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### EDITORIAL

#### Salaries of Provincial Cabinet Ministers

Premier Ferguson announces the probability of increase of fifty per cent. in the salaries of the cabinet ministers of Ontario. The present salaries of all members of the cabinet, who are in charge of portfolios, is \$6,000 per year, with an additional \$400 for sessional indemnity. The proposed increase is to \$9,000, with the sessional indemnity of \$400 added, making the total proposed public income of each minister \$10,400 per year. The premier's present salary is \$12,000, with sessional indemnity additional, making a total of \$13,400.

#### Prohibition Stands Strongly in the United States

Canadians will be glad to know that in addition to the re-election of Calvin Coolidge by a good majority the drys won a signal victory over the wets, reports stating that 211 of the 289 candidates unopposed by the wets were elected. Of the 33 senators elected wets cannot claim more than 4 or 5, and only 1 of the 5 senatorial candidates endorsed by the wets was elected. This record speaks well for the thirteenth amendment—the temperance measure in the United States. With Ontario solidly dry it is hoped that a friendly co-operation in support of temperance legislation will be attended by beneficial results in both countries.—Bowmanville Statesman.

#### The Peace of the World

The peace of the world can be maintained only by the educated public opinion of the world, and if for each citizen of civilized nations to take his share of the responsibility, said Sir Robert Gordon speaking at the People's Forum at Montreal last night. "The people of the world can never be maintained by force, but only by the educated public opinion of the world, and that opinion is being formed by day, month by month, and year by year by the meetings of the League of Nations at Geneva. It is, however, for you to send representatives who are no more than the representatives of a Government of the time being. They must go as representatives of strong Canadian public opinion. If they do not have strong public opinion behind them it is useless and therefore I pray you interest yourselves in the work and purposes of the League so as to strengthen public opinion, and thereby enable your country to take a part that is worthy of it in maintaining the future peace of the world."

#### The Morals of the Town at Stake

Evidence that some action is necessary in the matter of adequate supervision when public dances are being held in the Town Hall by irresponsible non-residents has been quite manifest on several occasions lately. On Thanksgiving night it is reported that dances were enacted at one of these gatherings of a character approaching an orgy. So indecent was the conduct of some of those who attended that the Municipal Officer, who has charge of the hall, expelled the young men from the hall, and informed them if they returned he would arrest them and put them in lockup. Reports aver that the conduct of some of the girls who attended was also not beyond reproach. Our Town Hall was never intended to be used for such disreputable doings, and the authorities should take steps at once to see that there is no repetition of such conduct. The Municipal Officer giving excellent service, and is living up to the duty of his office he has taken as a constant to the best of his opportunities; but, unfortunately, he cannot be in two places at the same time, and the hall has several apartments used during dances. Because of the unsympathetic conduct which has prevailed at the hall on several occasions numbers of our young people, who are attending, have been greatly annoyed and we felt themselves compromised by being seen in the disreputable company present. Parents also have been incensed over the matter. The Council should at once take action empowering the Municipal Officer to require that some adequate certificate of character be presented by outsiders applying for the use of the hall for public dances, before any concessions are granted. It is stated on good authority that some of the outsiders who have secured the hall for dances have lately been refused the use of any public hall in their own towns. There is a general feeling that provision should be made for adequate supervision by some responsible party of good character and standing in the town at all public dances held there. Such an action has been taken with salutary effect in other towns. The rental of the Town Hall should be the first consideration. The morals of the community are paramount to any financial advantage.

#### Toronto's New Union Station in Four Years

After years of passive resistance, the last formal obstacle to the building of the Toronto viaduct and opening of the new Union Station has been removed. To the momentous document which provides for the completion of the great undertaking within four years the Presidents of the two railways affixed their seals and signatures on Saturday at Montreal, and Monday the fully signed and sealed agreement was delivered at Ottawa, where the Order-in-Council to bring it into force is ready waiting for approval of the Cabinet and the assent of the Governor-General. The people of this part of Ontario are interested in the consummation of this big enterprise as fully as the people of Toronto.

#### Welsh Anthracite Coal Growing in Popularity

Welsh anthracite coal is finding an increasing demand in Canada, as it becomes better known. Toronto coal dealers who handle it report that customers who use it once invariably ask for it in preference to the Pennsylvania coal. Its small ash content (2 to 4 per cent), and freedom from slate; high heating values (14,000 B. T. units), responsiveness under draft both to pick up and to throttle down, is superior to the best Pennsylvania product. The only objection to it is that it is more brittle owing to freedom from slate, and tends to break in handling. If this coal is available at reasonable prices Canadian people will be well advised to use it. It is an empire product and should therefore have the preference.

#### Would Like Reciprocal Prohibition

"Canada and the United States each watch with interest the other's struggle with the liquor problem," said Wayne B. Wheeler, LL. D., General Counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America, speaking at the session of the annual convention of the Quebec Prohibition Federation in Montreal. "Each nation finds its laws broken and its resources sapped by this traffic, which is essentially lawless. The United States is trying to solve the problem by a war of extermination under prohibition. Quebec accepts tribute from the enemy while permitting it to operate under Government Control. Each nation is concerned with the other's effort. The United States wishes Canada no ill, but you would do us a favor by keeping your liquor at home."

#### Action Council for 1925

The nomination of candidates for the Municipal Council for 1925 will be held next Monday, November 24, at noon. Acton's position, our public utilities, our proposed extensions to the waterworks system, and our municipal interests generally demand that the very best men available in the town be placed in the positions of trust and responsibility. Men of vision, men of business experience, men of economical views, men who will think for themselves and who will act upon their own initiative when it is in the best interests of the town to do so, men who have sufficient leisure at their disposal to devote to the duties of the offices assumed. The issue is important. It is in the hands of Acton's ratepayers. The duties of citizenship are upon them. In the spirit of real citizenship and of community interests our citizens should now be prepared to act.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

It is encouraging to learn that there are other crimes beside those against the O. T. A. that are punished by large fines. A peddler of narcotics has been fined \$200 and five years in the penitentiary.—Mail and Empire.

Canada's latest daily to enter the journalistic field, the Morning Sun, of Montreal, which appeared for the first time on September 16, has been discontinued. The publishing of a newspaper is these days a problem, and is attended with meagre profit.

A cable despatch from London, England, states that on his return to England after a tour of Canada, General Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army, affirms that Canada stands out among the Dominions as the most attractive to the people of the British Isles.

France is evidently making good in financial operations now. The French Ambassador has informed the Canadian High Commissioner, Hon. P. C. Larkin, that on December 31 the Government of France will pay off the debt it owes to Canada in connection with the war, the amount totalling \$5,657,000.

Canadian reciprocity with New South Wales has reached another stage. The next move will be made when the Canadian Parliament meets in January, and as soon as it endorses the treaty it can be brought into effect by proclamation, as the Commonwealth Parliament already has passed a resolution in favor of reciprocity.

It already looks as if the new British Parliament has a wider vision. Widespread interest has been aroused by the attitude of the Government towards the Dominions as set forth by the Prime Minister in Guild Hall speech. If this is true the interests of the Empire, and of Canada and the other Dominions, will no doubt be better served.

Financial men estimate that as a result of the higher price for wheat and other grains this year the farmers of Western Canada will have \$175,000,000 more to spend in 1924 than they did in 1923. Bankers report that many of the farmers who have produced this wealth have already met all their obligations and are now entirely out of debt and with good bank accounts to face another season.

### Neighborhood News—Town and Country

#### BURLINGTON

During the past three weeks the local dentists have completed the extraction of the children's teeth in the two Public Healths.

The auditors commenced work on the last week last Tuesday, and are busily engaged checking up the accounts.

On Friday evening three chicken coops were raided by the police and a number of birds taken. The police are working on the case.

Nelson Township Council have passed by-law here in future all years of taxes in the township are payable to the township treasurer.

Many of our citizens admired the Franchises in bloom on the Royal Bank lawn during the past week, but on Friday night the heavy frost blowing in the buds. It is seldom outdoor roses bloom in November.

The annual sale of work, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Nelson, will be held in the township hall, Nelson, on the evening of Thursday, November 27.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Tebb entertained Hon. Dr. Culy at supper at the Rectory on Friday. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ford, Secretary and Mrs. Holtby and Pym, and Mrs. Welsh of the High School.

Harry Brown, of Niagara Falls, whose car struck Misses Cotter and Cadman, who were walking on Waterloo Street, was appearing before Judge Elliot on Monday. The Judge, after hearing the evidence on the criminal negligence charge, dismissed the case.

Early Wednesday morning fire completely destroyed the residence of Mr. Ram Heron at Street. About \$15,000. Heron was awakened by the smell of smoke in the house, and immediately fled. A fireman who upon investigation found the back kitchen on fire.—Gazette.

#### GEORGETOWN

The Memorial of the Presbyterian Church toiled the hour of eleven on Armistice Day. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. Arnold and Miss L. Langan, of Acton, were Thanksgiving visitors at Mr. John Langan's.

Mr. John Bell left for Saturday for Agassiz, B. C., where she will spend the winter.

We understand there will be some change in the personnel of our Town Council for 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie and Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald attended the annual Thanksgiving supper at Knox Church, Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anthony entertained a number of friends at their home, "The Longtons," last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. Kirk, who is in the hospital at Agassiz, B. C.

The children of the Public School, accompanied by the Principal and teaching staff, marched to the Soldiers Memorial on Thanksgiving Day by two minutes' absence. Lieut.-Col. Brown, Rev. H. Cassell and Mr. Kirk, who were also present, made short addresses to the children.

The Council has granted the Georgetown Hockey Club \$15.00 for the season.

Councillor Herrington had the misfortune last Thursday to fracture his right arm. He has been cranking Ford cars for nine years and never had an accident until now.

Recent reports regarding the purity of our town water are to the effect that the new supply from the pumping station is first class, but that from the old reservoir is not what it should be. The reservoir, which did not receive its annual cleaning last year, is being cleaned out. It is very important that our town's water supply should be the purest possible in order that the health of the community be not jeopardized.—Herald.

#### MILTON

There are at least five applicants for the position of caretaker of the Milton Post Office, namely: W. B. Wheeler, John Brush, Jos. J. Peacock, William Sloane and B. Woods.

Among the Presbyterian ministers in this district, who has signed the declaration to remain loyal to the General Assembly's decision in favor of Union are the following: Rev. W. D. McIntosh, Milton; Rev. J. E. Munro, Oakville; Rev. James Malcolm, Hornby.

While W. A. Neilson was thrashing at the farm of St. Bridget, of Esqueville, his span of horses, which were put in the barn, with their harness on them, fell out of a door at the end of the barn, falling 12 feet. One was killed and the other badly hurt.

The Methodist Sunday School room was a very pretty place last Saturday afternoon, when the ladies of the local chapter L. O. D. E. held their annual bazaar. Those who planned the decorating of the dining booths deserved a great deal of credit in giving the whole affair such a bazaar-like appearance. A very substantial sum that will help much in providing for the adopted Armenian boy at Georgetown, was realized.

The anniversary services held in Grace Church on Sunday last were of exceptional merit. The singing system was working to perfection, and the church was most comfortable. Both choir and special preacher exceeded themselves. Dr. Stegma's sermons were intellectual treats of the highest order.

Last Sunday four Milton young people were in a car on the seventh line, Trafalgar, on their way to Oakville, the steering apparatus went out of order and the car, out of control, it ran off the road and struck a post. Miss Hillyer had one of her legs cut and one of her feet badly bruised, with possibly a bone broken in it. Her clothes were torn off and her clothing damaged. She was not only one hurt. The car was wrecked.

It is reported that three new brick residences, costing \$5,000 each, are to be erected on the east side of Woodward Avenue, in the rear of Councillor Shog's large residence. Building operations will begin next spring.

On Saturday evening three Milton young men were on their way home from Acton, George Miller, Harry Maske, owner of the car, and Geo. Hoffer. Coming down the long hill this side of Byways, about six miles from home, the wheels struck loose gravel, the car upset, Miller had three ribs broken and was out of breath, Hoffer's leg was hurt, with other cuts and bruises. Maske's injuries were slight. The car was damaged.

About sixty members of the Milton Bowling Club attended its annual banquet at the Milton Inn on Tuesday evening, with three guests, presidents of other sportsmen's organizations, George Gowling, of the Curling Club, The Handbook, of the Tennis Club, and James McKeirnie, of the Golf and Country Club. President J. M. Davies was chairman of the banquet, and toasts were honored, and speeches made by Judge Elliot, Rev. W. D. McIntosh, the guests, and the members of the club. The evening was a most enjoyable one.—Champion.

### GEMS OF THOUGHT

They that deny a God, destroy man's nobility, for clearly man is of kin to the beasts of his body, and if he be not of kin to God by his spirit, he is a base and ignominious creature.—Isaac.

I find my Lord Jesus cometh not in the precise way that may in wait for Him. He hath a manner of His own. Oh, how high are His ways above my ways!—Hutherford.

If wisdom were conferred with this proviso, that I must keep it to myself, I would have none of it.—Bacon.

A wise man looks upon men as he does on horses; all their capabilities of title, wealth, and place, he considers but as harness.—Cecil.

It is a great point of wisdom to hide ignorance as to discover knowledge, to know what we do not know, as what we do.

Hateful is the power, and pitiable is the life of those who wish to be feared rather than to be loved.—Cornelius Nepos.

The first point of wisdom is to discern the truth which is the second, to know that which is true.—Lactantius.

Who is the most sensible man? He who finds what is to his own advantage, in all that happens to him.—Goethe.

### THE DANGERS OF IMAGINATION

A story of Coleridge's boyhood, which appears in a book by Mr. Will-iam Brown on the poet's childhood and later years, shows the dangers that come to him. From his early youth Coleridge lived in a world of imagination and dream. In his favorite walks seems to have been the Strand, the last place in the world for a poet to lose himself in reverie.

As he strolled down the street he imagined himself swimming the Hellespont—the feat of which other poets had written, and which the poet Byron was to accomplish later. Once, while the wind of Coleridge was this far from the busy Strand, he absently thrust his hands before him in the manner of one swimming. Suddenly one hand came in contact with a gentleman's pocket.

The gentleman, thinking to capture a thief, seized the hand and exclaimed, "What! So young and so wicked!" He accused the poor, poetic boy of an attempt at pocket-picking.

With some fright and a few tears the boy explained, and we can imagine that words did not fall him who was about to become the most brilliant talker of his age. The gentleman was delighted with Coleridge's imagination, which could turn the Strand into the Hellespont. The intelligence of the young Leicester made the stranger inquire in "T. C. Coleridge's letters and when he found the boy liked books, he opened for him a subscription at the circulating library in Cheapside.

### ALL FOR A WOMAN

A man visiting an asylum saw a patient sitting on a rocking horse.

"That's a bad case," said his guide. "He often sits on that horse for hours, and we cannot get him to move. He was jilted by a girl."

Continuing his tour, the visitor arrived at a padded cell where a man was rushing about and banging his head against the cushions.

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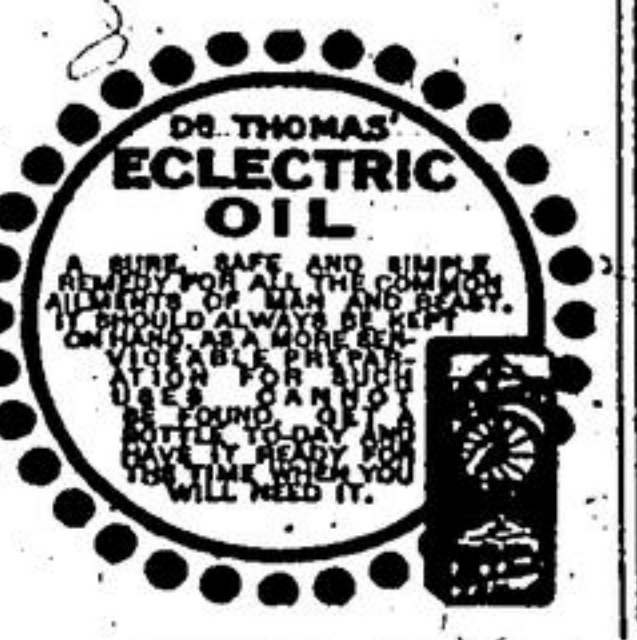
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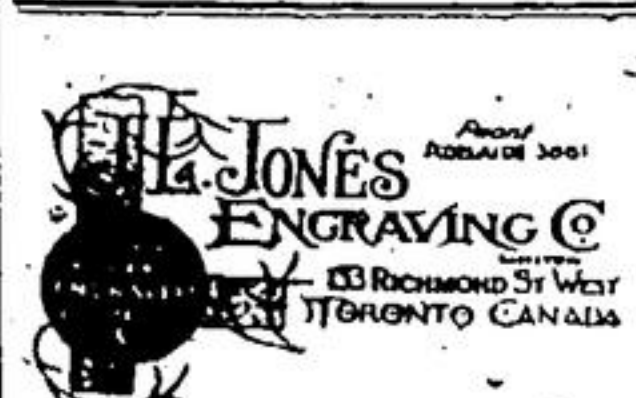
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