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EDITORIAL

Young Folks Studying Municipal Problems

The Citizenship Committee of the Young People's League discussed with a marked degree of common sense in their forum on Monday evening, such live municipal topics as: "The need for a Waterworks Commission," "Perpetual Care of Fairview Cemetery," "The Hydro Shop for Service by being open all business hours for customers." The members of the Council and of the Hydro Commission would have gained some real food for thought and stimulation to action had they been present. Carefully studied arguments, pro and con, were advanced.

Criticizing the Council's Actions

The Herald was told last week quite seriously that the members of the County Council were "indignant at the way you 'abused' them over the vote on money to the Muskoka hospital." That can be readily understood. No man who ever made a fool of himself likes to hear about it. But what struck us as peculiar was the use of the word 'abuse.' Can it be that the public servants, elected by the votes of their constituents to do the will of those constituents, should get so autocratic and imperious that they become intolerant of a little criticism?—Allison Herald.

Some Towns Still Struggling with Soldiers' Monument Problems

The towns of Orillia and Newmarket turned down by-laws to provide for the erection of soldiers' monuments. By way of explanation of the defeat of the proposal in Newmarket, the Era says: "In the first place many voters thought the proposition was too indefinite. The War Veterans were opposed to a monument, and wanted the money put into something useful as well as ornamental. Others thought that the taxes were high enough without such expenditure." Then the Era adds: "Evidently patriotism and sacrifice were not considered when it affected the pocketbook. What would the taxes be to-day had Germany won the war? The obligation is still to be paid."

Oakville Council Opening a Social Function

Oakville is evidently aiming to give its Council sessions attractive features. The local press reports that at the opening session last week, "The Council Chamber was nicely decorated with flags and flowers and there were also button-hole bouquets for each of the Councillors and press reporters. There were the usual New Year greetings from ex-Mayor C. H. Cross to each member of the Council, and a box of fine cigars from the Bank of Toronto. The audience included quite a number of ladies among the interested electors. A new feature was introduced into the inauguration ceremonies this year, and through the generosity of Mayor Foster the Councillors, town officials and press reporters were invited to a civic luncheon, which proved to be one of the delightful chicken dinners for which the Gibson Grill has become famous." Now, if Reeve Barber would introduce something of this nature there would always be a "gallery" at the Council sessions, and aspirants for seats at the Council board.

Ontario has 61,109 Accidents

Last year stands out in the history of compensation in this Province as the year in which there were more accidents reported to the Compensation Board than ever before. In 1923 there were 61,109 accidents reported by industry to the Board, of which 370 were fatal. These figures, on the basis of accident frequency, contrast unfavorably with the 1922 figures, when 50,411 accidents were reported, of which 418 were fatal. The only consolation in the report is the fact that the increase in accidents of a more minor nature. Up to 1923, the largest number of accidents reported was in 1920, when there were 54,851. In 1923 benefits awarded amounted to \$6,173,701.74; in 1922 to \$5,002,898.01, and in 1921 to \$6,189,263.40. No one will quarrel with the principle of the compensation, but the whole community may reasonably stand aghast at the thought that accidents in industry in one province of Canada are costing six million dollars a year, plus lost production and lost wages, which may easily double that figure. Most accidents are preventable. A little care, a little forethought, a little common sense, will prevent thousands of accidents and reduce both human suffering and money losses. An average of 204 accidents reported every day in 1923 to the Workmen's Compensation Board calls for direct action by management and men to assist in reducing these figures materially for the present year.

Intoxicated Drivers of Any Vehicle Now Prohibited

The new Act to regulate travel on the highways, passed at last session of the Legislature, and which came into effect on the first of January, penalizes the man who drives a vehicle, other than a motor vehicle, on a highway while intoxicated. For first offence the penalty is up to \$50, for a second offence up to \$100, and for a third offence up to \$200, and imprisonment up to 30 days, at the discretion of the magistrate hearing the case. In addition to this the Ontario Temperance Act may also step in and secure a conviction against such offender, for being intoxicated in a public place.

The Advice of a Financier

Roger W. Babson, the great financier, said to a gathering of Montreal business men the other evening: "There never was a time when business men were so divided as to the outlook. This very fact should cause you successful business men to take your task seriously during the next few months. Cut out all frills. Collect your bills. Keep down inventories. Reduce costs. Avoid getting into any more debt and get out of debt as fast as possible. We must all work for greater confidence, more efficiency, lower taxes, and other fundamental rather than superficial remedies." He further said that the supreme need of our time is to cut out all fake optimism and false standards, getting back as quickly as possible to old-time honesty, industry, thrift and service.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The death rate of the United States last year was 11.8 per thousand. In 1880 it was 25 per 1,000; and in 1900 it was 17.6 per 1,000. Science is very manifestly effecting a marked increase in longevity.

Hon. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada, recently said in England that, while in 1915 Canada stood tenth among the nations in the value of her exports, to-day she stands fifth, next to Britain, United States, France and Germany.

Sir Henry Thornton is now predicting that the Canadian National Railways will show a net profit of \$15,000,000 this year. Recently Sir Henry predicted the railway would get on a profitable basis in three years. The prospects are evidently growing better and better in every way every day.

It is said that the Labor parties "dry" tendencies are feared by the liquor trade of Great Britain. This is a different story to that we often hear from the liquor people on this side. If labor people begin to think seriously the liquor interests may well stand in fear of their policy.

Two names are now prominently mentioned for the office of Warden of Halton, namely: George Hillmer, M. P. P., Reeve of Oakville, and George Barber, Reeve of Acton. So that no matter which is chosen, George will be Warden.—Milton Reformer last week.

The Ontario Legislature will meet on February 6th. Already plans are well advanced for the session and much important legislation will be considered. Road matters will doubtless loom large in the discussions. Another important matter is hydro development. The cabinet have led the way by taking action in the St. Lawrence development scheme.

Government statistics estimate the apple crop of Canada for 1923 at 10,794,500 boxes, which, at an estimated average of \$2 a box, makes the value a little over \$1,000,000. By Provinces the estimated production was as follows: Nova Scotia, 5,250,000 boxes; British Columbia, 3,124,000; Ontario, 2,275,000; Quebec, 110,000; and New Brunswick 65,500.

The Old Country liquor barons have spent lavishly to convince the people of Scotland, through advertising and billboards and a one-sided press, that prohibition is a failure in the United States, and have temporarily succeeded in keeping them from voting "dry." But they feel the pressure of their spending. They are now commencing to complain of having to fight local option every three years.—Pioneer.

One of the reasons urged for the repeal of prohibition legislation is the number of violations of law under this Act. Men do not reason this way, however, with regard to other laws. It is said that over one thousand arrests were made in Cincinnati in one month for violation of the traffic laws guarding human life and property. Yet we do not hear of any demand for the repeal of these laws.—Presbyterian Witness.

The people of England have evidently imbibed a much more earnest spirit of "Safety First" than we of this North American continent. There was only one railway accident on all the lines of that country involving loss of life last year. Since the beginning of the century two years have passed without a single fatality. Would that the same might be said of Canada, but our multitudes of level crossings make a menace here which is unknown in England.

Ontario retail merchants are organizing to press upon the legislature at its coming session the necessity of amendments to the Transient Traders' Act and the Hawkers and Peddlers' Act to compel peddlers to take out a license. It is proposed to exempt the peddler who sells his own goods, but in cities of less than 100,000 and in towns and villages, the fee for a motor vehicle shall be \$100, for a one-horse wagon, \$50, for a push-cart, pack or basket the fee would be \$5.

Quebec's Provincial Treasurer says the liabilities of that Province are \$60,081,632 and its assets only \$21,990,820, or a difference on the wrong side of \$47,070,803. Either Mr. Nicols is more modest in counting assets than our Ontario treasurer, or Quebec's financial condition is not so much a matter for congratulation as it was supposed to be. Ontario, according to the last public accounts, had direct liabilities of \$240,023,095, but a zealous compilation of assets brought the total up to \$254,843,052.—Farmers' Sun.

**Neighborhood News--
Town and Country**

GEORGETOWN

Miss Elvira Thompson, H. N., of New York, is visiting at her home on Maple Avenue.

Miss Florence H. L. West, accompanied by Mrs. H. Long, that D. O. Cameron, solicitor for Corporation of Georgetown, re Cleave arbitration, is authorized to complete expert witness, he deems necessary in above arbitration.—Herald.

ROCKWOOD

The annual meeting of the Bible Society held last week at the town hall was attended by a large number of enthusiastic horticulturists. The financial report showed total receipts of \$1252.50, membership last year of 99. The business of the year's work was very satisfactorily completed. Officers for the coming year were elected, and new business discussed with keen interest. It was decided to hold the annual show as usual. Rev. H. M. Geiger, B. A., and Rev. John Little were appointed to attend the Provincial Horticultural Convention, to be held in Toronto on February 7 and 8. Judging from the enthusiasm exhibited and the interest taken in the meeting, and the able executive in charge, we reasonably conclude that "a better year" and a bigger show is in the making for this year of this splendid society. The officers for the year are: President, Wm. Harris; 1st Vice-President, M. F. Barry; 2nd Vice-President, Fred Smith; Secretary, Herbert Edmondson; Treasurer, A. L. Squires.

OAKVILLE

Mr. W. H. Davis and family left on Saturday to spend the winter at Seebree, in Florida.

The Oakville Intermediate, O. H. A. hockey team got into good form and a grace of the local hockey fans here on Monday night when they gave the Burlington sextette a tidy trimming, the score being 8 to 1.

About twenty teachers of Oakville and vicinity attended a conference at the West Side School at 7 p. m. on Friday morning last. The topic for discussion was "Best Work for all Classes." It proved to be very enjoyable, as well as interesting and profitable. At the conclusion lunch was provided by the local teachers.

Mr. Gregory, manager of the Gregory Theatre, should certainly be congratulated upon his efforts in securing the special attraction, for the first time in the history of our town a real live movie personnel honors us with a visit, and a roasting reception should be given Miss Wilson upon her arrival here.

For some time past the members of the Melvira Club, Bronte, composed of some sixteen to twenty young men, of the Methodist Church, Bronte, have been actively engaged in preparing an open air rink on the property of Mr. E. Hays, on Hilsdon street, in the north-east section of town. As a result of their efforts, they were able, on Saturday night last, to witness the opening of the rink, on a Saturday night, very convenient and well-equipped rink.—Itceard.

ERIN

A masquerade carnival will be held in the King George Hotel, Erin, O. (Thursday) evening, at 8 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Erin Public School was held at the home of Mr. J. A. Stephens' shop on Friday evening, January 18.

The church services in the Methodist Churches in Erin and Coningsby will be changed, until further notice, as follows: Coningsby at 10.45 a. m.; Erin, Sunday School at 10 p. m. church service at 7 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leslie left last week for a week's visit with their friends. Incidentally Mr. Leslie will take in the Dominion Checker Tournament at the West Hill, M. A. A.

The North End Erin U. F. O. and U. F. W. O. held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. E. J. Doherty, on Friday evening.

The delegates' reports of the Toronto convention were given and proved very interesting. A debate, "Resolved that it is harmful to Tell Fairy Stories to Children," was an interesting feature of the program.

On Thursday afternoon of last week the pupils of the High School debated on a very interesting subject: "Resolved that Self-love is a Greater Sin than Self-hatred." The affirmative was ably supported by Miss Cora Gibson, Helen McKinnon and Muriel Blinnie, while the arguments of the negative were well upheld by Miss Louise Brown, Marjorie Stewart and Jessie Baird. After a careful examination of the discussion, the judges, Miss Duffin, Miss Hill and Miss Haggerty, gave the decision in favor of the affirmative.—Advocate.

MILTON

Messrs. M. H. Hutchison and J. W. Hight are the auctioneers of the town for 1924.

F. Little has been appointed a member of the High School board for 1924, 25 and 26.

Inspector Levan, after a recent visit to the High School, reports: "It is the plain duty of the board to take steps at once to relieve the crowding of this school. A wing should be added, to contain two rooms. About \$15,000 would cover the cost. Until something is done the recommendation of the payment of the legislative grant to the school will be held in abeyance."

At a meeting held on Monday evening, January 14, it was decided to arrange for an "Old House Week" celebration, the dates to be June 26 to July 1.

In the absence of the pastor through the illness of his mother, the pulpit of the Methodist Church was occupied last Sunday, morning and evening, by Inspector Denny.

Dr. Carl Martin, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis, is making good progress towards recovery, we are glad to state.

J. N. Lees, of Trafalgar township, reports having a large stock of hatters. This is the earliest heard of in this district for many years.

It may not be generally known, so quietly and smoothly is the business conducted, that there are in the neighborhood of a half-dozen saloons supplied here in the Humber Mills.

A new pipe organ, costing \$2,000, was recently installed in Grace Church, the pipe organ fund contributed \$1,200 and subscriptions cover the balance.

GOOD CHEER

The article of a week or so ago, on "Laughter," may be appropriately followed by one on Good Cheer.

It is a good thing to be engaged in what has been called the "obscuring up business." Some callings and professions are full, but not this one. That there are burdens, trials and disappointments in life we are ready to admit, but we cannot ignore for or overcome these experiences by forbearance, and fretting away our little hour. There is much for thankfulness and gratitude, even in material things. The world is very beautiful and for nearly six thousand years it has shone upon, clothed and fed its millions of inhabitants, and it will likely continue to do so for some time to come. In a recent number of *Leaflet's* Weekly, H. P. Greig says this cheery sonnet:

I'm thankful for the summer, with its blossoms on its trees; I'm thankful for the winter, with its bluster on its trees; I'm thankful for the fall, that I could say: "Whether I'm more thankful for the autumn, there's disappointments, and there's trouble, more or less; but I'm so brimful, every o'er the sweets of happiness, I don't have time to worry o'er the bitter things, you see, 'For the Lord 'eep keep me busy boun' to be a thankful sonnet."

The Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, the celebrated Brooklyn divine, was visiting the famous London preacher, the Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon.

After a hard day of work and serious discussion, these two mighty men of God went out into the country together for a holiday. They roamed the fields in high spirits like boys let loose from school, chatting and laughing and laughing and chatting.

Dr. Cuyler had just told a story at which Mr. Spurgeon laughed uproariously. Then suddenly he turned to Dr. Cuyler and exclaimed: "Theodore, let's kneel down and thank God for laughter!" And there, on the green carpet of grass, under the trees, two of the world's greatest men knelt and thanked the dear Lord for the bright and joyous laughter.

The laugh-maker is a public benefactor, for laughter is the salt of life, and keeps the whole dish sweet.

"A laugh is just like music, it lingers on the heart, and where its melody is heard 'The life of life departs."

Ill health, to be sure, has a most depressing effect, but even this can be helped by a cheerful spirit and some attention to the laws of health. Some people wonder why they are so gloomy, but the simple truth, in some cases, is that they are too much, or are what was not suitable to them. Life is made of ups and downs. We tread upon life's broken lawns and murmur at our self-inflicted pain.

If you feel a little gloomy, and you're somewhat off your feed, you should heed my timely warning. And accept my simple creed: "There's a key for every lock. There's a key for every lock. And the cure for your ailment is to walk, walk, walk."

Life is not a joke, neither is it a dirge. The people who take nothing seriously, and the people who take everything seriously, are both wrong. Life stands for work, high aims, persistent endeavor, or else it is a failure. But it also stands for laughter, friendship and love. The life which leaves these out is incomplete.—D. H.

WHENCE CAME FIREWORKS?

Fireworks, and gunpowder, like many other things, originated in China, many years before being introduced into Great Britain. London's first fireworks display was given at the coronation of James II, and was followed a year or two by another on the birth of his son (the unhappy "Old Pretender"), and a third on the accession of William III. Since then they have been regarded as an almost indispensable adjunct of all public rejoicings. Our own gunpowder manufacturing fireworks steadily since the time of Charles II.

SENSIBLE DON'TS

Don't mail that sarcastic, bitter letter which you write in that angry mood, and which gave you a feeling of spiteful satisfaction because you thought you were "getting square" with someone who had insulted you—burn it. There is a better way. Try it. Don't say the mean thing you have been planning to say to someone you think has been mean to you. Instead give him the love thought, the magnanimous thought. Say to yourself: "Life is my brother. No matter what he has done, I can't be mean to him. I must show my friendliness, my magnanimity to this brother."

WHERE IT COUNTS

I am twenty-five cents.
I am not out speaking terms with the butcher.
I am too small to buy a quart of ice cream.
I cannot be exchanged for a gallon of gasoline.
I am too small to buy a ticket to a movie.
I am hardly fit for a tip. But—believe me,
When I am to church on Sunday I am considered some money.

COULDN'T FIND A WORSE PREACHER

The vicar of a parish in the West of England fell ill one Saturday afternoon, and a certain famous canon who happened to be staying in the neighborhood consented to conduct the services on the Sunday.

At the close of the evening service, the churchwardens assembled in the vestry to thank him.

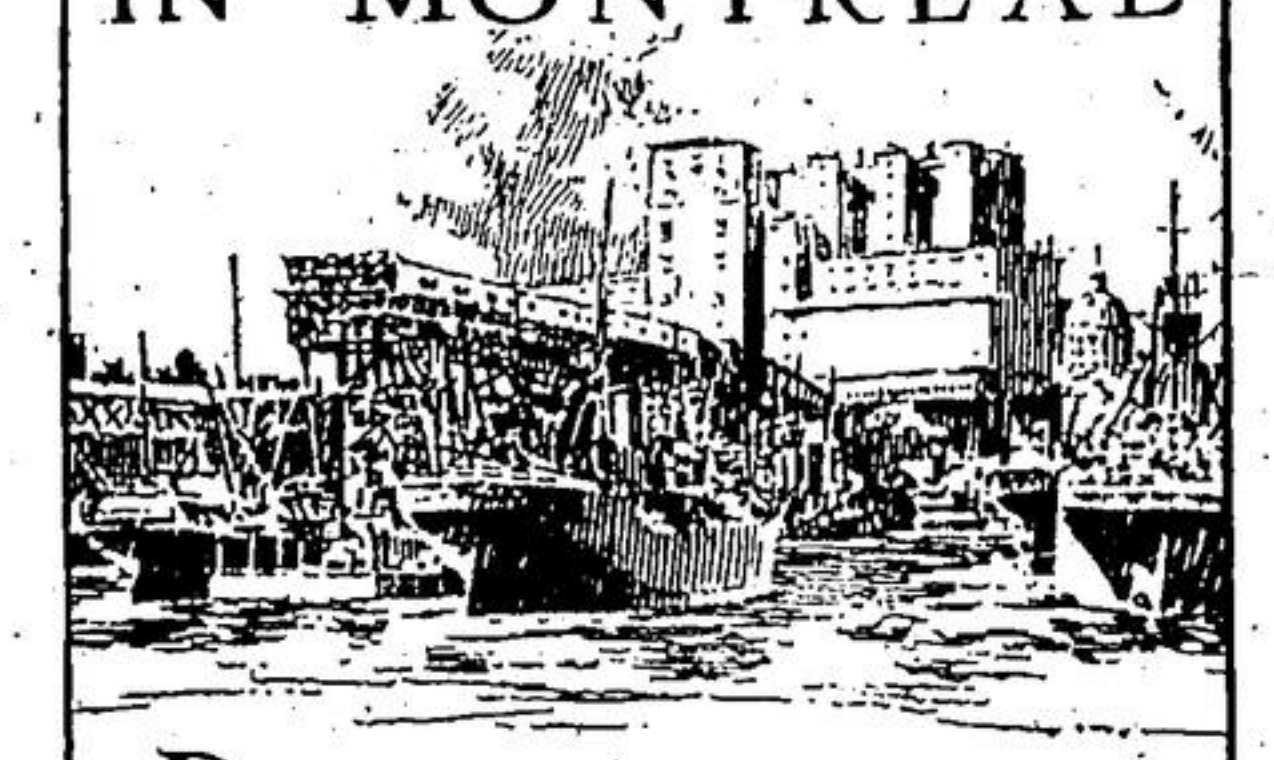
"It's very kind of you, we're sure, sir," one of them said; "a much worse man than you would have done for us—but we couldn't find one."

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