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EDITORIAL

Let Us Have Two-cent Letter Postage Again

Canada's postal revenue is increasing, the returns for the eight months of the fiscal year to November 30, showing total receipts of \$18,000,000 as compared with \$17,000,000 for the same months last year.

Hydro-Electric Municipalities Do Not Default

Of the hundreds of municipalities in this Province who own and operate their own electrical utilities, not one of them has ever defaulted a dollar of their obligations.

It is Worth While to do Your Best

Young man! Jack yourself up to the best that is in you, on that job of yours. Do not neglect your work because you think it is beneath your ability.

The Duties of the Assessor

The duties of a municipal Assessor and the appointment of persons who will please everybody and do justly by all, are municipal problems.

Making Jerusalem a Manufacturing Centre

Modern inventive skill and methods of construction are benefiting Jerusalem and other sections of the Holy Land with the latest conveniences, and with present-day plans for manufacturing desirable products.

Progressives Centre on the Federal Field

That was rather a significant appeal of Hon. J. A. Maharg at the opening of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association last week at Moose Jaw.

The Reformer and Warden Barber

Mr. Barber's election came as no surprise to those who have been keeping tabs on County Council matters, as he has been Reeve of Acton for a number of years.

Drastic Rules Governing Debate

Manitoba Government is taking strong measures to ensure brief and pointed speeches by the members. A ruling giving a member of the Government the right to apply closure on debates in the Legislature.

A New Word Coined for Present-day Conditions

"Scofflaw"—a new word to brand the lawless drinker—has made its entry into the English language. Deleware King, of Quincy, Mass., announced "scofflaw" (accent on the first syllable) as the winner in his prize contest to secure a single word which would characterize the user of illegally made or illegally obtained liquor.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Figures from the Bureau of Statistics show that Canada's import of liquor decreased \$1,000,000 in 1923. There was a decrease of \$17,000,000 in 1922, as compared with 1921.

Lord Curzon says that "in the House of Lords more than in any other place, lies the duty and power of conserving those principles which lie at the root of good government.

Current biographers make this significant statement: "For the first time in the history of the British Empire, the prime minister is both a total abstainer and a prohibitionist."

The Home and School Club will hold a card party in the town hall, Thursday evening. All interested in Public School work are cordially invited to attend.

A sad commentary on present-day conditions is that 75 per cent. of the crime is committed by men under 25 years of age. It is safe to say that the great majority of these are recruited from the boys and youths who make no effort to find profitable occupation for their idle hours.

Reference was made a week or so ago to the fact that representatives of both the local papers at Meaford were elected to the Town Council.

We need a slogan to end war, suggests a prominent magazine writer. A thoughtful statesman asks: How about "Pay as You Enter"? This would surely be effective.

The fact that Canada is able to absorb without foreign assistance the heavy Government financing of 1923, and the latest big issue of \$50,000,000 of Canadian National Railway bonds, is interpreted by New York bond dealers as an event of more than passing significance.

In the election of Mr. Cranmer Woodhall as President of Acton Fall Fair an able and energetic official head has been chosen.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

MILTON

The annual meeting of the Milton Horticultural Society was held last Thursday afternoon. A successful year was reported.

OAKVILLE

Messrs. Greig & Anderson have taken over the Oakville garage, on Colborne Street.

tenders were opened for the sale of \$25,000 High School and \$3,000 water-works extension debentures.

The management of the Royal Bank has decided to close the Oakville branch on the last day of this month.

The election of officers for the Fall Fair for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Honorary President—Mayor A. S. Foster.

ERIN

A Horticultural Society for Erin is now a live topic and very likely to result in the organization of a society.

The members of the District Council assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. McDougall on Tuesday evening of last week to spend a social hour and to make a presentation to Mrs. H. Keeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Conboy, who have been visiting with their aunt, Miss Conboy, left on Saturday evening for London, where they will visit with friends before leaving for their home at Hurman Lodge.

Mrs. Jas. Smith has sold her property and business to Mr. Russell Giege, of Grand Valley. Mrs. Smith will take possession on February 1.

GEORGETOWN

Mrs. Harry Stockford had the misfortune to fall and break her arm last Saturday afternoon.

The Georgetown Lumber Company have received the contract for the government for the cutting of the blanks for the new Norway bridge.

At a meeting of the Public Library board the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, J. McDermaid; Secretary, J. L. Thompson; Treasurer, C. W. Martin.

Anniversary services will be held in the Baptist Church on Sunday, February 4. Rev. D. C. McMillan, Moderator; Chancelor of McMaster University, will preach.

"Greenland" Limited have purchased and moved the machinery of the Canada Needle Works to their factory building on Main Street.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, who has been quite ill for some weeks, is reported to be slowly recovering.

Mr. J. A. Tracy, who was taken ill quite suddenly while attending Division Court last Friday, has since been confined to his room.

Mr. J. H. Mackenzie spent some days in Toronto last week attending the Lumbermen's Convention.

Georgetown Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4. Percy Cleaver was appointed Treasurer of the Fair at a salary of \$15 a year.

THE WAITER'S GIBE

(Gen. Pershing said at an American Legion banquet in New Orleans: "Since the war we have all great French scholars. You remember, of course, the doughboy in the French restaurant who ordered a certain item on the menu only to be told by the waiter: "Monsieur, but the band is playing that."

LOOK OUT FOR THAT HANDICAP

"This property would have brought considerable more than was realized on it, had the fence been straitened up and two or three hours of work held together."

A boy hastened to a business man's office in answer to an advertisement in the local paper.

"You're not the boy I am looking for," he said. Then he turned in his revolving chair and spoke to a business colleague.

"It was not strange that things always went against Jim, if his broken-down fence was the only thing that stood in his way."

A READY ANSWER

Everyone is malicious enough to enjoy the disclosure of a cross-examining lawyer by the witness to be bedraggled.

"Tell the court exactly where you were on the twentieth day of said month."

"I was on the corner of Second and Main streets, asking a woman a question," replied the witness.

"Ah-ha! But how do you know it was exactly five-thirty?"

"Ah-ha yourself!" said the witness. "The question I was asking him was what time it was."

THE CAUSE

Teddy hated to wash his face more than once a day. Just at when he was likely to use the hose to sprinkle the flowers.

"You'll make them wilt if you sprinkle them at any time except in the morning," he told him.

"Then 'Teddy' looked at grandma's wrinkles and remembered the flowers. "Yes, and just see how wilted it is," he retorted.—Indianapolis News.

MACHINE TO CLEAN OLD BRICKS

The chief objection to the use of bricks that have already been used in the labor involved in cleaning away the mortar with which they have been held together.

The bricks are fed into the machine by one man and carried away by another. The machine is belt-driven from a gas or steam engine.

"Quantities of crayfish are caught along the English coast. Yet, oddly enough, this delicacy is seldom served in British houses or hotels."

Great shoals of mullet are netted along the Devon and Cornish coast but only rarely is the fish seen on English tables.

UNPOPULAR FISH

Most of the English picnics are salted down for the Spanish and Italian markets. The fish contains a considerable amount of oil.

"Ask for and be sure you get Excelsior Brand Pastry Flour."

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GO-OPERATING WITH OPPORTUNITY

Some young people seem to have an idea that opportunity either comes along or does not, and their only responsibility is to be at home when it calls.

"Plugging yourself for opportunity is a very important element. There are always chances for one who has the necessary qualifications."

"Know what you want to do, and get ready to do it and do it well. That is your part. And when you have met those conditions, if opportunity does not come along, go out and hunt for it."

RECORD MINERAL PRODUCTION

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—In 1923 Canada produced more coal, lead, cobalt, and asbestos than during any other year since mining records have been kept.

"FEEL IT HEAL" Mentholatum COLDS - BURNS - BRUISES

"Dee-lighted"

Was the expression one housewife used when asked her opinion of Excelsior Pastry Flour, and we know you would express the same opinion over every piece of baking in which you had used Excelsior Brand Flour.

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Does Advertising Pay?

Successful business firms say that money expended in careful and judicious advertising through the newspapers is their best and most profitable investment.

It seems a large sum for one small post office distribution, and yet the same firm has been sending catalogues, not once, but four times a year, through this same office, counting their smaller spring and fall catalogues.

It seems a large amount of money for one firm to spend in one community, but there can be no doubt that the investment is a paying one.

A local merchant, whose advertising account amounts to two or three hundred dollars in the year, thinks himself a generous advertiser, whereas if he spent double or three times the amount it would prove a better and more profitable investment than the smaller amount.

Much money is spent in advertising, and the business man who does not look after his advertising regularly, and place before the public something that will attract their attention, while not exactly wasting his money, is getting a very poor return for it in comparison with the merchant who looks carefully and regularly after his advertising.

The Free Press will be Glad to Discuss your advertising problems with you

Business Directory

MEDICAL

DR. J. A. McNIVEN Physician and Surgeon Office and Residence—Corner Howe Avenue and Elgin Street.

PHONE 48 DR. E. J. NELSON PNEUMOLOGICAL PHYSICIAN Acton, Ontario

LEGAL

PHONE No. 22 P. O. Box 155 HAROLD NASH FARMER, M. A. Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public, Conveyancer, Etc.

PERRYMAN BLOCK, ACTON, ONT. MONEY LENT ON MORTGAGES Hours—9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays—12:00 o'clock.

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DR. F. G. GOLLOP, D.D.S., L.D.S. Dental Surgeon Office over Bank of Nova Scotia. Hours—9:30 to 6:30. Evenings by Appointment

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ACTON L. O. L. NO. 467 Meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Oddfellows' Hall at 8 p.m.

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