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EDITORIAL

The Spring Fever

thoughts of men .- St. Mary's Journal.

The "Bull-dozed" (?) Press of Ontario

At a recent meeting of the Moderation League held in Hamilton Mr. C. P. Paul, editor of Toronto's Society journal "Saturday Night" was one of the speakers. In his address he deplored the fact that The League had not in the recent Plebiscite and does not now receive the endorsation of the Press of Ontario. He says it was "bull-dozed" during the Plebiscite by the "Drys" into supporting their cause. Evidently Mr. Paul has the opinion that the only right attitude towards the question at issue was that held by "Saturday Night." He should qualify his assertion by a few concrete examples, of the "bulldozing" process and let us know just who are those who, can control practically the entire press of this great province or why those who do not sing his song should be accused of having only manufactured opinions on such a question. Regret was expressed by Mr. Paul that the Moderationists do not have more influential papers to support their cause. · Virtually all of the press in Ontario, he said, "had been bull-dozed" into supporting the drys in the last Provincial campaign."- Beaverton Express. Queer "bulldozing," forsooth. The bull-dozing was attempted by the Moderationists with big advertising contracts offered to every newspaper in Ontario, but for conscience sake, and the innate desire to help their fellowmen, ninety per cent. of Ontario's newspapers turned down these attractive advertising contracts, used their columns to assist in defeating the Moderationists plan for government sale and re-opening the barrooms for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The 4.4 Beer on the 21st

the new beer had quite a tame introduction. A large cigarette." number of the standard hotels had not received their permits or their beer, but their inability to sell did what nine years of prohibition will do. In that period large numbers of men, accustomed, as they had been, to the occasional alcoholic drink, have more or less is the reason there was no wild rush yesterday to the the end of last year.-Orillia Packet. bars with the ramparts erected in front of them. Curiosity drew more purchasers than the desire to prohibition-not always fully enforced either-can dard. accomplish. It has undoubtedly robbed many men of the desire to drink, a desire which is at the root of mized, that peril. In connection with the reports of Statesman. a heavy demand for the beer at border points, there is the suspicion that it is engineered by American the alcoholic percentage in drinks legally sold in of Government officials and farmers. Yet these men can go back home praising the four point four, There are some men willing to turn their hand to beverage in the United States. The rush from several hand there are men who, if not allowed to pick their States in special trains possesses all the earmarks of employment, prefer to receive doles, Renfrew Mer. alde. Bare hills encourage swollen, rather clever propaganda.—Daily Globe.

Suits Against Municipal Corporations

The Fergus News-Record says the recent law suit in that town requires an extra mill on this year's taxation to meet the cost. A decision was given in the courts the other day against the town of Campbellford, growing out of a suit for an accident by which a person was thrown out of a motor car through a wheel striking a depression on the street home of his cousin, Mr. D. B. Robert on a business trip to London and caused by the settling of the earth a few inches over a waterworks main. Acton has a dozen or more such At the annual meeting of the share- To one who has not had such depressions which might result in serious accidents. The one in Campbellford cost \$1,500. All our de- directors were elected for the ensuing provements in Ontario roads are most pressions can be satisfactorily remedied for one-third that amount.

Good Citizenship

There are various ways of showing good citizenship, most of them obligatory. To be a citizen in here his friends visited his home and ways. good standing one has to observe recognized laws presented him with a purse of \$100. and customs the transgression of which bring pun- silverware.-Reformer. ishment. You must contribute in taxes to the upkeep of the community. You are required to keep ed with oil. your premises in a sanitary condition. In other words, you are required to behave yourself generally. be a notable one, at the fair grounds. To be a good citizen however implies more than mere observance of laws. It means service, self-denial and sacrifice. Good citizenship requires your support of movements that are intended to raise the standard of morality of living, and to provide proper and adequate means for the physical training and the entertainment of the boys and girls, the young men and young women of your community. To simply live a passive, moral and regular life, you are only doing what you have to do. To do something for the good of others, to show a lively, practical interest in the welfare of others is being a good citizen. What a wonderful place we could make Acton if each and everyone of her citizens would become in fact and in earnest good citizens.

Keeping Up Appear

Our submission to the tyranny of appearances is and on Tuesday it was sustained by Joying good health. He who has spring for his companion need not not so discreditable as it seems. 'If we were not He will leave Stayner after the 24th the homeward trip to visit his birthcomplain about the emptiness of life. It is a whole- somewhat concerned with keeping them up, we should inst. some and delightful fever in the blood, which all pretty soon cease to keep anything up. To have no living creatures seem to-share. There are few ques- regard for appearances is to be a barbarian. No tions on which it would be so easy to obtain a unani- matter how simply we live, we always have the opmous vote of humanity as on the love of these grow- portunity to show in our manners, our dress, and our plants for such plots by the Horticul- which Mr. Harrison is noted, was mentioned the such plants for ing and blossoming days. Who envies, now the grass dwellings an appreciation of the dignity and decency is green, the life of the tropics where no change is of life. We may have to postpone indefinitely gerfound except from wet to dry; from the parched hill- ting the house painted, but we can see that the grassside to the continually dripping clouds? Who does plot in front of it is always trim and neat. Our difnot forget for a little the sting of the February cold? ficulties come when we undertake to keep up ap-High and low from the opening buds on the topmost pearances that are spurious. The man with on bough to the last rootlet hidden in the soil, the tree thousand dollars a year has appearances to maintain, that seemed so patiently asleep all winter long begins as well as the man with five thousand a year; but to heed the summons to new growth and larger life. the one-thousand-dollar man's appearance should not God." And there is a sudden fever of adventure in the emulate those of the five-thousand-dollar man. The hardest struggles to modern-life are, indeed, involved in keeping up a "proper" appearance on a fixed income; but in many cases the struggle is hard because the conception of a "proper" appearance is improper. The most idiotic surrender of individuality is the common one of feeling that you must have possessions similar to your neighbor's, or, if possible, a little better than his. How unintelligent is the unmusical family that must at pecuniary sacrifice have piano as a parlor ornament simply because there is a piano in the house on either side! A good many persons make extravagant purchases because they cannot bear not to have something that some one else "no better off than ourselves" miraculously seems to possess. The thing to remember about keeping are assuming the proper appearance for the sacramental wine, the silver up appearances is that they should be your own-not those of some one else. This "Keeping up with the Joneses" is an unsatisfactory policy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It's too bad that in the old days before prohibition nobody ever thought of taking the harm out of the bars by building a board fence down the middle of

Owen Sound City Council has voted \$100 to the tourist committee of the Board of Trade. .The money

goes down, it is to the credit of the present Council, but if it goes up, it is because of expenses incurred by last year's .- Fergus News-Record.

A New Jersey girl, convicted of shooting her having motored from the western city, Any crowding witnessed in the beer parlors of lover, while awaiting her removal to state prison, in a distance of 1,669 miles, in five days England, will open Canada's new build-Toronto yesterday seemed to arise out of curiosity a warning to young girls, said: "Think twice to sample the four point four. As a matter of fact, before taking your first drink, or smoking your first ASK MOTORISTS TO LEAVE THE Northern Ontario mines.

Germany is awakening to the evils of intempernot seem particularly to inconvenience any one. The ance. Large employers have forbidden the drinking of carelessness that might tend to des- their Majesties, one to the King from lack of demand on the part of the general public of intoxicants by their employees. A motion was ecrate the countryside. This appeal the boys of Canada, and one to the during the first day may be taken, as evidence of made recently in the Reichstag for the enactment of Thomas P. Henry, president of the To find the most suitable boy and a prohibition law.

Barrie Town Council is much disturbed over the tourist has a direct interest in further- conditions outlined, to sign the cable forgotten all about it. Something else has taken up large amount of arrears of taxes, and is looking for case. The automobile has brought the behalf of the children of Canada, the the time and attention formerly devoted to drink. a remedy. The system of giving a discount for countryside of America to the America to the America to the America to the honor of signing the more Alcoholic stimulation, whether in large or small quan- prompt payment has worked well in Orillia. Only under a litter of picnic debris. "A sages. tities, has practically passed out of their lives. That about \$15,000 of last year's taxes remained unpaid at

Our good friends in Ontario are determined to foliage, motoring will be stripped of messages must not exceed one hunconsume a malt beverage. Never was a drink so shun even the appearance of evil. With delicate preextensively advertised by controversy and political cision Attorney General Nickle refuses to speak of it roadway is simply a barbaric leisure to ada. discussion, and never was curiosity over an article as the bar room. He calls it the beverage room. If prove man's supremacy of nature's own for sale so highly excited. The first day of beer in it were not for Regulation 17 he might call it the the fact that few wildflowers ever live Toronto demonstrates as nothing else could what buvoir and blame it all on Quebec.-Montreal Stan-

As our regular readers very well know we are of by those who think that the countrythe whole liquor problem. The question now is, the class of persons who preach the gospel of work Will this four-point-four beer bring back the desire in and out of season. Thousands of children in cities, tractive again and the number of the to drink which a dry law successfully suppressed in towns and villages are spoiling because their parents the great majority of cases? That is the present do not assign them regular daily duties in and around of the countryside beauty, and if each danger, and we believe the Ferguson Government in their homes and assist boys especially to get odd jobs motor party leaves behind it a trail of bringing back the beer has been blind to, or mini- for which they earn pocket money.—Bowmanville timers will be talking of the country-

Out in Calgary two hundred of the unemployed brewery interests, who undoubtedly desire to increase of that city refused farm jobs despite the entreaties party can put out of business a beauty their own country. If a sufficient number of Ameri- have to be fed and clothed by men willing to work. who take pride in the country and who an agitation will undoubtedly start for the same anything rather than accept charity; on the other ris is dangerous. The careless smoker

Neighborhood News-Town and Country

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Robertson of members of the Knox Church W. M. S. points. holders of the Milton Golf and Country lengthy trip by this means of travel

sistant paster there. Before leaving pass the pavement and asphalt road and Mrs. McIntosh with a piece of tarle in May, with the trees just com-

The Milton celebration of King George's birthday on June 3rd will The deputation from the Burling- Thomas, Tillsonburg, Simcoo and approval of a provincial highway from litton the trees were out in bloom and Dundas Street to Freeman was one of this fertile country presented a fine the largest that ever appeared before appearance. the County Council. It numbered twenty-five.—Champion.

GEORGETOWN

The opening ten and tournament of the Georgetown Tennis Club will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 30. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beaumont returned home last Monday after a three months' tour in Europe. During their holiday they visited Italy, France, Switzerland, England and Scotland. Mr. A. Livingstone, who moved to Poronto last week, suffered a stroke

on Monday morning. His many friends Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vincent. Mr. Vinhere hope for his speedy recovery. Rov. Kenneth McLean, of Stayner many years a member of this staff. He and Sunnydale Corners, has accepted is now with the Chatham News, he a call from Georgetown and Limehouse a good position, and both are enthe Barrie Presbytery, non-unionist.

If any citizens who are willing to meet numerous friends therecare for a public plot of flowers in a suitable place near their home, will spects enjoyable. The privilege of ridnotify Mr. J. B. Wallace or Mr. J. D. ing in a first-class road car, with a Kelley, they will be supplied with the skilful driver, and in the fellowship of

The members of Orion Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., and Verdun Rebecca Lodge No. 184, Georgetown, and visiting brethren and sisters from Acton. Milton; and Erin, over one hundred and fifty strong, headed by Georgetown Oddfellows' Band, paraded to the Methodist Church on Sunday evening ast for divine service. Rev. Henry Dickle, M. A., D. D., chose as his text from the 17th verse of Psalm 78-

OAKVILLE

The Lions Club, at Oakville, has undertaken to crect welcome signs at the entrances to the town. Chief Kerr has been instructed crect parking signs in town.

Residents of Oakville and vicinity will be pleased at the announcement of the return of an hourly service on he Hamilton-Oakville radial. The Labatt Brewing Company have will equip it as a distributing depot building fifty years ago, the fellowfor the new 4.4 beer in this district. At last Friday night's luncheon of the Lions Club definite steps were

taken to assist in the community service work of the town. The town parks and the lake front to begin the summer season. Mrs. Dundas left Friday for Oakland City, California, where she will make her home with her son, Frank Kyle, who is now manager of a chain

of drug stores in that city. The annual convention of the Trafalgar Sunday School Association will be held in the Bethel Methodist Church at Drumquin on Friday, May ing of the congregation a memorable 29. There will be two sessions, beginning at 1.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Mary Reynols, widow of

lute Thomas Reynols, License Inspector, of Oakville, died on Tuesday, May for the advancement of God's King-19. at Dundas. Born in Oakville seventy years ago, Mrs. Reynols spent the greater part of her life here. An important ceremony was conducted in the Oakville Masonic Hall new United Church of Canada. on Tuesday evening, when the lodge rooms of the White Oak Chapter, No. intend the preparation of the banquet 104, G.R. C., were consecrated and ded- feature. icated by Grand Lodge officers from

Mrs. (Rev.) Jabes Wass, who recently arrived from California, was a visitor during last; week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Read, of Winnipeg, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Read's cousin, Mrs. Ranson,

FLOWERS UNTOUCHED An appeal has been made to motor tourists by the American Automobile is worth putting before Canadians. Queen from the girls of Canada. wildflower on the bush is worth the To the boy and girl who write the ed Mr. Henry. "Leave the flowers which the winners of the "Attainment" to grace vases in the homes of those who pick them. Somewhere along the ly house on the margin of his parish road tourists will be annoyed by the to baptize the child of a shepherd who sight of withered flowers strewn about lived there. where they have been thrown away aldes' beauty is unlimited. "There are grand ham, ye ken, for yer dinner." beauty spots in America is decreasing The tourist always selects the cream

roads and lay waste the ve

side that used to be. It requires only a few broken bottles, some tin cans, a defunct tire and a few discarded newspapers to make an ideal spot the last spot that might otherwise be of unending delight to hundreds of other people know that if they do not preserve it no one else can do it for them. Debplus the littered picnic spot result in the forest fires that wreck the countrystreams and floods. Floods ruin the

TRIP THROUGH WESTERN ONTARIO

Half a Thousand Miles on a Delightfu May-Time Jaunt

Toronto, returned missionaries from opportunity to accompany Mr. C. H. Chirm, were guests last week at the Harrison, of the Acton Machine Co., son. Mrs. Robertson addressed the Windsor and numerous intermediate

Club, held Saturday, the following in the last two or three years, the imyear : Dr. R. K. Anderson, M. P.; Dr. noticeable. There is mearebly a town A. McColl; James Mochridge; F. of dny consequence, and no through McCannell and D. S. Robertson. - roads to cities, but can be reached by Rev. W. D. McIntosh, formerly paster the finest of country roads, in most of Knox Presbyterian Church hore, cases, much better than that are found who resigned his charge following a within the city limits. The road survote on Church Union, moved to Wing- faces, vary, but in all parts the gravel ham last week, where he will be as- roads are being dragged, and they sur-

The drive through this part of Oning into leaf and blomm, it wonderfully The residents of Peru have had the entrancing. Nearing Windsor, the senread passing through that village coat- son was somewhat more advanced than in these parts, and there the trees were out in almost full leaf.

The drive home was somewhat circuitous, and was taken by way of St. oh Chamber of Commerce, asking for Hamilton. Down to the west of Ham.

> Good roads characterized the return journey as well, and, in spite of a heavy rain the provious night, the coads were all in excellent condition. Down about Chatham, where the country straightens out in prairie-like plateaus, the roads have been built up with ditches, ten and twelve feet deep on either side. Cement and minature steel bridges span these ditches to provide entrance to the farm property. Truly the tourists who motor

through Ontario at this time of year

have everything ideal to his require ments and enjoyment. While at Chatham' we called upo cent is an Acton boy and was for

place in Haldimand County and to The weeks' outing was in all re

METHODIST CONGREGA-TIONAL MEETING

The Last Annual Meeting on June 4t . to be Historical

annual meeting and banquet of the Until I went into the Sanctuary of Methodist Church, which has a history Subject: "Is Church Going here of eighty years, will be held. In addition to the presentation of reports for the year, and the election of Society Representatives, there will be programme of especial interest. Descendants of the original members

who founded the Church and erected the first building with their own hands will give historical data and interesting incidents relative to the work and progress of the Church, the ministers who have had charge of the field, the noted revivalists, the visits of the great preachers of the Church who have officiated on special occasions, glimpses of the earlier leaders of the congregaented the Murray House barn, and tion, the erection of the present church ship which has existed through the years, in the Church's activities, and

with the sister Churches of the town. There will also be a congregational memorial and museum, where portraits of early members, the first flagon opening of the present church, the copy of the Scriptures presented by the minister to the first couple married in the present Church and other articles of interest will be on exhibit.

The thought of the Committee, which had a long session on Monday evening, is to make this last official meetone in reviving hallowed memories of the earnest efforts and success of the fathers in giving interesting facts of the present generation, and in showing the faces of many of those who worked dom in the earlier days. It will be a great last gathering of the local church family before handing over its traditions, heritage and possessions to the The Ladies' Ald Society will super-

MESSAGES TO THEIR

MAJESTIES From the Youth of Canada, With Keys

of Canada Building

King George and Queen Mary on ing. They will open it with keys made of gold, silver and nickel from The keys for the opening will be pre-

sented to their Majesties by Hon. Peter Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner. With the keys will be presented mesassociation, says that the countryside girl, the Toronto Star offers certain must be kept attractive as an invest- prizes and awards. To the boy and ment in touring satisfaction, and the girl adjudged most qualified, under the can people, but it must not hide it sides the honor of signing the mes-

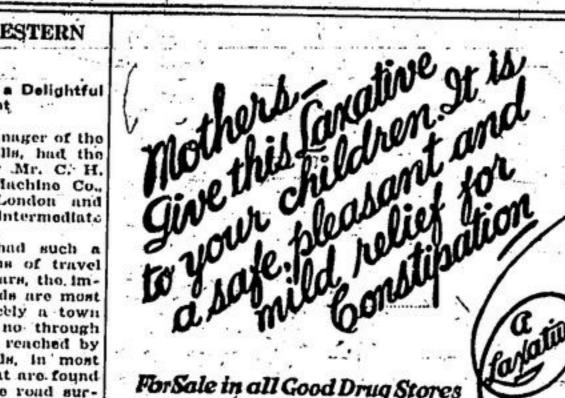
tonneau. withered and trampled," add- best messages for the King and Queen. where you can enjoy them most. If Contest are to sign, the Star will give motorists are to strip America of her a cash prize of \$100:00 each. The one of its fundamental assets. Nine dred words each. The contests are tenths of wildhower picking along the open to children in all parts of Can-

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