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EDITORIAL

Completed a Quarter Century in Journalism in Halton

The newspaper men of Halton county are certainly not given to gloating. Only one of the proprietors of county papers has less than twenty years in possession of the newspaper he now controls. Last week Mayor Harris, editor of the Burlington Gazette, completed twenty-five years of service as owner and publisher of that sprightly journalistic representative of Burlington, and in the south-western district of the county Mr. Harris has been an honor to the profession; has been honored by his fellow-citizens; is good for another quarter-century in the editorial chair; and has the rare good fortune to have a son associated with him in the publishing business.

Be Loyal to Your Own Town

Every good and loyal citizen should make it a rule: 1.—To embrace every opportunity of promoting the progress and prosperity of his own town. 2.—To foster a spirit of good will and co-operation among its citizens. 3.—To promote good feeling with our neighbors in the surrounding country. 4.—To help to earn for Acton a reputation for courtesy and service to visitors. 5.—To lend assistance to every movement for increasing the business of the town or the happiness of its people. 6.—To attend all public meetings, and take a share in their activities and not to keep quiet at a meeting and then go away and talk about the mistakes that were made. 7.—Let this apply personally to ME and then act accordingly.

What is Government Control?

This question is being asked daily by persons anxious to understand it. Government control is a measure for the sale of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes by government vendors. First, last and always it should be remembered that Government control means the sale of liquor, under some measure of Government restrictions—but it is for the sale of liquor for drinking purposes. The Ontario Temperance Act prohibits the sale of liquor for drinking. Wherever tried Government control has failed, so far as controlling satisfactorily the sale of liquor. It has failed where it originated, in Sweden; it has failed wherever tried in the United States; it has failed in Quebec; it has failed in British Columbia; it has failed in Manitoba. Reports from the Provinces named give ample proof of easy evasion of the Government control law; more drunkenness, more bootlegging, more misery. The element of the lure of profit enters into Governments as it does into individuals. The Premier of the Province of Quebec, which is under Government control, openly boasted on the floor of the Legislature that last year the profits to the Government from the sale of intoxicating liquor, under Government control, was over \$4,000,000. He declared it would be more this year, and very likely, it will. On a recent visit to Toronto he repeated the same statement there. Who pays this \$4,000,000 of profit? The people paid it; but it cost them over \$30,000,000 in purchases of liquor to give the Government the \$4,000,000 of profit. And drunkenness to-day is rampant in Quebec. A few weeks ago the writer had occasion to spend a Saturday evening in Montreal. In company with several other friends we sat for an hour in Dominion Square, one of the small downtown parks, for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the effects of Government control, on the people. While sitting there, man after man, visibly under the influence of liquor, staggered by—fully half a score within an hour. Because they did not fall into the gutter they were not drunk, according to the interpretation given under the Government control law, and none of them were arrested. Do we want Government control like that in Ontario? No! a thousand times, no! Government control sales may be hedged about by many restrictions; but it is sale of liquor all the same for drinking purposes, and Government control laws are as easily broken as any other laws. Imagine what it would mean if a Government shop for the sale of liquor for drinking were opened in Acton. It would undoubtedly mean drunkenness and misery, and unhappy homes, and ill-clad children, and it would mean that tens of thousands of dollars, now spent for food, clothing, and home comforts and pleasures, would go into the coffers of the Government.

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Canadian Products in Demand in England

Results from the British Empire Exhibition at London, England, are very encouraging to Canadian producers. A despatch last week from London announced that Canadian cheese has found a splendid market as a direct result of the British Empire Exhibition. Eight thousand pounds of cheese per week is used on the grounds by the caterers and they have also introduced it in all their London cafes. A Canadian dry milk dealer has just sold an output valued at \$800,000. The despatch goes on to say that the Canadian Fruit Exhibit has already brought European orders for more than one million boxes. Orders for various classes of Canadian manufactured products have also exceeded all expectations.

The Simplified Plebiscite Ballot

When the form of ballot to be used in the coming Plebiscite election on the Ontario Temperance Act was first announced by the Government, it was intended that the voter should vote "Yes" or "No" to each of the two questions proposed. The Government later decided to simplify the ballot so that the voter will make one cross only on the ballot, just as is done in a parliamentary election when two candidates are running. The Government's announcement of the change is as follows:

The Ontario Government has decided that the ballot on the Plebiscite on October 23, next will be a cross ballot; the voter thus marking the question which he favored. There will be, accordingly, but one vote for each voter. He will vote affirmatively for either the Ontario Temperance Act or Government control, and any variation from this practice will constitute a spoiled ballot.

This simplified form of ballot will commend itself to the people generally. The question is now a straight issue, and the ballot should be easily understood by all who have the privilege of using it.

A Serious Offence

The claim has been made that Dundas is one of the best behaved communities in Canada. It hasn't been claimed, of course, that the behavior of the populace is perfect, but simply that taking it by and large its conduct is so good as to excite comment of the most favorable nature, with particular reference to our young people. And we have reason to believe that generally speaking our young people deserve the good words that have been said about them. But of late there have been some complaints about certain young men accosting girls on the street and forcing their attentions on them. In three instances complaints have been made to the authorities about young men who have been guilty of this serious offence. In the first two cases the magistrate, through the medium of the chief, invited the young men to attend informally at the town hall in the evening. In the third case a summons was issued. In each instance the delinquents were advised of the seriousness of the offence, from the standpoint of the criminal code, and the magistrate stated that in the future the young girls of the town would be under the special protection of the court, and anybody convicted of a similar offence would be punished as severely as the law allowed. The public highway should be as safe for girls as their own homes, and any young man who is convicted and sentenced for molesting them will not likely receive any sympathy from the public, and from what the magistrate said he will certainly not receive any from the court.—Dundas Star.

EDITORIAL NOTES

France is giving pledges of good faith by steady withdrawals from the Rhineland. Germany is being given her chance to "play the game." It may be her last chance if she refuses.—Globe.

The leaders in the Plebiscite campaign in Ontario have adopted the slogan "Make it Half a Million" as the majority for the Ontario Temperance Act, and against Government control.

From now on the harassed and half frenzied citizenry of the United States will be able to concentrate upon the race in the major leagues without being distracted by the Prince of Wales.—Mail and Empire.

There appear to be numbers of people who are still unaware of the fact that conducting raffish is a violation of the Criminal Code. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley, of Hailybury, were fined \$50 and costs for raffing an automobile.

It is a most encouraging sign of the times when young people in their church, school and other organizations are discussing the subject of prohibition. There is then increased hope of a better order of things in the civic world.—Oakville Star.

The latest Federal financing furnishes new proof of the buoyancy of Canadian credit. A short-term loan of 4 per cent, and a 20-year loan at 4½ per cent, are almost as good as pro-ear investment conditions. Canada's savings by refunding operations will perceptibly reduce the burden of the public debt.

The new Chamber of Commerce has work of interest to the public already before it. The arbitrary cutting off of the 6.18 p. m. mail and passenger train on the Canadian National Railway is a great inconvenience to this community. The Chamber of Commerce will give real reason for its existence if it takes effective steps to have it restored.

The Financial Post estimates that the total net revenue from all branches of production in Canada during 1924 will exceed that of 1923 by more than 10,000,000—assuming the continuation of the present rate of expansion in certain branches of production, and the maintenance of the present level of prices of primary products. There is good cause for the feeling of optimism which has been observable of late.

The announcement that the Dominion Government has arranged to issue \$50,000,000 of new twenty-year bonds, payable in Canada, will be welcomed by investors as a whole. One of the outstanding features in connection with the bond market during the last few weeks has been a shortage of the higher grade of bonds, and with \$107,000,000 of Victory Bonds maturing on November 1, some questions are being asked in the minds of many investors as to the possibility of the Government issuing new bonds in which their funds would find investment. An opportunity should prove satisfactory.

REPETITION

Repetition is the essence of life. By personal repetition from the cradle we gradually form solid habits, putting them on, one after another, as we put on ornaments, until we are fitly and decently clothed and armed to go forth into the world, where we make use of these acquired habits in every thought and action of our daily life. It is not enough to do a common act once, or a second time, or fifty times. We must repeat it indefinitely, until it is performed without effort, and in many cases, without consciousness. Do you know which sleeve of your coat you put on first? If you do, you are wiser than most people.

Repetition, in French, means rehearsal. Is it not a charming suggestion? All our lives we are rehearsing without appreciating it, getting ready for some supreme moment. The quickness, the exactness and the perfection our bearing in that supreme moment depends altogether upon the care and thought with which we have trained ourselves, to meet it. And the person in whom long training has developed energy and vigor of action into an instinct resembling what is technically called reflex action, is far better than those who argue and debate, even with a high quality of intellectual power.

To dwell on these eternal repetitions is of course unwise. In that aspect their monotony is likely to become intolerable. President Jefferson had an old friend who complained because he was inordinately weary of putting on his shoes and stockings every morning. We all know what he meant. But moral minds are too busy to complain of trifles.

There are dangers also in repetition. If you make a mistake in adding a column of figures, or in practicing a musical exercise, you make it again and again. So, by repetition habits creep upon us unawares, and it takes sometimes a colossal effort to get rid of them.

No one need more to study this business of repetition than mothers. In a sense it is their only business. And to remind and reprove and reprove and reprove often gets to be as tedious as the old man's stockings. Make an art of it. Try to vary your advice and explanations so as to make them new and interesting. It can be done, and you will enjoy it, and so will your children.

Perhaps the supreme art of motherhood is to carry repetition to its limit, with careful and loving care, and then to recognize unerringly the exact point where the leading strings should be dropped and the active individuality of the child be allowed to form for itself new repetitions, new habits, new developments.

"THIS SEAT IS ENGAGED"

In the train, says the Manchester Guardian, they were telling stories to illustrate "the impudence of some people." One passenger said that on getting into the train at Manchester he made for a vacant corner seat and was warned off by the man opposite, who said that the seat belonged to a friend of his. After having stood in the corridor for twenty minutes, the late comer put his head into the compartment and inquired: "Where is that friend of yours?" "Oh, he's getting on at Crews," was the reply. The distance from Manchester to Crews is more than twenty-five miles.

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