## EDITORIAL

The Press of Ontario Will Stand for the O. T. A. At the meeting of the District Press Association held at Elora two weeks ago a discussion on the or Referendum, and the attitude of the local press towards it, disclosed the fact that there was a very strong feeling among the newspaper men that the Act should be retained and strengthened, rather than that there should be any loosening of its provisions. The newspaper men present freely expressed their intention of standing for the Act as the best measure meeting he attends in all parts of the Province.

## Country Weeklies vs. City Dailles

An observent and philosophical writer contrasts the respective characters of the city and country papers in this significant manner: "Turning from the city newspapers to the rural weekly which comes to our home is like stepping from the slums of vile odors into an old-fashioned garden sweet with honeysuckle and the scent of perennial flowers. The pages of the big dailies are so full of murder, thievery, immorality, the breaking up of homes by infidelity and selfishness that the better news is obscured. One puts the paper aside with a feeling of depression and heartache that the world is so full of such terrible and unhappy things. Then picking up the papers that record the happenings of the smaller towns around us one gains renewed faith in life. Here are set forth only that which uplifts a communitythe activities of the business men, the church news, the civic good accomplished by women, the school \_items, the happy social gatherings of the people, the marriages, births, and deaths, farmers' items and all the thousand and one daily occurrences that make up the simple annals of the great common people who are really the foundation of this broad country o ours. Scandals are seldom published in the country newspapers, but if it so happens that decency deunfeeling publicity of the city press. No wonder. The offenders may be our neighbors, or people we have rubbed elbows with all our lives. They are real human beings, while to the great dailies they are merely grains of a sort that are ground out hotly in their 'newsmill."

# Educating Emigrants to be Good Canadians

The phenomenal increase in the volume of imnational life. In a normal family, each child may be correspondence. regarded as a 'problem'; but when the family is in-·creased also by adoption, an entirely new group of responsibilities. Social workers, are perhaps, a little formed into an "all-embracing parliament than by its triumphs. The individual of British or national peace. Anglo-Saxon stock, who 'makes good' is promptly and easily absorbed into the fabric of Canadian life; Possibly only that of a foreign language which places ing the past half decade. him at a disadvantage in competition with those who can speak and read English; but more often the with some physical defect, through which he becomes by the High School Board to spend the sum become 'our leading citizens,' so that the record of fected for a smaller sum..... immigration, as found in the reports of social work, is apt to be somewhat pessimistic in its outlook. It

#### A New and Growing Market

Canada is rapidly developing her export trade with Japan, and it is stated that at the present time Canadian wheat and flour are the most popular in the Orient, and that milling men in this country have practically a monopoly on the trade. Exports of flour from Vancouver to the Orient increased from 4,002 harrels in 1020, to 805,247 barrels in 1923. Canadian lumber also found a wide market in Japan and China, shipments of this commodity growing Port Credit from 25 million feet in 1921 to 291 million feet in 1923. This new market with its large possibilities erly conducted the Blue Dragon Ion Creek, Alta., who has been visiting should have the effect of enhancing the prices of the products of farm and forest.

Worthy of Consideration "The Women's Institute is always alert for the introduction of desirable improvements about town, said a citizen to THE FREE PRESS the other day. "I have been hoping they would undertake to place ford, will be the artists. receptacles on some of the prominent street corners, for waste paper, candy bags, gum wrappers, cigarette cartons, banama skins, and orange peel." Such a ment of the town has been considerutility would greatly aid in carrying out the slogan ably increased, which should enable "Make Acton More Beautiful." Their public drink- venr. ing fountain at the Government Building, and their animal watering fountain on Main Street are prac- held a bee removing the fence on the tical and appreciated benefactions. The refuse re- cast aide of Brant Street in front of ceptacles would also be so regarded.

#### Has Every Man His Price?

Sir Richard Squires is the next public man in the limelight. He is an ex-Premier of Newfoundland, and is charged with misappropriation of public funds. \$22,000 funds of the Liquor Control Department are said to be stolen. Dr. Campbell, former Minister of Agriculture, is mixed up in the case with \$400 of public money booked against him. The east cannot throw bricks at their more westerly friends, as the pot may be as dark complexioned as the kettle. "Every man has his price" is an old saying, and not Montreal, has been spending a few true on the "every" end of it, but it would appear that the fellows with their hands out are growing in at present, we regret to say. number if not in honor. It is too bad that such is the case, but the right thing to do is to thoroughly awarded the contract for building the Ontario Temperance Act, and the proposed Plebiscite investigate, cut out all the whitewashing, and punish the offenders adequately.—Brussels Post

## Our Imperial Relations

Had the debate upon J. S. Woodsworth's resolution in the House of Commons providing complete boy and girl. "Home Rule for Canada" taken place a dozen years ago, it would have been very different, indeed, from available for controlling the liquor traffic. Last week that provoked before the Easter recess. In those while in Toronto the editor was in conversation with days the present Opposition would have waved the a newspaper official who travels from end to end of flag and denounced as disloyal and un-British any the Province in the administration of the duties of attempt to weaken the Imperial bonds; before Easter, the factories all going in town, any his office, and he stated very emphatically that the though the House debated for five hours this thorspirit found in the Elora meeting respecting the On- oughly-radical motion, there was no scene. No flags these days. tario Temperance Act, characterizes every press were flapped; no charges and counter-charges crossed Methodist Church was honored last the floor; Government Leader and Opposition Leader Monday, evening with a fraternal visit agreed in principle as to Canada's practical, if not from the Georgetown Young People's and an attendant undertook to block legal, independence; restrained, serious discussion of here. The visitors gave the proa grave constitutional issue took the place of the gramme, which was one of the best fuss-and-feathers phraseology of an earlier day; no that Georgetown, possesses musical person's loyalty was impugned, no motives imputed, talent of a very high order, whether and the Labor member who fathered it quietly withdrew his resolution, agreeably impressed with its reception by all groups and parties. Not that all were agreed. Far from it. Mr. Woodsworth pictured Canada as still in the swaddling clothes of infancy, unable even to amend her own constitution; Premier him Mackenzie King deemed her as free and untrammelled as if that freedom had been specifically "stat- he commenced to build last fall, and or not." ed in the bond"; Mr. Forke, the Progressive Leader, opposed the resolution, while sympathizing with its principle; Mr. Shaw, the Calgary Progressive, ridiculed the claim that Canada had power even to reform her own Senate, and Mr. Martell, Liberal of Hants, labelled the Dominion as tied, hand and foot, by the decisions of the Mother of Parliaments, even as to the county road, which is the main awarmed into the hall. The next matters of peace and war. As the Minister of Justice, eration and it was decided to build a the papers complaining of "the out-Mr. Lapointe, put it, the thorough airing of the subject could do no harm, and might, stimulate public thought in the matter. - Alymer Gazette.

# EDITORIAL NOTES

mands it, the uglier details are omitted, or are given in Great Britain? The figures of the Chancellor of village and surrounding against bad man-Is it any wonder that the "dole system" prevails school building was omelally opened. a kindly touch that is widely different from the the Exchequer, published last week, show that the present to view the new school and to agement, but it broke open the doors, British liquor bill amounts to £6,000,000 per week.

> Newcomers to Canada are giving authorities some extra activity in assisting them to settle. - Immigra. and coal cellar. The hullding is heattion officials have seldom been more busy in directing those thousands who are this spring coming to es- by electricity. The latest type of ventablish new homes in this great Dominion.

Russia is no more, so far as that name of the migration now reaching our shores presents a subject country is concerned. Canada's officials at Ottawa the King."-Advocate. of immense importance to the thinking people of have been notified from the postal administration of Canada. Immigration is generally recognized as one that country that the name is now Union of Soviet of 'our social problems,' but not everyone realizes Socialistic Republic, and that this name should be that, by immigration, Canada is building up a new used, instead of Russia, hereafter in addressing all Superintendent of the Methodist Sun- abroad: but he is a very sensible

Prime Minister MacDonald, of the British House 'problems' is introduced into the family circle. The of Commons, in his May Day message to Labor and sold to Mr. Herbert Conover one of immigrant is an adopted citizen, and brings with the Socialist movement, expresses the hope that anhim among his 'effects,' a trunk full of new national other May Day will see the League of Nations trans out a permit for a new atx-room inclined to view immigration by its failures rather peoples," and predicts the coming of a day of inter- triot inter-League weries takes place in

Last week the Renfrew Mercury completed the contributes to the taxes; casts an intelligent vote; first five years under the management of Rupert and requires no 'specialized' treatment. The social Davies, the present energetic editor and publisher. workers are hardly aware of his arrival. The im- The Mercury had reached a high standard of efficien- event took place at the home of Miss migrant who drifts into their purview is likely to be cy under the Smallfields-father and son-but this one who has some physical or intellectual handicap, standard has been exceedingly well maintained dur-

By a vote of 152 to 90 the Trecholders of Markham failure of the immigrant to 'make good' is connected Village last week defeated the referendum submitted a public charge or a unit in the statistics of correc- \$45,000 in additions, alterations and permanent imtional or remedial institutions. Unfortunately there provements to the High School. The electors evidere no statistics of the immigrants who succeed and ently thought necessary improvements could be of-

How much do the weeds on Ontario farms cost, Concert Band, called a halt in the is therefore peculiarly interesting to find in the pro- we wonder? \$20,000,000 annually is the estimate of centre of the new bridge, while the coedings of the Convention of the Social Service Premier Bracken in reference to the pest in Mani- football game at Agricultural Park, A Council of Canada just published a suggestion for tobs. Clean farming assuredly pays a big dividend selection was then played, after which the welfare of the immigrant which involves the and this sort of cultivation deserves more praise than setting up of no new, specialized machinery for Can- is often accorded. The Noxious Weed Law and the for the children to play upon. Some of adianization, but simply a more profitable use of our "Don't-care-farmer" should receive more attention, to good bridge, and others tuned in on existing system of education,-Bowmanville States ald those who ere endeavoring to farm propertly to "London Bridge is Falling Down," as

## Neighborhood News--Town and Country

BURLINGTON Mr. and Mrs. Coo. W. Taylor returnd home from the Houth last week, where they spent the winter. Mr. R. Hamilton has sold his house on Ontario Street to Mr. Elmer Dyment, of Toronto, and is removing to season on Baturday. Mr. Cross form-

ting the Burlington Tennis Club courts tower who were delighted to see him in shape, and it is expected they will again.

Assessor Berry and Assessment given to them .-- Herald. Commissioner Jarvis have completed the work of assessing the town, and have turned in the rolls. The assess-

the Council to reduce the tax rate this On Friday last, several members of the Burlington Hortfcultural Society the Hydro Electric right of-way, and last week. erecting the fence at the rear of the property near the owners. The Horticultural Goclety have beautified the spot with flower beds, and kept the grass cut the past two years, until it has become a beauty spot.-Gazette.

Mr. M. Richmond, of Rockfort, Ill., has been spending a few days in town. the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Bews. Miss Linklater, of the High School fore Easter, on account of illness, Has resumed her duties. Mr. Geo. C. Bowes, druggist,

Bowes, who is in rather poor health At a meeting of the Milton Bowling Club Mr. A. Merkley was new club house at the green, which will be proceeded with immediately. Last week Rev. R. R. Hare, of Toronto, went to the Public School and gave the pupils of each department an instructive, address on personal hy-

struction is most desirable for every His Lordship, the Bishop of Nisgara. held two confirmation services on Sunday at Grace Church, at 11 a. m., and at All Saints, Milton Heights, at 3

lime and stone works in operation, and man, who is able and willing to work.

The Young People's League of the ever heard at the League, and proving

Mr. George Rossell, who has spent ship, left for his home in Vancouver

the building will be completed as soon Miss Jean Sanders, who recently underwent an operation in the Guelph the hall without showing a ticket.

General Hospitaly is convalescing and will soon be able to leave the hosin Guelph last week, the condition of seigers rushed through the breach and

street of dur village was given consid- morning there were letters in all new road through the village. This rage upon the public." has been a long-felt want and our citizens are delighted. Erin Village has lar circumstances would have suba considerable credit, due from the mitted to the outrage, and not county, and this with the various protested against a small bit of scongrants will give us the new road with- omy on the part of the managers of out a very great immediate expendi- the hall. The English throng would

village and surrounding section, were plained vehemently against had manlisten to the addresses and music. The and fought its way into the hall. standard size, with teachers' rooms, during the busiest hours, and there building consists of six class rooms of clouk rooms, etc.; two large basement is no help for it. If any one underplay rooms, as well as a boller room takes to stand in or on top of a ed by steam, and fitted with the most chorus of outcries, and the ticket colmodern toilet system and is tighted tilation is in use—the air of each room is full, and the last seat has been taken being changed every twenty minutes. Dr. Waugh, Provincial Inspector of another fare. Schools, officially unlocked the school, while those assembled sang "God Save a public conveyance, unless he can be

# OAKVILLE

old officers and temphers were reap-

Binkelock Brothers, of Oakville, have their new seven-roomed houses on Palmer Avenue, and have also taken stucco house on Division Street. The final debate in the Milton Dis

Milton on Monday, May 18, when Lowville and Palermo Leagues compete for the championship.

The young ladies of the Bell Telehone staff, of Oakville exchange, inpluding . Miss Laure Bray, of Bronte. gave a shower to one of their number, by five o'clock that he distikes to Miss Parkins, who is leaving. This think about starting in again next McCartney and proved to be very en-At 'a meeting held about a month

ago, the Oakville Amatour Athletic Association decided upod a broadening fire that generates the steam. The out policy, in which all lines of amateur sport in the town would be taken under the wing of this parent body. Honorary members were appointed to the Association, consisting of George Hillmer, M. L. A., Mayor A. H. Forster, C. O. Marlatt, M. J. Butler, J. B. H. Quest, W. B. Davis, Rev C. E. Riley, Rev. J. E. Munro, Rev. Dr. Dougall, Rev. Father Savage and Rev. T. Nel-

An amusing stunt was performed last Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Locksley, conductor of the Oakville Mr. Locksley officially declared the bridge open for pedestrian traffic and the boys declared it was a "cracking"

#### GEORGETOWN

the year exceeded over \$2,000. The Methodist choir were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. tuddy, one evening recently. Yes, it is possible to live for a while in the dust, but it is very disagrecable. Please, Mr. Mayor, Reeve and Alder-

Mr. G. Milne, of Alma, visited his son, Mr. O. C. Milne, the C. N. R. agent, during the week, helping him get settled in his new home. Rev. Wiley Clarke, D. D., of Saskatoon, Sask., paid a short visit to his sister, Mrs. Wilder, and other friends.

Mr. Archie R. Jamieson left a week ago for Detroit, where he expects to

John Stalker, Acton, last week.

days here with his mother, Mrs. Q. S. livering them he will visit with his on a ranch adjoining that of the Prince

Death came with startling suddenness to Mr. John Binns, who was suddenly stricken one day last week, work. He passed away before the docgiene, a subject on which such into heart failure. He had been residing with his sister, Mrs. John Leavens, for Elora Cemetery on Monday afternoon. Rev. R. Geiger conducting the services

#### THE ENGLISHMAN AND THE CANADIAN

entrance of a public hall in London At last one of the doors were opened the passage by standing on the threshold and force the people to pans by him one at a time so that he could take up the tickets.

t was also a characteristic English on Friday, his father accompanying crowd. There were furious outcries of indignation, and peremptory demands Mr. E. Wright has purchased from for the opening of all the doors, Mr. D. L. Mundell the residence which whether the tickets could be collected

and shouted that there must be no pushing, and that nobody could enter The fashionable assemblage at once carried the defences by storm.. The ticket-collector was thrust aside, the At a meeting of the County Council door was opened wide, and the be-

# THE CAPACITY OF BECOMING

The not receipts from the arena for

Mr. J. B. Mackenzie was in Toronto for a couple of days last week attending a meeting of the Executive of the The Village Inn was opened for the Ontario Lumbermen's Association. Mr. Darius Williams, of Pinche with his son in Toronto, spent the Work has been commended on get- week-end with old friends in George-

be ready for play about the middle of On Monday evening the last of the classes in the course in Home Nursing On Tuesday, May 20, a musical and was held. At the close of the class literary evening will be held in the Miss Dorothy Francis, on behalf of the lecture room of the Methodist Church. girls, presented Miss Ina Campbell, Lorne Davidson, tenor soloist, of who has been in charge of the classes, Toronto, and Miss Jackson, of Brant- with a very pretty handbag, thanking her for the time and trouble she had

#### ROCKWOOD-

Mrs. Colin Cameron spent a few

days with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Barrie Mutrie brought to the village from the farm of Mr. Roy Hindley last, week an ogg laid by a White Leghorn hen of the famous L. R. Guild strain, which measured seven inches by eight and a half inches, and weighed 4% ounces.

Mr. Jan. Cox. of Owen Sound, spent few days with his old friends, Mr. Mr. Wm. McWilliams, of High River, Alta.; arrived last week with a car load of nine horses, of a very high class. As Mr. McWilliams bred and cess as a horseman. While he is debrother, Walter. Mr. McWilliams lives

tor arrived, who ascribed his death due some time, and previous to that had lived in Guelph. The funeral took place from the home of his sister to

A great throng was waiting at the

There was a rush for the narrow doorway, and many ladies were roughly jostled and crushed against the wall. The ticket-collector remained in the half-opened door, refusing either to abandon his post or to obtain assist-

A Canadian audience under simi not put up with the inconvenience On Friday afternoon last the new and discomfort with being served by a single ticket-collector when four or

Canadian street-cars are crowded London omnibus, there would be lector would be forced to drop the superfluous passenger. When a stage the driver is not alllowed to stop for

No Londoner will consent to ride in provided with a seat. Canadians are less jealous of their individual rights and allow corporations to impose upon their good nature systematically. . The complaining Englishman is. stock joke and a butt for ridicule day School, and Mr. J. L. Barnes as person. Canadians would perhaps do lat Assistant Superintendent. All the well to imitate his example, and to insist always upon having fair play.

> A well-known journalist has said that no one can make a good newspaper man without considerable capucity of becoming excited about things. And that capacity for becoming excited is part of the stock in trade of most successful people. When two eden alt up late talking business in highpitched, eager voices, they have at least one qualification for making a success. The fellow who is so bored morning, may have twice the brains of the enthusiast, but he is not likely

not interested in it. Enthusiasm is the capacity of peconing exolted about things lies back of power.





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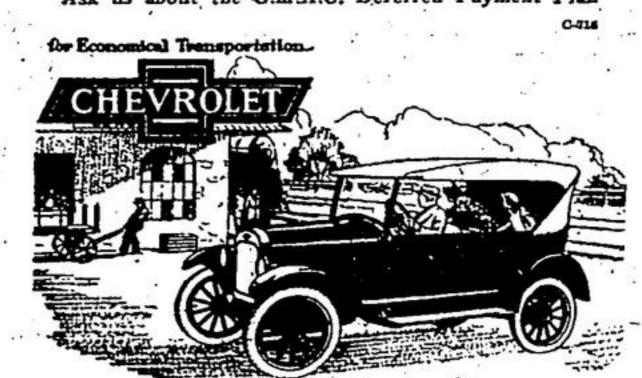
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