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EDITORIAL

Halton "Old Boys" in Manitoba

A letter in another column from Col. A. Claud Gray, of Winnipeg, gives particulars of a movement inaugurated by Col. Dan. McLean for the organization of a Halton Old Boys' Association in Manitoba. This will undoubtedly interest many of the hundreds of former residents of Halton who now make their homes in Manitoba. They should take the first opportunity of communicating with Col. McLean.

What Might Have Been

The official report of the Returning Officer for Halton county in the recent provincial election is a revelation. When it is realized that there were 5,353 votes unpolled it is not difficult to conjecture how different the result might have been. The Conservatives were well organized and the vote polled for Mr. Hillmer shows pretty closely the strength of that party in Halton. The U. F. O. had a very poor and inadequate organization; while the Liberals were more or less indifferent. Had the votes favorable to Premier Drury been as faithfully gotten out as were those for Mr. Hillmer the election of Mr. Drury would have been beyond peradventure, and his majority would have been greater than that of his opponent was. There were 16,759 votes on the voters' lists of the county. Of these but 11,416 were polled.

A Centre of Courtesy

The Toronto Telegram a few days ago contained a four-column write-up of Acton by one of the staff writers of that journal, characterizes this town as "one of Ontario's brightest, prettiest and most progressive manufacturing centres." After describing the business and manufacturing interests the writer concludes with the following: "That is the material side of the life of Acton. There is a side even finer. It is the town where everyone is courteous. The children leave their play to answer questions. The adults go several blocks out of their way to show visitors around. Everyone makes your business his business till it is finished. The I. O. D. E. and the Junior Chapter have redecorated the town hall. The Women's Institute has placed a drinking fountain on the street, with a watering trough for horses. Every organization has some work on hand for the betterment of the place and the general welfare of Acton. Best of all, Acton did her bit in the Great War and the citizens have seen to it that by day and by night the memory of those who went out to dare, to do and to die, shall be with her sons and daughters. On the main street, not far from the Government Building, stands a magnificent granite pillar. Its decoration is so impressive that it brings the tears to the eyes of the beholder, for it displays the names of 19 of Acton's bravest, who laid down their lives that Canada and Acton might live. 'Present, we loved them; gone, we longed for them; dead, they live forever among us!' Can Acton fail to grow, to prosper and to progress as she works in the midst of such memories?"

Advertising Ontario's Beauties

It is rather satisfying to see Acton played up prominently in a new Ontario Government publicity booklet, "Ontario, Canada's Premier Province," just issued by the Board of License Commissioners. Those of us who know the natural beauties of Halton county are glad to see them adequately recognized in publicity which is evidently aimed to attracting motor tourists. The booklet itself is a most satisfactory production. One has seen railway and steamship folders galore, playing up specific points or sections but nothing heretofore has dealt with the beauties and attractions of the Province as a whole in the same way. Beginning naturally with the Niagara district, the gateway used probably by the largest number of visiting tourists, the publication illustrates verbally, as well as by an abundance of excellent photographs, the features of the district and follows the various highways to the western border, illustrating features most of us never saw before in the Lake Erie district. The reference to Acton comes on page 23 in the outline of various routes from Toronto to Western Ontario. Passing to the eastern section of the Province, the features of the Quinte, Kawartha and Rideau districts are emphasized, and, after several pages devoted to the attractions of the federal capital, the interest is carried north, first to the Muskoka, then to Northern Ontario and finally to the Soo and Lake Superior districts. It is understood that the booklet is to be circulated widely through the United States in the tourist bureaus. A note in the introduction indicates, however, that copies may be had from the Board of License Commissioners, Queens Park, Toronto. It is well worth while asking for.

Soldier Settlers' Success

More than $100,000,000 has been expended thus far in settling ex-soldiers on the land in different parts of Canada, according to Major John Barnett, Chairman of the Soldiers' Settlement Board, who in a recent address told of the great and far-reaching activities of that organization. Some 30,000 men, representing a farm community of 130,000 people, have been located, and 85 per cent. of them are making good. Over 80 per cent. of the settlers had been able to pay back the money loaned as it was due, and the country is collecting the money at a rate of between two and three million dollars a year. The Soldiers' settlement Board has over 250 trained field men posted at various centres throughout the Dominion constantly travelling from farm to farm, attending to the troubles of the soldiers, offering help wherever possible, and doing everything in their power to further the success of the undertaking.

No Public Drinking for America

The vote in Manitoba last week on a referendum to make legal the sale by licensed hotels of beer and wine was defeated by a majority of 34,000. Coming as it did less than three weeks after a referendum on government control, which the province favored by 40,000 majority, it is clearly to be seen that the people have no desire to go back to the barrooms. And this may reasonably be concluded as the temper of the people throughout this continent of North America. An occasional adverse vote on some phase of the liquor traffic may be given by some state or province, but the country as a whole has no desire for the return of the promiscuous sale of intoxicating liquor. In the vote in Manitoba last week it is reported that not a single constituency—not even Winnipeg, with its dense foreign population—gave a majority in favor of the wine and beer bill. The turnover was really astonishing. Some constituencies which went "wet" by two to one on the previous vote in June, went "dry" on this vote by four to one.

Hon. E. C. Drury Offered Leadership of the U. F. O.

The Farmer's Sun announces that: "Within the next two or three weeks Premier Drury will decide whether or not he will continue as the leader of the United Farmer group in the Legislature. An invitation to remain in that capacity has been extended to the Premier by the U. F. O. candidates who were successful in the recent election, and he was allowed, in accordance with his request, a short time in which to consider the matter. Should the Premier decide to accept the offer made to him, it would be necessary, as the next step, to find a seat for him. It is reported that two U. F. O. members are prepared to resign their seats to make way for the Premier. Hon. Mr. Raney is said to be willing to vacate his East Wellington seat, and D. M. Ross his in North Oxford, if Mr. Drury desired to seek re-election in either of these ridings. Both are regarded as fairly safe U. F. O. seats, although the Conservatives in North Oxford have threatened already that if Premier Drury runs there in a by-election he will be strenuously opposed."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Official reports show that drunkenness in Canada was reduced last year by 18.5 per cent. Prohibition and temperance teaching are evidently having very desirable results.

The Globe says in the last Manitoba liquor vote second thoughts were best. It certainly looks life it. A "wet" vote in June, with a majority of 40,000, was turned to a "dry" vote in July by a majority of 35,000.

THE ACTON FREE PRESS entered upon its 49th year of publication last week. Here's hoping Brer. Moore will live to celebrate its jubilee. THE FREE PRESS stands for the best in the community and ranks amongst the best weeklies in Canada.—Burlington Gazette.

While the U. F. O. were badly beaten in the Provincial election, the farmers are by far the best represented occupation in the new Legislature, there being 36 agricultural members. Merchants come next with 16 and lawyers third with 15. From this the numbers drop to six doctors and six manufacturers.—Orillia Packet.

The second referendum in Manitoba, which resulted in the utter defeat of the proposal to allow beer and wine to be sold in licensed hotels, may compel a division of "wets" into two classifications, those who are really wet and those who are merely damp. The result will take the edge off wet enthusiasm in Ontario.—Farmer's Sun.

It must be gratifying to the people of this province that the work of extending the Hydro lines into the rural parts of the Province is proceeding vigorously. Over 650 miles of transmission lines have already been constructed. This makes power available in 93 townships, the plan being on the fifty per cent. bonus principle provided for by legislation.

The removal of the British embargo on Canadian cattle is evidently opening up a fine new market. An official in charge of the cattle shipments from the Port of Montreal recently stated that nearly 40,000 head of store cattle would be shipped from the port this year. He says the rush seasons will be the months of August, September and October.

In the memorable "Charge of the Light Brigade" the poet says, "Then they rode back but not, not the 600." Sometimes history repeats itself, and only a Corporal's guard is able to answer the roll call after the battle. There appears to be great unanimity among the leaders, however. Mr. Ferguson is pleased. Mr. Drury is pleased. Mr. Hay is pleased. So we might as well make it unanimous.

The state of practically all crops throughout the Dominion is exceptionally good. In the three Prairie Provinces good growing weather continues and the wheat is heading out. Damage by hail has not been above the average and no serious damage is reported from insect pests. Average crops are indicated for Quebec Province, and a good all-around crop for Ontario. In the Maritime Provinces, hay will be below average. Estimates are for a large crop of apples. Crops in British Columbia are doing well.

MR. PEASLEE SUFFERS BY BEING NEIGHBORLY

Caleb Peaslee, looking both provoked and amused, broke off a spirited conversation with his wife and greeted Deacon Hyne, who was coming up the smoothly-raked gravel walk. The deacon said he hoped that his coming had not "bothered them in any privacy."

"Twu'n't privacy at all," Caleb hastened to reassure him. "I was just settin' out my views about Uncle Sam Webb, and they don't hitch with my wife's notions. It ain't unusual, so you needn't feel you've spiled any discussion; she'll fetch it up again."

Mrs. Peaslee tossed her head. The deacon, wondering if anything further were coming, waited in silence.

"To make it plain to you," Caleb explained, "I'll say that since Uncle Sam's boss died a spell back he's worked my wife's feelin's considerable whenever he's had a little job of teamin' that pressed him to git done; and she's passed it on to me to help him out. For instance, he needed to git his apples to the cider mill last fall, and he bagged 'em up and piled 'em out by the side of the road, and whenever I'd be haulin' a load of my apples up then I'd heave on five or six bags of his take 'em along at the same time.

"Course toppin' but my load that way with his apples I'd have to underload a little with my own when I started, but my wife made such a pitiful case of Uncle Sammy's not bein' able to do it himself I strained a p'int and made three-four more trips than I'd had to otherwise.

"And it was the same way with stuff from the store. He'd come over here and wonder to her how in the world he was goin' to git a sack of grain up to feed his hens with; and when I'd be hooked up to go down to the store on an errand she'd come out with a list of things Uncle Sammy had fetched over—a sack of corn or a bag of middlin' or something like that—and she'd want I should fetch 'em back along when I come from the store."

"Things like that hender a man, too," remarked the deacon, "when he's tryin' to do his own errands and git back to his work. I know how 'tis."

"They do so!" agreed Caleb fervently. "But I want to be as neighborly as I know how, so I did 'em and felt kind of a warm liftin' up within myself for bein' sech a thoughtful neighbor, even if I did need to be spurred on a mite by my wife.

"Without tryin' to tell you all the things he's been clever 'nough to make my wife b'lieve was needful for his comfort or welfare, I'll tell you about the last thing, the one we was talkin' over when you come up along.

"For a week mebbe he's been hintin' out to her that he'd value a chance to git up Brimmer Hill way if so I had any errand up there. 'Not owning a hoss nowadays,' he says, 'kind of henders me when I have to git round same's other folks; if Kellup wa'n't as kind's he is, I d'know how I'd make out.'

"So this mornin' when I found I'd got an hour I could call my own I made up my mind I'd go to Asa Brimmer's and see if I could make a dicker with him for that Dutch belted cow he's got to sell; and, seein' Asa lives right on the peak of Brimmer Hill, I stopped at Uncle Sammy's and told him where I was goin' and asked him if he wanted to go along.

"He listened to me all through, not sayin' a word, and then he went back to the woodpile and come back and clim into the wagon, and we drove off. On the way up I spoke of how bad I needed the cow and about Asa's bein' a kind of ticklish man to trade with and needin' to be handled about so.

"Well," said Caleb, closing his fist and bringing it down upon his knee, "in the course of time we clim the hill, and I drove into Asa's dooryard; he was down by the barn, so we got out and walked down there. That is, I stopped to hitch the hoss to the clothes post, and Uncle Sammy hobbled down ahead of me.

"I'd jest finished knottin' the halter and was turnin' to go along down when all at once a row broke out 'twixt them two, Asa and Uncle Sammy. About all I could make out up where I was was something about a shote that Uncle Sammy wanted pay for, and Asa was orderin' him off'n the place, and Uncle Sammy wouldn't go.

"Seems that ten year or so ago Asa was drivin' by Uncle Sammy's place with a load of hay, and he run over a shote in the road—where it had no business to be, anyway—and Uncle Sammy had wanted pay for it ever since, and Asa wouldn't pay, naturally, the pig havin' no more right to be in the road than Asa'd have had to drove the load of hay into Uncle Sammy's kitchen!

"'Noaw,' Uncle Sammy was sayin', 'I want you should settle this matter up to-day.' Kellup's took time to fetch me way up here to c'lect the bill, and I want it paid, and if you don't—'

"By that time I'd got my wits, so I broke in on what he was sayin' and told Asa the facts—that I'd come up to buy his cow and had jest fetched Sammy along on 'count of my wife's wantin' me to. But by then Asa was so mad he wouldn't listen to anything. He'd been orderin' Uncle Sammy off up to then, but now he swung on me, and ordered me off with him.

"'More' that,' he hollered when we drove out of the yard—for I realized quick 'nough I wa'n't goin' to buy no cow of him then—'when you git off'n my land you stay off, both of you! I don't make any diff'rence, betwixt any man that'll dun me for a bill ten years old that I never owed and a man that'll take his team and fetch him where he can dun me. I don't want another word with either of you ever!' he hollered and put into the house and shut the door.

"And I've been settin' here," finished Mr. Peaslee, "tryin' to make her understand that when Uncle Sammy uses me to further his private brawls—and me a justice of the peace too!—it's time for me to look to my own character; I d'know what Asa can do to spread rumors, but I'll bet he'll do all he can! And now I'll never git that cow neither," Caleb said sorrowfully.

NO NEED FOR STINGINESS

The dear old woman trumped miles over the hills to get a bottle of medicine for a small boy who was ill in her remote village. When she had described the symptoms, the doctor set about preparing a mixture, one ingredient of which was a poison which could be administered only in the smallest quantities.

She watched him pouring it out with the utmost care into the measuring glass. He poured a little from the bottle held the glass up to the light, and then put in a few more drops. "Ah, doctor," she said, reproachfully, "you needn't be so stingy. Remember, it's for a puir wee orphan laddie."

MAKING STEEL CAR WHEELS

In some mills steel car wheels are cut from a cylinder of hot metal. While the metal is still hot the disks are cut off by a pair of powerful rotary shears. The blanks are then reheated and holes are punched through the centre after which they are fed one by one to a mill where they are shaped by dies under hydraulic pressure. The edges are then machined, and the wheels are finished. A giant pair of tongs seizes the finished wheels and stacks them on the floor. The entire operation on a wheel is completed in less than a minute, and it takes only one man to run the machinery.

TWO WORDS TO AVOID

"Do not" are two tiny words which must be used fairly frequently to children of all ages, but there is the right way and the wrong way of using them. Too many mothers choose the wrong and the abbreviated way.

Correction is a necessity often, but if it is to do the intended good to the child there must be reason with it. To keep on saying "Don't do this," "Don't do that," "Don't you know you shouldn't use that word?" without any kindly explanation is enough to drive any child of nervous temperament to distraction and the don't care child to wilfulness.

GLACIER EGGS ON MOUNT RAINIER

A party of scientists exploring the ice cracks of Paradise Glacier, on Mount Rainier, discovered a large number of glacier eggs, in uncommon form. These curious things were lying in small nestlike hollows, from five to eight together. They are stone pebbles, about the size of pullet eggs, worn perfectly smooth white or pink, and nearly globular. Seven of the egg nests were located and the pebbles collected for various museums. It is said the glacier eggs occur on some glaciers in the Alps, but hitherto have not been encountered on American continental glaciers.

THE TEST

An old Irishman was sitting in front of his house puffing away and pulling heroically at his pipe. He would continually light a match and pull and pull at his pipe, then throw the match away and light another.

"Come in to dinner, Pat," said his wife at the door.

"Faith an' Oi will in a minute, Biddy," said he. "Moike has been tellin' me that if Oi shmoked a bit au ghlass Oi oud see the shpts on the sun. Oi don't knew whether Moike's been foolin' me or whether Oi've got hold av the wrong kind of glass."

WHAT HE CAME TO

The passengers in the smoking compartment chatted away on many subjects, finally reaching ambition.

"Yes, gentlemen," said one, real ambition starts in childhood. And if we obey it's impulse we go far beyond our wildest dreams. Look at me. In my boyhood I was anxious to become a pirate. Today"—and he gazed proudly around the compartment—"I run a successful hotel."

SCHOOLBOY HEROES

In a New Hampshire school the boys of the seventh and eighth grades were asked the question, "Whom do you most wish to resemble when you grow up?" The names of Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Washington headed the list with a large majority. When the same question was asked in the third and fourth grades, the winning name was simply, "Father."

DOING DUBLIN

It was the Englishman's first visit to Dublin, and he was driving round on a jaunting car seeing the sights. When they got near the river, as an Irishman tells the story, he was struck with the unpleasant smell, and asked the jarvey: "What is this horrible smell?"

The jarvey replied, proudly: "Shure an' don't you know that the smell of the Liffey is one of the sights of Dublin."

A WILLING WORKER

The bargaining for the cow had been going on leisurely for an hour.

Finally the prospective purchaser came flatly to the point.

"How much milk does she give?" he asked.

"I don't rightly know," answered the farmer, who owned her, "but she's a durned good-natured critter, and she'll give all she can."

THINK THIS OVER

"If I will keep my yardstick as a measure for my own conduct, rather than as an unfailing criterion for the conduct of others, I'll be more apt to be a decent sort than if I go around tolerating sins in myself that I cannot endure in others."

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Fall Fair Time Approaching

The Fairs in Which Our Readers Generally are Interested

The following are the dates of the Fall Fairs of 1923 in which exhibitors and visitors of this section are interested:

Acton	October 2-3
Aberfoyle	October 3
Alliston	October 4-5
Arthur	September 18-19
Ancaster	September 25-26
Brampton	September 21-22
Bolton	September 18-19
Burlington	September 18-19
Caledon	September 26-27
Collingwood	September 11-14
Cookstown	October 2-3
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Erin	October 12
Preston	October 1
Fergus	September 20-21
Galt	September 21-22
Georgetown	October 5-6
Grand Valley	September 27-28
London (Western Fair)	September 8-15
Markham	October 4-6
Milton	September 28-29
Oakville	September 13-15
Orangeville	September 13-14
Ottawa (Central Canada)	Sept. 7-17
Newmarket	September 27-29
Rockwood	September 25-26
Rockton	October 9-10
Shelburne	September 18-19
Stratford	September 18-22
Toronto (Can. Nat.)	Aug. 25-Sept. 8
Weston	September 28-29
Woodbridge	October 12-13

ALL RIGHT, PARSON, LEAD THE WAY

A colored minister in Louisville announced to his faithful flock the following:

"Brethren and sistern, dis mornin' I'se gwine to preach a powerful sermon. I'se gwine to bind de unboundable; I'se gwine to define de undefinable; I'se gwine to unscrew the unscrutable, and I'se gwine to lead you all through de impassable paths to infernal happiness.—By Omaha Office.

BETTER THAN A RAISE

If you can bring yourself to the point of saving half your income, that will do more for you than if your salary should be doubled. For an increase in salary often does not make the worker a bit richer. If he spends all he earns, if his extravagant tastes more than keep pace with the increase in his earning power, it is hard to see how he would be any better off for getting more money. But one who learns to save half he makes, and then uses common sense in investing it, is on the way to wealth.

If your employer does not increase your salary as fast as you think he ought, then do the better thing. Have a little larger proportion of it.

NOT MENTIONING NAMES

It was Donald's first experience in grown-up church, though the little chap had attended Sunday School. When the collection was being taken his father placed the weekly family offering in the plate.

The new was a short one and no other contribution was received from it. This aroused Donald's curiosity, and he blurted out, with all the eagerness of childhood, trying to understand:

"Pa, did you have to pay for the whole row?"—Atlanta Journal.

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