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EDITORIAL

The Liabilities of Municipalities

The liability of Municipal Councils for keeping streets and highways in safe condition has again been proven. Judgment has been given for $200.15 for the plaintiff in the case of Charles Neilson v. the City of Stratford and the Police Commission, which was heard some time ago. The counter claim of the city was disallowed and no costs given in the counter claim. Full costs were granted in the original case. The action arose out of the accident last fall at the corner of Water and Waterloo Streets. Mr. Neilson's car was damaged.

To Foster a Canadian National Spirit

The information has come that another organization has been added to the lengthy list of societies. This new candidate for popular favor comes with the federal incorporation of the Canadian Daughters' League, with headquarters at Vancouver, B. C. The aims of the League are set out to be the providing of a non-partizan, non-sectarian influence in the administration of affairs in Canada; the fostering of a distinctly Canadian national spirit and the development of Canadian institutions, literature, art and music.

Prediction as to Acton's Future

Acton celebrated her fiftieth anniversary as a village on Saturday, Sunday and Monday by holding an old boys' reunion, when hundreds of old residents returned and observed and admired the growth and prosperity of our opulent north Halton centre. The village was looking its very best and extended a real welcome alike to former residents and visitors. Acton deserves its prosperity and its next ambition is to become a town. The necessary population is there and it is only a matter of formalities. By the end of the year Acton will, no doubt, have acquired the rank of towndom, which will mean five towns in Halton, and not an incorporated village.—Oakville Star.

That Unsightly Dump in the Park

Since the attention of citizens was called to the use of the west end of the park, at the very edge of the splendid driveway there, and emphasized by the unfavorable comments of home-comers during the recent Jubilee Celebration, numbers of citizens have taken a walk to the scene of this desecration and they are of one mind in condemning the outrage of permitting refuse being dumped in a place so public; a place regarded by older residents as sacred because associations of earlier times. Places reasonably convenient to town are said to be available for dumping grounds where the refuse would be neither unsightly nor unsanitary, as where it has been dumped for some months past. Two things are due from the Council without delay. 1: The immediate securing of a proper place for dumpage of the refuse of the town. 2. The immediate removal or burial of the refuse which has been deposited in the park. The ensuring of sanitary wholesomeness in town demands a proper dumping place. The Chairman of the Park Committee will earn the appreciation of citizens generally if he will forbid the further dumping of refuse in the park, and further, if he will, after investigation, recommend to the Council a suitable place for the deposit of all refuse hereafter.

Commencing and Finishing Things

There are a great many people in the world who have splendid ideas about commencing a certain piece of work, or of launching upon some laudable enterprise or undertaking, who lack the stick-to-it-iveness to finish what they have begun. A comparatively small thing, carried through to definite achievement, is worth more than a really important undertaking, taken up and dropped after a little. And the reason is that nothing is so dangerous as to form the habit of beginning things and never finishing them. There are some people whose lives are only a succession of false starts. They have put a vast amount of energy into beginning things, and at the end, they have nothing to show for it all. The worst of this habit of starting things and then stopping, is that it gives a misleading idea of activity. Most young people who fall into this dangerous course really believe that they are doing with their lives as much as anyone could ask. And it is only when the best years are gone, that they realize that they are filled with fragments of achievement, and that nothing is whole and complete. If the thing you have started seems less important after you start it as it did before, that is not reason enough for you to make a change of plan. Take into account also the imperative necessity of forming the habit of finishing things.

How Communities Grow

Communities grow in proportion to the support given them by their residents. You cannot boost your town by trading elsewhere or placing business in other localities that could be placed at home. Folks who try to save pennies oftentimes lose dollars. The home merchant is generally honest and offers honest values for your money. He can't afford to be otherwise. He depends for his living from the community and must give the community what it wants at a fair price. When you are tempted to trade outside and purchase "just as good merchandise at greatly reduced prices," you should think twice before buying. If you are "stung" by your home merchant he will no doubt be glad to make an adjustment. The out-of-town merchant is not personally interested in you. He is intent on selling you this once and probably does not expect to sell you again. He does not have to take great care in preserving your good will. More than owing it to your community to trade at home, thus keeping your money at home, you should give the home merchant first opportunity to serve you, from a sound economic standpoint.—Winchester Press.

Perpetual Care at Fairview Cemetery

The desirability of the re-organization of the administration of Fairview Cemetery under the perpetual care system has been repeatedly emphasized in these columns. During the Jubilee Celebration scores of former residents, who have plots or are interested in the old home cemetery, visited this interesting place. They commented very freely upon the general beauty of the place, but expressed regret that so many of the plots of non-residents were uncared for. The need for general and perpetual care was spoken of by many, and some offered to contribute to a perpetual care fund if the Council would make provision for adequate and constant care by efficient gardeners or caretakers. It was pointed out that the towns where the cemeteries were found to be in the most satisfactory condition, had appointed Boards or Committees for the oversight of the cemeteries, in which the Council were represented, but which were largely composed of interested citizens appointed for a term of years. This plan gives permanency to the Board and continuous administration of plans calculated to be of a permanent character. Fairview Cemetery requires the constant care during the spring and summer months of an efficient man engaged to give his whole time to the work of trimming and grading lots, keeping the walks clean, and the drives in proper condition. If such a Board or Committee were appointed, with power to engage competent caretakers, and have all plots kept in a tidy and presentable condition, hundreds of people would gladly pay the amount required to ensure perpetual care; and no doubt some men or women of wealth would donate or bequeath substantial sums to make this very laudable work a permanent success. A native of Guelph, now resident and prosperous in Chicago, donated $10,000 to be used by the Cemetery Board of the Royal City in the care of the plots and drives in the cemetery there. With commendible foresight the Cemetery Committee at Newmarket, composed of citizens appointed by the Town Council, adopted the Perpetual Care Plan twenty years or more ago. The Committee now has a fund of over $35,000 deposited with the Government, the interest of which is devoted to the perpetual care of the cemetery. If a similar system is adopted for Acton as a result of the recent Jubilee Celebration, and the suggestions of home-comers who attended, the Celebration was certainly not held in vain.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Attorney-General's Department is giving no quarter to the violators of the new anti-betting information bill. Violators are being prosecuted wherever evidence is forthcoming.

The city of Guelph sold $36,300 sewerage debentures last week at $103.21. They are 5½ per cent. twenty-year debentures. There is evidently nothing much the matter with the financial standing of the Royal City.

The breach between Great Britain and France on the question of reparations is widening rather than closing. Grave warning of this was given by both Premier Baldwin and Lord Curzon in their statements to Parliament.

Lloyd George has announced that his visit to Canada this coming fall is entirely in the nature of a social visit. "I simply want to drop around to say 'thank you' to the Canadians for the magnificent service they rendered during the recent war."

It is a remarkable compliment to the Province that only a single protest is made against all of the members elected at the general election on June 25. The once exception is in the case of South Waterloo, where the election of K. Homuth, Conservative, is protested.

Those who were so unfortunate as to invest in the L. R. Steel concern have faint hopes of receiving much out of the wreck, for the receivers and lawyers in the United States, engaged in the L. R. Steel bankruptcy case, have already entered claims totalling $251,000 for personal services.

The requirement that Inland Revenue Stamps must be used on cheques does not come into effect until October 1, notwithstanding the announcement in the daily papers that August 1 was the date. The Special War Revenue Act has provided explicitly that postage stamps may be used in the payment of stamp duties under the Act, but after October 1 this permission ceases to exist.

The demand for land in Ontario by bona-fide settlers shows a marked increase, with the result that it has been necessary to open new areas, according to a report for the year 1922, issued by the Provincial Department of Lands. During the past year 804 persons purchased land from the Government, an increase of over 150. In addition, 219 locations of 160 acres each were granted to returned men, or a total of 35,040 acres. Patents were granted covering 45,119 acres to 328 settlers who had met the required building and clearing conditions.

SOMETHING ABOUT RADIUM

Just about this time twenty-five years ago M. and Mme. Curie were making the experiments which resulted in the discovery of radium.

While our knowledge of the why and wherefore of radium has not materially increased since M. and Mme. Curie announced their momentous discovery, we have learned, more particularly during the last year or two, a good deal of its vagaries and its possibilities in certain branches of medical research. Its potentialities as a whole, however, are still largely a matter of speculation.

Few people have seen radium, and perhaps fewer still recognize it at sight. A tube of radium comprises a piece of talc, behind which is fixed a tiny screen. In front is a magnifying glass, through which may be seen, on the talc, what looks like an infinitesimal yellow stain, not much bigger than the full stop at the end of this sentence. This little speck is radium, and it may be worth anything up to $50,000.

At night the little yellow stain is seen to glow brightly enough to be noticeable yards away. But, although the phenomenon reminds one of phosphorescence, it is very different in character. Phosphorescence is impermanent, whereas the radiation from radium may continue unimpaired for years, and possibly centuries.

Radium throws off sufficient heat to bring its own weight of water to boiling point every hour for a thousand years and more. Its emission of heat can neither be increased nor diminished. It has been tested in extremes of temperature, ranging from liquid air to super-heated braziers, without affecting its radiations in the slightest degree.

These are facts which, while they are unknown to most people, have lately been ascertained by scientists, who are now busily engaged in trying to find a way of harnessing the apparently inexhaustible energy of radium.

Probably in ten years' time we shall not know much more than we do now of the reason why radium possesses these astonishing qualities, but it is more than likely that we shall have found a way of adapting them to our needs.

THE FUTURE OF THE FILM

Mr. W. B. Maxwell, the novelist, who has just returned to London, after representing the Authors' Society of England at the International Congress on the Motion Picture Arts in New York, believes that the film play has reached a critical point so far as its influence is concerned. He says:—

"If the film improves it will do good. If not it will do harm. In certain inferior film productions there is no appeal to the mind, no uplift of any kind. One can guess the end almost before the play starts.

"Where the film is good and does stimulate the imagination it confers a very great benefit to society. The producer must make the film play simple and easy, but if the film play is made too simple there is a danger that instead of kinema audiences being educated their intelligence may be deadened.

"As a result you may get as the universal type of the kinema patron the large, blonde girl who sits sucking chocolates, holding her sweetheart's hand, and vaguely watching the film play—not sure whether she likes best the taste of the sweetstuff, the pressure of her lover's fingers, or the sensation aroused by the phantom pictures on the screen."

Mr. Maxwell believes that while great film writers may arise, their art is not to be ranked with the novelist's or dramatist's.

"Trained authors who write direct for the screen will do the work well, but they are likely to work on machine-made lines, losing the really fine ideas which I am persuaded can be expressed on the screen.

"You want the real literary man as the creative artist, and the highly trained producer as his interpreter."

WHAT A FLY DID

Mr. James Howard, of Walker, married an interesting young lady named Symonds, about a year ago, and they have lived coasily and happily together ever since. But the other morning, at breakfast, an inquisitive and hungry fly dropped down from his perch on the ceiling, and, stretching his legs, began skirmishing around for his breakfast. He crawled slowly around Mr. Howard's coffee cup once or twice, sniffing the delicious aroma, and wondering how he could manage to get a drink, when his foot slipped, he lost his grip, and in a moment more was floundering around in the liquid. His struggles attracted the attention of James, and he pulled him out and playfully tossed him across the table. The unfortunate fly alighted in a wet and bedragged condition on Mrs. H's plate. She indignantly grabbed him and flung him back into her husband's plate. James gazed steadily at her for a moment, and seeing blood in her eye, deliberately picked up the fly, and with a hand trembling with suppressed rage, threw it back on her plate. Then began a regular game of shuttlecock between the two, and that fly flew back and forth until he was completely worn out. Then the young wife bursting into tears, seized her bonnet and rushed from the house to the residence of her parents, vowing she would never come back; and James went out to the barn, swearing to himself. In an hour or so the father of the much-abused wife came over with a team and removed all her baggage, and now they "meet as friends no more." They have separated for good, and thus two lives are rendered miserable by the single misstep of a fly. On such small things do our destinies depend!

LIKE BEGETS LIKE

When a man becomes bitter and sour, and begins to think and feel that everyone is against him, he will inevitably begin to treat them in a manner so that they will be. If he thinks and acts as though everyone is a friend, unconsciously he will so conduct himself that all will be friends. If we put into our relations with our fellow men a full and over-flowing measure of cheer and good will, we may rest assured that even so will it be returned unto us.

Sincerity is the very foundation stone of true friendliness. It is also a human trait that is hard to counterfeit, as the sincere, friendly impulse comes from the soul of a man and not from the calculating mind. Think kindly and friendly thoughts. If you have a heart and soul, why be ashamed of them? Bring them into the shop, the office and your daily life.

The hand may be cunning, and the head may contain the brain that can conceive the most brilliant thoughts, but every good and worthy impulse comes from the heart. Strengthen your faith in men, think kindly of them, believe that they are your friends, and in the long run they will be.

KICK THE BUCKET

Did you ever hear the expression: "Kick the bucket." It arose in the days of the great gold rush to California and Australia in 1849-51. Many unfortunate seekers after gold, losing their all in an unavailing effort to find the precious "dust," committed suicide. The suicide tied a rope to a beam in his hut. Then, standing on an upturned bucket, he would adjust the other end of the rope round his neck. When all was ready he simply kicked the bucket from under his feet.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

OAKVILLE

On Friday evening, August 17, the Oakville Fire Brigade will hold their big annual garden party in Victoria Park.

The making of baskets was begun on Tuesday in the new fire proof building of the Oakville Basket Co. And all this week some forty employees have been busy.

The Salvation Army Temple Band, Toronto, under the leadership of Div. Bandmaster King, will give a concert here on August 19.

Highly satisfactory work is being done in completing the Dundas Street pavement through Halton county and the residents along the line are wearing smiles broad and deep.

Manager J. B. L. Grout and all the members of his staff were kept busy all Saturday afternoon and evening showing hundreds of visitors through the fine new bank building on the south east corner of Colborne and Thomas Streets.

After being in the grocery business in Oakville for about eight years, Harry Smith has sold his business to the Loblaw firm, of Toronto, who conduct a chain of groceteria stores.

The Rev. Chas. H. Stewart, D. D., of Buffalo, N. Y., preached at the morning service in Knox Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

The huge east concrete abutment for the new highway bridge has been poured to above water level and forms are up for pouring another eight or ten feet. This abutment is poured on top of piles driven between fifty and sixty feet to bed rock. Engineers claim a perfectly satisfactory foundation has been found and this will relieve anxiety on this point.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Fisher and daughter, Miss Margaret Ann, of Petersburg, Va., were in Oakville as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Deane. They were highly delighted with our town and the flourishing district.—News.

BURLINGTON

A motion of sympathy to Reeve F. D. Ghent and family in the loss of their son was passed unanimously by a standing vote at last session of the Council.

The good old town never looked better and the delegates were tickled to death with the hospitality of the local firemen and citizens generally during the convention here.

On Friday evening the local softball team journeyed to Stoney Creek and defeated the girls of that town by the score of 16 to 5, in a very good game of ball.

Miss Muriel Barker, of St. Catharines, is the guest of Miss Marjorie Speers. Rev. and Mrs. Barker also spent a couple of days with friends here during the past week.

Miss Sylvia Kerns is spending the month of August with friends at North Bay and Haileybury.

The Burlington Horticultural Society will hold its annual flower, fruit and vegetable show at Lakeside Park on Wednesday, August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGibbon and son, of Winnipeg, Man., arrived last week on a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Alton, and other relatives in the county.

The Council received from A. B. Coleman a letter requesting that he be reimbursed for damages sustained to his automobile as a result of an accident in front of the basket factory when the road was being repaired.

A by-law was passed providing for numbering the houses on the streets. The Council will purchase the numbers and the cost of the numbers and placing them on the houses will be charged to the householder.

Miss Farley, of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, London, England, was a guest at the rectory over the week-end. Miss Farley was Mrs. Tebb's assistant in Dublin, Ireland. She now has charge of one of Dr. Barnardo's cottages.—Gazette.

MILTON

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Maude, of Renfrew, are spending holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. MacKenzie left by motor last week for Flint, Mich., where they will visit with friends for a few days.

Rev. S. W. Hann and family, of Ethel, are spending holidays here with Mrs. Hann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hare.

Miss Dick and Miss E. M. Dick, of John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., were visitors with their brother, Mr. W. I. Dick, last week.

Quite a number from here attended the Acton Jubilee Celebration Saturday, Sunday and Monday, which was a great success.

The flag on the post office was lowered to half mast last Saturday following the death of President Harding of the United States.

Mrs. H. G. Heaven, of Oakville, has been visiting her sisters here, Mesdames C. W. and F. J. Martin. She leaves shortly for Richmond, Virginia, to visit a sister there.

Mr. W. I. Dick, Crown Attorney, and Mrs. Dick and the family, have gone to Wilberforce, Haliburton, for the month of August.

Martin Street has been treated to a fresh coat of tarvia. This is one of the most frequently travelled streets in town, leading as it does out into the country, and is subjected to very heavy vehicular traffic.

The town hall is being treated to a new coat of paint, but not before it was needed.

A motor bus now plies between Milton and Hamilton, making daily trips to and from the Ambitious City.

About all that there is to identify Milton Civic Holiday is the fact that it is so named. Other than that there is nothing, and there was very little doing in the town, those who left town either going to Burlington to the firemen's demonstration or to the nearby cities for the day.

C. E. Hollinrake, of Saskatoon, Sask., formerly of Milton, arrived in town on Thursday last and left later to join Mrs. Hollinrake in Toronto. They are on their way home after a visit to Mrs. Hollinrake's old home, near Boston, Mass., and spending the greater part of their vacation on the Maine sea coast.—Reformer.

HE IS MY BROTHER.

There is a story of a child who was pitied by a stranger for being obliged to carry around a baby almost as large as herself. "That baby must be very heavy for you," the stranger said, and the child resentfully indignantly, "Why, no, he isn't heavy. He's my brother." Instinctively she resented the idea that her little brother should be looked upon as a burden.

Whether a thing is a trouble or not, depends on the spirit with which we undertake it. A mother does not find it a trouble to give her little ones the most exacting service. A salesewyman who wants to sell a customer a new suit, does not find it a trouble, to show her everything in the store.

Sometimes a person who is thanked by a friend for the pains he has taken to do some service, replies, "Oh, it's no trouble," and that is not a mere figure of speech. We cannot be said "to take trouble" when we undertake a service willingly and gladly. Without exaggeration we can say in such a case, "It's no trouble."

UNEARNED PLEASURES

The good things that you earn for yourself are not likely to do you any injury. Few men have ever been harmed by fortunes they made honestly, but the sons who inherit those fortunes are endangered by every dollar.

The trouble with the present craze for pleasure is that so many want pleasure without earning it. Every day should have room for recreation and enjoyment, and if the right to these things is earned by hard work, honestly done, the effect of wholesome pleasure will be wholesome. But the young people who try to shirk doing the work that belongs to them, in order to get more fun than they have any right to, are bound to find that pleasure injurious. Beware the good things, of whatever sort, that you have not earned.

The coming man is seldom noticed until he arrives.

CONSIDERATE

"Yes," said the delegate, "I said I was the working man's friend."

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