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EDITORIAL

The Value of a Dollar Day

"Dollar Day" sales are growing in popularity among the merchants of the various towns of Ontario. These concerted sales accomplish various gratifying results. They bring the business people into closer business relationship and helpful co-operation. They appeal to purchasers from a wide area. They enable the merchants to reduce their surplus stocks satisfactorily at a minimum of cost; and they supply the community with needed and desirable goods at substantially reduced prices. The Oakville Record says: "Last year a number of the merchants of the town participated in a 'Dollar Day' event, in which the buying public benefitted to a considerable extent. This year, it will be under the direction of the Oakville Business Men's Association and will be made a much larger possibility."

Our Canadian Timber Lands

The total stand of timber in Canada is estimated to comprise 482,000 million feet, board measure, of raw material, and 1,280 cords of pulpwood, fuel-wood, posts, etc., a total of 246,826 million cubic feet. Of this 108,946 million cubic feet is in the Eastern provinces, 56,423 million in the Prairie Provinces, and 81,657 million in British Columbia; but British Columbia has 70 per cent. of the saw material in the Dominion. Over eighty per cent. of the timberland in Canada is owned by the Dominion or the Provincial Governments, and the timber is disposed of almost entirely under license, to cut over definite areas for which an annual ground-rent and a royalty on the timber cut is charged. These licenses are, for the most part renewable annually, the governments reserving the rights to alter the rates of rental or the royalty and to impose such regulations as are deemed expedient. The direct revenue to the federal and provincial governments from the forest amounts to about \$12,000,000 annually, of which about \$4,500,000 is spent in protection and administration.

Music—Its Attractiveness and Its Influence

It is reported that in a fairly populous community in the West a careful study has been made by social workers of girl life in the open country, and in the small towns of the district. A questionnaire was sent out, and among the questions asked was this: "What is your favorite accomplishment?" Of the 280 girls who replied, 238 named music. The second preference, which was for embroidery, had only nine votes in its favor. As the love of music is not exceptionally great in that particular neighborhood, what a light the answers throw on the puzzling problem how to create an acceptable social life for young people in the country! The old-fashioned singing school, so dear to the hearts of our parents and grandparents, should be revived. It might be difficult to get again the old-fashioned singing master, but it is quite possible to form a singing club, and to select from the neighborhood the person who has had the best training for musical leadership. If no fitting person can be found, some one from a near-by town should be employed. Much has been done in some places through the church choir. In one case, the minister made a notable success. He gathered the young people from the farms into his choir in the church in the village, and trained them so well that they were not only a source of joy to their own community, but they were invited to sing at festivals all over the countryside. He revived the beautiful old idea of the Easter serenade, and also brought music to cheer the old and the "shut-ins" through his young people's choir. The local band and the school orchestra can also be used to advantage and in this respect this community is especially favored. One successful country pastor reached some very rough boys and young men in his community through a band, which had a soothing influence upon their turbulent spirits, like the strains of David's harp had upon Saul. Not only does music meet the social need of the young people, but the habit of singing together fosters the spirit of co-operation. This was shown with very gratifying effect during the late war, when community singing had a large place at nearly all our public gatherings. In speaking of the improved rural life in Denmark, Prof. Carver, of Harvard University says: "Every student who is intimately acquainted with the history of the movement agrees that the popular recreations and festivities have been powerful aids in creating this spirit; and that the popular songs and hymns, and the habit of singing them together on all occasions, have given to these recreations and festivities a patriotic and religious character that is to be found nowhere else to-day on so large a scale." We need just that spirit throughout our own country.

Doctor's Liquor Prescriptions Further Limited

The amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act, passed by the Legislature at the last session, limiting doctor's prescriptions for liquor to thirty a month, is now in effect. Notifications of this fact is contained in a circular letter sent to the medical profession by the Board of License Commissioners. This amendment differs from the former regulation covering prescriptions in that the number is stipulated in the act itself. Further, if a doctor exceeds the authorized number of liquor prescriptions, he may be hailed to Court and charged with a breach of the Ontario Temperance Act. Since the Ontario Temperance Act came into force this is the fourth reduction in the number of prescriptions issuable. Originally no limit was fixed; then the number was placed at 100 a month; a further reduction to 75 a month was made, and the last reduction before the new amendment brought the number down to 50 a month.

The Dearborn Independent on Prohibition

A recent issue of Mr. Ford's paper, the Dearborn Independent devotes an entire page to a discussion of prohibition in the United States. The centre of the page contains a panel display type which is as follows: "An arm is raised to knife the Constitution of the United States in one of its most vital parts. The Eighteenth Amendment is the object of this menace. The country is not behind this. It is the work of those who are deprived of piling up wealth on the weaknesses of their fellowmen. There is nothing sincere in any movement based on the assumption that law which is for the benefit of the community as a whole must be bad because it deprives a section of that community of the opportunity of preying upon others. The burglar and the bootlegger as violators of the law are in the same category. They are as one in their opinion that those who seek to restrict their activities are doing them and injustice. Are we on the side of the burglar and bootlegger, or that of sound citizenship?" Then follows the main article which is an unqualified endorsement of prohibition. Coming as it does from a great captain of industry, who is not only a national, but a world figure, it has peculiar force.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Exports of paper and paper products from Canada during the fiscal year 1924-25 were valued at \$99,941,910 as against \$96,957,962 in the previous twelve months. Newsprint exports accounted for nearly 92 per cent. of this total.

All over the country, thinking people, alarmed by the lowering of moral standards among the young, are taking counsel to see what can be done to meet the situation. Is it really not due to remissness in moral training in the home?

It is not difficult to understand the popularity of Field Marshall Earl Haig, now on a visit to Canada. At Calgary the other evening, when the honors were being generously conferred in connection with the great victories in the war, he only accepted them as "honoring the gallant fellows I was privileged to command."

Dr. Charles Comsell, Chairman of the Dominion Fuel Board warns Canadians to fill their coal bins as soon as possible, in view of the possible industrial struggle in the United States coal fields. Importation of British fuel, he added, had reduced imports from the United States in the past year by nearly a million tons.

Good roads do other service besides making good going for the auto, the truck and the horse draft. They make farm life more comfortable, give pride and inspiration to the farmer and foster neatness and thoroughness in farm work. As a rule where the roads are good the houses are imposing and the farms have a prosperous look.

China is again in serious internal ferment, and there is great reason to fear that the restlessness may culminate in another serious civil war. It is no secret that certain revolutionists in Russia hope to stir up China and thus destroy the commerce and ruin the prestige of Great Britain, France and the United States in that country.

Nine vacancies in the Senate in Canada may influence the views of a considerable number of good Liberals on the subject of Senate reform.—Mail and Empire. And what about the views of good Conservatives? There are many good Conservatives and good Liberals in Canada anxious for Senate reform, and reform of a drastic character.

It is gratifying to know that Canadian claims of property destroyed through German war measures are being recognized now by that country, and that \$2,250,000 have just been received by two Canadian companies. The Massey-Harris company has received \$1,500,000 for its Berlin factory and the Thompson company \$700,000 for two ships interned.

A wheat yield of 350,000,000 bushels for Canada in 1925 is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in its latest crop report. This figure is based upon the acreage of last year and according to reports received by the Bureau the area sown this year is approximately the same as last. A yield of 350,000,000 bushels would be ten million bushels above the average of the past five years.

The craze for speeding with motor cars is a craze which means constant impairment of the best constituted highway. No engineer has yet discovered how to build a highway which a foolish driver of a modern automobile cannot smash into ruts, mounds and hollows by speeding over it. Neither the road, nor the general public is safe when a motor car is driven over twenty-five miles per hour.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, spoke at the Dominion Day reception at the Canadian Building, London, of his realization during his present visit of considerable misconception among public men in England toward Canada's attitude toward the British Empire. "I want to disabuse the British mind of one idea," he declared. "There is no possible chance of Canada ever becoming part of any country except the British Empire. Every Canadian dollar would be used to resist such a proposal."

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

NASSAGAWEYA

Mrs. Edward Darby, of Knatchbull died on Thursday afternoon, of last week in her 71st year. Deceased had been in poor health for some time and on Wednesday evening previous, she took a paralytic stroke, which caused her death. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon from her late residence, Knatchbull, to the Ebenezer Cemetery. Rev. E. Millar, C. M., pastor of a former pastor, preached the funeral sermon. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. Albraball, David Wilson, J. Y. Norrish, George Michie, George Gordon and John Lister. Her husband and two sons, Charles A. and W. F. Darby, and her aged mother, Mrs. Thos. Easton, of Guelph, two brothers, John T. and Alfred, survive. The bereaved ones have the deepest sympathy of the community. The funeral was held on Sunday morning and evening at the Ebenezer Church of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church. Rev. Mr. Marsh spoke and a Gospel Party was held on the Church lawn on the 15th inst.

Rev. Mr. Marsh, the new pastor of Nassagaweya circuit of the United Church of Canada, preached his inaugural sermon last Sunday, July 6, in the Ebenezer Church. His sermon was interesting and instructive.

GEORGETOWN

Don't park your car within 30 feet of street intersections or on hydrants in town or you may get into trouble. Bandmaster Williams, of Guelph, has started his class of beginners for the Georgetown Band.

W. C. Bartlett, of Brampton, has purchased the hotel and shoe business formerly owned by Mr. Rutledge.

A grant of \$50 was made to cover the expenses of representatives from the Fire Brigade to the Convention at Thorold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bobb and son, of Toronto, were visitors at Mr. George Wieglesworth's on Sunday.

Mr. H. R. Milman has been appointed auditor for the Municipality of Georgetown at a salary of \$200 per year.

The Council has declared Monday, August 24, Civic holiday for the Town of Georgetown.

A shower was held last week at Mrs. R. I. Creighton's for Misses Mildred Kennedy and Helen Ross. Both the above young ladies were also the recipients of showers in the towns in which they were teaching.

Mr. A. G. Green who has resigned as principal of our Public School has accepted a position as Principal of the Burlington Public School. He will commence his duties in the lake shore town at the beginning of the fall term.

Mr. Green came to this town some years ago, and has done excellent work as principal of the school here. His entrance classes have always had a higher percentage of successful students than any other school in the county and as an educationalist he is in the superior class of school teachers.

Life in our town will be hard to live. As a citizen he has always taken an active part and interest in anything that was for the betterment of the community.—Herald.

BURLINGTON

John McArthur has been appointed assessor at a salary of \$400.00. Councillor Mallit has been confined to the house with an attack of tonsillitis.

The I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs will hold their late picnic at Dundas Driving Park on Saturday afternoon, July 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hill have gone on a motor trip to Lakeland, Florida, where they expect to spend a month.

Mr. George W. Alton arrived home Saturday from a six weeks' trip to the coast. Mr. Alton remained at Winnipeg to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. McElhannon.

Through the death of her aunt, Mrs. E. J. Camell, of Toronto, who left an estate of \$180,000, Mrs. W. M. Soper, a former resident of Burlington, and now a resident of London, Ontario, has fallen heir to \$160,000.

Work is progressing on the repairs to the town hall which was recently damaged by fire. The roofs have been completed on both the town hall and the fire hall, and the work on the interior is well under way.

Councillor Breckon, Chairman of the Board of Works, informs the Gazette that every effort is being made to obtain a tank of oil brought here to all the streets, which have been petitioned for, but the company has been so busy that they have been unable to deliver it.

Owing to the serious illness of Magistrate Barr's wife, Magistrate Shields, of Guelph, presided at Police Court here on Monday. Two juveniles who had violated the Hydro camp on Nelson Avenue, were made wards of the Children's Aid Society, and an assault case was adjourned for a week.

The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, when matters of interest to the welfare of the town and community were discussed. The question of the erection of signs at the entrance to the town was considered and several designs were shown.—Gazette.

MILTON

Mr. Robert Stewart, of Court Street, is attending the summer school at Normanton.

Mrs. R. R. Galbraith and four children have gone to Wasaga Beach for the summer.

Mrs. Fields and Miss Myrtle Fields left last week on a visit to friends at Ottawa and Montreal.

J. M. Mackenzie is spending this week at Ottawa, attending the convention of the Ontario Retail Druggists' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. McKenzie got home from their wedding trip some days ago. They have begun their housekeeping on Queen Street.

Mr. T. McFadden and family, of Trafalgar, have taken up their residence in the home recently purchased from Mr. George Gowing on Martin Street.

E. R. Hamilton, of New York City, is home on a visit to his father, Wm. Hamilton. He has not been quite well lately and hopes, as do his friends, that the rest and change of air will restore his usual vigor.

To show how great a demand there is for Milton brick this year we may state that in the spring the Milton Pressed Brick Co.'s works had millions of bricks piled up over the yard. To-day these have all disappeared and at present trucks from Toronto are taking them away by the thousands.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hutchinson returned home this morning from an out of town week at Wasaga Beach on the Georgian Bay and Nechawagan River. Mr. Hutchinson says the fishing in the river used to be extra good, but now it could hardly be better. On account of the Chicago water at the river is about two feet below its former level.

Rev. N. A. Hurbutt, the new pastor of St. Paul's United Church, Milton, preached his initial sermon here last Sunday to a large congregation. He is locally at the morning service, when the church was filled to the doors. These two sermons, we understand, have created for the Rev. gentleman a very favorable impression among his congregation, who have every confidence that his pastorate here will be a very successful and pleasant one.—Herald.

SESSION PASSING ACCOUNTS

The June Meeting of Nassagaweya Council Was Spent in Considering Bills

At the meeting of the Nassagaweya Council on June 29th, the following accounts were passed:

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| Chas. Parker, winter roads | \$ 2 00 |
| J. McLean, gravelling | 24 20 |
| Jan. Stokes, gravelling | 20 15 |
| C. Robinson, moving grader | 8 05 |
| W. Blacklock, repairs and express | 12 25 |
| W. Howard, grading | 8 25 |
| J. Service, gravelling | 6 50 |
| Austin Dredge, filling wash-out | 2 40 |
| R. C. Moulton, wire | 25 75 |
| Geo. Morris, grading | 137 50 |
| Geo. Harris, grading | 266 75 |
| C. Robinson, moving grader | 226 45 |
| Geo. Harris, expenses | 8 90 |
| R. J. Anderson, crushed stone contract | 400 00 |
| W. R. Wilson, gravel | 25 75 |
| Ivan Flanders, spreading alone | 415 92 |
| Robert Inglis, gravelling | 28 75 |
| W. Johnson, gravelling | 25 05 |
| J. Marshall, postage and express | 10 20 |
| Municipal World, advice | 1 05 |
| Geo. Harris, grading | 96 25 |
| ACTON Free Press, printing | 3 75 |
| C. Robinson, moving grader | 69 03 |
| J. Black, gutters | 4 75 |
| G. Green, gravel | 0 90 |
| W. Howard, grading | 2 75 |
| J. W. Morfat, postage and express | 5 00 |
| | \$1,825 80 |

As will be observed nearly the whole of this amount was expended for improvement of township roads.

ERIN

Mr. Sam Nurse has purchased the property of Mr. Hugh Hoag, at Brimstone.

Mrs. Sugarman has returned from a visit with friends at Portland, Maine.

Hugh White, of Pasadena, California, is the guest of Mrs. Alex. McLachlan and other friends.

A respected citizen of our village passed peacefully away on Thursday evening, July 2, in the person of Mary Jane McCaig, relict of the late Angus McCaig, in her 74th year.

Mrs. J. P. Bush and Mrs. Huffman have returned home after spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. MacLean at St. John, N. B. They report a very pleasant trip.

On Saturday last, Mr. Wm. Wheeler, 2nd sideroad, delivered to Mr. Swinton at Erin station, 4 lambs, which netted him \$13.50 on the average, the best lamb weighed 115 lbs. and brought \$15.50.

Rev. E. R. Hall, B. A., of Caboro, is the new pastor of the United Church of Canada, and preached his introductory sermon, here, on Sunday last, when a large congregation enjoyed a splendid service.

In the death of John Preston, at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. F. J. Anthony, of this village, on Friday, the 10th inst., one of the oldest citizens of the village and an early pioneer of East Garafraxa Township passed to his reward, in his nineteenth year.—Advocate.

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