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EDITORIAL

The Fall Fair Next Week

Only a limited number of people seem to realize the important part an annual fair plays in the upbuilding of a community, with the result that the men behind these institutions do not receive the support they justly deserve. Not so many years ago annual fall fairs consisted of a display of the products of the soil and a collection of live stock, but showing the advance of the times the fall fair of today has become an institution much broader in its scope where not only the products of the field are displayed in competition, but where the industrial and commercial life of a community is attractively arrayed, coupled with many forms of amusement and entertainment. Everything is now set for a successful fair in Acton next Tuesday and Wednesday. With united support success is beyond peradventure, and another fine fair will stand to Acton's credit.

Free Advertising

The art of seeking free publicity has now reached a high stage and every mail reaching newspaper offices is crisscrossed with "news" which organizations, corporations or individuals would like to see published in the newspaper. Politicians long ago realized the wonderful possibilities of publicity. Aspirants for social work in the larger cities took a page from the politicians' book. Organizations fell into line and big corporations that can well afford to pay for advertising are falling into line. There is one exception which could be named that gets over so much free publicity as it uses in paid advertising. It costs money to publish newspapers. Some have found that out, but their sorrow, but a many others have not realized it yet. The big 50-cent newspapers' income is from the advertising rates—Sudbury Star.

Proposed Gasoline Tax

The enormous outlay involved in the practical building of Ontario highways is a direct result of phenomenal development that has occurred in automobile traffic. It is not just that those for whom improved roadways have been provided should bear the cost of the improvement. The annual license now levied does not begin to meet that cost. The yielding of only \$4,296,000 last year against a financial expenditure of \$22,509,000 on road construction and maintenance. Moreover, such revenue collected at present bears unfairly on different classes of car owners, some of whom may cover five or thirty thousand miles in a year against thousands of miles for others. The proposed tax on gallons of gas used by car owners should not only be a largely increased revenue but result as well in a partial adjustment of taxation according to the received—Farmers' Sun.

A Fair Bill for the Plebeian

It is quite safe to say that the character of the bill to be used at the plebeian on the liquor question on October 23 next, as officially announced on Monday, was surprisingly fair and satisfactory. It satisfied supporters of both sides of the question and the questions decided upon. For weeks all of the questions and conjectures were being made and the questions likely to be submitted. One paper submitted a series of four questions which would probably be found upon the table. These were most confusing and would have very unsatisfactory results if they had been voted. But, after careful consideration, and conferences with the leaders of both sides of the question, the cabinet has decided upon two questions, fair and straightforward, upon which the people of Ontario are to give expression in instructing the government upon the policy to be followed in regard to the administration of the liquor problem in this province. The questions, as announced by Premier Ferguson, following a three-and-a-half-hour session of the cabinet, are to be as follows:—1. Are you in favor of the continuance of the Ontario Temperance Act? 2. Are you in favor of the sale of beer and spirituous liquor in sealed packages? Accompanying the announcement of the plebeian questions, the Premier issued a written statement setting forth explicitly the government's position. It contains the statement that if the majority answer in favor of the Ontario Temperance Act "there can be no doubt as to the issue to be followed." The issue is not clearly before the people of this Province are convinced that in the best interests of the people to keep the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors for medicinal purposes, this can, readily be accomplished.

Proof that Control is Impossible

What is abundantly clear in this city and province is that the Government sale of liquor does not put a stop to the illegal sale of liquor. This evil has grown during the year until it is worse to-day than it has ever been. And the difficulties attending the enforcement of law have been very greatly increased. The liquor manufacturers will break the law as long as they are allowed to continue in business. There will be the scandal of bootlegging as long as there are brewers and legal manufacturers and vendors of liquor. The liquor business cannot be controlled. It must be exterminated—Winnipeg Free Press.

Adding Dignity to the Municipal Office

At nearly every city the Canadian Editors visited in the Old Country they were welcomed by the Mayor, or Lord Mayor, robed in a handsome cloak and wearing a gold chain about his neck. If the custom were introduced into Canada it would add much to the dignity and solemnity of civic receptions. For instance, when Mayor McLean was to welcome the distinguished guests who will no doubt come to Orillia next summer to attend the unveiling of the Champlain monument, what a fine figure he would cut if arrayed in scarlet and provided with a heavy jewelled chain—Orillia Packet. Or if Reeve Barber were, so arrayed when he presides at the Warden's dinner to the County Council in December.

Best Time for Thorough Work

Students and young workers! Those who are older in years and experience have found that there is an increase in efficiency, beginning with September and reaching its height early in November. After that there is a decline in efficiency, both in study and in work, probably due to weather conditions, the distraction of the thoughts of holiday gaieties and so on. Regardless of the reasons, however, the fact is scientific, and should be apparent to all sensible young people, that they should take advantage of the season most favorable to doing their best work. Since it has been demonstrated that September and October are two of the most favorable months in the year for efficiency, there should be no loafing on the job of study or work, planning to make up for it later. In December and January it will be found that all energy at command is needed to keep even with normal accomplishments.

Rapping as We Sowed

While the war was on we were never done telling each other what a record-breaking war it was. Stupendous, colossal, catastrophic, cataclysmic—these were the words with which we sought to describe the war. It was a peculiar solace to us to be able to compare the number of troops under Foch with the number of troops Napoleon commanded; we derived an odd satisfaction from the lengthening list of the combatant nations; it gratified us to make diagrams of the unprecedented financial operations necessary to conduct this war; we stated the number of killed and wounded in terms of cities, we laid the khaki cap to end and circled the globe, we piled up the shells and blotted out the sun; we were never done telling each other how this was the greatest of all wars in the history of the world. But we cannot have it both ways. If it was the greatest of all wars, then the peace-making cannot be the easiest ever. The war cannot be on the largest scale while it lasts, and the day it ceases, become promptly less far-reaching than any war with a chapter to its credit in the history books. We consoled ourselves during the war with the war's immensity, seeing this in the vast resources involved. We must console ourselves now with the war's immensity, and see this in the difficulty with which the war yields to peace.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Thank God for home. You can hang up your hat without paying sixpence to get it back," remarked a member of the Canadian Editors' Overseas Party when the Montclairer reached Quebec.

Municipalities requiring to issue debentures are now getting cheaper rates than have prevailed in recent years. Several issues sold during the month show that municipal bonds are now back to a 5 per cent basis.

Of course the seizure of a few cases of liquor these days creates more excitement than the shipment of several carloads did in the old wet days. A sense of perspective in the liquor controversy is a good thing.—Daily Globe.

Official proclamation has been made by the Manitoba Government of a recent Order-in-Council prohibiting the sale of beer by the keg or barrel, and restricting purchases under permits to 48 pints each week. Beer henceforth may be sold in bottles only.

During a recent visit to Ottawa, Hon. P. C. Larkin, High Commissioner for Canada in London, England, stated in the course of an interview by newspapermen that in his opinion Canada was less dependent upon the rest of the world than any other country. No people in the world are more prosperous.

Canada has one mile of railroad to every 220 people, a larger mileage in proportion to population than any other country. We have a total mileage of nearly 40,000. The Government owns or controls a mileage of 22,600—the Canadian National Railways—making it the largest public-owned system in the world.

Light, air, pure water and milk, with plain food and proper clothing are said to be six qualifications to promote and prolong a vigorous condition of health. Late hours, lack of proper exercise, a pleasure-mad programme and a forgetfulness of the pressure on the pathways leading to the road whose terminal is disaster, disappointment, ill-health and premature death.

Statistics show that in 1923, in Montreal, under Government Control, there were nearly twice as many persons killed by automobiles as in Toronto, under the Ontario Temperance Act, and Toronto has nearly three times as many motor cars as Montreal. Do more persons in Ontario desire the legalized sale of liquor? This can, readily be accomplished.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

OAKVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Kelly and Judith Kelly arrived in town on Friday last from Boston for the Fair, and will be staying until the 19th.

The Ross Gooderham farm, on the Lake Shore, has been sold to Mr. John Cowie, of Toronto. Cowie will make extensive improvements and become a permanent resident with his family here on his return from England.

Several American tourists were arrested during the week on the charge of speeding, and left the country \$1 and costs.

Several persons appeared in court for the payment of their poll tax, and in all cases \$2 extra was added. It is predicted that others will be appearing in a short time for the same offence.

GEORGETOWN

Colonel and Mrs. J. A. Bellantone, of Hamilton, N. Y., are visiting the old home here.

Mrs. F. J. Godfrey, of Newmarket, Ontario, is visiting with her son, Mr. J. D. Godfrey.

The High School opened with one hundred and sixty-one pupils, an increase of twenty over last year. The increase in the number of boys is especially noticeable; the number of girls is about the same as that of the girls.

The annual flower show of Georgetown Horticultural Society was held in the town hall last Saturday afternoon and evening. There was a good attendance and a splendid display of blooms and foliage which far exceeded that of any previous exhibit in town.

Mrs. A. J. McMillan, of Toronto, was a guest of Mrs. J. McMillan during the week.

Miss Mary and Helen Lawson visited friends in Rochester during the past week—Herald.

BURLINGTON

Miss Gladys Tobbs left last week to go in training for a nurse at the Hamilton City Hospital.

W. G. Bly, Mallett has been chosen as one of the official referees for both the Inter-Provincial and Ontario Rugby Football Unions this season.

On Monday evening the congregation of the Methodist Church tendered a very hearty reception to their new minister, Rev. Geo. A. King, and Mrs. King and son, Carson.

Edna Webster, Port Nelson, gave a lawn and house party Saturday afternoon to 20 little girls of Hamilton, Port Nelson and Burlington. All in a very jolly time.

Miss Nellie Morrison left last week to spend a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. J. B. Wheeler, at Joliet, Ill.

Reginald Budge has been awarded the King's Scout badge. This is the highest rank obtainable in the Boy Scouts, except the life-saving or active service, and "Eagle" in the first Burlington boy to win this distinction.

The Rev. Andrew Tolford, an old Nelson townsman, who has recently returned from Bolivia, spoke in the Nelson Methodist Church, under the auspices of the W. M. F. M. at a social evening, September 14. A large attendance assembled.

The inquest into the death of H. G. Dwyer, who was killed on the Dundas Highway several weeks ago, was concluded at the Nelson town hall last week at 10 o'clock, P. M. The jury brought in a verdict attaching the blame to Dwyer, who was killed, and the driver of the Chevrolet car.

On Saturday evening last Mr. Wallace Hopkins sustained the members of the 13th Band, Hamilton, at Spinning Grove, to a dinner and concert. The band brought along their instruments, and musical selections were enjoyed. Mr. E. T. Shaw represented the ex-members of the band, while Mr. Herbert Walker represented the members of the 13th Band. A most enjoyable evening was spent—Gazette.

ERIN

Mr. H. C. Austin, Mr. V. J. Mellish, Miss Nora Austin and Dr. Elliott left last week for a trip to Scarborough, Oak and other points.

Mrs. Annie Noble and Miss Myrtle and Mr. Roy Noble, of Cleveland, Ohio, motored and are visiting with friends in Erin.

Mrs. Albert Payne, of Toronto, and Miss Laura Lewis, of Los Angeles, California were guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Beatty, during the week.

Thomas Arvey, of Toronto, California, and formerly of Erin, won the championship recently, at the Fourth Annual California Horse Show Tournament at Toronto Exhibition.

Mr. E. H. Moore, of Erin, took fifth place among 24 young men, who competed in the Junior Farmers' Judging Contest at Toronto Exhibition.

Mrs. Thos. Duggan, of Georgetown, South Carolina, U. S., (nee Mary Broomer), spent a few days in Erin visiting with old friends, and enjoying looking over the scenes of her girlhood days.

Mr. J. L. McCaig, of Toronto, and formerly of Erin, is coming to the Erin in his holiday, out-of-door sports. Recently he won the Gold Medal at the Pastime Gun Club.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ross and family have returned to their home at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, after spending the summer with friends in this vicinity.

Hillsburg Horticultural Society had gate receipts of \$124.40; booth receipts of \$21.15; Government grant of \$18.00; members' fees of \$10.00. After paying all expenses and prize list there will be a balance of \$169.55 or over—Ad-vertiser.

JOHN BUCHAN COMES TO CANADA

Mr. John Buchan, M. A., the author of the well-known "Richard Hannay" series, arrived in Canada on Monday, Mr. Buchan has just completed a book that will be received with pleasure by many Canadians. "Lord Minty," a memoir. Naturally the greater part of the book deals with the time when Lord Minty was Governor-General of this Dominion.

NEEDLESS EXERTION


Jimmy's mother was giving him a good scolding about his unwashed neck, when he said, "You know you haven't washed your neck," said Jimmy, a note of desperation creeping into his voice, "but I ain't got to wear a collar!"

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51	Best 5 lbs. Honey in Comb, donor to receive same, by Geo. Soper, Merchant, Acton, cash	2.00
52	Best Collection Fancy Work, open to Acton and four adjoining townships, by T. H. Eastbrook & Co., 1st, 2 lbs. Orange Pekoe Tea, value \$2.70; 2nd, 2 lbs. Orange Pekoe Tea, value \$1.80	5.00
53	Best Collection House Plants, not less than 10 varieties, to be grown by exhibitor, by Hugh Walker & Son, Guelph, bushful of best peaches, value \$3.00	4.00
54	Best Map of Ontario, open to Acton Public Schools and four surrounding townships within radius of five miles of Acton, 1st, by A. T. Brown, Parker Dufoff Penell, value \$1.50; 2nd, by J. C. Matthews, cash \$1.00	4.00
55	Best Collection Basketry, not less than four pieces, by Christie Brown & Co., Toronto, one box best assorted biscuits, value \$1.00	3.00
56	Best Design in Cut Flowers, by C. Woodhall, President, 1 Glen Water Set, value \$1.00	4.00
57	Best Essay, on "The Benefits Derived from the Use of Hydro in Acton," open to Acton and vicinity, by the Hydro Commission, 1st, an electric iron or toaster, value \$3.00; 2nd, electric bulb, value \$3.00	5.00
58	Best Collection of Farm Seeds, one pint of each, by Canada Packing Co., 1st, 10 lbs. Brand Bacon, to be delivered at Orrie Lamb's butcher shop, value \$4.00	4.00
59	Best Collection Ladies' Fancy Work, open to Acton and four surrounding townships, by Gunnis Ltd., 1st, Maple Leaf Brand, to be delivered at Orrie Lamb's butcher shop, value \$4.00	4.00
60	Best Tray in Basketry, open to Acton and four townships, 5 lbs. Blue Label Salada Tea, Salada Tea Co., value \$4.25	4.25

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