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#### EDITORIAL

#### Ontario's Fire Losses

. It is greatly to be regretted that fire losses in the Province of Ontario, for the first three months of the year, have been larger than during the same three months of any year since the organization of the Provincial Fire Warden's Department. Ontario's reputation for fires is certainly not improving.

#### Mr. Hicks Before and After

was supposed to be guide for his fellow members what is the Champion writer agonizing about if "it and keep his crowd together, he ran off at a tangent hurts nobody but the sniper." THE FREE PRESS has in the House one day last week. He evidently re- ever had pleasure in noting the progress and growth pented when he found himself alone and away from of the county town and has invariably used its colhis friends, for he voted against his own resolution umns to not such, and, where desirable, to call upon if he will continue. of a want of confidence in his leader, Premier Drury, its own and other towns to emulate them. When, and was one of the majority of 33 by which however, the suggestion comes to erect a soldiers the Government was sustained. Hicks was evidently monument for the whole county at Milton, by all the

#### 'The Future of Fairview Place

ously into consideration.

## Celebrating Acton's Jubilee Year

only on the part of our citizens, but by former foolish anger in this little matter? residents and sons and daughters of the town, that the Municipal Council has taken steps toward a celebration to mark the jubilee year of Acton's inserporation. The date tentatively fixed for Saturday, June'30, and Sunday and Monday, July 1 and 2, would seem to be a very suitable time for such an historic event. The plan for calling a public meeting of Canada will accord him a very hearty welcome. citizens to discuss, plans, programme, etc., is also commendible. If the celebration is to be the marked success the importance of the occasion demands, there must be a strong organization effected and a united effort planned by which a real enjoyable home-coming will be afranged for all Actonians now living extravagance, will win.-Davidson (Sask.) Leader, away from the old home town; and a programme be prepared in which citizens generally will have a real dents, and to make arrangements for such public majority of citizens in all the provinces. services, social functions and popular entertainment as should be provided for such a notable celebration.

## Our Splendid Water Supply

. It must be gratifying to the citizens of this town to have the assurance of the official analysists of the Provincial Board of Health that the water supplied throughout the town through the waterworks system comes from its source absolutely pure. The "big spring," whence the water flows out of the rocks to the reservoir, is a great source of supply. For nearly an hundred years it has been known to the successive wenerations of this community as a remarkable spring. It was given an accelysis when suggested as Mr. Harris also has time to devote to municipal the feeder for the proposed new waterworks system three or four years ago, and was then found to be den of the county last year, and is Mayor of Burchemically pure. This new assurance after the waterworks have been supplying citizens for three years by the Provincial Board of Health, is a reassurance which will be much appreciated. The danger to

"Prohibition Amendment Will Never be Repealed" Frank R. Kent, vice-president of the Baltimore Sun; writing in the London Spectator on "Prohibition in America," says: "No, clear-minded man in-America thinks the prohibition amendment will ever be repealed. It is as deeply embedded in the constitution as are those conferring unrestricted suffrage upon the negro, and while it may be abhorrent to a large element of the people, talk of rooting it out is merely academic discussion and a complete waste of time. There is, however, some dissatisfaction in limiting the content of alcohol to one-half of one per cent. in beverages, he admits:

#### That One Big Fair at Milton

The following appeared in the editorial column of the Milton Champion last week:

Last week THE ACTON FREE PRESS had this to say on a report from Milton published in city papers that members of the County Council had expressed themselves-in favor of dropping the smaller fairs in the county and having one big one in Milton: "That would be very nice indeed for Milton: It is quite certain, however, that Oakville and Acton will not agree to such a proposal. And it is just as certain that the Acton and Oakville members of the County Council were not of the opinion expressed in the des-

. It is quite certain, however, that Mr. Hillmer, Reeve of Oakville, said exactly what was reported, not being troubled with the small-town jealousy and narrow-mindedness of THE FREE PRESS. The Reeve of Acton did not express an opinion. Neither did the Reeve of Milton. posal to drop the small fairs and is not interested now in their being dropped. Sniping at Milton is a favorite game with THE FREE PRESS! but Miltonians don't mind that. It hurts nobody but the sniper. Giving the lie to the Milton reporter for the city papers is a different matter. An apology is due from THE FREE PRESS. .

This sounds rather rich when given a little analy- Mrs. Peck property on Ontario Street cluded that they were the people who narrow-mindedness" is funny, One would imagine them and how many Fords pass filled identity he was quite familiar, arrived the writer was writing from the editorial arm chair of Ontario's metropolis. Which of the towns of the a Burlington home and reported that had no rooms available; but a little ex county have gotten very far away from the "smalltown" stature. That's a joke. Is it narrow-minded delivered the syrup and collected for to stand loyally by one's own town? That's a new definition. About the alleged sniping. This is a Smith arrested the men and they were Mr. Andrew Hicks, M. P. P., the U. F. O. whip, new journalistic term. Granting that sniping had added for a license for peddling syrup. has evidently never learned team play. Though he been done-which it hasn't been in these columns-Gazette. puzzled himself, and his teetering puzzled the mem- municipalities of the county; or to close the four maily decided to effect a monument other agricultural fairs and centralize on one big one at Milton, it surely can not be justly designated as be taken to purchase and erect the "sniping at Milton" to oppose such propositions. same The enterprising Milton correspondent of the Toronto after spending the winter with his The suggestions of a former Acton boy, relative papers, appears to be very jealous of his preserves. to the future of Fairview Place, has much to com- He evidently forgets how frequently his special dis- an operation at Guelph Hospital last mend them. If the honored old ancestral home is not patches are clipped from the columns of the "smallto be restored as a residence, there are numerous town" papers, and sent to the city papers, days after reasons why it will be the part of wisdom for the the events "near Milton" appeared in these "small-Council to seriously consider the securing of the town" journals. Now, as to the reference to the . J. N. O'Neill & Son are now comproperty. In the near future a High School, with a Acton and Oakville members of the County, Council fortably settled in their new comfull collegiate course, will be a necessity for this to the "One Big Fair" idea. So far as the report the temporary office building has been town and community. Fairview Place would make to the Toronto dailies went, it seems that only one removed an admirable site" for a High School, with ample of the three members representing these two towns who attend the Methodist Church choir grounds for a splendid campus. There would also spoke. Reeve Hillmer said, "Oakville Town Council concert on Tuesday, April 24. Probe space for an up-town park, with room also for a had been paying Oakville Fall Fair \$1,000 a year. It of Galt, and the choir. section to be devoted to children's playgrounds, and was not likely this would be continued." The other other attractive features. The property is admirably Oakville member is not reported as saying anything members present. The heating sysadaptable to the purposes mentioned, and if it is to on the subject. The writer of this caustic article tem for the new pumping station was office and naked him how he liked his come upon the market the claims of posterity demand on the "small-town jealousy and narrow-mindedness" for. The new highway through town that its purchase by the town should be taken seri- of THE FREE PRESS, admits himself that "Reeve Bar- and the oiling of our streets were also ber of Acton did not express an opinion," If he had nearly forgot a matter that concerns "No," he said, "but I'm going to if I we all know he would leyally have stood by Acton's quite a few in town, vis: "Theyvare miss any more of my wood." lendid fall fair, of which he is an honorary director. you don't pay up quick."-Herald. Apologize! Wouldn't it be more seemly for the There will be general feelings of satisfaction, not "reporter for the city papers" to apologize for his

## EDITORIAL NOTES

It is rumored that Right Hon. Lloyd George will visit-Ganada carly in September When he comes

This year, 1923, is the "come-back year," and those who will substitute industry for indifference, service for selfishness, intelligent thrift for individual Mrs. Wm. Hume.

The action of the Dominion Government in back- graduate. pleasure in participating. The initial steps should be ing up the provinces in their efforts to control the taken without delay, so that ample time may be af- liquor traffic, and refuse coast vessels carrying liquor ed out to his farm, near the town. forded to get into touch with all who are non-resi- clearance, is action which must be appreciated by a shipped from this point these days.

> A politician said in the office of this journal one Toronto, was negotiating for the purday last week: "Well, so far as the Progressives go who are in a position to know any in politics, 'they're done." The bye-election the next day in Moose Jaw, Sask., was hardly a confirmation of this opinion. The Progressive candidate, E. N. Hopkins, defeated the Liberal candidate, Hon. W. Knowles, by about a 1,000 majority.

> The Burlington Gazette has commenced its Quelph last week attending his funer twenty-fifth year of publication. E. A. Harris, the editor, is a real live newspaper man and gives his LONGEST STRETCH OF STRAIGHT town and constituency a paper of a bigh class. and educational matters in his town. He was Warlington this year.

Declaring that the financial policy of his Govern- tion on the line of the Buenos Aires health from using water from private wells is very ment had been sound, that its methods of taxation at l'action of a stretch of track that emphatic. Of the 107 wells in town from which were sane and equitable, and that in its expenditures curve. But for a slight "9" curve near water was taken for analysis only two have proven it had secured a dollar value for a dollar spent, that Villa Mercedes this "tangent" would to be safe for drinking purposes. All the others are portion of Premier Drury's speech on the Budget ing stretch of thirty miles follows this gentaminated to a greater or lesser degree. It will last week constituted a vigorous defence of the Gov. break. The pampes of Argentina comthe wisdom on the part of citizens generally to secure criment's conduct of the affairs of the Province level land in the world, and it is by connections with the waterworks system at the construction to the people be broken by future construction

## Neighborhood News-

## Town and Country

The building by-law will be amended requiring a better class of building Thirty-four applications for the posteceived and owened on Monday at the Council meeting. Halaries ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,100. The applications are necessary for them to be familiar. bing considered.

The Record is informed on reliable authority that Sir Henry Thornton president of the Canadian National lish cities in the guise of a district Railways, has promised to put on tw new fast trains between Oakville and Toronto, que leaving Oakville in time to get the workers in to Toronto at 7.45 u. m., shd one leaving Toronte

at 7.50 per ton. veck for Las Angeles and other points .They're, off in the building line !

hundred or so more houses and half dozen more big buildings on Colborne June I be the date not for the officie moning of the West Hide School handsome flag pule has been greented to the school by the White Onk Chap-

ter, Imperial Order, Daughte: n of the

#### BURLINGTON

Empire.-Redord.

ers, have been re-engaged town solic-The High Behool debentures 21,995 were sold last week at 101,012. yer 'art' a crown." Miss Norms Graham, of Cambridge. Mass., is spending a week's vacation driven off before the boy could reach hore with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Brant Street. On Bunday morning about 10 o'clock

the firemen responded to a chimney Earl and Counters of Chester. fire at the home of Mrs. Ford, Elizabeth Street. No damage resulted. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baker, Warkworth, .Ont., announce, the engagement of their third daughter, Alice Victoria, to Rev. Russell McGillivray. Principal D. A. Weish has purchased

the Misses Fisher residence on Hager the hotel had patrons of that name Avenue, and they have purchased the who were very well-to-do, and he con-Have you ever noticed how many had engaged the rooms,

the head of the house had ordered planation soon but the proprietor u three gallons of maple syrup. They his case, and the names in his register It was afterward found out that no such order had Been given. Chief

#### GEORGETOWN

Chief Tost, of the Fire Brigadet has tendered his resignation. The Council has offered: him \$125 salary per year,

Representatives of the Soldiers Memorial Committee asked Council to deal with the proposed memorial. motion to erect a bronze group statue or a memorial clock was lost. It was according to design submitted by the Committee and that immediate steps

Mr. Thomas Lake has returned home sons at Timmins and Powssan. Thursday, was reported improving sicely this morning.

Two new transformers, weighing seven tons-each; are being installed at modious and well appointed offices and

gramme by the Maple Leaf Quartette.

The adjourned meeting of Council discussed and tenders will be asked new life. discussed. Oh, you, and we pretty yet?" said I. going to shut your water supply of if

Mrs. McGibbon has sold the Hotel McGibbon to John IL Mitchell, who will take possession on May 1. The hotel has long been known as one of the wat outside the cities. -

Lorne Duff, an old Milton boy who holding down a good 'position at Panama, South America, is spending few holidays here with his brother . The . Methodist . League - of .. Young People entertained the Young People's Boolety of Knox Church on Monday

Dr. George Hume, of the Dominion Geological Survey, Ottawa, spent Sun-day here with his parents, Mr. and Rev. T. H. Bole left last Thursday morning by train for Montreal, to at-

tend the Jubilee of the Wesleyan Theological College, of which Mr. Bole is a Haryey Dixon has sold his house on Martin Street to W. McLean and mov-

The price paid for them, however, will not make the farmers who fattened It was reported that the T. Eaton Co. there is nothing in it.

All signs point to a fairly busy summer in town, both as regards the building trade and our industrial concerns generally. Mifton is one of the solidest and most prosperous towns in On-

Judge Elliot and Mayor Irving, personal friends and former parishioners of the late ltev. Dr. Blatt, were at

## RAILWAY TRACK

The statement is often made that the

longest place of straight railway track in the world is that stretching more han a hundred miles in New Bouth Wales. This is incorrect, and has been so for many years. The distinction belongs to the Argentine Republie, and was gained by the construcprise incomparably the largest area of

#### KING GEORGE IN DISQUISE

Royalties delight to travel incognito whenever they get the chance, to escape for a time from the artificial atmosphere in which they live, and from the rigid etiquette which always sur-

But apart from the pleasurable sense of freedom royal personages can enjoy when emancipated from the trammels of their high position, it is only ion of town clerk and treasurer were by concealing their identity that they can make themselves acquainted with many phases of life with which it is Queen Mary, for example, has visitof from time to time the poorest quarters of London and many other Eng-

visitor, her guide on several occasions

being the Bishop of London. Pages might be filled with her experiences in the poor quarters of London. A clergyman who has worked for many years in the East end remarked recently that there were few district visitors who knew the poor quarters of London better than Queen Mary, California. "They will return via and the number of persons she had aided in their distress. will never be

known outside the few through whom Dakville for this season, and by the Her Majesty carries on these charittime summer closes there will be about able works. Thet king has had many interesting adventures in disguise. On one occasion he spent a whole day at the London Hospital as a medical student a fact that only became known to the hospital authorities neveral years later. He has spent the best part of a night in a busy railway goods clearing yard, and has often listened to trials at the

> Old Halley in the public gallery. On one occasion, as the king was coming out of court, a boy standing near him shouted out to his companion. "Why, I'm blowed if that gent ain" the Prince of Walca!" "Run and tell the gent that," ex-

claimed his companion, 'and 'all give But the Prince, as he was then, had

The king and queen have often trgvelled abroad incognito, usually as the On one occasion's rather amusing experience awaited them. A suit of rooms at an hotel had been engaged for them, but by some error the rooms were booked in the names of Mr. and Mrs. Chester,

Curiously enough, the proprietor of

he rushed forward in despair to inwere quickly altered.

#### QUR MOST POWERFUL LIGHT

The discovery of X-rays was a lucky ecident. Professor Rontgen, who has just 'died, was certainly not searching for them when in 1895 his eyes for the first time beheld a light more powerful than any ever known before. He was experimenting in a darkened

room with a Crookes' tube, atimulated internally from an induction coll. and covered by a shield of black card board, when he became conscious of a faint, greenish, flickering, light on a paper which he had painted with 's fluorescent chemical preparation. The value of this ray to medicine has been incalculable. Prior to its discovery the position of an internal injury had to be guessed at, and a patient might even have had to be cut ouch so that the surgeon might nee where the mischief lay.

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ONE WAY OF GETTING AC---QUAINTED

Talking about American village life. Mr. Booth Tarkington, the novelist, once said, "I'm afraid our American villages don't practice the social amenities to any great extent. I know a short-story writer who moved recently into a quaint Vermont village. I

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