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#### EDITORIAL

.The Premier at His Best

was the finest forensic effort of his life, thus far. of the Opposition, feeling the effect of blood drawn within the walls of Parliament, and on his conclusion won for himself an ovation that felt an echo even in the crowded galleries of the Chamber.

#### Supreme Court Declares Ontario Temperance Act is Valid

. A very important and unanimous decision has in the case Smith versus the Attorney General of Ottawa are already becoming apparent.-Brussels Ontario. The basis of the action taken by the annel- Post. lant, John T. Smith, was that the O. T. A., before the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act were applied to prohibit the importation of liquor into Ontario, was not an act prohibiting the sale of liquor of native wines and the importation and exportation pede justice. Why should this be? of all liquors. The Attorney-General for Ontario argued that the act need not be an absolute prohibition, but one prohibiting sale generally would suffice. In giving out the decision Mr. Justice Duff said, "We have come to the conclusion that counsel for the Attorney-General has made good his contention: (1) That notwithstanding this provision, the O. T. A.

That notwithstanding this provision, the U. 1. A., when viewed as a whole, falls within the description in section 152, of the Canada Temperance Act, right-lip understood, and, (2) That part IV of the Canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the Milton District meeting was held known to roll their eyes in holy horror in the Methodiat Church here last the iniquity of those who would descrate their ideas of the day of rost by using the same hot water to shave with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the Globe says, "Ontario is kept dry by the with. The world is full of the creatment of the canada (ase, the c the prohibition of that enactment may be brought the judges of the Court is unanimous." That looks shrunken standard of their own jauninto force in relation to a Province in which, the as if there is nothing constitutionally wrong with the diced ideas the rights and wrongs of prohibtion created by the provincial law is a limited Ontario Temperance Act. ene." The four judges on the bench concurred in the judgment. This very strong decision will remove a doubt respecting the O. T. A. which existed for some time and make it a stronger measure than

# Courteous Driving Makes for Safety

Why is it necessary for an automobile club to plant its road signs, bearing the phrase, "Courtesy Makes Safety." throughout a locality in which traffic gets behind his steering wheel? In many cases, some Sun. psychological change seems to take place in him, for he displays a wooful lack of courtesy toward his he crosses the street; we do not deliberately try to would never commercialize their honorable professteal another man's seat in the trolley car; yet we sion. see analogous actions on the part of the motorist every day, We have reached a point in motoring where, unless courtesy in driving receives renewed and serious attention," says Frederick C. Russell in Motor Life, "the piloting of an automobile will beelse." The whole question apparently resolves itself into this: Every act of discourtesy encourages a more serious act of retaliation with its resulting train of annoyances and accidents. Why not, therefore, inter that every act of courtesy will bring forth a better Automatically others will follow suit. With the great increase in the number of cars on our roads, and the corresponding increase in the complexities of driving. well gone by the board., Many of our traffic tie-uns and accidents are laid to the score of too many automobiles on the streets. The capacity of our streets has not been reached—they will accommodate many first round before the Private Bills Committee of the lenge with its horns. Uncle lilly nod- vacated the chair to Mr. J. B. Macmore automobiles without any trouble if we are more House of Commons, when an amendment was adopt- ded in acceptance. With a sharp "Ba- kensie and the election of ombers for considerate of the other fellow and the other fellow ed which provides that the bill shall not come into ed their like a catapult at the offend. President, J. M. Ekelton; lat Vice is more considerate of us, Suppose we stop talking operation till July 1, 1926, and not then unless the line nate. A little later it picked itself up from Wm. McMillan; 3rd Vice President, 8.

#### Avoiding Damage to Boulevards

Cattle men continue to drive cattle through town with an insufficient number of herders to control them, and as a result lawns and boulevards are being damaged every week. The by-law of this municipality provides for ponalties and damages his helpers. against those driving cattle who fail to control them. In Guelph lately two lots of cattle were similarly allowed to get out of control. Lawns and boulevards were damaged and it cost one drover \$21.60 and the other \$14.85 in the police court. Where the town' and its citizens go to the trouble and expense of keeping lawns and boulevards cut and trimmed and tidy to assist in the general attractiveness of Acton, for her." those driving cattle must keep them under control. and they will if they desire to preserve the goodwill ber, a little room not over-twelve feet Ald, in the town hall, Erin, on Friday of the people of the municipality whose streets are free for their convenience.

#### Safety in Public Travel

There are frequent reports in the newspapers of railway wrecks, marine disasters, or motor car acci- pect of long years to live, yet with no Grey District, paid his official visit to dents in which lives have been lost and serious in free from pain, and as her sufferings A. M., Thursday evening, May 15, when juries sustained. The natural inference from this increased her bodily powers were fall- a very large attendance of members fact is that the dangers of travel are great. Most people would at least say that they are increasing Above the bed was a mechanical conthrough the growth of cities and the demand for speed; but neither belief will stand investigation. a painful undertaking and not need-It is, indeed, one of the triumphs of civilization that life is all the time better safeguarded. In no respect more for the day but to wait and bear is this truer than in regard to travel. Not long ago The hearts of the visitors sank as an accident occurred in New York harbor by which they entered the room and learned the a number of lives were lost in a collision between visit. What word of cheer could they two ferry-boats. Investigation showed that the acci- say to her, what song of hope could dent was due to the sudden death, by apoplexy or heart-disease, of the pilot. The discovery led, to the them was not the querulous voice of passage of a law which now keeps two pilots always habituat patience, thrilling now with on duty. The incident is worth mentioning again the joy of this unexpected visit. It because it furnishes so good an illustration of the manner in which present-day accidents are made to speak otherwise in response to her future safeguards. One would not be very wide of the truth in saying that those who die in accidents are often martyrs from whose deaths come blessings Members and newspagermen who are above pre- for their successors. Two Sound steamers crashed judice in the matter, and who are competent by years together a few weeks ago. They drew apart with of experience to express an opinion, were unanimous shattered bows and holes which would have sunk a emotion. But he found his voice at in declaring that the speech of Right Hon. Macken- vessel of fifty or seventy-five years ago in a few minzie-King, on the evening of division on the Budget, utes. Yet each proceeded safely to dock, under her "There's sunshine in my soul to-day. own steam, simply because both were provided with Warmed up by the flashing sword-play of the Leader water-tight bulkheads. "I'm afraid of accidents on the cars," said the old lady, when her physician advised | "Oh, there's sunshine, blessed sunshin by the taunts of the Conservative group, cheered by her to travel. "Madam," was the doctor's reply, the thunderous applause of his own followers, Mr. "people have been found dead in bed." Year after When Jesus shows His smiling face, King excelled anything he had done before, at least year the slogan "Safety First" is being impressed upon the general public by associations, organized with the specific purpose of guarding people who travel from danger and accident.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Biscuit manufacturers announce a reduction in just been given by the Supreme Court in which the price to the retailer, as a result of the reduction of that of the Spirit of God within, which Ontario Temperance Act is upheld. This was given the Federal Sales tax. The fruits of economy at and more unto the perfect day.

When a poor man is apprehended in any wrong, his neighbor than to exercise due care punishment is sure and speedy, but the wrong-doings of men in high places are not promptly punished. for beverage-purposes, as it allowed the general sale Investigations and technicalities too frequently im-

> "Make Canada a land to love," is a slogan of the Montreal Witness. It is a good one, and if the spirit scathing denunciation that fell from of the slogan is to be accomplished every citizen who serpents, ye generation of vipers, how loves his country must aim to make the country, so shall ye escape the damnation of hell." will shortly take up their residence far as his influence goes, worthy of loving.

Cemperance Act, does recognize the possibility that Supreme Court beyond dispute, and the opinion of tures who run about with their little

It is quite evident that a very large proportion of the members of the House of Commons are not fearful of the new-tariff sending the country to the bow-wows." In fact, it is rather reassuring that after two weeks of spirited debate the majority for These narrow-minded "judges" have the budget was the largest in Canada's history.

A thirteen per cent, increase in the ownership of ought to be sought with eternal dil- ago. It is understood that he will reis known to be very heavy? Yet that is what the motor vehicles in Canada does not suggest hard Ontario Motor League is impelled to do. Why do times. Someone apparently is making money. It fence toward God and man.-Solomon we see articles in magazines and newspapers with would be interesting, in view of the investigation titles like this, "A Little More Courtesy, or a Lot into agricultural conditions now being carried on, to More Trouble?" What happens to a man when he find out who are buying-the extra cars .- Farmers'

Hon. W. P. Nickle, Attorney-General, made rather fellow-motorist. He does things as a motorist that a significant comment when he addressed the medical turned, was rearranging some goods on he would never dare to do as a pedestrian. For in- graduates at Queen's University last week. He urged stance, it is not our custom to ram people as we pass the new doctors to respect the spirit of Queen's and pleasantly, and the drugglat turned them on the sidewalks; we do not cut a man off as the law in distributing prescriptions. He hoped they

The prophesies of British politicians, that Premier fidence, who carried only the best of Ramsay McDonald's labor government would not survive for six months, appears to have been sadly misplaced. Premier McDonald still carries on imcome a free-for-all, in which everyone will aim, to perturably and in the bye-election at Liverpool last make it just as inconvenient as possible for everyone Thursday the Labor candidate defeated his Conservative opponent by 2,500 votes.

Hon. George S. Henry, Ontario Minister of Public Works and Highways, has announced a change in if you ever need anything of that kind." all obligations were met a small balact of reciprocation? Furthermore, why not try it? the method of financing the planting of trees along public highways. Instead of sending out its own workmen, he says, the Government has a scheme whereby farmers planting trees in front of their own old-fashioned motor courtosy, it seems, has pretty property will be bonused so much per tree for Billy, an aged darkey, asleep in the last meeting of the Behoof

The opponents of the Church Union Bill won the baid top of his bend bade defiance. and act on the supposition that courtesy makes ade acted within its powers in agreeing to union, and farthest side of the pasture to rumin- Arnold; Executive - Ward 1-M. L. statesty: We feel sure that the daily application of that Parliament had power to pass the Church Union looked up drowally.

Executive Ward 1-H. Htone, H. Kentthis rule will do away with many of our traffic Bill. It is; doubtful if this temporary victory will be "Po" il' ram!" he murmured. "He ner, C. J. Cummings; Executive Ward

#### BUNSHINE IN THE SOUL

A little church in the country was holding special services, having an evangelist and a singer of some note as assistants to the pastor. "I'want you to make a visit with me this afternoon," said the minister to "You want us both?" lasked the

interested in these meetings. I wish expected. you to meet her. Every day she in- Mr. Harry Parashuke, of Hillsburg her good for many a weary month to result of a wound made by a rusty come if you will go with me and say mail last week.

The three men went together, and Alton Methodist . Church, under the together they entered the sick-cham- auspices, of Erin Methodist Ladies' square, in which the young woman had evening, May 20. passed the dawn and the morning of to the appearance of the grounds. the capacity to know how to suffer, on that occasion .- Advocate. trivance by which she was daily lifted. while the bed was changed. It was lessly prolonged, and when it had peen completed there remained nothing the constant pain.

story of the woman they had come to But the voice in which she spoke to

was not hard to speak words of cheer to her. Indeed, it was hardly possible own strong, confident expressions of "What shall we sing to you?"

ulred the singer, after a time. "Bing There is sunshine in The singer could hardly bring him-

More glorious and bright Than glows in any earthly aky,

For Jesus is my light.

When the peaceful, happy moments

There is sunshine in the soul." Both the words and melody mark this as a song for those to whom pain berant strength. Yet this song it was less sufferer, and for many days thereafter she softly hummed it as she lay

Was she not right? The true sun which brightens and grows dim, but

as to obedience to the dictates of his own. As the Man, of Nazareth said of the carping Pharisees of His day: "Ye laden men with burdens grevious to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers." Some of the "whited sepulchres" who to-day judge their neighbor in the instructed to draft and send a letter matter of their inward or outward life of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Men, who would complacently stir here. Mrs. McKenzie was formerly their toddy on the Sabbath have been Miss Clarice Hemstreet, human foot rule, measuring by the their neighbors. What a contrast to hear a proposition from some gentlethis is the attitude of Him who said-"Judge not, that ye be not judged." and of His illustrious follower who, warning the early Church against measuring themselves with themselves," exclaims of this very tendency. Who art thou that judgest another?" and who exhorts his hearers to "judge nothing, before the time," avowing Yea, I judge not mine own self." done more to sicken the world of religion than all the mouthings of infidelity. The charity that "thinketh no evil" is a jewel so precious that it gence by those who value the pricelessness of a conscience "vold of ofin Shoe and Leather Journal.

# A PROMISING CUSTOMER

The brisk, well-dressed stramer man's. stepped into the corner drug-store and passing by the boy who usually at- at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. tended to casual customers, approached Wallace. the proprietor, who, with his back

"Mr. Sawyer, I presume," he said | Valley, B. C. and bowed gravely: "I have heard my friend, Benator Brown, speak of you often," said .the brisk man. "He told me if ever I need-

ed anything in this line to come to Osgoode Hall and will be in Mayor you. He spoke of you as a man on Dale's law office during the summer whom one could rely with perfect con- | months. everything, and with whom it was examinations at the Behool of Practialways a pleasure to deal." "The Senator is very kind," said the honors; James Lindsay, John Ryan. druggist, beaming with gratification, Tom Bingham. "lie is one of my best customers. What

can I do for you this morning?" "Well-er-this morning, as it happens," said the stranger, with a shade were "pinched" it might cause them less of briskness, "this morning I to have more respect for law. " should like, if you will allow me, consult your directory."

village for its propensity to butt, was ing windows and doing any other damenraged one morning to discover Uncle | ages in or around the school property.

## Neighborhood News--Town and Country

A Court of Revision-was held last evening in Erin town hail. Miss Winnifred Kirkwood, of Reckboth, and you especially. side, who was operated on for appenthere is a young woman who has been dicitie, at the Peterborough hospital ill for a long time, and who has been last week, is doing-as well as can be

puires about the work, and it will do is laid up with a very sore knee as a word of comfort and sing a hymn | The play "Willowdale" will be given by the Young People's Bible Class of

been lying helpless for sixteen years. | Messra. Ham Brock and Robert Stricken down in the midst of a happy Trathen are busy these days beautigirlhood, she had spent the remaining fying the grounds of "Luckenuf" the years of youth upon a bed of suffering, home of C. W. Mack at Belfountain. from which she never rose. So had The electric lights have added greatly her young womanhood, She had en-T Rt. Wor. Bro. (Rev.) W. G. Blacktered early middle life with the proi- | well, District Deputy Grand Master of hope of improvement. She was never Wellington Lodge No. 271, A. F. & ing one by one. There remained only and visitors were present to greet him

#### BURLINGTON .

Mrs. Geo. H. Harris, of Calbdonia, spent a few days with her son. Mayor Harris, last week. Owing to the absence of Mayor Harris, who was suffering from an attack of appendicitis, no meeting of the town council was held on Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hiscox, Brant Street, celebrated their golden wedding on May 24. They were "At Home" to their many friends from two o'clock

County Road Superintendent Wilson intends to start at an early date to resurface Brant Street from Freeman to Dundas Street. This road has not been in very good shape, and this should be good news to motorists in

Ten acres belonging to C. M. Petrie, on the Highway near Aldershot, was sold to Dr. Walter Alexander Riddell, of Switzerland and Mrs. Wm. James Douglas, Bellview Avenue, for the

Anniversary services will be held i Knox Church on Sunday, June 1 morning and evening. Rev. J. A. Gilchrist, First Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, will be the special preacher for the day.

The local police have asked the ints to the fact that the parking byfact is very evident on Elizabeth Street in front of the churches. Last Sunday night the police report-nine cars on the wrong side of the street. Councillor Sam Oakes had a miraculous escape from serious injury Friday afternoon when the car in which he was riding turned turtle. As the car neared Filman's curve on the highway the driver swerved to miss hitting a dog, but in so doing the dog was caught in the front wheel, and turned the car completely over .- Gazette.

## MILTON

The Council has decided that the and stand in Victoria Park shall receive two coats of paint at a cost not exceeding \$35, and that F. Maxted's

Dr. and Mrs. George Hume, of Otparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hume, Martin Street. Dr. Hume is on the staff of the Dominion Geological Sur-In view of the services of the late

Mr. 8. Dice to the Town of Milton us Mayor, etc. the Mayor and Clerk were

ceeds F. Duncan as operator at the C. The Milton District meeting was held

which is about equal to last year's. A special meeting of the Town Counmen from Regina wishing to establish an industry here employing about fifty hands. As the factory would require about - 78,000 - gallons of water to fill their tank the proposition was not entertained.

Rev. F. W. Hollinrake, pastor of Ebenezer Tabernacle, Hamilton, formerly of Milton, has resigned, his resignation to take effect July 1. He was a Milton boy and was formerly pastor of the Livingston Memorial Church, but he left the Methodist Church to become pastor of Ebenezer four years main in Hamilton as pastor of a new church,-Reformer.

# GEORGETOWN

Island, in visiting at Mr. R. I. Creel-

Mrs. Freeman Kersey has returned home after spending some months at the home of her brother at Creaton

Mr. R. D. Warren, of Toronto, was a visitor in town last week. Miss Alice Creelman is home from McGill University, Montreal. Mr. Jack Thompson is home from

The following have pussed their cal Science, Toronto: Geo. Hennedy,

There are a lot of motorists who excood the speed limit when passing our Main Street corner, If one or two The officers of Georgetown Hockey Club met last week and wound up their "Certainly," said the druggist. "We business for the season. Their finalso have a fine line of postage stamps, snoes are in good shape and after ance remains in the treasury for next

It 'was moved by Mrs. Kennedy and seconded by Crichton that an adver-A rum, famous in a West Virginia tisement be put in the Herald re break-

bowed low and his bald spot shining! The annual meeting of the Georgein the sun. The ram eyed if from's town Conservative Association was distance. Uncle Billy nodded, and the held last week. The reports of the different committees were received and The rum stood up and waved a chal- approved after which the President President, H. Curke; 2nd Vice President A little later it picked itself up from Wm. McMillan; 2rd Vice President, S. Executive Ward 1-B. Stone, H. Kentdone wandered fam de fold and foun' 3-J. H. MacKensie, R. J. McCartney,

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