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## EDITORIAL

### Seventy-five Years of Service

The Presbyterian Witness has just celebrated the completion of seventy-five years of service for the church by an enlargement and improvement of its form and contents. It was established in Halifax in 1848, by the late James Barnes, a Presbyterian printer, and has employed from time to time during its long period of publication an editorial staff of able and eminent men. Dr. Robert Murray was for sixty years its editor, and his loyal and forceful articles for many years were a strength to the church. His successor, Dr. Carson, has been a worthy exponent of the aims and activities of the Presbyterian body, and during the past few years Rev. Dr. Haddow has contributed much to the editorial excellence of the paper. With its increasing circulation and its new form this splendid denominational paper is fulfilling in every respect the functions of such an important journal.

### The Epidemic of Influenza

This continent is at present in the throes of an epidemic of influenza which is almost as general, though not so fatal in character, as the disastrous outbreak in 1918. Summer was in the earlier days the usual season for sickness, in comparison with which winter was healthful; but of late years June, July and August have been among the most healthful months. The great sickness has come in midwinter. Much of this begins with a "common cold" which most persons regard too lightly; they do not realize the danger to themselves or the likelihood of their passing the infection on to others. At present there are thousands of people suffering from the prevailing influenza. Many homes in country, town and city have members laid aside with this ailment. One of Toronto's big stores has 1,400 members of its staff on the sick list; large factories have employees by the score laid off. It behooves all to observe reasonable precautions. If threatened with a cold keep inside where it is warm and comfortable. Do not unnecessarily get in contact with those who have contracted the ailment.—Avoid exposure to the infection.

### Violations Now, and Then—

Referring to an item which appeared recently in the Orillia Packet, and which was copied the next week in these columns, the Packet in its last issue said: "A good friend who has more "inside" information than we, challenges our statement that ten times as much liquor was sold illegally under the license system as is disposed of contrary to law under prohibition. This page does not pretend to exact knowledge of all the facts. But let us recall the situation as it existed in Orillia for some years prior to the passing of local option. There was only one hotel in town that even made a profession of keeping the law. While sale of liquor was forbidden after eleven o'clock on week nights, the bars often ran wide open till after midnight. One hotel had a night bartender, and kept going throughout the 24 hours. In another the proprietor didn't rise till noon, because he seldom got to bed before three o'clock, being busy in the bar. Saturday night and Sunday night sale of liquor was notorious. Boys of 16 and 18 years of age were served liquor, although the law forbade sale to any person under 21. Hotelkeepers complained of unfair competition from places selling liquor without paying for licenses, some of them on the main street. The liquor was often openly delivered to these places in broad daylight, and the finished product frequently staggered out of the doors. When the License Inspector went to interfere, he got a hint from politicians that it would be wise not to be too officious. Another Inspector was warned that if he stuck his nose into barrooms after seven o'clock on Saturday evenings he would be apt to get his head broken. It is hard to conceive that the clandestine sale that now goes on can be anything like the scale of lawbreaking which then existed, though we are ready to admit that with an administration unsympathetic with the law similar conditions might recur. But with most people the flagrant law breaking that went on under the license system has become a dim memory; and there is rapidly growing up a generation of men and women who know nothing of it whatever." And similar conditions prevailed in Acton, and in most other towns of the country when the liquor license law was in operation. It is true a generation has grown up since those days. When they talk about as much liquor being sold illegally now as in those former days, they talk about conditions they know nothing whatever about.

### The Provincial and Dominion Governments' Majorities

Both Dominion and Ontario Premiers have to count noses to see that the boys are all home before anything starts. Ottawa has about one to the good, and Toronto can meet all comers on a 50-50 basis, as the Government has 55, Liberals 26, Conservatives 26, and Independent 3, making another 55.—London Advertiser.

### No Beer Wagon for the Tories

Ontario Conservatives rode to defeat on the water wagon of friendship for the Ontario Temperance Act in the provincial elections of 1919. Ontario Conservatives are not going to ride to defeat on the beer wagon of enmity to the Ontario Temperance Act in the provincial elections of 1923.—Toronto Telegram. Of course not. The Ontario Temperance Act is the child of the Ontario Conservative Government which was in power at its advent.

### Constitutional Law Must be Upheld

A newspaper in the United States has placed upon its bulletin board a notice that the prohibition law will be treated in a serious and dignified manner. Contempt for the law, it says, is partly due to levity in the newspapers. Prohibition is the constitutional law of the nation, and it is the duty of every newspaper to uphold the law and endeavor to create in the people a law-abiding conscience. The warning is needed elsewhere as well as in the United States.

### The Self-Respect of a Newspaper

A newspaper has as much idea of loyalty to its constituency as any of the citizens in it. It possesses equal wisdom with the best citizens and has a good idea of the proper discretion in public matters. It handles more subjects needing wisdom, discretion and judgment every week than a few hundreds of its readers meet with annually. As to the honesty of the newspaper, without integrity it would not long exist and obtain the support which is its life.—Brandon Sun.

### Room for Broadening Out

At the meeting of the Dufferin United Farmers' Political Association at Shelburne last week the question of the revision of the by-laws was taken up. There was quite a discussion of the clause as to who should be members of the Association. Finally the clause restricting the membership to "anyone directly interested in farming" was changed to "anyone directly interesting in farming or who approves of the Farmers' platform." This is a broadening out to which many who are not farmers can readily subscribe.

### You Can Vote at Municipal Elections

The assessors are now busy with their work for the year 1923. Acton's assessors have a much greater task than heretofore. Not only is a special effort being made to satisfactorily equalize the assessment in the various parts of the town, but the amendments to the Assessment Act require additional attention, if a complete list is to be secured. Under the amendment passed at last session women are entitled to vote under the same conditions as men. The conditions are that the voter must be "of the full age of 21 years; British subject by birth or naturalization; rated or entitled to be rated on the last assessment roll of the local municipality for land held in his or her own right as owner or tenant, or so rated or entitled to be so rated for income, or who is entered on such roll as a farmer's son, or who is the wife or the husband so rated or entitled to be rated for land as owner or tenant." By this amendment every married woman whose husband is a tenant or owner of land to the value of $100, in any township or village; $200 in a town of 3,000, and $300 in a town having a population of more than 3,000, must be placed on the assessment roll and be given the right to vote at municipal elections; also any man or woman, 21 years of age, who earned during the past 12 months, $400.00, must also be entered and given the right to vote.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

The editor has an opportunity to do the individual citizen a service and he never hesitates to do it, if consistent with his obligations to the public.—Forest Free Press.

Here is a good slogan. Write it on your lintels. Hang it in your dining rooms. Preach it from your pulpits. "Make Canada a Country to Love."—St. Marys Journal.

Some citizens think we should at least have an "Old Boys and Girls Re-Union" to commemorate the jubilee year of Acton's incorporation. Properly conducted, such a gathering would be of intense interest and pleasure.

The mobilized forces of Social and Moral Reform in Canada are to be a militant unit in fighting for the prohibition of race track gambling in the Dominion. It is probable the Federal Government will take action to rid the country of this curse the present session.

All farmers' wives must be added to the assessment roll by the assessor, and they are also added to the voters' lists when they are printed this year. And so they should be. This amendment to the Municipal Act, passed at the 1922 session of the Ontario Legislature, came into force on January 1, 1923.

How true it is that an upheavel of trade conditions in one country very soon affects every other country. Because of the French invasion of Germany, large German contracts given to the Dominion Steel Company of Nova Scotia have been cancelled and a number of workmen thrown out of employment.—Newmarket Era.

We hear a great deal from the U. S. about the large sums owing her from the allied nations. This amounted to $10,045,282,000 on which she has already received $641,607,000. Great Britain has owing to her $9,280,000,000, or almost as much as the United States has, but is not making a fuss about it. Further she has only received $447,620,000 of what is owing her. Great Britain has paid Uncle Sam $492,000,000 of the $641,000,000 paid the U. S.

### "WHAT KIND OF HAY HAVE YOU THIS WINTER?"

The old saying that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating" is abundantly borne out as far as value of mixed hay is concerned. The long winter months are the real testing time of the efficiency of our methods of growing and harvesting our hay crop.

Now that we are well started on our regular feeding period we are in a position to judge whether or not we have been wise or unwise during the past summer in the seeding and harvesting practices that we have followed with our hay crops. If our mows still give promise of furnishing us with sufficient feed for the coming months and if the condition of our animals bears testimony to the fact that the fodder was good, we have reason to congratulate ourselves. If, however, our fodder is either insufficient or poor, or perhaps both, we may well examine critically the farming practices that are responsible for the existing condition. If the fodder is consistently poor, our harvesting operations may well bear changing. Perhaps we did not seed down a large enough acreage or there may have been unfavorable weather conditions that destroyed a part of the crop. If lack of fodder is due to either of these reasons, we may remedy it. In the first instance the obvious thing to do would be to seed down a greater acreage, whereas in the second instance there may be a number of remedies. Winter killing that is beyond our control can only be met by planting some annual hay crop to make up the estimated shortage. We have however, winter killing and general failure of hay crops due to other reasons that are within our power to control. A very considerable part of our failures to produce a profitable crop of hay is due to the planting of insufficient or poor seed or because we try to grow a particular hay crop under soil or climatic conditions that are decidedly unfavorable for it.

We have a great different forage plants which vary enough in their adaptions to take care of mostly all soil and climatic conditions which we meet on the ordinary farm. In spite of this fact we mostly trust to Timothy and Red Clover under all conditions. These are undoubtedly two of our best general hay crops in Eastern Canada yet in order to secure the highest yields we must recognize that they have limitations and try and secure the fodder plant best suited for our special requirements.

Whether our lot has been a failure or success, as determined by the winter feeding of our forage it is well worth our while to face the situation squarely and decide to profit by whatever the present condition of our fodder has to indicate to us.—G. P. McRostie, Dominion Agrostologist.

### SEED ORDERS

The new seed catalogues will soon be received with their ever attractive descriptions of novelties and staple varieties, but, while these catalogues are eagerly looked for, it frequently happens that the ordering of the seeds is left until spring. By that time, however, the seeds which we most desire may be exhausted as the best stocks of the best varieties are usually limited, hence the desirability of ordering soon to ensure getting what is wanted.

Some novelties are well worth the high price asked for the seed, while others are no better, if as good, as old reliable sorts. It is best to let the Experimental Farms and Stations do most of the testing of these, and delay ordering until a report is received from one of these Stations as to their merits. Usually it pays well to order the most expensive strains of staple varieties. There is a great difference in strains as thorough selection and roguing in the field ensure much more satisfactory results than where this is not done. The cost of good seed is small compared with the value of the crop obtained.

There are now many lists of best varieties of vegetable and flower seeds available through the Experimental Stations and Agricultural Colleges, and it will be found to be well worth while getting these before deciding on what to buy.

When one has seed of a good strain of some particular variety of flower or vegetable it is desirable to sow the same seed another year after testing it for germination as sometimes it is not possible to get the same strain two years in succession.

Order early. Order the best seed of the best varieties. Consult Experimental Farm lists of best varieties.—W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist.

### SUCCESS DEFINES ITSELF

"The prosperous termination of anything attempted," is the general definition of success, but the different ways of success as demonstrated in actual life make the real meaning of this popular term very difficult to grasp. Prosperous, the second word of the dictionary meaning, is the stumbling block over which so many of us are prone to trip in our efforts to accomplish something in the world. Prosperity usually is associated with financial gain, yet the dictionary defines it as "to be fortunate or happy," neither of which situations require money for their full enjoyment. Nevertheless, when financial gain is directed into the right channels it can cause much happiness to both giver and receiver.

The dictionary meaning of success is somewhat misleading, even if the definition of prosperous is substituted for the single word. This would make the definition read: "The fortunate or happy termination of anything attempted." It is easy to recall that some of the most successful persons have not been fortunate in their financial affairs, nor have they had occasion to be happy because of treatment accorded them when success seemed almost won. The opposition encountered by many of our pioneer inventors has been very discouraging.

Development of the steel-pointed plow was derided by old-time farmers who declared that its use would turn the seeds into stones. The linotype, or any kind of typesetting machine, was first opposed by printers because of the fear that many of their number would be thrown out of work. But the plow actually made more products for the farmer, while the linotype furnished work for thousands of additional printers, thus proving both inventions to be successful. True success always proves its own meaning—it needs no dictionary to define it.—T. Benjamin Faucett.

### TURKEY AND THE PRICE OF TEA

The recent political disturbances in Turkey caused great uneasiness in tea circles the world over. In view of the possible serious developments in India—the greatest tea producing country, India has a great Moslem population, which looks upon the Sultan of Turkey as the spiritual head of their religion, and therefore were opposed to British policy towards Turkey. In view of the serious disorders which might occur, and the uncertainty of the situation generally, tea prices have risen to the highest levels ever reached. Combined with this, it is estimated there will be an 80,000,000 lb. shortage in production this year. Everywhere higher prices are looked for, as conditions are far from satisfactory in the tea trade as yet.

## Neighborhood News--Town and Country

### MILTON

At Galt on Monday a Milton rink of curlers, skipped by Reeve Blain, defeated one of the Scottish rinks by 16 to 11.

Mr. H. R. Rows, we regret to say, is confined to his room with congestion of the lungs. His friends will hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Bert Buck, of Milton, who has recovered from a serious illness, has gone to Gore Bay, where she will spend the winter at the home of her parents.

Oakville papers are announcing a building boom for that town this coming spring. We haven't heard as yet of any new houses to be built in Milton this year, but there should be at least 25 new dwellings go up in town if the newpomers are to be properly accommodated.—Reformer.

### ERIN

Erin Hockeyists are winning laurels these days. They have defeated several contesting teams lately.

A sleigh load of the young people from Hillsburg attended the carnival held in Orangeville last Friday evening, and took second prize for the largest load.

February 15 is the date of the Canadian Patriotic Pageant to be held in the town hall, Erin, under the auspices of L. O. B. A., No. 474.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGill in their sad bereavement of the sudden death of their elder daughter, Mrs. Harvey Nodwell.

Mr. F. H. Arscott, of Erin township, near Orton, has purchased from Mr. D. Glassford, his butcher business and property here and will get possession in the near future.

Mr. James McKechnie has sold his farm, lot 3, 8th line, Erin township, known as the Binnie farm, to Mr. J. W. Burt, of Erin township. Mr. McKechnie purchased the farm from Mr. Binnie last March. Mr. Burt gets possession immediately.—Advocate.

### GEORGETOWN

The Baptist Church celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary last week. Rev. Dr. McCrimmon, ex-chancellor of McMaster University, preached able sermons.

J. C. Silverthorn has bought the moving picture theatre in Meaford and will take possession April 1.

Over 1,300 people witnessed the game between Guelph and Georgetown at the arena here on Monday evening, when the visitors defeated Georgetown in a hard fought game by 3 to 0.

Rev. George E. Heartwell, a returned missionary from China, will speak at the League meeting in the Methodist Church on Monday, February 12. Rev. Heartwell is the only survivor of the first contingent of missionaries who went to China.

A most enjoyable concert was given in the Ashgrove Methodist Church on Tuesday evening of last week, under the auspices of the Sunday School. A splendid programme was given by the Methodist Church Choir, Georgetown. Rev. W. J. Davidson occupied the chair. Refreshments were served at the close.—Herald.

### OAKVILLE

Col. and Mrs. H. C. Coxe left on Saturday to spend the remainder of the winter in the south.

All the town doctors are busy these days attending sick folk. There has not been so much illness at one time in Oakville since the epidemic of the flu in 1918.

Another Oakville merchant, C. G. Record, has placed his business on the cash and carry system, and after two weeks' trial states that he was foolish not to have done it long ago.

Mrs. Lorne Ashbury was hostess at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Morris on Friday evening. About twenty of Miss Morris' fellow teachers and friends gathered to do her honor and speed her on her happy way.

While leaving her house on Colborne Street for the first time after having been laid up for ten days, Miss Winnifred Young, on Thursday last, slipped on the icy verandah, fell, and broke one of her arms in three places.

About 30 cricketers sat down to the third annual dinner of the Oakville Cricket Club at the Hotel Gibson grill room last Thursday evening and had the time of their young lives. They got off to a good start and the finish was equally enjoyable.—Record.

### BURLINGTON

Last week Mr. O. R. Koenig sold two pair of foxes to Mr. Jacob Frances, of Cedarville, for $2,400.

Mr. Wilbur Heslop, who has been spending the past few weeks in this vicinity, has returned home to Lethbridge, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Berry returned home on Tuesday from a visit with relatives at Washington, D. C.

Mr. W. V. Hopkins met with an accident on his fruit farm on Saturday afternoon last. He was pruning trees, when a limb fell, striking him on the head, inflicting a nasty cut. We are pleased to hear he is getting along nicely.

At a congregational meeting of Knox Church members last week, Rev. Russell McGillivray, of Warkworth, was unanimously chosen as pastor of Knox Church, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. D. Anderson.

Leslie House, the Beamsville hockey player, who assaulted Russell Hall in the game here last week, appeared before Magistrate Barr on Saturday morning last, and was committed for trial. Bail was fixed at $200. Frank Quigley, a Beamsville hockey fan, was found guilty of striking Jack Hall, and was fined $10 and costs.

Owing to the unemployment situation, several unfortunate cases of suffering have been brought to the notice of some ladies of the town. They are anxious to secure shoes, wearing apparel, or bedding, which can be used to advantage to relieve the sufferings.—Gazette.

### VARIETIES

The more debts are contracted the more they expand.

How to live on forty cents a day. Live on your friends.

A Kansas man pays taxes on 20 dogs. Most of his money is going to the dogs.

Even the full dinner pail sinks into insignificance by the side of the full coal bin.

If a cement sidewalk runs a mile into the country, how far can a boardwalk?

The Kaiser is slow in recovering from his serious operation of 1918. He had his expectations removed.

It is said that shoes can be made of almost any kind of skins. Even banana skins make good slippers. But the price is where the shoe pinches.

The darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.—Horace Greeley.

Eggs are egg-traordinary in price. A Texas paper says that an industrious hen who attends to her business can make more money in a month than a college graduate. Exchange.

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