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EDITORIAL

Friction for Political Purposes Only

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson didn't join the Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. Rudolph Monty at Windsor. The dismal wail of those two gentlemen would make one think that Canada was doomed. Well, up here in Bruce that kind of stuff about our industries going to the dogs would be considered untrue. We invite these two fabricators to visit this town and any other towns in this section and have their eyes opened so that they may not appear so ill-informed on the industrial condition of Canada. Of course their fiction is for political purposes only. Nevertheless, it is hurtful to the country to have these dismal-faced apostles of blue ruin running around loose.—Kincardine Reporter.

The Scandal of the Provincial Treasurery

The revelations following the probe into the irregularities in the Provincial Treasurer's Department has been a great surprise to the people of Ontario. The declaration of Premier Howard Ferguson that all those who had brought the good name of the Province into disfavor, through bond and other financial transactions, would be sought out and prosecuted in the criminal courts, is one of the encouraging results of the probe by the Public Accounts Committee. It will be the general hope that the probe will be continued right through, so long as suspicion rests anywhere, irrespective of whom it may rest upon, and until the clear blue sky of public and official honesty have been reached.

The Cemetery Commission is Favored

Many of the cities and towns of the Province have adopted the commission plan for the administration of the cemeteries. The Guelph Mercury says: "Secretary A. E. Smith, of the Guelph Cemetery Commission, was in Brantford Thursday night at the request of the Cemetery Commission of that city. Mr. Smith explained in detail the methods adopted by the local commission in connection with their work. A deputation from Brantford was recently in the city to gain an insight into the manner in which the local cemetery is handled, and were much impressed with the way the Guelph cemetery was conducted. As a result of their visit a Cemetery Commission was formed in Brantford."

An Opportunity for Co-operative Community Effort

The improved highways and the motor car have put an obligation on every town and village in the country to clean up and plant their streets and open spaces. The announcement of "Welcome" that meets the motorist as he approaches a progressive town, naturally leads him to expect to find an evidence of refinement when he complies with the rule to slow down, even though he does not stop to pass an hour or a day. This is the time of year when effort has to be made if our towns are to present a bright and colorful appearance in the summer months. Some agency, however, is needed to at least direct the work of beautification. The Rotary, Kiwanis, and other clubs and local councils need the lead and direction of an informed body to have action taken. The Horticultural Society is the logical leader in a movement of this kind. The Province already has two hundred of these Societies, twenty of which are township Societies, operating in the rural districts and small villages. The total membership of the combined Horticultural Societies of the Province last year was 50,000. One has only to visit or enquire about the City of St. Thomas to learn what a town can accomplish under the direction of a Horticultural Society. Many other places show similar, if not quite as spectacular results. In a speech in the House of Commons this year, a member made the claim that floriculture is growing to a large extent in the Province of Ontario and that Horticultural Societies are of great benefit. He advised the House that nearly all of his constituents were members of a Horticultural Society, which he pronounced a great institution. A difficulty frequently encountered in Horticultural Society work is a lack of public support. It is a rule for members to be given a premium of the full value of their annual fee, but these premiums naturally are used for private gardens. For public planting the grant of the Provincial Department of Agriculture helps, and to this is generally added a vote from the local Council. The town or village that is without a Society should lose no time in organizing. Where Societies already exist, for the sake of the Province, and for the home town, it is the privilege of every citizen to lend a helping hand.

Capital Punishment for Armed Bandits

A drastic plan for dealing with bandits is mooted about the House of Commons. It is proposed that an attack with firearms for the purpose of robbery be made a capital offence, whether anybody is killed or not. There is reason in the proposal. It may be assumed that a bandit or burglar does not carry a gun for self defense. There is murder intended under certain circumstances that may easily arise.—Mount Forest Confederate.

Improving Historic Property

The Burlington Gazette says: "A bee will be held in St. Luke's churchyard on Saturday afternoon to remove stumps and brush and clean up, and the men of St. Luke's parish are expected to attend, bringing with them tools, or send a substitute axe-man and pick and shovel. The history of Burlington centres around this churchyard, and it therefore behoves the present citizens of Burlington and vicinity of other denominations, whose ancestors are buried in St. Luke's churchyard, to also attend this bee, or send a substitute. From those living at a distance, not able to attend, a contribution will gladly be accepted." A similar plan, properly organized, would work wonders in Acton's old graveyard, where one of the founders of the town is buried, and many of the early settlers' graves are, and woefully neglected. It only requires a little well-directed leadership to accomplish the end desired; make the place as attractive as it deserves, and remove the deserved charge of unfilial and unpatriotic neglect. The annals of local history will record honors which will ever be remembered, upon the man or woman or organization, which will formulate a plan by which this wilderness spot in the centre of the town will be converted into an attractive and hallowed "God's acre."

Business Prospects Improving

Business conditions have undergone little change in the past month. As spring approaches, however, manufacturers find orders slightly better than they had anticipated. Commercial collections are slow, but there continues to be a promising volume of payments on account of mortgage and other obligations. Shipping agencies report that bookings of immigrants are larger than for some years past, and that the arrivals to date are of a promising type. In some districts they are taking the place of farmers who are leaving their farms and moving elsewhere, and some of those who have arrived in the Western Provinces are paying cash for the land they buy. One of the most hopeful indications as to business conditions generally is the increase in car loadings over last year, mainly in the case of grain, lumber, pulpwood and ore. From the beginning of January to March 15, the loadings amounted to 551,979 cars, as compared with 505,000 cars for the corresponding period of last year, an increase of about 11 per cent. For the three weeks ending March 15 the amount was 171,964 cars, as compared with 139,736 cars for the corresponding three weeks of 1923. This is very tangible evidence of the fact that trade is not diminishing in volume. Reassuring as this information is with regard to the general business of the country, it indicates more particularly the improvement in the volume of transportation over the previous year, when, it may be noted, the railways of Canada handled a larger freight traffic than ever before.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The League of Nations has so far cost Canada $818,355.78, made up as follows: Secretariat, $765,045.81; cost of Canadian delegations, four, $53,309.95. It is hoped that ultimately it will be proven that Canada's connection with the League was worth the money.

Accidents in industry reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board in 1923 were as follows: Fatalities, 379; permanent disabilities, 2,289; minor accidents, 58,441; total, 61,100. The total benefits awarded by the Board was $6,173,761. This included $788,905 paid for medical aid.

The position taken by "Mrs. Taxpayer," the heroine of the Globe's cartoon on Thursday morning, will appeal to most folks. Her husband was reading the comments of the daily papers on the new tariff, when she interjected: "Well, father, I don't know much about tariffs, but anything that's coming down instead of going up I'm for."

However much dogs may prove themselves a nuisance, no one has the right to cause their death by poisoning. Such killing constitutes a grievous offence and is punishable by law. There is a way to compel the owners of dogs to keep their pets from running at large, but the killing of them without authority is unjustified.—Georgetown Herald.

It is rather refreshing to read this item in a United States paper: "The world's longest dry dock is now being completed in Canada. It is at St. John, N. B., and has a total length of 1,225 feet, and an extreme width at the top of 133 feet, with a depth of forty-two feet, and is large enough to float any vessel yet constructed or contemplated." Usually the "biggest things" are in our sister country, south of the line.

Good roads cost a lot of real money but they are demonstrating their value. From time the snow left the ground these highways have been practically free of mud, while many of the sideroads were almost impassable. That is the irony of it. We can't have these Provincial Highways everywhere, due to their prohibitive cost, but it is a real relief for all who have to travel the sideroads to feel that at least a portion of their journey will give very pronounced pleasure.—Carleton Place Canadian.

It has been very justly said that the small town newspaper of the present day contains more news than did the metropolitan daily of thirty-five or forty years ago. It contains more information, more features and informative editorials. In plain terms, the general average of the weekly press is as high as the highest standard of a quarter of a century ago. There are just as brilliant editorial writers as the famous ones of twenty, thirty or forty years ago. There are more of them, too. A few of the modern editorial writers are better in every respect than the celebrated editors of the past.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

GEORGETOWN

Thirty-nine storekeepers and business men of the town have signed an agreement to close their stores on Thursday at 12.30. The compact commenced last week and will continue until the end of October.

Mr. G. W. Rossel has purchased the dairy business formerly conducted by Mr. Ben Young.

Complaints have been made regarding profanity used by some young men on our streets and some one is going to be prosecuted if it continues.

Mr. Wm. Barber, of Acton, was in town last Friday.

Mr. Rex Polkinghorne visited friends in town last week. He has moved from Owen Sound to Toronto.

Mr. Leslie Currie, of Port Huron, Mich., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Currie, over the week-end.

Mrs. John A. McGill, of Ottawa, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McGill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cameron and family have removed to their new home in Guelph. The best wishes of many friends will follow them. Mrs. Cameron was the recipient of a beautiful pair of old Dutch candle sticks from the members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge at the close of their meeting prior to her removal.—Herald.

ROCKWOOD

The Rockwood Tennis Club held their annual meeting last week, and reorganized their club for the season.

Mr. Stanley Oakes, of Detroit, Mich., has been spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Oakes.

Mr. S. R. Pearl is the first in the village to start building operations for this season by building another storey on the rear of his house which will include an up-to-date sun-room.

Professor Yohan Masih, of Indore College, India, who was brought to Canada by the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church to inform our people about the progress of Christianity in India, will speak in the Rockwood Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Edward Hodgskinson was called to Sarnia by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Nichol McMurray. Mr. McMurray was born in Rockwood and resided here for over thirty years. He was a son of the late Charles McMurray.

"Petworth House," Eramosa, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Oakes, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on April 9, when May White, of Rockwood, was married to Charles Walton Oakes. The bride was attired in a charming gown of sand canton crepe, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lily-of-the-valley. Rev. R. M. Geiger, of Rockwood, officiated at the ceremony.

The annual meeting of the Rockwood Baseball Team was held last week. A large number were present to show their interest in the team for the coming season. Col. Muirie was unanimously chosen manager for the fifth season in succession, and Mr. Fraser, of the Royal Bank staff, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. King was elected Captain. With the veteran sportsman, Mr. John Jolliffe, as the head of the ticket sales department, the Colonel and his team will be assured of financial support for the coming season.

OAKVILLE

Mr. Zotique Clement has purchased the Williamson property at the corner of Church and George Streets. A bungalow will be erected at the rear of the lot this season.

An accident occurred on the highway near here last Saturday night, when a Ford touring and a Paige roadster collided. The cars were severely damaged, but fortunately no one was seriously injured.

Mr. Fred Utter, of Alberta, who came east to visit his parents, early in the spring, returned to the west last week. During his stay here his mother, Mrs. Cyrus Utter, passed away, consequently her son has decided to take up residence on the farm at Merton with his father.

Business houses along the north side of Colborne Street, between Navy and George Streets, suffered the inconvenience of having to use candles, coal oil lamps, or any other means of illumination available on Saturday evening during rush hours. Something went wrong with the electric lighting system in that section.

The Council Chamber was filled on Tuesday evening at the meeting called for the purpose of reaching a decision as to the advisability of an Old Boys' and Girls' Re-union in Oakville this coming summer. Mayor Forster presided. It was unanimously decided to hold such a gathering.

A very serious accident took place on Colborne Street, near the post office, on Thursday afternoon, when Wm. Grammell, who was crossing the road in front of his store, was knocked down by a motor car driven by John Lintack, of 51 Woodley Avenue, Hamilton. Lintack did not stop after the accident and drove on, but was overtaken and arrested by Chief Kerr, within a short time. Mr. Grammell was carried into his store. Dr. Stead, who attended him, found a bad cut on the left side of his head; his left jaw was fractured in two places and he received injuries to his legs. Mr. Grammell was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton.—Record.

BURLINGTON

J. H. Kurtz and his son, Harold, have started a contracting business. They will specialize in concrete construction and excavation.

Plans and specifications for the new Club House for the Burlington Golf and Country Club are now ready, and tenders are being called for.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ryckman and Mrs. Harry Ghent arrived home from Florida on Friday, where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMillan and family have returned home from California.

The annual Memorial Parade of the G. W. V. A. will be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon April 27, at four o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Robinson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neebitt and child have returned from Florida, where they spent the winter. They made the trip by motor and on the return journey ran into some bad roads and snow storms.

Mrs. M. S. Cross, formerly of the Blue Dragon Inn, Clarkson, has rented Russ Smith's building on Water Street, opposite Lakeside Park, and will open a hotel there about May 1, under the name, Village Inn.

The residents on Water Street are making a move to have the name of the street changed to another name, and a petition is being floated, which will be presented to the Council at an early date. It has been suggested to change the name to Lakeside Road or Lakeside Boulevard.

The Horticultural Society have made arrangements with the Hydro Electric to move back the fence on the east side of Brant Street, next to the radial station, as far as the tower at the rear of this property. The fence on the west side of Brant Street, where the soft ball games will be played, will be lowered and shrubs planted in an effort to beautify the surroundings. This should greatly improve the Main Street, and the Horticultural Society should be encouraged in their good work.—Gazette.

MILTON

Alfred Barton, of Milton, has purchased the farm of E. Shark, near Milton, and last week moved his family there.

A car collided with the silent policeman at Main and Martin Streets last Sunday, and put it out of business, detaching it completely from the base.

A good start has been made in connection with the coming Old Boys' Reunion, to be held in July next. A number of citizens have become members of the Association, by agreeing to pay $5 fee for the financing of the event.

A business man on Main Street asked us the other day to put something in the paper about the dirty state of Main Street, with dust flying so badly that they cannot open their shop doors without the place being filled with it.

Miss Doris Blews, who is in training as a nurse at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, underwent an operation for appendicitis recently. She is rapidly recovering.—Reformer.

ERIN

Mr. H. C. Austin, proprietor of Stanley Park, Erin, is already making plans for the opening of the Park on May 24.

Mr. Sam Gibson is tearing down the old workshop belonging to the blacksmith shop at the corner at Mimosa. Those old-time buildings will soon all be gone.

Mr. Charles Rossell has sold his brick residence on Main Street to Mr. Stephen Huxley.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McKinnon left for their new home in Milton last week.

Mr. Arthur Horton left last week for South Manchester, Mass., where he has taken a position.

Mrs. Hoffman has returned from Detroit, where she spent the winter.

The Board of Trustees have completed arrangements for the official opening of the new school, to be held on Friday, April 25, at 2 p. m. Dr. Waugh, chief inspector of Public Schools for Ontario, and others, will address the meeting.

Erin Horticultural Society has been organized with the following officers: Honorary Presidents, Rev. J. Lindsay, Rev. J. A. Evans; President, Miss M. J. Justice; 1st Vice-President, Miss M. E. MacMillan; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. E. C. Reynolds; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss A. Burt; Directors, Messrs. J. M. Abbott, J. P. Bush, K. McDougall, H. Matthews, J. D. Leitch, Mrs. J. Justice, Mrs. W. Griffin, Mrs. J. H. Gibson, Mrs. G. T. Scott, Mrs. J. Leslie.—Advocate.

NOT A HARD NAME, EITHER

A man with a soft, low voice had just completed his purchases in the department store, and the salesman who had taken his order produced a large Manila tag, and looked up in an expectant way. The Chicago Record-Herald recounts the troubles that followed.

"What is the name?" asked the clerk.

"Chipson?"

"No, Jepson."

"Oh, yes, Jefferson."

"No, Jepson. J-e-p-s-o-n."

"Jepson?"

"That's it. You have it. Sixteen eighty-two—"

"Your first name, initial, please."

"Oh, K."

"O. K. Jepson."

"Excuse me, it isn't O. K. You did not understand me. I said 'Oh.'"

"O. Jepson."

"No, rub the O. out and let the K stand.

The clerk looked annoyed. "Will you please give me your initials again."

"I said K."

"I beg your pardon, you said O. K. Perhaps you had better write it yourself."

"I said 'Oh'—"

"Just now you said K."

"Allow me to finish what I started to say. I said 'Oh,' because I did not understand what you were asking me. I did not mean that it was my initial. My name is Kirby Jepson."

"Oh!"

"Not not O. K." said the man. "Give me the pencil and I'll write it down for you myself. There, I guess it's O. K. now."

"If you're satisfied I'm sure I am," responded the clerk.

A POET'S MOTHER

Robert Buchanan had one deep enthusiasm, his mother. She was always young in her appearance, but he regarded her, to the end of her life, as abounding even in girlish charms. He would never realize that she was growing old. In looking at her, even when she was close upon eighty, he saw the soft blue eyes and golden hair which he had loved long ago.

"I cannot imagine my mother as old," he said again and again, the day after she died. "I do not feel that she is dead, for I cannot imagine the world without her."

When a youth of eighteen, he went up to London, "to take the world by storm," he was a miserably homesick lad. He sat in a corner of the railway carriage, his heart aching, his eyes dim with tears."

"I realized," he says, "that I was for the first time quite friendless and alone. I thought of my dear mother praying for me at home, and I longed to turn back and ask her forgiveness for any pain I had caused her. Even now, I never take a railway journey at night without recalling the dismal heartache of that midnight journey to London.

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"You have listened so attentively to the other gentlemen," said their friend, "and told them what you know on the subjects they have chosen, what would you do if I were to make you a little speech?"

"Form a line and march downstairs!" chanted the chorus, with beaming faces.

DID IT ON PURPOSE

At one time the Liverpool police were recruiting mainly from Ireland; and it is told of one that on his first day in uniform he spied a watering-cart—something he had never seen before—and followed it to the street end, where it turned to water the other side.

Pat found this procedure too much for him, so holding up his hand in the approved manner, he roared:

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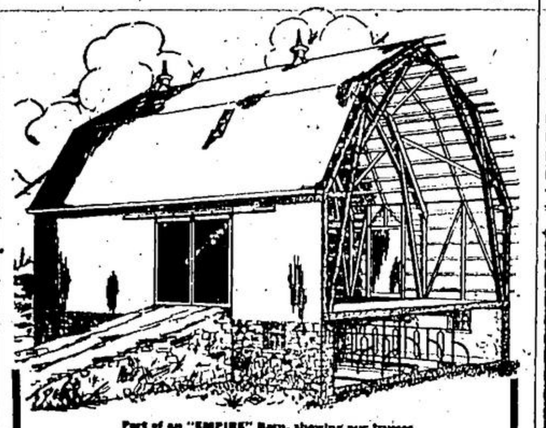

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