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EDITORIAL

Oakville's Costly Audit

It apparently costs some money to audit the books of the corporation of the town of Oakville. At the last meeting of the Town Council they passed an order to pay R. E. Young & Co., auditors, of Toronto, \$300 for their services.

Government Has Majority of 37

After twenty-four days of debate, the House of Commons on Friday adopted the budget by a majority of 37. The vote was for, 123; against, 86; majority for, 37. The unexpectedly large majority aroused wild enthusiasm among the Liberal members.

Where Sympathy is Not Due

The daily record of auto fatalities is once more appearing in the morning papers. Still, even in the face of these happenings, the Globe the other day protested against what was alleged to be undue activity on the part of the traffic police on Hamilton Highway.

Is Hindenburg's Election A Menace to World Peace?

The election last week of Field Marshal Hindenburg to the presidency of the German Republic is not generally hailed as a new security to the peace of Europe. The President-elect was the greatest of the figures that came to the front in the conducting of the war on Germany's side.

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Mother's Day—Next Sunday

For years the second Sunday in May has been observed as Mother's Day, and thousands of people have been led, through its celebration, to give their mothers more careful thought and consideration, and make them glad with loving messages on its anniversary.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is a question whether the 4.4 per cent. beer is strong enough to stand all the taxes that are to be imposed on it—Mail and Empire. And the numerous virtues its sponsors have promised it will possess.

International business interests and international speculators are now anticipating the return to part of a number of other European currencies following the stabilization action taken by the Bank of England.

The proposed abolition of the rural school section, Board of Trustees, in the management of schools in Ontario, has so far not been looked on with favor by those familiar with the system and the needs of the rural school.

The assessed valuation of 770 properties in the City of New York formerly used by the liquor traffic as saloons or liquor stores and now used by legitimate business concerns has increased from \$148,739,000 to \$247,294,500, or 66.2 per cent. Prohibition evidently pays.

There is food for thought in the statement of an unemployment relief official, of Toronto, that for several years not one of the hundreds applying for relief has been brought up on the farm. This surely says much for the independence inculcated in farm life and environment.

On the first of May, 4,182 mothers throughout the province of Ontario, received their monthly cheque from the Mothers' Allowance Commission. The aggregate amount thus distributed was \$150,082. A very worthy recognition of the value of dependant mothers to our country.

The government of Spain has announced its intention to withhold the right of suffrage from illiterates. This is for stimulating a greater desire for education on the part of the people, one-half of whom can neither read nor write. Why shouldn't every other country follow Spain's example in this respect?

Press despatches from New York state that the Canadian dollar is now quoted at par. At no time, however, this year has the discount been over one-half of one per cent. Bankers ascribe the reason for the rise to parity of the Canadian dollars as the natural result of steadily improving conditions in the Dominion.

Evidence that Alberta Province Bonds stand high in the financial markets, was recently given, when the Treasury Department of the Government disposed of an issue of \$3,740,000 five per cent. bonds with 25 years for refunding purposes, at a price of 99.150, which was considered a most satisfactory price. There were six bidders for the bonds.

In view of the official declaration that it will be strengthening the O.T.A. by permitting stronger beer to be sold, it is interesting to note that one of the Government's supporters, F. W. Wilson, M. P. for Windsor, has written to the Detroit Free Press stating that "At our recent session in this province the edge of the axe was driven into prohibition."

"A wealthy business man and philanthropist of Toronto has offered to assist in the solution of feebled-mindedness in Ontario by donating a large farm within fifteen miles of the city limits for the purpose of getting a training centre started for mental defectives. This is a very worthy and much-needed philanthropy. The name of the generous donor is withheld for the present.

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If any people of this country continue to think people slow in the Old Country they had better disabuse their minds. The very reverse is the case. A concrete example has just occurred. The Chancellor of the Exchequer submitted his budget on the 28th of April, and the budget debate ended the same session. Here in Canada the budget was brought down on the 24th of March. It was discussed until last week; nearly an hundred speeches having been made upon it.

THE RIFT IN THE CLOUD

When Old-Home-Week was celebrated at Little Duster, Senator Mantou returned to his native village with fresh honors thrust upon him. An its most distinguished son, he was invited to make speeches, to reply to speeches; to listen to speeches; to accept a complimentary chair on the platform in the town hall, and to follow the band in the town square.

"Not at all. Desecrations, I call them. There isn't a well in use in the place, but the water is so polluted that it is unfit for drinking. Mary—has been replaced by that abominable, hard-looking, granite fountain that would drive any self-respecting animal to find elsewhere and there wasn't a single girl I knew round the post-office 'at mail-time. That's because they have free deliveries."

"But Edward," said Mrs. Mantou, "you surely did not expect to see the girls of your youth at the post office?" "Yes, I did," the Senator said, stubbornly, "and I particularly wished to see Letty Carter, who used to pull her curls, and I wanted to tell him about my new shirt-sleeves in Gully Bryan's old barn, and my huckleberrying in the Hanson pasture. But the manager wouldn't let me in for anything but speeches."

WHEN ARE WE MOST CLEVER?

Interesting facts about the age at which a man develops his highest pitch of efficiency have been compiled recently. It was found, for example, that the average age at which twenty of the greatest inventors were produced was thirty-two. The inventors of the steam engine and the steam turbine were each twenty-nine when their labors resulted in these epoch-making inventions. The inventor of the telegraph, the telegraph, and the vacuum air-brake were invented by men in their twenty-second year.

Statesmen and generals are highest in the list of ages. Many of the greatest acts of diplomacy have been initiated by men in the twenties and thirties. Military history shows that some of the most crucial battles have been directed by men who were old enough to be grandfathers.

But the world-be inventor, artist, musician, or poet who is rapidly outgrowing his youth is not discouraged by these facts. There are many exceptions to prove the rule. William Morgan, to name but one example, was sixty-seven before he made his bow as a successful novelist.

AUNT SALLY'S "AT HOME"

The true hostess is loath to recognize any privilege for herself, but they are few who have been equal to the self-sacrifice of Aunt Sally. of whom the New York Herald tells. Aunt Sally lived in a remote Kentucky village, and was locally famed for kindness, wisdom, and good-will toward her neighbors. For many months she had been saving her slender means "to give a grand party."

A MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

The famous English orator, John Bright, was asked how he came to be such a master of the art of public speaking. He answered that the only help he ever had in that direction was by listening to his mother read the Bible. She was accustomed to read the Bible to her children, and he was so fascinated, he said, by her way of reading it that he had tried ever since to imitate it.

THE LOAD

"I recently watch a man," said the minister, "as he carries a heavy load up a flight of stairs and marvelled at his strength and skill. It seemed incredible that anyone could carry such weights and move the weight for it. Half the load that man carried would have injured an ordinary man."

"There's a knack to it," he said. "You have to learn it. It isn't strength that counts, it's adjustment. You've got to know how to get under the load and there's only one right way of doing it. Adjustment is no less important for burdens of another sort. There's a knack to it," a way of carrying our troubles that makes them seem lighter. If the load is breaking us, we should readjust it.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

GEORGETOWN

ANY taxes in arrears in Georgetown must be paid on or before May 15, 1925. A fire escape from the third story has been erected at the High School. Mrs. Froure returned home last week after spending the winter with friends in Alabama.

"The Christian Athlete" was Rev. Caldwell's subject at the morning service of the Methodist Church on Sunday. Messrs. J. N. O'Neill & Son are having a remodeling system installed in their fine garage and business block.

Mr. W. Worden, Mrs. D. Worden and Mrs. D. Worden, of Acton, were the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. S. Worden during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Watson returned home last week from Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Podley, and Mr. James Pedley, of Toronto, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Reid on Sunday.

BURLINGTON

Mr. T. A. LePatourel will have completed forty-three years in business in Burlington on Saturday. The Town Council have arranged for the annual cleanup next week. Mr. and Mrs. George Bird returned from England last week. They report a pleasant outing and a splendid trip.

Knox Church Ladies Aid will hold a rummage sale in the store recently occupied by Matthews Hardware, on Saturday afternoon, May 9. Mr. William Dalton arrived home last week from Queen's University, Kingston. He leaves next week to accept a mining position in Northern Ontario.

C. Company, Halton Rifles, have taken over the gymnasium building at the Brant Military Hospital for their new quarters, and are busily engaged in remodeling the interior. A local fruit company has been formed, to be known as the Burlington Co-operative Fruit Company. The members of the company are growers of fruit and vegetables, and will market their produce as co-operatively as possible.

Mr. R. Sneath, who has charge of the work for the Cataract Power Company here, had a narrow escape from being electrocuted on Friday afternoon last. He was making some repairs on Burlington Street, and came in contact with a live wire, receiving a severe shock. His son rushed to his assistance and soon released him from his perilous predicament.

ERIN

Mr. Ronald McDonald, of Toronto, and Mr. Mack Hollinger, of Acton, visited with Mr. Alexander McDonald, of Erin, on Saturday. The regular meeting of the Brisbane Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. William Bell, on Thursday afternoon, April 30th.

Mrs. Catherine Cox, of Nashville, Man., arrives April 11th, and will spend some time with her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss MacMillan. Mr. H. C. Austin, proprietor of St. Mary's, is making preparation for the opening on Monday, May 25, when a big programme of sports will be held.

The Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church opens at 10 o'clock during the summer. The school children of Erin Rural Schools, have begun planting flowers and vegetable seeds, and setting hoes in the garden. The annual School Fair, which will be held in September next.

Rev. H. J. Gibson has been appointed to the parish of "St. John's" and will take up residence shortly. Consistently he preached his farewell sermon in Erin and at the Cataract on Sunday.

The congregation of the Baptist Church, Hillsburg, contemplates building in the near future, suitable sheds at the rear of the church and installing electric lights. In connection with a movement, a Stewardship Festival week will be put on commencing on Sunday.

New proprietors of the Cataract Electric Co. during the past week improved the wiring on the street that leads to many buildings; in doing so they put in a number of new poles and did away with quite a number of old poles, the result of which is better service and a very much better appearing line.

There passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, April 11, at his home, second line, Erin, townships, Mr. David Jackson. For the past eighteen months he has been bedfast, but with great patience and fortitude the intense suffering caused by a terrible ailment. He was born in Equeque Township in 1846, but spent most of his life in Erin Township.

PUGILISTIC ENGLISH The teacher was instructing the class in the rudiments of the English language. "John," she said, "make a sentence using the word 'indisposition.'" "John," who was evidently of a pugilistic turn of mind, assumed an aggressive pose, and announced, "No way you in this in-fight, you stands in his position."

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