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EDITORIAL

Regulating Restaurants and Dances

The Town of Hanover is preparing a by-law to regulate restaurants and public dances, both of which have for some time been problems in that municipality. The Post says the Councilors favor closing halls where dances are held at 12 o'clock—midnight, and prohibiting dances altogether on Saturday nights. The feeling is that restaurants should close at 11 o'clock, and that the hours for Sunday be limited to 7 to 9, 12 to 2, and 6 to 8 o'clock. Municipal Councilors generally could accept these suggestions as pretty nearly right respecting hours for entertainment and service. No one could reasonably claim that such regulations would work any hardship or inconvenience.

Cuba Should Copy Cuba in This

Cuba has just adopted new regulations which will greatly assist the United States Government in keeping out contraband booze. A press despatch tells us that under these new regulations, "exports other than by regularly organized steamship companies with a bond sailing itineraries, shall be allowed only when a fixed is put up, which may be cancelled only when proof that within ninety days the liquor has legally entered the country to which it was consigned." It is somewhat humiliating to honor-loving Canadians that Cuba should outdo us in international courtesy and in seeking to prevent her soil being made a base of supply for international rum-running and in preventing customs privileges being granted to booze brigands.—Pioneer.

Canada's Sane Economic Position

The Daily Herald, of London, England, the British Labor organ, one day this week, quoted Lord Beaverbrook as its authority for stating that Canada has made a success of government ownership of railways, and—advocating the nationalizing of British roads.—The Herald gives impressions of Lord Beaverbrook's recent visit to the Dominion, which, it declares, should be very gratifying to the people of Canada. Lord Beaverbrook notes that the Canadian dollar is now at par on the New York exchange, and asks to how many Europeans this will come as a surprise. The parity of its dollar, he says, is a reflection on Canada's prosperity. The Dominion has no dole system and its permanent unemployed are those with physical incapacity or mental distastes for hard work. The Canadian banking system is the soundest and strongest in the world. Dominion problems are purely internal and for this reason the banker rather than the politician is king in Canada. This Dominion, he says, enjoys good governments and their working is demonstrably more efficient than that of the United States. They have proven it in their successful struggle to improve their ruinous heritage of bankrupt transcontinental railways. Lord Beaverbrook concludes by urging British youth to come to Canada and grow up with a growing country.

The City Daily and the Country Weekly

Some city newspapers get a great deal of amusement from their country contemporaries, and some of them, indeed, make a practice of printing from time to time a "funny column" made up of selections from the country weeklies. Persons who live in Toronto or Hamilton are amused to learn that "Mrs. Jim Belcher, of Bings Corners, has had her woodshed (and back fence painted), or that "Silas Twombly has got thirty chickens from the pig." Such news seems to them absurdly trivial, and trivial it is, of course. But "life is made up of trivialities." The only question is: Are they trivialities in which we are interested? The reader who laughs at these items in a two-country weekly goes through the column of two live local news items in his city daily without a smile. He reads with dignity the account of the accident to "Mary Ann Higgins, a servant, who fell on the 'fifty-basement steps and broke her leg," and the "fifty-dollar fire which damaged Jones's all-night lunch-cart." Is the one kind of reading any more ridiculous than the other—or, rather, any less? City and country have each its own interests, and the editors of both try to give their readers what they want. Doubtless both succeed in fair measure—how well, many a city man who was born in the country may decide for himself by glancing over the old home weekly which he still receives. In that paper items which he would laugh at if he found them anywhere else will strike him with a thrill of pleasure or a pang of sympathy. The reason is, he knows, the people. The city paper's brief news items are just as "funny" to the editor of the country weekly, as are the country paper's "squibs" to him. Better cry quits.

United States Presidential Candidates All Prohibitionists

There is certainly no evidence in the United States that prohibition sentiment is in any sense weakening. The "wet" press of that country has for many months been promising their readers that the National Political Conventions would at least weaken on the prohibition issue. But instead all four candidates—Republican and Democratic nominees for President and Vice-President—the dries, and each platform pledged its party to law-enforcement. The Democratic Vice-President is Governor Charles Bryan, of Nebraska, an active prohibition speaker and worker.

The Beginning of the End of War

The accord drawn up at the recent international conference in London, outlining ways and means of putting the Dawes reparations programme into effect, was signed by representatives of the various nations Saturday afternoon. With the utmost simplicity, but with a solemnity which denoted the momentous character of the day's work, one after another of the diplomats signed the documents which the interested nations hope and believe will enable Germany to pay her war reparations, and incidentally will restore the economic equilibrium of Europe and of the whole world.

The Payment of Council Members

The question of payment of Town Councilors comes up frequently and many who give much time and thought to such matters sometimes think that some remuneration should be given. If all officers of public institutions demanded pay, for service rendered such as Councilors, School Trustees, Members of Boards of Health and Public Libraries, the people would be taxed to death. Municipal management depends largely upon the co-operation of its citizens and the success of our present municipal government is largely due to the feeling that to serve the public is an honor that reflects much to the credit of those engaged.—Newmarket Era.

The Proposed Tax on Gasoline

After some years of discussion on the subject, observation of its effects in the United States, and tabulation of statistics and reports thereon, Ontario is very likely before many months, to have a gasoline tax. This new form of taxation will be submitted for legislative approval at the coming session. The tax proposed in Ontario will amount, it is understood, to two cents on every gallon, but instead of being imposed at the retail end of the distribution system, will be imposed upon the wholesalers, who handle the commodity in hundred-thousand gallon lots. It is estimated that a 2c tax will result in increased revenue to the province of \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 annually.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The brewers and distillers are reported to be quarrelling over the questions to be asked in the Ontario plebiscite. Surely they do not dictate the questions.—Globe.

Manitoba has already found the experiment of selling beer by the glass, under the new act, to be disastrous in its results. An enactment now requires that draught sale be entirely eliminated, and sales by the bottle or case only permitted.

Ontario, as a province, is not given much to change. It will be seen that the province has voted dry whenever the liquor question was the sole issue. Ontario has never changed its mind quickly on any subject, and it is not likely to do so on this when the vote is taken on October 23.

Judging by the immense number of United States motorists in Toronto over the week-end, one would almost think a migration to Canada had commenced.—Globe. And this has not been confined to Toronto. Scores of cars from across the lines have been in Acton during the week.

France is now taking a very generous attitude toward her enemy—Germany. At the opening of the fifth assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva on Friday Premier Herriot, of France, began by saying that he brought the word of France, and it was peace. "We never desired the misery of the German people. France does not live in hate."

The new immigration agreement between Britain and Canada ought to work out satisfactorily. Britain and Canada ought to work out satisfactorily. Britain and Canada ought to work out satisfactorily. Britain and Canada ought to work out satisfactorily. Britain and Canada ought to work out satisfactorily.

The people to the south of us may continue to prate against royalty, but when a prince of royal blood honors their country with a visit these same people "go wild" over the event; vide—the visit of the Prince of Wales to the White House at Washington a week ago. The people crowded the streets to get a glimpse of the Prince and cheered him from the railway station to the President's domicile.

Henry Ford holds that prohibition of the liquor traffic is necessary, and became necessary when the automobile came in great numbers, because the use of liquor makes the automobile unsafe. We have plenty of evidence of this, and there is a common sense and reasonableness in Mr. Ford's theory which will impress one who has no particular convictions regarding the right or wrong of drinking. It is probably as a measure of economic and social advantage that prohibition possesses the widest appeal.—Winchester Press.

It seems to be a favorite statement in some quarters that we are to have the bootleggers' voting for prohibition when the plebiscite election comes, because they want the Ontario Temperance Act so as to make lots of money. Some are perhaps making money out of law-breaking. That is no argument against the Act. We have had bootleggers voting every act regulating the sale of liquor, passed for the past fifty years, and likely will have. But does any one know of one bootlegger-voter in the county of Halton who is working with the temperance people for support of the Ontario Temperance Act?

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

OAKVILLE

Principal Frank Anderson was at Waterloo last week attending the funeral of his father, Rev. J. A. Anderson. Mayor Forster is again able to renew his duties after his severe illness of last week.

MILTON

The ratemakers will vote on October 4 on by-laws for sewage, disposal plant, and storm sewers, involving an expenditure of \$100,000. The tax rate has been struck at 40 mills.

WHEAT FOR A BILLION PEOPLE

Professor George R. Anderson, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Physics and Photography at the University of Toronto, makes the prediction in an article recently published in the "Scientific Post" of London, England, that Canada alone will raise sufficient wheat for over one billion people.

GEORGETOWN

Miss Pearl and Master David Saxe have returned after holidaying at Sparrow Lake. Fifty-two new pupils have commenced the fall term at the Public School.

Miss Annie McGibbon, of New York City, is spending her vacation at Sunnyside Beach, Georgian Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wick were called to Kalamazoo, Mich., last week, owing to the death of Mrs. Wick's mother.

Our citizens are pleased to note the splendid progress of our town band since reorganization, of Hamilton, visited at Mr. Wm. Gamba's, during the week.

Miss Isabel McCannell, of Guelph, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Arol O'Neill during the week.

Mrs. Clifford Joyce has returned after a pleasant visit with relatives in England.

Mr. S. Howard, of the Bank of Montreal, Ottawa, spent a short holiday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ross left for Vancouver, last week, and while away will visit points of interest through the West.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Graham, of Cairo, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, of Grand Rapids, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Allen, Burlington Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wood left last week on a holiday trip to Los Angeles, and Long Beach, Cal.

Rev. Andrew and Mrs. Telford have returned from their wedding trip through Michigan, and are visitors at "Sunset Terrace."

The Burlington Fair prize lists will be ready for distribution this week, and persons desiring a copy should communicate with the Secretary, Stanley Dynes, Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, of Sutherland, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Allen, Burlington during the past week.

They spent the week-end here, returning to Florida on Monday.

Rev. Geo. A. King, the new pastor of the Methodist Church, assumed his duties on Sunday, and preached inspiring sermons to large congregations, morning and evening. He made a very favorable impression.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tyrrell announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Isabel, to Mr. Frederick Chester Watson, of Burlington, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Watson, of Hamilton.

The marriage to take place in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Taylor and daughters, Francis, Mildred and Josephine, returned from a trip to Vancouver, and other points on the coast. They also visited Seattle and Alaska.

Fine weather favored the Burlington Horticultural Society for their annual show, which was held on the park north to the radial station on Wednesday afternoon and evening last. While the entries were not up to last year, the quality of the exhibits were of the highest order.

ERIN

Mr. John Wheeler, of Michigan, an old time resident of this community, visited with relatives and friends in and around Hillsburg during the week. Mrs. John McInnis and Miss Margaret have returned home after a visit with relatives in Chicago and Rockford, Illinois.

Mrs. Egerton H. M. Brecken and Master Arthur Brecken, on furlough from the Union University, Chicago, Quebec, West China, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. George Overland during the week.

Mr. W. T. Miller, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Warden, and other relatives.

Rev. J. A. Evans has returned home after spending his vacation, and resumed his regular duties.

Rev. and Mrs. John Lindsay and son, Ford, returned home last week after spending their vacation with the former's mother, at Portneuf, Quebec.

Mrs. J. D. Johnston and little son, Murray, of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay, 111 line, last week.

Mr. Howard McMillan, of Carmarack, Alaska, visited in Erin and vicinity last week.

Mr. Howard McMillan is the younger son of the late Duncan McMillan, and has spent the last few years in the Yukon.

The Department of Highways has granted the request of the townships of Erin and Caledon that the road leading through Chiltonham across the townline between the townships of Erin and Caledon, at the fountain to the Erin townline be made a good county road.

The Horticultural Society held its annual show on Wednesday, August 27, in St. Andrew's sheds. The crowd was the highest ever, and the show was the best of the year.

The show contained a greater exhibition than usual. There were four school exhibits, such as the Horticultural Society, and was nicely arranged.—Advocate.

Prof. Anderson's article in the "Scientific Post" is in refutation of "alcohol" forbadings indulged in by some of the scientists at the recent meeting in Toronto of the British Association for the Advancement of Science with reference to the world's food supply ultimately being insufficient to feed the inhabitants of the earth.

"YOUR GRACE" The Duke of Blanshire was paying his annual visit to his tenants, and as he was approaching the front door of one house the mother inside said to her little daughter, "Now, Jenny, if the Duke speaks to you, be sure and say 'Your Grace.'"

The child remembered her mother's coaching, and when the kindly old gentleman asked her name she promptly replied "Your what are you about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful!"

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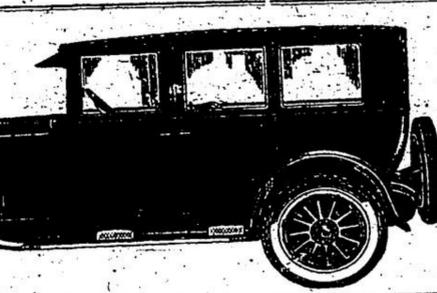
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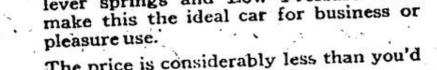
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