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EDITORIAL

Co-Operating for Business Revival
The 500 weekly newspapers of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association are co-operating this week for the revival of business, and each of these newspapers is publishing the slogan: "Buy Made-in-Canada Goods . . . Patronize Home Town Merchants," in display type in their columns without charge. The weekly press is always ready to do its quota to encourage loyalty to Made-in-Canada goods, and to induce their readers to patronize the home town merchants.

Abolishing the Liquor Traffic
On the afternoon of the day on which he was assassinated, Lincoln is stated to have said to a friend, "We have cleaned up a colossal job, slavery is abolished. After re-construction the next great question will be the overthrow and abolition of the liquor traffic, and you know my head and my heart and my hand and my pulse will go into that work. Less than a quarter of a century ago I predicted that the time would come when there would be neither slave nor drunkard in the land. I have lived to see, thank God, one of those prophecies fulfilled; I hope to see the other realized."—Orillia Times.

The Influence of the Country Newspaper
The class in journalism at Toronto University has been hearing about the country newspaper from Lorne Eddy, editor of the Walkerton Telescope, and president of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, who is well qualified to deal with this subject. This leads the Financial Post to say: "While more and more people are getting their national and world news through the big city papers they still get their local news and the views upon which they form their judgment on political and other matters through the home paper. The local newspaper is edited to render a service to its own constituency, just as a business or trade newspaper is edited to serve a particular class in the whole community." This is quite a complimentary view by a great city trade paper.

Who Is the Editor and Publisher?
A bill which will be of interest to almost everyone has been introduced into the House of Commons at Ottawa stipulating that the editor, publisher or owner of every newspaper or other publisher file twice a year with the Postmaster-General a sworn statement setting forth the names of the editor, managing editor, publisher, business manager and stockholders, and also the name of bondholders, mortgagees or other security holders. The bill further requires that all editorial or reading matter for the publication of which money is received shall be marked "advertisement." If this law is just or reasonable why limit it to the newspapers? Why not demand of every business on the street just who are the real owners, mortgagees, bondholders or security holders interested. It would be just as reasonable, concludes the Carleton Place Central Canadian.

A True Canadian Citizen
The good citizen must in the first place recognize what he owes his fellow citizens. If he is worthy to live in a free-democratic country, he must keep before his eyes his duty to the nation of which he forms a part. He must keep himself informed and must think for himself on the great questions of his day, and he must know how to express his thoughts. He must possess an intelligent opinion upon the issues that arise; for in a government like ours the man who fails to keep himself informed is only less harmless than the knave. Above all, he must be, in the truest sense of the word, deeply and broadly patriotic. There must be nothing narrow in his patriotism. The welfare of the whole country must be dear to him; and he will have but a poor soul if he can ever see the young folk without feeling a thrill at the thought of all that the flag implies. In political life, whether a man acts without or within party lines is not of very great moment, if only he always acts honestly, fearlessly and effectively; but remember that it is necessary to be both efficient and upright, too. Parties are necessary. Without association and organization, and the necessary partial subordination of individual preferences, no great work can be done; but on the other hand, no man has a right to "condone crime, to excuse moral shortcomings of any kind because of an alleged party necessity. Wrong ideals should have no place in our public life or in our private life; it is the duty of every decent man not only to stand up valiantly for the right, but to war mercilessly upon the wrong. These are some of the general characteristics of a good citizen of the Canada we love. How do we measure up to them?

Transfer of Billiard License Fee
The first tax repeal measure to come before the Ontario Legislature in several years was introduced last week by the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. W. H. Price, K. C., in the form of a bill yielding to municipalities the pool and billiard room taxes. It is the intention of the Government that the license fee heretofore collected by the province should be added to the fee imposed by the municipality, it being a concession to the municipality, and not intended as a means of relief to the pool room proprietors.

A Weekly Market
Every once in a while some enthusiastic citizen gives expression to the idea of establishing a regular produce market in Acton. The experience of the small towns which have tried this method of improving trade has not always been satisfactory. The Petrolia Advertiser-Topic says: "The Mercury wants a weekly market for Renfrew. Our advice is 'don't.' Petrolia tried it once and all that remains to its promoters is the market building. As a matter of fact, it never functioned properly from its inception and many towns in Western Ontario can bear testimony to these facts."

EDITORIAL NOTES
"A lot of Ontario constituencies are the unwilling victims of misrepresentation just now," says the Shelburne Economist. The Economist editor's own county of Dufferin is rather a glaring instance of this, too.

Mr. Thomas Whalley, of Toronto, has purchased the Meaford Mirror from Mr. A. S. Thurston. Mr. Whalley formerly owned the Pembroke Standard, which he sold to Mr. A. Logan, of Wiarton, and was for some time previously publisher of the Dundas Star.

Abolition of the sales tax as soon as possible, and in the meantime, a reduction from five to two and one-half per cent. in the sales tax on clothing, in the forthcoming budget, are among the demands being made of the Government by manufacturers of wearing apparel.

The Financial Post finds fault with the tendency of municipalities to issue debentures for a term of years for deficits incurred by Councils. Rightly it states that each generation should be made to pay for any expenses that it incurs, and not leave posterity to pay them.

The 4.4 beer seems to be intoxicating when drunk at a bar, but non-intoxicating when drunk at a table. It surely is a magic brew. Consumers of the new beer must sit down in hotels, and not stand up, during their libations. This will help to conceal the effects.—Globe.

The permission to sell the new 4.4 beer in grocery stores looks to the general public much like going back to conditions which existed fifty years ago or more in Canadian towns. In Acton, for instance, there were then four grocery stores which were licensed to sell intoxicating liquors.

The county jails should now be cleaned up and got in readiness for the guests that magistrates will be sending them when the new penalties for violation of the O. T. A. will be in force.—Mail and Empire. Does the Mail and Empire expect this result will follow the introduction of the new 4.4 beer?

The work of restoring the devastated areas of Belgium has been practically completed. 95,000 out of 100,000 homes destroyed during the war have been rebuilt. The Belgian Government has replaced the houses, barns and outbuildings destroyed with substantial brick structures of modern type, and the farms and homes thus restored are superior to those which existed before the war.

The recent knighting of Sir Gowland Hopkins, who announced his discovery of vitamins in 1913, prompts "Lens," the medical correspondent of the New Statesman, London, to make the assertion that the master word of this century in medical science is not heredity, nor infection, but nutrition. The science of food has now reached a standard which offers unlimited possibilities.

Goderich is the seat of an agitation looking for a municipal audit by a chartered accountant. Go to it they may, but if they knew the experience of Collingwood as to the costs there would be some hesitation and some more time elapse before the suggestion was acted upon. Never again for Collingwood if it can be avoided. Barkers on the street are scaring sometimes, but fortunately not always.—Collingwood Bulletin.

The "Town Beautiful" idea in Canada is growing, but it isn't growing fast enough. The economic value of beauty is not fully grasped. It is hard to make our practical minds realize that attractive surroundings are a very definite community asset, yet much business has been diverted to many villages because "it's such a pretty town." Any village can be made attractive if the spirit of beauty pervades its residents, and, fortunately the cost is very small. The will to do is the important thing.—St. Mary's Journal.

The temperance question will not down. It is becoming more and more a live question in the Old Country. The Belfast Northern Whig, of Monday, March 2, said, "Yesterday was observed as 'Temperance Sunday' in over one hundred churches in the united diocese of Down and Connor and Dro-more." The sermons in the Belfast Cathedral were preached by the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev. Dr. Gregg. Think of it, temperance sermons in one hundred Anglican Churches in one diocese in Ireland on one Sunday. Ireland may lead Ontario yet in effective prohibition of the liquor traffic.

While the Ontario Department of Highways considers that it has been extremely lenient in past years in the matter of collection of municipalities' share of good roads' cost, Hon. George S. Henry, the present minister, has come to the conclusion that to some extent the province has been imposed upon by delinquents. To meet the situation, he is now having prepared an amendment to the highways act, which will require municipalities to pay the province interest at current rates on money owing to the department in respect of good roads construction.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

ERIN
Mr. Eugene P. Crosby has taken over the butcher business recently purchased from Mr. F. H. Adams. Mr. Ross Matthews has sold his farm, lot 27, con. 3, Erin Township, to Mr. Ross Leitch. Mr. Leitch will take possession about April 1. The Erin Horse Breeder's Association has re-organized for the ensuing year. This is the fourth year of the existence of the organization, which has proved very successful. Mr. M. Sargeant purchased the farm belonging to the estate of the late Malcolm McAlister, at auction. The price paid, we understand, was \$9,700. Mr. Hathway, of Wyndale College, Toronto, was the preacher at All Saints' Church on Sunday last. Mr. Thomas Bingham, of North Bay, is visiting with his brother, Mr. Wm. Bingham and other friends. On March 7, the Inglewood riflemen went to Hillsburg and engaged in an off hand rifle shooting contest with the Hillsburg shooters and succeeded in handing the local marksmen their third consecutive defeat this winter. The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts-Crozier received the accents of a pretty wedding when their daughter, Bertha, became the bride of William Hilliard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hilliard, of Altona, Rev. H. Pawson, of Inglewood, Methodist Church, officiated.—Advocate.

BURLINGTON
Mr. Geo. T. Shaw, Guelph line, has twenty-three brood to lay White Leghorn hens, which laid 1,521 eggs between November and March, 1924, which is considered an exceptionally good record. Some days he gathered as high as 24 eggs.

Town Clerk Sykes received a cablegram from England on Saturday, announcing the death of his mother, Mr. Sykes visited his mother on her way, spending four weeks at his old home. He will have the sympathy of the citizens generally in his bereavement. Mrs. Harry Bowers received word on Saturday of the death of her father, Mr. Thomas Rogers, at Prince Albert, Sask. He was 87 years of age, and left Burlington three years ago to re-locate in the West. He was ill in the hospital a month prior to his demise. On Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock, A. P. A. M. paid a fraternal visit to Oakville, lodge. The meeting was held in our sister town's new Masonic Temple, which was inspected by the Burlington members in view of the now contemplated Temple here. Mrs. J. S. Allen, wife of Mayor Allen, was suddenly stricken with a stroke on Saturday evening, and her condition is causing her best of friends considerable anxiety. She attended the Women's Institute meeting on Saturday afternoon, and took part in the programme. Her condition this (Wednesday) morning is reported about the same.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the Chamber rooms last night with 120 attending. The various committees submitted their reports, which were discussed. It was decided to start a drive for new members at once. A committee is meeting Mr. Skinner, of the C. N. R. to-day, with reference to improving the company's property at the entrance to the town at the Brant House. On Thursday evening last the local Intermediate and Junior basketball teams journeyed to Grimsby to play two games, winning both of them. The Intermediate game was first and very close and fast. The score was, being 18-12. The second game was also close, but not so fast, and local Juniors being too good for the Grimsby sextette. The score of this game was 25-19.—Gazette.

GEORGETOWN
In spite of the unfavorable weather the St. Patrick's Tea and sale of bachelors held in the Georgetown hall last night proved most successful. Residents on Main Street complain that the voices of the young men who try to sing about 11 o'clock in the harmony and therefore they commit a public nuisance. Mr. Wm. Rosell has disposed of his house and four acres on the 10th con. Township of Esqueping, to Mr. H. L. Ostrander. Rev. R. M. Hamilton, of Brockville, has disposed of his house on Guelph Street, Georgetown, to Mr. Strymouour. J. B. Mackenzie has purchased from Mr. H. T. Arnold the parcel of land bounded by Queen, Murdoch and Albert Streets. It is Mr. Mackenzie's intention to build small modern homes on same. A bright and interesting annual meeting of the Grenfell Mission was held at the home of the President, Mrs. H. P. Lawson, on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. G. M. Grant's gratifying reports were submitted. Mrs. Robt. Harding, who underwent an operation at the Stratford Hospital last week, is improving. Mrs. R. D. Coult, of Toronto, was the guest of Mrs. R. I. Croilman over the week-end. Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Watson returned home from Florida on Saturday evening. Rev. Dr. Williams, who preached in the Methodist Church on Sunday, was the guest of his son, Dr. C. Y. Williams, Queen Street, during his stay in town.

There was a full house at the Methodist Church last evening for the organ recital given by Mr. C. Franklin Legge, assisted by Mrs. Ada Richardson Legge, L. P. C. of Toronto, and the choir of the church. Every one present was delighted with the programme provided. At the regular meeting of the L.T.B. Lodge No. 253 held at the Arena building on the evening of March 12, the occasion being a visit from the members of Maple Leaf Lodge of Acton, a very pleasing event took place when Sister N. E. Long was presented with a Past Mistress Jewel. A large token of appreciation by the members of said Lodge for her very able leadership during the two years that she was W. M.—Herald.

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