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EDITORIAL

Our Fiftieth Volume

The coming week brings THE FREE PRESS to another birthday—its fiftieth. To have been born in the middle of the reign of good Queen Victoria; and to have lived through the reign of her son, King Edward VII, the Peacemaker; and kept well on into the reign of her grandson, King George V., is an achievement worth noting. To have marched in step with the great invention and discovery in fifty years, has been in some respects a marvel. To have at least to hope—that two generations of the weekly are perhaps a little better for the weekly of this home journal is a measure of satisfaction. To have spent forty-seven years in editorial work, and to have represented his native country in the various respects, unique; but the most happy part of the present volume regards are extended to all who have contributed from week to week.

Helpful Platform for a Board of Trade

Members of the Orillia Board of Trade submitted the following rules of conduct when added to the organization: 1. To embrace every opportunity of promoting the progress and prosperity of Orillia. 2. To foster a spirit of good-will and affection among Orillians. 3. To promote good relations with neighbors in the surrounding territory. 4. To help to earn for Orillia a reputation for courtesy and service to visitors. 5. To lend aid to every movement for increasing the business of the town or the happiness of the people. It is one of the most progressive towns in Ontario, the result of steady adherence to the principles set forth in the above guide posts. It is example to the business men of every town might well copy.

And That's That

is a little straight-from-the-shoulder talk that is lying near our heart. There seems to be something among some business men that news is no business to make money. Why not? The most exacting business in the world, the one that is every day. It means long hours and the best care in its conduct. The newspaper has the right to deal with it. It is criticised on all sides. It has to deal with all the cranks in the city, and to do this successfully requires judgment and patience. It has power, and that power is the power of journalism, is nearly always wielded for the good. No question of vital concern to the people fails to find a strong support from the newspaper, and this, too, without remuneration. The publisher spends his money to further projects and the community never gives a thought to the matter of cost to him. It is not paid for the public pocket. Every town needs a good newspaper, and the way to have it is to assist in the business profitable. The newspaper is a business concern to prosper. Why should not it be returned. To make a profit, to earn in the investment, the newspaper must have a place for its paper and its advertising space.

Those Who Really Pay

Windsor Examiner diagnoses the whole of civic expenditure and taxation accurately. "After all, it is the Brantford taxpayers who are to have in the future. They must remember that when they receive the money that comes out of their own pockets in the form of a tax. That is so manifestly true that it needs no emphasis, and yet the fact is that it is difficult for a lot of people to get the taxation question. "The town council" or "The town should do that," says the Examiner in Peterboro' every day, says the Examiner that city. You should imagine that the money that comes out of their own pockets in the form of a tax is derived from the money to do this or pay for that is derived from the fact, however, is that the town pays the tax. It is you taxpayers who pay and you are the ones who are wrapped up in your own share of every civic enterprise that is undertaken. You contribute your little bit to every project that is made, your pocket is touched, the civic treasury is successfully raided, the money from which the spending bodies are paid, you pay out, save the public purse, and that appreciation of the case could be made to everybody the municipal council would have to make a list of all requests for grants, and to make a list of all requests for grants.

Reducing Production Costs

Every manufacturer in the country is faced constantly by the problem of reducing his production costs. If he can save a dollar it is just as good as the dollar he may earn. Accidents have laid a heavy hand on industry in Ontario when we realize that compensation for accidents in industry in this Province is costing six million dollars each year. The manufacturer must calculate on this cost with his other problems of manufacture and a reduction in these losses means just that much saved to the country. Accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board have averaged over five thousand each month for the last several months. This means roughly two hundred accidents every working day and does not benefit either the industry nor the workers but is, rather, a heavy loss to both employer and employee. An extension of the safety idea seems a logical and legitimate means of cutting production costs in this country.

There is Honor in Being a Good Mechanic

Reference has frequently been made in these columns to the benefit to young people resulting from the learning of a useful trade. There are a hundred opportunities open to the young man who has served an apprenticeship and mastered a trade, to one to the man who fails to do this and is spending his time as an ordinary laborer. In recent years there seems to have been a tendency on the part of the average community to ignore or at least to be uninterested in the "overall phase" of life. The result of this is that fewer boys have entered the skilled trades and at present there is a shortage of skilled workmen. An antipathy to donning overalls seems to be the chief reason. The trouble is chiefly in the homes, as parents do not inspire ambition in boys of mechanical inclination to learn a trade. Our system of education is also somewhat to blame, as it places an over emphasis on the professions as distinguished from the trades. Many a boy is doomed to failure in a profession who might have become useful in the honorable field of mechanics. To learn a trade and learn it well, places a boy on the road to success. He may have to wear a pair of overalls, but he can be just as comfortable in that as wearing a pinched back coat and high collar. There is just as great an opportunity to serve in the trades as in the professions, the remuneration is equally as good and the standing in the community is just as high to the competent mechanic as to any other resident.

EDITORIAL NOTES

When that new radium application to keep the clock going for a hundred years comes to be applied to the alarm side it's really going to get some of us up in the morning.

They put on a community dance in Toronto last week for the visiting Rotarians, and so many of the good Toronto people trooped down to enjoy it with the visitors that there was no room for the visitors nor anyone else to dance. It appears we do some things better than that in our celebrations in towns of Acton's size.

Rather an interesting comment on United States affairs, that Cleveland convention and the turning down of the nomination for Vice-President by the several parties. Begins to look as though the events of the past few months had had some bearing on the importance of this job, which, usually, has been an honor-carrying rather than an onerous one.

Surprising how quickly the interest in the so-called oil scandals in the United States fell away when the political reasons for them were served. And just about the same thing appears to have happened here in Ontario. Beyond an occasional flicker the incidents that were the talk of the Dominion for a week or two just a few months ago are never thought of to-day, now that the Legislature is no longer in session. One is prone to form conclusions which do not strengthen his faith in party government.

Out in Saskatchewan the other day a local millionaire gave two-thirds of his estate to the city for benevolent purposes. Splendid idea, worthy to be followed by many other good men. Unfortunately it turned out that the "millions" were a good deal of a myth, and the dreams the city fathers had of splendid local improvements went glimmering. Things like this are useful if for nothing else than inspiring dreams of what might be done if—And, sometimes surprisingly, those "ifs" can be brought into existence when the need or advisability of the object is seen.

They seem to go after the bootleggers in former in Denmark. Recently it was found that German war vessels were engaged in the illegal industry in a large scale, smuggling booze into both Denmark and Norway. So the Danish and Norwegian Governments, seeing customs duties on this sort of merchandise being reduced materially, got together and began to hunt the law-breakers, not with motor cars and slow revenue cutters as our friends of the United States have been doing along the Atlantic coast, but with modern destroyers, submarines and hydroplanes. When the bootleggers see the government is really in earnest in this fashion they will not long continue in their pursuit.

And now, just when the people in Great Britain and Europe are getting over thinking of us as "Our Lady of the Snows," as Mr. Kipling's fatal gift of poetry, peculiarly applied made them do for twenty years, some chap who thought he had a bright idea takes a lot of professional wild west entertainers over as a feature of the Wembley Exhibition, and announces them as Canadians. To make matters worse these alleged Western Canadians, who in all likelihood came from Texas or Wyoming, and doubtless have tried unsuccessfully to thrill most of us, at the Canadian National Exhibition, are turned loose on London's streets, and begin lassoing the bellboys in one of the big hotels. So now, in all probability, the typical Canadian, in the eyes of the average Englishman, will be a broncho-buster in chaps. That kind of spectacular publicity sticks longer and harder, unfortunately, than all the effects of government trains and lectures by well-educated representatives. The one redeeming feature of the present incident is that there seems to have been no official cognizance of the wild west performers.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

MILTON

Milton Old Boys' Reunion will be held from June 27 to July 1.

Mrs. H. G. Black (Florence Deacon Black) has been elected President of the Milton Chapter of the professional club of women writers, artists and musicians in Toronto.

A part of the song service at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening consisted of the choir rendering a portion of the cantata, "Beth," which was given by them in the church's few weeks ago.

The annual meeting of the Milton Progressive Association will be held in the Trinity Church, Milton, on Friday afternoon, June 27, at 2.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Armstrong, of Brantford, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Stewart, of Hamilton, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Bannock, and niece, Mrs. Roush, at the home of Mrs. A. W. Wainwright, Mrs. Bannock and Mrs. Roush, of Greenville, Mich., are visiting.

Mr. J. W. Crozier, who has been Secretary of the Milton Hydro-Electric Commission for a number of years, and whose health has not been very good of late, has resigned his position and Miss Gladys Crozier has been appointed to succeed him. The auditor has been here auditing the books and will be in charge of the new incumbent—Reformer.

J. C. Eagleton, of Weston, motored to Milton last week and called on old friends. Some time ago he was several months ago he has had a flourishing confectionery business.

Among the ladies who attended the Liberal-Conservative meeting here Monday were: Mrs. L. E. Peck, of Georgetown, and Mrs. J. D. McGibbon, formerly of Milton, who has been at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hillmer, Oakville, for some time.

On account of a point which has arisen since Tuesday last the equalization of the assessment will be considered at a meeting of the County Council on Friday, 27th inst., called by the Warden for that purpose and to strike the county rate.

Miss M. E. Dick has passed her second year examination in arts at Toronto University with second class honors, and Jasper Martin his with third class honors. Miss Mabel Martin has passed here in her second course in arts, same year—Champion.

RECLAIMING A BR

The last survivor of a family, Skillass by name, who was over the age of 80, and who had been recently deceased, was at some distance from the neighborhood, and he attempted to capture him.

"Your purse or your life!" said Skillass, "I will give you the one you want, but you will then have to come back and see me, and I will be glad to see you."

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IN HIS NATIVE TONGUE

Over thirty years ago the present King George V. visited Lisbon, Portugal, and having all sorts of experiences, delightful and absurd. At Lisbon a great review was held in his honor.

During the passage of the army Prince George's horse became unruly, and the crowd, edging nearer, made the situation an uncomfortable one. The prince spoke to his steed, at first in a friendly way, but without avail. Then he gave up, and exclaimed:

"Oh, you poor brute! I suppose you don't understand English, and I can't talk to you in Portuguese."

The horse curried again, and the prince, in a fit of temper, said to his attendant: "I will give you my horse, but you will then have to come back and see me, and I will be glad to see you."

GEMS OF THOUGHT

The sanctity of marriage and the family relation make the corner-stone of our American society and civilization.—Garfield.

The blind fanaticism of lone foolish honest man may cause more evil than the united efforts of twenty rogues.—Grimm.

I love these little people and it is not a slight thing, when they, who are so fresh from God, love us.—Dickens.

If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both.—Horace Mann.

Saith General Oglethorpe to Wesley, "I never forgive." "Then I hope, sir," said Wesley, "you never sin."

Two persons cannot long be friends if they cannot forgive each other's little failings.—Bryce.

A merely fallen enemy may rise again, but the reconciled one is truly vanquished.—Schiller.

When our hatred is violent, it sinks us beneath those we hate.—La Rochefoucauld.

A fool may have his coat embroidered with gold, but it is a fool's coat still.—Hivard.

AMUSING INGRATITUDE

It is often said that physicians are well used to ingratitude, but perhaps they could bear the unpalatable draught with composure if it were always administered to them as in the following case:

Dr. J. M. Warren had been in the habit for a number of years of giving professional advice to a lady in reduced circumstances, whom he regarded as hardly able to offer him any compensation.

At length she ceased consulting him, and he did not see her for a long time. Finally, happening to meet her on the street, he said to her:

"Why, Mrs. —, what has become of you? You haven't been near me for months."

"Well, the fact is, Doctor Warren," she said, "in all simplicity, I didn't seem to gain very much, and I thought I'd consult a pay doctor!"

NEEDLESS EXPENSE

A travelling man tells of an incident he observed in one of the towns of Georgia. He was seated in the waiting room, when a typical negro of the backwoods type appeared at the ticket window and asked the agent for a ticket to Macon.

"Straight or return?" asked the agent.

"Straight or return?" repeated the negro.

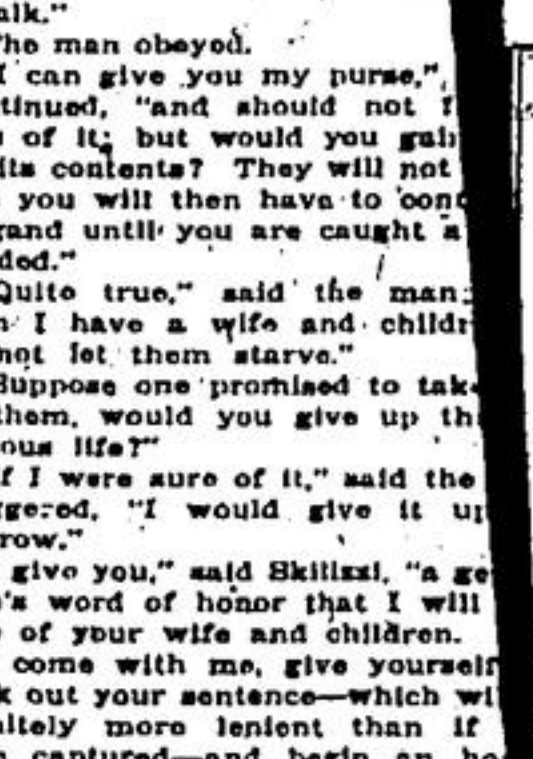
"Yes," continued the agent, "a straight ticket will take you to Macon only, and a return ticket will bring you back here."

The negro understood at once "Man," he shouted, "how come you say that? I want to return ticket when I'm already here?"

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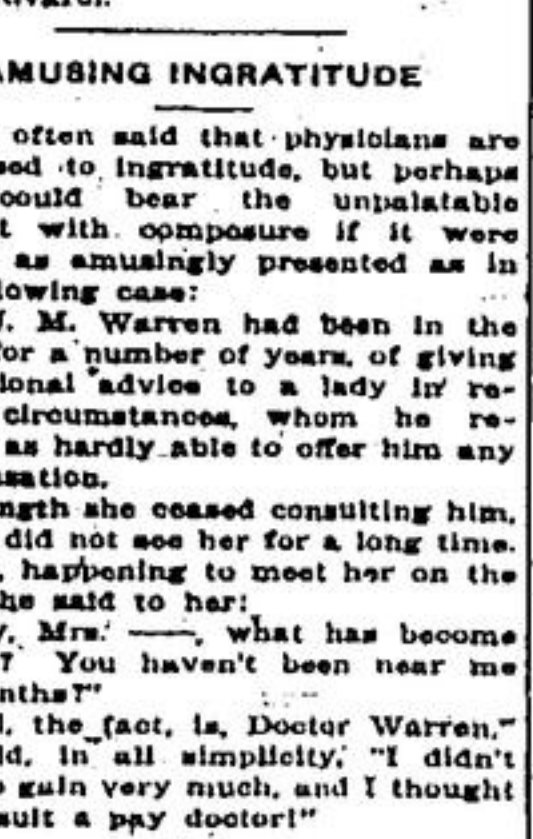
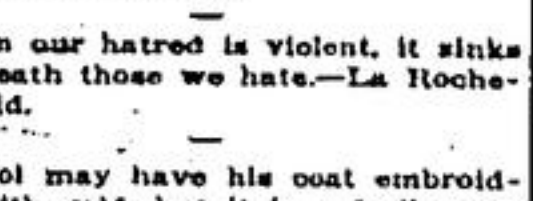
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Immediately after the expiration of the said month the said executors will distribute the estate among the parties legally entitled thereto, and they will not be responsible for any claims of which they shall not have then received notice.

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