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EDITORIAL

A Menace to Morals and Character For the past five months there has been a plethor of dances in the Town Hall. Rarely a week has passed during that period when there has not been one, and sometimes two, of these dances there. A few of these have been by invitation, carefully supervised and chaperoned, and have been devoid entirely of any question as to respectability, a credit to the promoters, and pleasure to the participants. The most of the dances, however, have been of a public character, free to all who present themselves, and were ready to pay the admission fee. There has been no discrimination and persons of salacious and unsavory character have been able to mingle with unsuspecting and innocent young people, who would not think of associating with such persons if they knew the characters they bear. As a result rumors of objectionable conduct have been current. Verily, there have been more than rumors. Four persons attending these public dances have been hailed to the local police court by the caretaker and fined for being under the influence of liquor while there Several guilty of unbecoming conduct have been expelled from the hall by the caretaker, who has been on the alert for such characters, and one company of outsiders who conducted a dance, and had engaged the hall for another, were informed by the Municipal Officer that their contract was cancelled because of the objectionable conduct permitted at the previous dance they held, and that they would perhaps think this severe criticism, but here is the provinces where prohibition is in force? criticism of a mother in town, who is personally interested and who feels very strongly that something should be done to combat what she calls "the bac evils" prevailing:

Acton, Jahuary 28th, 1925

As you have the only means by which I may speak to the people of Acton, I would like to use it to say something to them in regard to the dances in the Town Hall, It has just come to my cars that young girls attending these dances are being given liguor by some of the parties who attend the dabces. Girls, the daughters of respectable parents, who are 16 or 18 years of age, have been given intoxicating liquor. Their -parents' permit their daughters to go to these dances, in the mistaken notion that those who attend are all good people of the town. But I write to ask you to inform these parents of what is going on. Parents are usually the last to over hear these things, unless they overhear some Now, Mr. Editor, don't you think it is necessary

the fown should engage some good, sensible experienced woman to attend these dances and have the authority to take action where misconrontal charge for the hall. She can, by her observance, hinder unseemly conduct and if any occurs. report to the authorities, and to the parents of the girls and boys, this bad evil which is going on. I am sorry to have to report a thing like this, but I fool it is my duty as a mother. I attach my name to show my sincerity in the matter, but request that you will not publish it."

The courage and sound common sense of mother in bringing this unfortunate matter to attention of the public is to be commended. It said that for weeks the misconduct at these public dances has been a topic of conversation by the ladies at some of their church meetings and social gatherings, and that they have deplored that such conduct was permitted, and, of course, declared that something should be done. But nothing has been done; no public protest has been made, and evidently no steps have been taken to purge these af fairs from the presence and actions of the persons who are a menace to the morals and character of the young people who attend. The suggestion-made for the appointment of a suitable woman to have official supervision would seem to be a good one. Owing to the fact that there are dressing rooms and other as are those of either of the other parties. rooms open to those who attend, as well as the auditorium of the hall, it is humanly impossible for the caretaker to have constant oversight of all these with gratifying volume, Hon. Charles McCrea, the boys, whom she had brought up to apartments, He does his best. In conversation with Minister of Mines, in an address in Toronto the other. Mr. McPherson he stated that he would gladly wel- evening, said the possibilities of Northern Ontario come the appointment of a woman of the type re- have hardly been scratched yet. The outlook for ferred to, to have supervision with him, and he feels mining could not be more optomistic than it is at "On Thursday afternoon I shall marthat some such arrangement is necessary. This present. "All signs warrant the statement that the serious matter should not be left for the FREE PRESS, production of gold, silver and nickle will be stepped and individuals such as the mother who has written up by five or ten million dollars this year without any the above letter, to exploit the issue. If every pulpit difficulty." in town would ring out against the dangers existing; if every women's society would put themselves upon

to be obtained.

A Visit of Harmony

The visit of the delegates of Ontario's prominent citizens to the sister Province of Quebec, for the purpose of fostering closer relationship between the two largest provinces of the Dominion, and bringing into harmony the aspirations of the two races of the farmers in Canada, particularly in Canada, was brought to a close Friday night by o. banquet, at which was heard the leaders in the public stands. affairs of Ontario and Quebec provinces, and also men prominent in the life of the Dominion at large. This bonne entent visit will have far-reaching influence. It is well that our leaders in the two pro- on the American continent always 76; against, 236; a majority of 160 vinces should have a closer acquaintance with each other, and consequently, a better understanding of France and Italy and therein lies, at be built to the aplanting mill on Main such matters as effect the people of Ontario and least in part, our danger.

Oakville's Aspirations are Curtalled

At the municipal elections it was announced that badly under most conditions, while fession monopolizes the seats of the Oakville was entitled to a second Deputy-Reeve, on the southern portion of the red clover posing the council, there is only one the ground that the town had the 2,000 voters on areas in the United States has been butter maker, one flour and feed mer the municipal lists required for a second Deputy-Reeve, and, of course, a third representative in the States has compared quite favorably and wood dealer, one bricklayer, one County Council. Evidently without careful scrutiny of the town's voters' list, arrangements were made accurate information as to the origin for the election and Mr. J. H. Elliott was elected as adian formers are urged to secure losecond Deputy-Reeve for the town, and presumably cally grown good where possible, proa seat at Halton County Council Board. After the spenably free from noxious woods. It election, Clerk Barnes, in order conscientiously to would be much more profitable to plant issue a cortificate that Mr. Elliott was legally elected and entitled to his seat in the County Council, count- some extent, than to take a chance ed the names on the town's list of voters, and found ported clovers, the origin of which that the list did not contain the 2,000 names of voters was not known .- Experimental Farm required by law for the extra Reeve. This must have been rather embarrassing to Mr. Elliott; the candidate elected, but he very honorably declined to take any part in the proceedings of the Town Council, and did not offer to take his seat at the family, which had American appir-County Council meeting on Tuesday. Oakville will versal cognomen; with what success . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conboy, of get along very well with a Reeve and Deputy-Reeve is told by a writer who gives the ex- Asquithe, Sask, are visiting with the at the County Council. Her interests have been of the unintentional Jean Baptiste. pretty fairly well conserved by the two members in the past and their claims upon the county's excheque way, We ain't got no name yet, we Hall by the Village Council. have not been unconsiderable either.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The state of Michigan has adopted the gasoline tax, which carries a two-cent charge per gallon. Th new law is already in effect. It is very probable us nice Tankee name and I bring you being essentially a union body of Conthat Ontario's new gasoline tax will be similar in

The Clerk of Tweed municipality notified three of the newly-elected Councillors that if they took their seats in the new Council that steps would b taken to unsent them for alleged arrears of taxes owing to the municipality.

The largest amount in the history of the Province Jounesse 'd take de young one in con of Alberta savings certificates system was recorded in 1924, when the people of the province invested Den Fader, Lajeunesse 'e so mad savings with the Provincial Government to the extent of \$6,308,135.25. This is the largest total ever invested in any one year.

According to an officer of the Liquor Board detective force, there are 7,000 bootleggers in Vaccouver. Let's see, isn't Government Control law in force in Vancouver? And didn't they tell us a few not be allowed to have the hall again. Some may months ago that the bootleggers all belong to the

> Three branches of Methodism in England-Weseyan, United and Primitive Methodists-have decided by a majority vote of 70 per cent. In favor of organic union. It is said that the example of the their interest that inflames them. Canadian Church Union was a factor in leading to the decision in English Methodism.

Further particulars of interest are being gleaned from the Census report. The urban and rural popudation of Canada is about evenly divided, with slight advantage in favor of the latter. For the whole of Canada, official figures show that 50.4 per cent. of the population are rural dwellers.

Last year 7,659 persons were naturalized in Canada. Of that number 1,274 were Russian; 1,069 were but only by love; this is the eterni Italians; 928 Americans; 903 Austrians; 807 Poles; 576 Rumanians; 576 Greeks; 232 Swedes; 221 Germans; 160 Norwegians. The remainder are composed of Belgians, Turks, Serbs and French.

Of the gasoline tax in Quebec, the Montreal Gazette says that "experience in this province has shown that this particular tax is not only equitable, as being the coarse of the conversation the at the Georgetown Arena on Friday hunter remarked that he had spent February 4. collected from motorists in proportion to the use which they make of the public highways, and therefore to the wear and toar inflicted theron, but is practically painless, being collected in infinitesimal

The twenty-two Conservative members who met in caucus at Toronto last week to prepare a scheme for more than three-score years and ten in St. George's Church on Monday weakening the O. T. A. at the coming session of the Legislature, are fooling themselves badly, if they think that the members from the "dry" constituencies fessions of the unfortunate companionwill entertain any such proposal. The Conservative electors generally of this province are just as insistent that the law be strengthened and enforced

Ontariola mineral resources seem to be growing

Last week the Newmarket Bra entered upon its record for action; if a strong delegation of leaders seventy-third year of publication. The Era is one in public morals in town, men and women, would of the outstanding weeklies in Ontario. For over by a reporter to what he attributed wait upon the Municipal Council requesting that fifty years the present editor and proprietor has been proper steps he taken to suppress the evils referred associated with it, and his father, the late Erastus to, prompt and effective measures would no doubt be Jackson, "The Minister of Education" of North York, set in action. The people of Acton are not so anxious was his predecessor. The Era is still characterized shout revenues from the Town Hall, that it should with virility in its editorial columns, is a noted news be rented to every applicant, irrespective of the gatherer, and wields an enviable influence in its moral issues at stake. The morals of our young constituency, Premier King is the member for North less of an ald than the one who believes in us so profoundly that we feel of the txtract of continuency. than the Newmarket Bra and its editor

Red clover seed has been a failure r partial fallure during the past seanon in a great many districts where send in usually produced. Such i condition always means danger for those sections where severe winters onictimes interfere with our red clover

The danger to which I refer to that means heavier importation of the for- against union. olgn soed. Seed has been coming from It is rumored that an addition will

perimental Farms for a number of existed there so long. years past. Without exception, French and Italian clovers' have winter killed

with our own. Bocaluse of the difficulty of securing viding such soud can be secured reaa larger quantity of local seed, the

NAMING THE BABY

among the French-Canadian folk. One ations, did its best to avert this uni-"Fader Lajounesse, 'e say, Wat for Mr. J. H. Scott has been re-appointdat chile ain't christen' yet?' An' I ed Constable and Caretaker of the

call dat chile Jean B'tiste.' An' I say, Erin Continuation School- will com-'No, sir, nevalre. . Dat chile goin' have pete for the highest honors in gratory. nice, good Yankee name, an' dat chile The trophies, two gilver medals, will goin' be nice, good Yankee man wen! she's beeg, yes, sir. "Ah'm not educate me, but ma oldat boy, Emile, she most school-teach-"ed toque from Men'real!".

day her fader say, 'Wal, Emile, w'at ! name we goin' call dat leel babee?' An' Emile she say, 'You wait.' friends view this movement. "Along bimeby one day Emile come tome from de work, trows hees cay i' de hair an' say, 'Urrah! Ah got de nicest Yankee name you hain't nevaire "Fader say, Good! I go tell Fader Lojeunesse, an' we get dot babee

"An' we all go to de church to see dat babee christen'. An' Fader La- line. harm an' 'e say, 'W'at name?' "An! ma man she say, 'Syraçuse. mos' drop de chile. "'W'at kin' name dat for chile?' ye'l. 'W'at for you don' tack on Cheru "An' so we name her Jean B'tiste jus' do same, and Emile 'e don' get eer nico red foque from Mon'treal."

GEMS OF THOUGHT

Pain in itself is not without alleviations. It is seldom both violent and long-continued; and its pauges and intermissions become positive pleasures. It has the power of shedding a satisfaction over intervals of case, which few enjoyments exceed .-

People give the name of zeal to their propensity to mischief and vivlence, though it is not the cause, but

Parents who wish to train up their children in the way they should go must go in the way in which they would have their children go.

The study of proverbs may be more natructive and comprehensive than the most elaborate scheme of philog. Trade and Chambers of Commerce,phy.-Motherwell.

The mind by passion driven from its firm hold, becomed a feather to each wind that blows .- Shakespeare.

Hatred does not cease by hatred, rule.-Buddha.

Forethought in all things.-Perlander

WE SEE WHAT WE LOOK FOR

There is a story of an Englishman who visited India on a hunting trip, Friday evening at five o'clock. and after his return home, encountereveral months in India and had never neon-a Christian native,

lived in India twenty years and never of the county. Some of you young people as you fiction, ask yourself appalled if this registered zero or below. picture held before you is of real life. A box social under the auspices of Probably it is, but you might live the Daughters of the Church was held and never see any such people. There evening. are critics who condemn pictures of Another mile stone has been passed

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Every one admitted that Mca. Thomson was an excellent disciplinarian. Sho was a widow with three obedience and truthfulness, if not to

you," she announced one Sunday, on There was a solemn pause, ended by the oldest boy. "Mother," he asked, "when are you going to tell Doctor

HE HAD TO MAKE GOOD

A young man who had forged ahead surprisingly for one his age, was asked. his success. Without a moment's hesttation he replied, "Oh, my mother had such great hopes in me, that I simply couldn't disappoint her. I had to make

Believe in the people you are anxious o-help. Expect so much of them that hey will feel under obligation to realunder the necessity of justifying that

USE HOME GROWN RED CLOVER Neighborhood News-Town and Country

Sugar Social in the Knox Church school 'room last Friday and scored

The regult of the voting on Church securing imported red clover seed Union by the members of Knox Church from regions where sorts, non hardy was announced at a meeting in the for our conditions, are produced. A Church on Monday night, when the shortage of demestic red clover seed figures were given as follows: For,

street, occupying the vacant space im-Tenta of the relative hardiness of mediately adjoining and west of the domestic and foreign red clovers have present building, thus filling up and been conducted on the Dominion Ex- doing away with the eyesore that has No one can say of the Milton Town Council that any one trade or pro

English seed, and that secured from mighty. Of the eight members comless hardy than Canadian grown seed. chant, one contractor, one grocer and Seed from Sweden and the Northern dry goods merchant, one lumberman agent and one driver.-Champion

Mr. Dwight Evans, of Acton, spont

the week-end with his father, Rev. J. A. Evans, at the parsonage. At the annual meeting of Knox Church, Caledon, it was decided to enter the Union Church of Canada without a vote. Mr. William Keeler, of Caledon, re-

turned to Vancouver last week, after spending a month with his mother, and Miss Conboy.

"An' Fader Lajeunesud Bay, Tou the Town Hall, the Students of the

be awarded to the boy and girl win-At the Melville annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, it was deer, hn' cots fader say, 'Emile, you fin' cided to enter Union unanimously for gregationalists and Presbyterians, the "Emile, 'e tink and tink, an' every members feel that they can enjoy. union in spirit instead of an experi-ment as some of our anti-Unionist

BURLINGTON

Mr. G. H. Wiley has purchased the Moore fruit farm on Maple Avenue. The members of the Baptist Y. P. U held a sleigh ride on Thursday night to the home of Mr. Segsworth, Appleby

The students of the High School ar making preparations to present the Merchant of Venice in the Town Hall, on February 18. President Paul Fisher presided at the annual convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association in Hamilton last week. Through the kindness of Mr. Goo. Thorpe, St. Luke's choir enjoyed to sleigh Yide on Saturday evening last After the sleigh ride they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William Ham-

Mr. George Fonn has been appointed County Constable for the County of Mr. W. M. Williamson, who has been

spending a month with relations hero. returned home to Saskatchewan on Monday morning. His office was burned in the blg fire in that city on Sat-The co-operative shipment of live stock for Toronto market, made on

Monday, contained 54 hogs, which were a credit to the farmers of the district. 33 hogs, or 60 per cent. of the shipment were graded as select. Mr. S. W. Facet, of the local Chamber of Commerce, accompanied a large party of the Ontario members of the Chambers of Commerce to attend the functions being given by the lieutenant-govenor of Quebec, and the Mayor of Montreal, in their respective cities January 29 and 30, to representatives of the Ontario associated Boards of

GEORGETOWN

Gazette.

Charles Thorburn, who attonded the Wembley Exhibition as the honorary commissioner of the Canadian Government, and later as their renresentative at the Labor Conference a Geneva last summer, gave-an accoun of her experiences at a well attended gathering here last Friday evening. The Town Council has authorized

the borrowing of \$45,000 for current The vote on Church Union in the Presbyterian Church will conclude o The event of the season will be the

Our citizens appreciate the hone confered on our worthy Reeve. Mr "And I," replied the missionary. D. McIntyre, in his election as Warden

Prof. Hutt reports the thermometer registered 29 below zero last Tuesday some across certain volumes of modern | night and that 10 days in January have

happy home life as being fairy tales, in the history of Georgetown Baptist but such accusations are merely con- Church and the event was marked by largely attended services and inspirships. That which we see in the world ing sermons by Rev.-J. L. Harton, B depends very largely on what we look A., the new minister, on Sunday last, Mrs. J. B. Poster., Sr. whose home

of last month for Vancouver on visit to her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred "Children, I have something to tell frozen pipe, was extinguished before

much damage was done.-Herald.

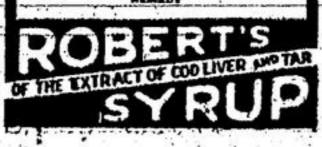
with her daughter Mrs. A. T

Haines, Cheltenham, left on the 28th

TO HELP OTHERS

Willie-"Pa, teacher says we ar

Speedy Relief



KEEPS 15,000 CARS MOVING; BUT SHE CAN'T MAKE SALADS

Transportation and Car Service Offi-

cers of the Canaways assembled in conference in Montreal recently, one of the best "men" around the large table in the board room at the General Offices in McGill Street was Miss Lucy Wright.

Don't infer from this that Mics Wright is one of hose masculine creatures who has buried her sex and ubmerged herself in theiden that she wants to be a man; on the contrary, she is decidedly feminine, She is not

MISS LUCY WRIGHT one who thinks that women should take men's places in the to pay her fare between the city and her business world, but rather one who be-lieves if a girl starts out to carve herself parience and at seventeen she went to a career she should strive to attain the work for the Grand Trunk. Except for highest point possible in that career. two brief excursions into other business, "If a girl intends to get married," said she has been with the road since. In Miss Wright, "She should marry young. 1920 she went to the Oakland Motor Car Either prepare for marriage or prepare for Co., taking charge of all incoming freight business. In the former instance learn at the Pontiac plant. There she ob-

business executive and an expert salad calls for other things besides the mere maker at the same time. I know that in distribution of carre my case it would be a dangerous thing to out me in command of a kitchen stove, With this brief-introduction to Miss Wright in mind, picture the surprise of a ditions. A bumper wheat harvest means factory traffic manager who strode into a shifting of freight care that affects the the offices of the Canadian National- Grand Trunk as well as every railroad in

"Where's the General Car Distributor? fluence the routine of the general car Show me his office."

-After the shock of surprise had sub- a barometer. ided the factory representative forgot what it was he "wanted to tell" and

the important office of general car dis- the farmers hold on. tributor by the Grand Trunk came as a When industry revives the cry of big surfrise to Michigan railroad men. "Cars, more cars," dins the ear of the It is believed she is the only woman in car distributor. And car distributors America occupying such a position. It are expected to forsee these conditions

\$1 a day, and there are 15,000 or more cars on the division. . Though manyrail road men and shipperu were ekeptical when a woman was placed in charge of the distribution of

the care, all are, learning to respect her ability. Born on a Farm Miss Wright was born on a farm near Durand Mich., and ather father's death when the was eleven, she took active charge of the family. At twelve

she was managing

the farm success-

fully, incidentally

learning the funda

mentals of busi

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SHE carly dect-ded that she wanted a business career and ha the could not afford to take time off to go to business school raphy books and

taught herself. Miss Wright obtained her first job as stenographor in the office of Attorney B. P. Hicks, of Durand, Mich., when the was six-

You notice I'm not giving any dates," she said to the interviewer, "and I'm not going to. I still retain woman's privileges of keeping her ago The job paid \$5 a

home economics, the business end of tained valuable experience for her return managing a home and arrange to meet to railroading last year as general carproper young men, but for business it is distributor.

different. One cannot be a successful Miss Wright has learned that her job

Much to Learn She must know crops and crop con-Grand Trunk Lines at Detroit the other America. In the same manner a failure of the California orange crop will in-

distributor's office. "Here I am. I'm the General Car Weather conditions are of as much It was Miss Lucy Wright, sitting be-captain of an ocean liner. An early hind her neatly kept deak from which she spring, late fall or unprecedented low directs the movement of some 15,000 temperatures, all cause the use of freight freight cars to rise or fall in the same manner as cars to rise or fall in the same manner as

A corner on wheat, or corn, or even of eggs, may mean millions for the Wall listened instead to a satisfactory explana- Street speculators. It means trouble for tion of just why the cars he had ordered the general car distributor. The price of wheat up, cars are in demand. Wheat Appointment of Miss Lucy Wright to down, and cars are not wanted because

is her duty to keep on the move the and be prepared for them.
thousands of freight cars on Grand Trunk tracks, supplying the demands of ship-was certain by the middle of June that pers. An idle freight car costs the railroad President Coolidge was to be re-elected.

Būsiness was booming early in the year and the cry was "Cars, more cars."

Then came the rise in the fortunes of La Pollette. Business men became cautious, money tightened and ship ping fell off. But early in June busi ness had decided that Coolidge was sure to win, and immediately the cry for cara rose again Andithasbeen cominglouder and more insistently ever

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