in luminous watches, nightlights, and so on—but its great boon is in the treatment of cancer and its treatment is the most wonderful this curative power. The metal shoots out thousands upon thousands of particles, and these are so small that in hundreds of years hardly any change is noticeable in the radium itself. It was an accident that led to the discovery of the curative quality of radium. A professor carried a tobacco pipe in his pocket for three weeks and then discovered he had a bad burn on the skin. Suddenly the idea occurred to him that radium would be better than caustic in burning out cancers. It was tried, with results that have since astonished the world. The difficulty in the use of radium was that it is so hot that it burns as well as the diseased parts and perhaps cause the patient's death. The problem was solved by enclosing the radium in a metal tube about an eighth of an inch thick which barely lets the particles through. By the substance and allows only the invisible X-rays to pass. For the actual treatment a sufficient number of grains of radium are put in a surgical gauze or stuck into a piece of denture's moulding wax, so as to bring the radium in contact with the skin, and the whole package is strapped over the tumor. In treating cancerous growths on the tongue, it is difficult to keep the radium in place for the necessary number of hours, so another method is used. Radium gives off a gas which is collected in a steel or glass needle. These needles can be stuck into the tumor and left there as long as necessary. The light of radium burns without replenishment for two thousand years, and during that period less than fifty per cent. will have decayed. Since it is shooting off small particles, which become of radium after its fire has died out. This magic stone of the scientists changes from the most costly metal into the cheapest—it becomes radium.

A FIANCEE AND HER FAMILY
Of course, the moment a girl gets engaged, the only thing in the world that really matters to her is to see as much of her fiance as she can. And, without meaning it, she is apt to be selfish. It is very easy for her to become neglectful of her own people, and also to make herself a perfect nuisance when she is in the company of her fiance's relatives. Her mother is the one that suffers most—so far as neglect is concerned. Probably she is accustomed to lean on the fiance for help in the household, and also looks lovingly for her companionship in the afternoon for "darning socks" and other such things. Fully most young men have to work the greater part of the day, but there are exceptions, and some have a few week-ends. If the girl, immediately she becomes engaged, leaves some or all of her home duties in the lurch, or does them grudgingly and miserably, it is not going to be much fun for the mother, and it will make her feel very lonely and old. Of course, a certain amount of "aloneness" is essential. And no one will grudge it to her. But if her happiness let the lovers give a thought to the happiness of their relatives.

THE NAVY'S MISTAKE
A clergyman was a geologist and always carried his specimens about in a red basket of such a size as to be easy to carry their dinners in. One day as he was going home with it full of specimens he saw a young man carrying a well used, violent language because the windlass refused to work. "What's the matter?" he asked. "Do you know that?" "No," replied the man, "but I'll ask you. 'What's the matter?' " "Well, here's a block of wood that's got 'em dinner."—London Tit-Bits.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS
Home people have faith in odd numbers. Usually number one. Many a man's reputation depends on what number he found out about him. People learn wisdom by experience. A man never wakes up his second baby to see it laugh. The criminal judge may be a man of few words, but he is not always a man without wit. One-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives, but some people do their best to put the top of their heads into it. There are three dangerous courses—the course of time, the course of True Love, and the Race Course.

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