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EDITORIAL

To Reduce Hazard From Fire

With a view to reducing the hazard from fire the Town Council some years ago enacted a by-law prohibiting the sale of fire-crackers and fireworks within the limits of the municipality, and also prohibiting the letting off of fire-crackers and fireworks in the town. This action was taken after conflagrations had been caused through the use of fireworks and firecrackers in several places in Ontario. While this action debarred the young folks from the customary noisy sport when celebrating the Twenty-fourth of May and other loyal holidays, it engendered feelings of security among property owners which previously they did not have. There has been an occasional violation of this by-law, but this has been inadvertent, rather than deliberate.

Forty-Six Fewer Industrial Deaths

In the first three months of 1925 there were 46 deaths due to industrial accidents in Ontario. In the same period in 1924 there were 92 deaths. This decrease is, quite extraordinary, especially when it is remembered that the number of industrial deaths in Ontario has averaged over 30 a month for the past several years. The value of these 46 lives can hardly be estimated but the reduction, at least, indicates that there is a little more care and thought being used by all concerned. The total number of accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board in the first quarter of 1925 was 12,955—also a noticeable decrease from the first three months of 1924 when there were 14,144 accidents reported to the Board. Accidents in the past three years have cost industry in this Province, in compensation payments alone, an average of over six million dollars each year and, in this manner, have added to the tax burden that the Province must face. Accident prevention makes greater returns to the employer whose life or limb is saved than to the employee whose compensation costs are reduced.

Our Band as an Asset

In speaking about bands, and town bands in particular, we sometimes hear people carelessly say, "What good is a band in a town, anyway?" Well, first take inventory of the fellow who makes the remark. You may have reason to allow the silly question to go unanswered. But regarding the remark more seriously, let us say that a good band is one of the most useful things a town or community can possess. It is one of the best advertisements a town can have. Emerson says something about the world making a beaten path. Well, a good band will make all the roads leading to the town beaten paths, even though the town's other attractions be not enormous; very much is benefited by a good band. The promoters of business and musical enterprises always have the satisfaction of knowing that their civic demonstrations from time to time will be successful, because they have a first-class band to lead the parade and attract the crowd. A band composed of able players is a tower of strength to any town or section of country. It cultivates the public ear to a high class of music, and does it right at your door, too. Every enterprising citizen will boost the band wherever he goes.—Petrolia Advertiser-Topic. And every word written above by the Petrolia paper applies to Acton Citizens' Band.

Canada's Railways Getting Together

Sir Henry Thornton makes the highly significant statement that tentative negotiations have been opened on the question of the co-operation of the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railways. Definite proposals, he says, are being considered. "So far as I am personally concerned," he tells the Globe, "I am heartily in favor of any action that will promote economy and reduce the Dominion's transportation costs, always provided, of course, that efficient service is maintained." Equally reassuring is the statement issued last week by the President of the C.P.R., Mr. E. W. Beatty, on the same subject. Whether the initiative came from Sir Henry or Mr. Beatty is unimportant. The head of the C.P.R. says his company is "entirely agreeable to any fair rearrangement of the country's railway services which will tend to reduce uneconomic duplication of services where such exist. Though the train services of this company have been only slightly changed since the war we are, under existing lessened traffic conditions, anxious to do our full part in working out the situation in a manner which will best serve the interests of Canada as a whole, and with that end in view certain definite proposals are under discussion between Sir Henry Thornton and myself which, I hope, will have satisfactory results."—Toronto Globe.

"The Cost of Dying"

In an address during the closing week of the Ontario Legislature, advocating the claims of small town hospitals, among other good points, Hon. Dr. Jamieson made the following: "While many committees as well as other interests have from time to time made investigations and reports on the high cost of living I believe it would be desirable and proper that an investigation be made into the high cost of dying. I am sure every member of this Legislature realizes that under modern conditions, when a case of illness occurs in a family and nursing and medical attendance have to be had according to the latest ideas of the prevailing fashion, it becomes a burden to secure the services of a high-class surgical specialist and a corps of registered nurses. Then if the patient happens to die and a fashionable funeral is held by one of those newly named 'undertakers' or 'funeral directors' or morticians, followed by the tombstone man, the savings of a lifetime of an ordinary citizen will disappear—even before the estate falls into the hands of the lawyers."

Canada a Nation; Not a Colony

There is a certain class of people who come to this country from the British Isles, who persist in referring to Canada as a colony. Some have gone so far as to use the very objectionable expression, "We own you, and we govern you." This is wholly due to lack of observation and study of the progressive history of Canada. It is well for these people to be informed, and for all residents of this country to be impressed with the fact, that Canada is a self-governing Dominion of the British Empire. That is to say that while Canada owes allegiance to the Crown of Britain, she has legislative control of all affairs relating to Canada. Only such matters as might conflict with the general interests of the Empire at large are reserved for the control of the Imperial Parliament. Canada controls her own revenues and expenditures, she makes her own laws, regulates her tariff without reference to the Imperial authorities, and in the making of treaties relating to Canada she is consulted as to her interests, and in the case of members of trade treaties is given practically a free hand.

A Warning to Temperance People

Not only has the camel's nose forced its way into the Ontario legislative tent, but his head and neck as well, and it looks as if his whole body would soon follow. It is evident that Mr. Ferguson's 44 beer will not slake the thirst of the McCausland-Currie party. At a recent meeting in Toronto, Mr. McCausland is reported to have said: "You are going to get a glass of beer, but that is only a start. He gave the assurance that after the session of the Legislature was over he was going to continue his agitation for what he regards as a satisfactory measure of liquor sale—which is practically the return of the bar, with all its attendant evils. This announcement that he is out to destroy the Ontario Temperance Act has, at least, the merit of frankness. The Temperance people of this province cannot now plead the excuse that they did not anticipate any further change in the O. T. A. Having been forewarned, therefore, temperance people should be forearmed. Organization and instruction along temperance lines are imperative, if more ground is not to be lost, and if the tide of intemperance is to be turned back.—Presbyterian Witness.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In reporting the prorogation of the Ontario Legislature last week the Toronto Telegram refers to it as the "Beer Session." That is frankness by a friend with a vengeance.

These are the days when children, hundreds of them, swarm outdoors to play. There is only one safe course for the material, slow down, sound warning signal, watch the children.

Thousands of United States citizens are seeking information from the Ontario Government about roads and touring in Ontario. The Government has a new map showing all the main roads, and these are being sent to those making inquiries.

"Buy Canadian-made Goods and Buy Them at Home" chorused Canadian weekly newspapers from coast to coast two weeks ago. Thousands of readers heeded the plea, and yet some critics will aver the weekly newspaper has no place in the sun.—Simcoe Reformer.

The town of Cobourg is reported to have two idle factories on its hands as a result of a bonusing or financially assisting concern anxious to locate there and start business without sufficient capital. And there are other towns not so far away as Cobourg, which have similar experiences, from the same cause.

The Oakville Tannery By-law carried last week by 583 for to 134 against. The people of Oakville evidently appreciate the value of manufactures to a town, after having this one closed for several months, and its employees out of work. Excepting for school purposes and local improvements the assessment will now be fixed at \$1,000 for ten years.

On the first of April, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the quantity of wheat left in Canada was 121,084,000 bushels, whereas the year before on the corresponding date 202,493,000 bushels were still in the country. Of this 121,084,000 bushels 39,225,000 bushels are still unmarketed. This is the smallest quantity held by the farmers at this season in five years.

The bill providing for legalizing Christian Science practitioners in Alberta met with such strong opposition in the legislature that it was withdrawn. The chief opposition to the proposal was that practitioners would be permitted to treat children who were not in a position to decide for themselves whether they wanted to have treatment by trained physicians and surgeons or by Christian Science practitioners.

The importance of having some period in which religious education shall have prominence in the curriculum of the Public Schools was stressed by leading speakers at the Ontario Educational Association at Toronto last week. Present regulations make this possible, and it is thought the Protestant churches should assume responsibility in accomplishing this, and not be too jealous of each other about it.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

MILTON

Mr. George Cottrell, Bronte Street, was seized by a paralytic stroke yesterday and is in a serious condition. Thursday, April 23, the choir of Chalmers Church, Guelph, will give a variety program of vocal and instrumental selections at Knox Church. The choir numbers from 35 to 40 voices. The attendance at the Easter Sunday services at Knox Church, Toronto, on Monday evening, was very large and the offering totalled \$200. The number of communicants, more than 150, was the largest in the history of the parish. Mrs. A. Besocky has sold the barbering business of late husband to an Oranoville man, named Cox, who will take possession on May 1st. Mrs. Besocky will leave Milton for Windsor to join her two daughters, who have been there for some time.

George McMillan, of Milton, passed on Tuesday night of last week after undergoing a serious operation. Doan, who was highly esteemed by all who knew him, was in his 70th year. He was a life-long Conservative and a Presbyterian. About a year ago he moved to Milton. At the last meeting of the Town Council, one of the members brought up the question of sewerage that was voted upon last September, and wanted to know what the Council intended to do in the matter of commencing work thereon, as people were inquiring about it. He was informed nothing would be done in the matter until the Council were assured that there would be sufficient water available to make the sewerage system work. The shortage last fall and winter left this matter in considerable doubt. Officials raised several hundred dollars, one house being visited last week, one house being visited twice. The officers will make the route known in a separate effort to be made to make a complete clean-up of the sewerage system, and that these roads will be made as often as necessary.—Reformer.

BURLINGTON

The street signs voted for at the annual elections have not yet been erected. Citizens are asking why Mrs. Angus Morrison and her son Orval, who have been visiting her in Burlington, Ontario, for the past nine months, have returned home to Santa Barbara, California. Mr. John Biddle will leave about April 25 for New York, where he will sail for England a week later on the White Star Line S. S. Majestic. The Women's Institute entertained about 30 ladies last Wednesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Harris Bumbly, Elizabeth Street. During the afternoon, a delightful program was given.

The Nelson and Burlington Agricultural Society is again conducting "Standing Crop" competition with oats and potatoes. \$7500 in prizes in each competition will be offered. A fire in a stump fence in Mr. W. V. Hopkins' grove, at the rear of the property, caused the loss of a few hundred dollars' worth of property. Mrs. E. Enlow, Fort Nelson, caused some excitement on Wednesday afternoon last. Fanned by a breeze, the fire began to spread. It looked as if it would get beyond control. However, a bucket brigade was formed, and after an hour's fight, extinguished the fire. Hon. J. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture in the Provincial Government, has accepted an invitation to address the chamber of commerce at Burlington, and it is hoped there will be a bumper crowd of representative men. Shortly after one o'clock on Good Friday afternoon the fireman summoned to Virtue's gasoline station to extinguish an automobile which had taken fire. It is stated that the owner had emptied out about five gallons of gasoline on the ground and when some one dropped a lighted match, and the auto was immediately enveloped in flames.—Damages of \$2000 were caused.

The Easter meeting of the Clara E. Moore Union Circle was held at the home of Mrs. E. H. Cleaver. Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Esther Hopkins; first vice-president, Miss Ruth Blesinger; second vice-president, Miss Murray Freeman; third vice-president, Miss Hattie Dunham; Recording Secretary, Miss Mona Allen; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie Allen; Treasurer, Miss Ella Brockton. At the close of the business session a social half hour was enjoyed.—Gazette.

OAKVILLE

This is a great town for "jolnngs." A few weeks ago the Lion's Club were organized. Last week a Rotary Club came into being. The officers elected are as follows: W. Alec Chisholm, president; A. S. Forster, vice-president; F. B. L. Gougeon, treasurer; John H. Byers, director; Charles M. Heald, director. Mrs. John A. Chisholm is here from New York, and is in charge of arranging to summer in Oakville. The Methodist Ladies' Aid will hold a rummage sale in the church gymnasium on Saturday, April 25. Knox Presbyterian Church has secured the services of a leading Toronto orchestra, in preparation for their annual native of the old country. Mr. Moss has had a distinguished musical career and he will fill the double capacity of organist and choir master. There will be a novel and special attraction in the Gregory Theatre on Tuesday evening, April 21st. There will be a fashion parade with living models showing Paris and New York costumes. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Giddings, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Giddings, Jr., returned home last week from Mexico where they spent the winter. The Oakville baseball players and others will give an excellent Minstrel Show in the Gregory Theatre on Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24. Row. Dr. Munro, who with Mrs. Munro has been residing in the Western provinces, arrived home last week. He and Mrs. Munro will be cordially welcomed. A Horticultural Society has been formed in Oakville. This decision was the outcome of a meeting held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, when the following officers were elected: H. R. Donovan, president; vice-president, Lyman Root; F. Carr, secretary; W. W. Durrant, Mrs. L. V. Cote, Mrs. A. D. Chisholm, Mrs. Ryland New, A. G. Blatte, J. E. Jones, Douglas, William Cole, W. W. McGeorge, W. Durrant. The form displayed by the Oakville football team against Toronto Scot. last Saturday, April 18th, was a masterpiece. The latter has the distinction of annexing the senior football championship of Canada on three occasions. The Canada endorsed by the choir of the Methodist Church on Good Friday evening last week. It has been one of the most beautiful musical productions of the year. Mr. James Dyer, Choir Leader, was the director.—Star.

GEORGETOWN

The revenues of the Hydro-Electric System for 1924 were \$22,917,20, and the expenditures \$28,859,35, a net profit, after allowing \$1,335,00 for depreciation, of \$4,082,25.

Mr. W. H. Miller has disposed of his tailoring business. The many friends of Miss Young of the Public School Staff are pleased to learn that she will be able to be around again after her serious illness. At a meeting of the L. T. B. Lodge, No. 246, in the Arena on April 9, the members of the above lodge entertained the members of the L. O. L., No. 246, and their wives and friends, and also the members of the Acton T. B. Lodge. Dr. J. Hugh Lalibair, of Ottawa, spent the week-end with Dr. and Miss McColl. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Early, and sons Bob and Donald, Miss Helen Lawson and Mr. Hillary, of Toronto, were week-end visitors at Mrs. H. P. Lawson's.

The annual celebration of St. George's Day was held in the Public Library on Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. George's Church. The Georgetown Horticultural Society is starting to solicit members for the coming year. The work done by this organization is work that will be appreciated by the citizens of the town. The prizes to be given with membership are 3 dozen Asters, 2 dozen Verbenas, 1 dozen Snapdragons, 2 dozen Zinnias.—Herald.

SHORT TEMPER

Excessive monotony in a man's way of living doubtless tends more than any other circumstance to shorten his temper. To feel that you are going on and on, day after day, and yet that the days last for an eternity, is a most annoying condition. It is a real progress, indeed, that instead of getting anywhere you are gradually slipping back, and that the days last for an eternity, and fully whenever there is an opening in the monotony of a family way of living is largely attributed, of course, to the stentorianness of the ordinary man's way of living. It is a real progress, indeed, that instead of getting anywhere you are gradually slipping back, and that the days last for an eternity, and fully whenever there is an opening in the monotony of a family way of living is largely attributed, of course, to the stentorianness of the ordinary man's way of living. It is a real progress, indeed, that instead of getting anywhere you are gradually slipping back, and that the days last for an eternity, and fully whenever there is an opening in the monotony of a family way of living is largely attributed, of course, to the stentorianness of the ordinary man's way of living.

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