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**EDITORIAL**

**Canada's Literary Achievements**

Interesting evidence that Canada is making progress not only along material lines, but in the world of letters, is found in the fact that a Canadian literary exhibit is one of the features of the Canadian Pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition now in its second year in London, England. The exhibit represents both French Canadian and English Canadian literature from the earliest dates shown down to the publications of 1924, and has been assembled by the co-operation between the Canadian Government and the Canadian Authors' Association. Catalogues of Canadian books, both in English and in French, have been prepared for distribution at the Exhibition, and bear testimony to the fact that Canada has already a sturdy native literature to her credit.

**The Service Given by the Local Newspaper**

Hundreds of columns are printed free every week by the country press, advertising various church enterprises, social, financial and personal. Other hundreds of columns of purely religious matter appear each week. So rarely is a word of commendation received for this service that it is refreshing to read the following letter published by the editor of the *Almonte Gazette*: "Dear Mr. Muir: Let me thank you heartily for the editorial a week ago on the Bible Society. Last Sabbath I drew the attention of the congregation here to it and asked their co-operation in two important matters you dealt with, and expressed public thanks to your paper for having such an article. I am not really a subscriber to your paper—it is through kindness I get it. I find I cannot afford to increase the number of papers I get, but I want a part in circulating your paper and therefore enclose two dollars which please use toward my subscription or any other way you desire. Sincerely (Rev.) James Taylor." Hardworking and not too generously rewarded country editors are quite familiar with the text, "When you have done all ye are able to say we are unprofitable servants," but an occasional word of recognition helps them on their way. Rev. James Taylor and the *Almonte Gazette* man will be the better for giving and receiving of the epistle quoted above.

**Should Canada Export Hydro-Electric Power**

With the very general demand for electric energy, and the prospect for having it more generally made available for rural use—as it should be—the question of continuing the exportation of electricity to the United States has become one of very serious question. At the present time hydro-electric energy can only be exported—that is, transmitted from the Canadian power plants to United States consumers—under licenses granted by the Dominion Government. These licenses are given for periods of twelve months only, and must consequently be renewed from year to year. Each day the question whether Canada should or should not export power under long-term contracts is becoming more widely discussed. Very lengthy articles in the press and reports of debates in Parliament have laid a mass of information before the public which cannot readily be digested. It is no easy matter to judge impartially between the rival opinions. On one side those favoring to export are to some extent demonstrating actual benefits to be derived by following the policy they advocate, and can support their arguments with facts and figures. Those against export are dealing more with probabilities and hopes which, while perhaps not quite so convincing at a first glance, are none the less important, and it may well prove, none the less correct in actual application. They aver, and they number in their ranks some of our ablest and most public-spirited men, that power once exported can never be recalled, and that we have no right to pawn the heritage of our children and our children's children for our own immediate gain. It is, on the other hand, the truth or the fallacy of this assertion that the entire question hinges. If power once exported can be recalled and diverted to Canadian consumers when and as required the arguments in favor of export are sufficiently sound to warrant the immediate adoption of some such policy with, of course, proper safeguard. If it can be fully demonstrated that power once exported is forever alienated, or even if there is any real doubt about our ability to recapture such power at a future date, then this consideration should outweigh all others. The controversy has reached the stage when the entire subject can only be decided by establishing this one point: To do this requires that the highest scientific, technical and legal opinions be sought. Then, and not until then, will it be advisable to obtain a definite decision from any political party.

**Many Towns are Similar in Action**

We suppose we will be called upon as usual to pay a street-cleaning tax this year and no doubt a lot of oil will be applied on the local highway before the end of the season. But what the average taxpayer may have difficulty in getting through his head is why it wouldn't be better to put oil on the streets at the beginning of the season and get some use out of it. We have to pay for it anyway. The town streets during the month of May were just about as dusty as they ever are.—Walkerton Telescope.

**Evidently Stirrs Things Up at Home**

Since the very pleasant visit to this office last Wednesday, of Mr. John McNish, of Acton, England, a copy of the *Acton Gazette* and *Express* has been received containing the following comment: "So engrossed was Mr. J. McNish in his task of putting the local Conservative house in order, that he actually delayed his projected tour to the United States, Canada and Egypt. However, he actually left England last week on the *Tuscania*, and the officials of the Conservative Association are looking forward to a brief period of comparative peace. We understand that Mr. McNish will be back in about three months time, which will leave him ample opportunity to mature his plans for the next municipal election."

**Wipe It Off**

The twenty-fourth of May and June third are both official holidays. For the first there is a good reason. That date usually marks the beginning of the real growth; it occurs just after the first rush of spring water is over on the farms and when everybody in town longs for a sight of the green grass and treed roadsides of the open country. For—the second holiday, occurring but a little over a week later, there is no justification whatever. Because this second holiday is too near both the twenty-fourth of May and the first of July at the other end it will never be observed, save in banks and some public offices and the closing of these on what the public generally will continue to regard as an ordinary business day is an intolerable nuisance. The third of June should be written off the list of calendar holidays.—Farmers' Sun.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The United States Highway Department of Pennsylvania, announces that during 1924, 953 drivers' licenses were revoked as a result of intoxication on the part of the operators.

The Canadian Trade Commissioner at Liverpool, England, is taking steps to interest Canadian business men in the export of crushed oyster shells to Great Britain. The United States exports 20,000 tons of crushed shells annually to the British Isles.

The death rate in the United States dropped four per cent. during 1924, according to fatality records from 61 cities reported by Department of Commerce. Evidently the closing of the distilleries, breweries and saloons hasn't brought an epidemic of disease such as was predicted by the wets.

Erection of monuments 20 miles apart on the Canadian-American boundary line by the United States coast and geodetic survey and the Canadian Government is to commence immediately. Canada has undertaken to establish the monuments on the eastern portion of the boundary and the United States on the west side.

On and after January 1, 1928, every motor car driver other than a chauffeur must have a driving license, which can be procured for a reasonable fee, the amount yet to be fixed, but which will probably be 10 or 25 cents. No examination will be necessary, it is stated, but later on all drivers may have to pass examinations.

The new amusement tax is going to affect dance halls considerably. In addition to collecting a tax of ten per cent. on admission tickets, the government is persisting in collecting an additional tax of twenty per cent. on dancing tickets. The total tax will amount to about thirty per cent. Special tickets and "crushers" will also be required.

A point respecting the 44 beer has been established—and one hesitates to record it. Ontario, the banner Province of Canada, is now an oasis for United States drinkers. Border towns and cities are infested with that class of individual who will travel far in search of booze. Ontario's fair name is trampled in the mud. Her honor as a dry province has been lost; now it's "Ontario and Beer."—Canadian Baptist.

The Provincial elections were held in Saskatchewan last week and resulted in a clean sweep for the Liberals, having won 51 seats out of a total of 63. The defeat of Provincial Attorney-General Cross in Regina is the only drawback. The Conservatives won 3, the Progressives 5 and Independents 2 seats. The results indicate that the Liberal party is coming back to its old strength in the west.

Hon. E. C. Drury, ex-premier of Ontario, and ex-member for Halton County, in a masterful address before the laymen's association of London Methodist Conference exalted the position of the Christian Church in the world to-day. He declared that Church Union is leading to bigger, better and broader things. Mr. Drury was tendered a most enthusiastic reception by the 900 persons present.

A strong resolution in support of the cause of temperance, and in which was expressed deep regret of the retrograde step taken in Ontario, was passed last week during the concluding session of the members of the Canadian Congregational Church at Ottawa, and which marked the passing of a body formed thirty-nine years ago into the United Church of Canada.

Conservatives were advised at a meeting in Toronto last week to again take the offensive in the Dominion field of politics and that at once, in speeches of Sam Charters, M.P., Hon. J. S. Martin, provincial Minister of Agriculture, and John R. McNish, Dominion President, given at the meeting of the leaders of the central district. Present at the meeting were representatives from York, Peel, Halton, Durham, Simcoe, Grey and nine other ridings. Predictions of a general election in the near future were made by Mr. Charters, M.P.

**Neighborhood News—Town and Country**

**MILTON**

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clement, Milton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera, to Mr. William Hoffer, of Milton, the wedding to take place in June.

A rummage sale and sale of home-made goods will be held in the Methodist Sunday School room on Saturday, June 13, at 3 p.m.

Miss Josephine Dicks left last week for Camrose, Alberta, where she will spend the summer with friends.

Chief Constable Chapman left on Sunday for Windsor, to attend the convention of chief constables from all parts of Canada.

Miss Helen Braden, of London, who was fatally injured when run over by a car, and who died on Saturday, was the daughter of the late Mr. A. E. Braden, a well-known business man of this town. Her funeral was held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Braden. Burial took place in the cemetery.

Complaint has reached us, and it is an old and recurring complaint as the summer advances, that the flower beds of our citizens are visited by vandals and some of the choicest blossoms are being carried off.

"During Monday night's heavy thunderstorm a bolt of lightning set fire to a fence belonging to E. E. Hill, at Peru, and burned down the fence and the flower bed of 100 yards of it before the fire was discovered and put out by neighbors.

We believe that the last week or eight of our citizens lost their dogs by the poison route. Some of the dogs were valuable ones, and much prized by their owners. Whether the poisoning was an accident or design is not as yet known.—Reformer.

**ERIN**

Mrs. J. P. Bush and Mrs. Huffman left last week for St. John, N.B., where they will spend a month with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McLean.

Mrs. J. P. Bush, of Erin, and her family, who recently sold their business to Mr. Fitchett, have moved to Wingham, where Mrs. Fitchett has purchased a blacksmith business.

A garden party will be held at Coningsby on the evening of June 13, under the auspices of the Trustees of the Union Church.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Scott, of Erin, are the parents of a daughter, Elsie May Scott, to Mr. Calvin Weddell, Erin, only son of the late Robt. Weddell and Mrs. Chas. Watson, of Erin. The marriage took place in June.

Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong, of Erin, are the parents of a daughter, Ethel Mildred, to Mr. Ernest Teeter, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Aaron Teeter, the marriage to take place early in June.

Messrs. Geo. D. Fletcher & Son, of Green Grove Stock Farm, Erin, have recently sold their business to Messrs. Amos and Black fly head of choice Shorthorn cattle, of their own breeding and sired by their noted bull, Master Maria and Fredricka Comet.

During the storm which passed over this district last week a quantity of "fall" rain, much of which was a heavy rain, fell, causing much damage to large plums. No damage, other than a few windows being cracked was reported. The torrent of rain was a blessing to vegetation, which already is much improved.—Advocate.

**WONDERS OF CHEMISTRY**

The average citizen, even of the more educated class, unless he is following the advance of science, has not the faintest idea of the wonderful strides being made in the realm of chemistry and physics. Revolution after revolution is being wrought in the world of science. Among the major discoveries reported by the most eminent men at the annual meeting of the American Chemistry Society in Baltimore may be noted the following:

The discovery that rust and corrosion are due to positive electricity and that negative electricity is an antidote. This discovery has led to the development of a new method of rusting, which destroys \$3,000,000,000 worth of metals every year.

German scientists have discovered a new way of producing alcohol from water gas through the use of a new alcohol industry with extinction.

Microchroms, combined antiseptic and dye, injected into the veins of rabbits carrying typhoid, freed them of the disease.

Kilnays are discussed as a new surgical aid have been rendered by a new coal tar derivative.

Hexyl resorcinol is a new internal antiseptic, 50 times as powerful as boric acid, yet less injurious to the organs.

Melanin is a new germicide, of which ten drops in the nostrils cures colds in thousands of cases. A product of the pituitary gland, useful in diabetes and in the treatment of diabetes, is so powerful as to be practically active when diluted with 18 parts of water. It is called "water" by made which may only be seen by a receiver equipped with specially tinted glasses.

Radium, a gas-like emanation of radium, costs \$5,000,000 an ounce to produce, but is 100,000 times as active as radium itself.

These are only a few of the very recent discoveries of which there are dozens equally important. In the scientific fields similar stories of achievement are being told.

**THE HAPPINESS OF GIVING**

"It seems to me that Mrs. Willis doesn't look very well," young Mrs. Mills called out to the old lady who sat at the head of the table.

"I don't know what the matter with her," young Mrs. Willis had answered, "with a pleasant smile in her voice. 'I'm sure nobody could be sadder to his mother than Fred is; she has the sunniest bedroom, and we always try to do our best for her in whenever she wants to see them. Of course it must be hard to give up her own home and to have to leave it for over forty years, but what else can we do?'"

As the caller went down the steps, the postman came in. There was only one letter, and that was for old Mrs. Willis. Her daughter-in-law handed it to her and she went off to her bedroom. When she came back, fifteen minutes later, old Mrs. Willis, excited and eager, was tying on her bonnet.

"I've got to go downtown, Julia," she said. "I'll be back in time for dinner."

She came back at exactly six o'clock. Her bonnet had slipped on one side and there was a tired flush on her face, but her arms were full of bundles, and her eyes were sparkling joyously.

"I've got you those towels you were wanting," she announced, "and there's a box of preserved ginger for Fred—you didn't know he loved it, did you? And that's a handkerchief for Nephew, and the rest are little things for other people."

"But I don't understand," Julia stammered.

Old Mrs. Willis lifted her shining face. "If that isn't like me to forget to tell you? Why, 'twas an old debt I'd forgotten about—ten dollars—that came to-day from Mary Dodge's. Think of it—ten dollars all my own, to spend as I please! My, but 'twas a good time! I've got three dollars left, and I'm going to give Lyddy Baker a rent treat to-morrow. She's been so kind to me, and I've got to do something for her. Three years without a dollar of her own with which to give any one a treat—now, when whom giving had been the very breath of life!"

"Oh, Julia, cried under her breath, "how could we—how could we!"

**GEORGETOWN**

The Council at its last meeting voted \$25 to the new football club.

Mrs. T. T. Moore, of Kitchener, is visiting at the home of her son, J. M. Moore.

Mrs. Dr. Gollup left last week for Chicago where she will visit for a few weeks with her son and daughter.

The 10th Battalion of the 10th Brigade addressed the Council on cars marking near hydrants and asked that the by-laws covering the same be enforced. It will.

The annual district meeting of Halton-Woman's Institute will be held in the hall at Georgetown, on Wednesday, June 17th.

Mrs. D. R. Rennie and two sons left last week for their new home at Iroquois Falls, where Mr. Rennie has been in business for some time.

Mr. J. B. Wallace, on behalf of the Horticultural Society of the County, applied for a grant of \$150 to help beautify the town. The Council granted the Society \$100.

Among the Methodist missionaries appointed to posts in China, and who will sail for the Orient in August or September, are Miss Emily C. Caldwell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Caldwell.

Fifty-nine years ago on June 2nd, 1866, Mr. H. Godfrey and his company were successful in repelling the Fenian invasion. Of the old guard "Wain" is the only Georgetown man that remains today. All the others having gone down the long, long trail.

Mr. E. Stone, of Smith & Stone and a representative of a firm which installs sprinkling systems, addressed the Council with reference to laying out a water main in the town. The Council decided to take pressure and look into the matter.—Herald.

**BURLINGTON**

Miss C. Davidson and Miss H. W. Chayer were successful in passing their examinations for the Faculty of Arts at the Toronto University.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McKnight, and son Kenneth, and daughter Isabelle, of Burlington, are visiting at the home of Mayor J. S. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Freeman and two children, missionaries, home on furlough from China, are spending a few days with his father, Mr. E. B. Freeman.

The field crop competition in oats and potatoes in connection with the Nelson and Burlington Agricultural Society closes on June 11.

Mr. Harry Peart has been successful in passing his fifth year examinations in medicine at Toronto University.

Mr. Gordon Sinclair, a former-Burlington boy, but now of Toronto, was also successful in his fifth year examinations in medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Nicholson, of Burlington, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Lillian Mae, to Mark Stephenson Alton, son of J. C. Alton and the late Mrs. Alton, of Nelson; the wedding to take place quietly in June.

Dr. and Mrs. Peart have received a letter asking them to invite all the members of the Peart family in this district to the first reunion of the family, to be held in the form of a week-end picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Peart, "Maple Hill," Onondaga, on Saturday, June 13th.

Mrs. W. E. Groves, of Toronto, who is known for her flower work in connection with Canadian childhood and whose reputation as a speaker is continuing while having spent in London, England, and in many places in Canada and the United States, has been procured to deliver an address at Grand Inn on Saturday afternoon, June 20, at 3.30 o'clock sharp.

Mona Parkins and Doris Smith had a narrow escape from being seriously injured on the Highway on Sunday afternoon about five o'clock. The couple were crossing the highway to cross the highway in the heavy traffic, and were side-swiped by a car proceeding in the opposite direction. The car was on the pavement and the little Parkins girl, who was struck on the head, was to be carried home. Dr. Speers was summoned, and both children escaped with a bad shaking up. The driver of the car, a Toronto man, did his best to avoid the accident.—Gazette.

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