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EDITORIAL

Ontario's Greatest Commercial Benefactor

In the death of Sir Adam Beck, Ontario has lost the greatest commercial benefactor who was ever intrusted with executive power in this province. The late Controller F. S. Spence had a great vision of electric energy for the benefit of the people generally of Ontario. Sir Adam Beck, with admirable prescience, put this vision into practical execution with the result that electric power was made attainable to our people, rank and file, for all purposes of power and heat and illumination, with a facility and at a cost, the ratio of which is unequalled in any other country in the world. The people of this province of ours owe unbounded gratitude for this vision and achievement.

There Appears to be Money in it Anyhow

Prohibition is very manifestly not ruining the United States from a financial standpoint. The Financial Journal, of New York, says: "The total saving deposits in the United States, increased in the last twelve years from $8,425,270,000 to $20,873,562,000, or nearly 148 per cent., according to a survey just completed by the Savings Bank Department of the American Bankers' Association. The data made public shows that since 1912 per capita savings in the United States expanded from $89 to $186, an increase of $97, or 109 per cent. The total number of savings depositors in this period grew from 12,584,316 to 38,867,994, indicating that savings depositors to-day number more than three times as many as twelve years ago.

Mental Tests for Children in Elementary Schools

In some of the elementary schools to-day, mental tests are made, and guaged by the quickness shown in solving certain problems pictorially. One test, known as the Porteus maze, measures temperament as well as mind. Eleven mazes, progressively graded in difficulty, are printed on separate sheets, and the pupil is told that they show the paths in a garden surrounded by walls. He must find his way out by the quickest route. The showing made depends upon the pupil's ability to work under pressure and to withstand distraction by unessentials in the material or by noises in the room. A cube imitation test involves the touching of four numbered cubes in a certain sequence as indicated by the teacher, the combination of numbers being made more and more difficult. Each test gives a certain score, and by combining the scores the mental age of the pupil is arrived at. The test of London boys and girls between the ages of eight and thirteen showed some interesting sex differences. The girls excelled in the memory tests and the boys in reasoning.—St. Mary's Journal.

Worthy of Emulation

It would be appreciably suggestive and helpful to our town fathers to spend on hour or so one of these days in a little municipality, which some Acton people have been accustomed to smile at, only fifteen minutes away by motor. Suppose we had in Acton a children's play-ground, outfitted with apparatus, adjacent to bowling green and tennis courts, with a bathing pool a stone's throw away and in full view of the main street, so that young people of both sexes might bathe these warm days under really excellent conditions. Wouldn't we think we had something to boast about? Suppose, in addition, we had neatly-painted street signs on every corner, placed in such a way that anyone who can read can readily find his way about without difficulty and little direction? All these things are to be seen and appreciated in Rockwood, with not more than a quarter of Acton's population, and certainly not 25% of Acton's assessment. Look for them next time you drive through. It is worth making a special trip, indeed, to see them, spending an hour at the rocks, if you do not know them, in addition. True, the swimming pool in Rockwood's case, is simply an adaption of one of the Harris' company's mill dam sites. But the point is that someone in Rockwood is taking advantage of the natural conditions to get the most out of life in the village. Whoever composes the commission of this enterprising Police Village of Rockwood deserve a deal of credit for enterprise and initiative. Their work, too, is apparently appreciated for the people of the village generally appear to co-operate in keeping their homes and premises clean and attractive and their lawns nicely clipped. There is not by any means the air of business in Rockwood which is evident in Acton. But there is a spirit of community interest and mutual improvement which might well be emulated.

A Travesty of Justice

Is it any wonder that human life is held at a low value when the excellent laws of the United States are perverted so objectionally as was the case with the notorious murderer, who escaped the penalty of his crime last week by the last resort of the lawyers—the plea of insanity. Murderers have repeatedly escaped capital punishment in that country by the final putting forth of this unwarranted plea.

Law Must be Observed in Town and Country as Well as in the Cities

Some criticism is heard of the traffic officers and police laying complaints against those who do not observe the Highway Traffic Act. Such criticism is not justified. People should not be allowed to make speedways of the streets or highways or otherwise violate the Highway Traffic Act in such a way as to endanger traffic or menace public safety. Motorists are checked up closely in the cities and know that they are expected to keep the law there. It is well that they should realize that the same thing is expected of them in the towns and villages of the country, too.

Weeds on the Highway

Nothing is so disreputable looking as a roadway bordered with a thick growth of weeds. There are roadways in that shape, many of them within a few miles of Arnprior. It may not be generally known that the Noxious Weeds Act, an Ontario stature, provides: "Overseers of highways or other municipal officers charged with care of the highways, shall see that all noxious weeks growing upon highways in their respective divisions are cut down or destroyed at the proper time to prevent the ripening of their seeds." The cost of the cutting of the weeds on the provincial highways is considered a part of the cost of road maintenance and toward which the province pays its percentage of cost. The province is setting a good example by keeping the weeds on the provincial highways cut down and the municipal highways in the townships should see that the township and county roads are equally cared for. It is part of the cost of maintenance and a duty, which they should perform.—Arnprior Chronicle.

EDITORIAL NOTES

English wheat production is at its lowest level in twenty-one years. This news is of considerable interest to Canadian wheat growers. Great Britain must naturally turn to Canada for the purchase of wheat in large quantities.

Premier Ferguson, who has just returned from his summer visit to Great Britain, prophecies a protective tariff for England within five years. Like numbers of other observant visitors to the Old Land, the Premier sees a menace in the dole system. He says it is destroying the morale of many of the people.

Great Britain will again have an organized exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, arranged by the British Federation of Industries, which represents 1,900 manufacturing establishments with a capitalization of twenty-five billion dollars. This is a compliment to Canada, as well as to the great Toronto Exhibition.

Brampton Memorial Hospital, which is doing excellent work in that town, is asking the Town Council to endorse bonds for $10,000 to pay off claims. It is very difficult, indeed, to maintain a hospital in any place smaller than a city. Brampton's Hospital manager, nevertheless, is making a very laudable effort to have the receipts cover the expenditures.

By a large majority the ratepayers of Newmarket have turned down the proposition to purchase the Cane property for $15,000 for a hospital. On two previous occasions the voters have defeated the manument and park proposals. In the past Newmarket has been regarded as possessed of a large quota of local patriotism. Why this apparent digression?

Last year's attendance at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto—1,519,000—represented one in six of the population of Canada, but the visitors actually came from thirty states of the Union, South America, Great Britain, Continental Europe, New Zealand, Australia and other distant points. This attractive annual exhibition has now a world-wide reputation.

Quebec's famous escutcheon, a treasured souvenir of the early days of New France, which found its way across the Atlantic with the victorious General Murray in 1759 after the conquest of Canada by England, was returned to the ancient capital last Friday by Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner in London, to whom it was graciously surrendered recently by the city of Hastings, England.

While the defeat of the Veniot government in New Brunswick was hailed with jubilation in the Federal Conservative camp it must not be forgotten that, as in the case of Nova Scotia, purely provincial and absolutely local issues and considerations brought about the victory. No principle involving Liberalism per se entered into the merits of the contest in either of these provinces.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto Board of Education, R. E. Howe, of Westmount, Que., Vice-President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, spoke strongly of the necessity of training Canada's youth to think nationally, instead of provincially. There is no use, he declared, in trying to change the outlook of the adult population of the Dominion, but the teachers must endeavor to educate the children nationally instead of provincially.

In Nova Scotia the Liberal Government had to pay for the evils of the miners' strike; in New Brunswick they went down to defeat largely because of objection to a public ownership hydro-electric devolopment scheme necessitating an expenditure of some ten millions of dollars. Apparently the people were not ready for this undertaking, notwithstanding the example set by Ontario in this regard. It was argued on the one hand that an abundant power supply at cost would give a new lease of life to the pulp and paper industries and to the lumbering business, but the Opposition urged that the electors should pronounce upon the matter before the government committed itself to the outlay.

LIVE FOREVER

It was a Sunday afternoon. A man, sad at heart, laid a wreath on a new-made grave, and dropped a tear beside it. The grave held the body of his little daughter—an only child, whom mother had gone before her into the better land. The father, now entirely alone, suffered doubly from the fact that he lacked the strong, personal faith that alone could have comforted and helped him. After sitting alone with his sorrow for a long time, and shunning the haunts of men, yet at last driven from the scene of his own grief, he wandered into that saddest spot in Christendom—the potter's field. It was a lonely and unkempt place and all but deserted. Yet he saw one woman there, planting something on a little grave. She finished her work, and went away, and he walked across to where she had been, and stopped above the grave.

What had she planted there? It was only that common weed from old-fashioned dooryards, which bears the name of live-forever.

The woman had no money to buy flowers, nor could she even claim as her own the spot that held the ashes of her loved one; yet the ashes were hers, and the memories and the hopes were hers. And in the faith that these inspired she planted the humble flower whose name expressed her faith.

Who she was he never knew. What story of sorrow and of pegury her life held, he never discovered; but the act of faith and love he never forgot.

He went back again to the grave that was dear to him, and where he had dropped tears that held no comfort or hope; and his eyes filled anew, but in a new sense of faith and of comfort.

His own costly wreath took new fragrance in the sentiment of the poor woman's offering. Like the poor woman of old, who had dropped her mite and gone away unwitting that any had seen her, this other woman had given a richer gift than she could know.

The years went by, and brought their labor and sorrow and hope. Yet to the man who had witnessed this act of devotion and faith a new meaning had come to life. What is it that causes such hopes to spring in the souls of the humble? What is it that even in the minds of the proud and skeptical causes "the heart to live by the faith the lips deny?"

One day in spring he visited the cemetery again, and on the little grave in the potter's field he planted a lovely Easter lily. Then he took something from that poor grave and bore it to where his own loved one had been buried, and there among the richer flowers he planted a sprig of live-for-ever.

VARIETIES

This Winter's coal may be hard—to get.

One way to get on your feet is to sell your automobile.

Don't buy a thermometer in the summer time—they are lower in the winter.

A man says that he has let his whiskers grow since his wife commenced to buy his neckties.

Time, they say, will tell, but the telephone girls will no longer tell the time.

A man said his shoes were nearly worn out, and he would soon be on his feet again.

Those born with a golden spoon in their mouth may have to take their medicine later from a pewter spoon.

The Ottawa Journal tells of a young man what got drunk on hair tonic. Of course the stuff went to his head and then the trouble started.

Love is blind. Especially the kind that attacks the egotist.

A man who can laugh at himself occasionally is going to get a lot of fun out of life.

Man wants but little here below—
Or so some poet chortels.
It's true. A stockin' full of dough
Will satisfy most mortals.

Hurrah, hurrah for temperance,
We'll join the happy band,
Who work and pray and vote the way
To make a happy land.
—Mrs. L. R. Margeson.

The maid had been using surreptiously the bath tub of her employer, an elderly bishop. He was a bachelor, very fastidious about his toilet and desired the exclusive use of his tub.

He reprimanded the maid with very much indignation:

"What distresses me most, Mary, is that you have done this behind my back."—Good Hardware.

WESTERN LAMB BREEDER'S OPPORTUNITY

There is a possibility that an excellent market will develop in Eastern Canada, more particularly in Ontario, for western lambs for finishing purposes. A trial is being made this year by the Swift Canadian Company at Toronto. Mr. A. A. MacMillan, Chief of the Sheep and Swine Division of the Live Stock Branch at Ottawa, after examining the lambs being fed, found a number of them lacking in desirable mutton conformation, in being too long in leg, neck and body. Mr. MacMillan drew attention to these observations when addressing the Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' Association at their annual meeting this year and advised them a profitable opening is to develop for western lambs, provided they are of the proper mutton type. The market is becoming more and more discriminating in favor of well-finished lambs weighing not over one hundred pounds. Not only do the shorter legged, thick bodied lambs finish into a better selling product, but they incline to easier feeding. Mr. MacMillan prophesied a hopeful future for the western sheep raiser who will give attention to the quality of the stock he is able to turn out.

BARGAIN DAY

The fresh cream puffs in the Italian baker's window looked inviting, and the interested housekeeper stepped inside the shop to ask the price.

"Fifteena cents a doz," replied the smiling proprietor, wiping his hands on his apron, preparatory to wrapping the cakes.

"Why," exclaimed the lady, unable to conceal her astonishment, "that's very cheap for cream puffs. I usually pay thirty. I don't see how you can make them at that price."

"Him cheaps all right," confided the baker. "Da healt' office telephone I gotta close da shop right off. My girl, Antonie, gotta da measle."

MIGHT SPARE A FEW

It is said that never was there a gentler critic than Doctor McClintock of Dickinson College. One day a young orator presented his speech for Doctor McClintock's approval. He evidently did not anticipate adverse criticism.

He received it, nevertheless, given in the doctor's gentle, humorous way, which never could offend.

"It's a good speech," he said, "but there is, perhaps, a little too much of a certain sort of rhetoric. For instance, I find in it, two midnight owls, two midnight wolves, three American eagles and four unfurled banners. It seems to me that the supply exceeds the demand."

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

GEORGETOWN

Bandmaster Williams, of Guelph, has been engaged to reorganize and conduct the Georgetown Band.

Mr. J. L. Clark had a field of wheat containing about 20 acres which when threshed averaged 56 bushels to the acre.

At a special meeting of the Council held last Friday evening, the tax rate for the current year was fixed at 42.8 mills on the dollar.

The Halton Rifles will attend a Brigade Camp at Long Branch during the week-end of Labor Day holiday. (Friday evening till Monday evening).

Mr. and Mrs. E. Louis Heartwell, of Pittsburg motored to Georgetown last week and were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kennedy.

Miss Annie McGibbon of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McGibbon.

The fast coming Acton team came to Georgetown last Saturday and defeated our boys 5-3 in a well-played 12 innings game. Our boys got away to a bad start and seemingly could not overcome the lead at the last.

In the two ball mixed foursome held on Thursday afternoon last Mr. L. B. Shorey and Mrs. J. A. Willoughby were the winners. The prizes were two clubs donated by Mr. P. Hill, professional.

Chief Jackson has issued a last warning that any persons found guilty of dumping rubbish or other refuse on any street inside the corporation will be prosecuted. The park is the place for disposing of your rubbish.—Herald.

BURLINGTON

A communication was read at last Council meeting from the Chamber of Commerce, regarding the proposed suburban area, and also regarding the erection of signs at the entrance to the town.

Mrs. Hartyn S. Cole, who has been spending the last two weeks with her mother here, has returned home to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Case, of Regina, Sask., spent part of last week with the former's sister, Mrs. J. D. Fender, of Ontario Street.

Mr. E. J. Corwin reports that seven houses have been rented in town during the past week to new comers.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas, of Owosso, Mich., are visiting his brother Mr. Edward Thomas, Locust Street.

All musicians interested in the formation of a band for the town are requested to attend a meeting to be held in the firemen's rooms Thursday night. There is no reason why Burlington should not have a good band.

Saturday is the last day for paying taxes if you want to escapo the 5% penalty.

Mr. Frank J. McCay, publisher of the Walworth Times, Wisconsin, accompanied by his wife and two daughters, Frances and June, are visiting his sister, Mrs. George Allen, Ontario Street. They travelled by motor and report a fine trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tieman, of Bloomfield, Ill., spent part of their honeymoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. Langhorne, "Roseden."

At 8.45 on Tuesday morning fire broke out on the roof of Mr. Alex. Eccles' blacksmith shop at Freeman, but fortunately it was noticed and extinguished with a few pails of water. It is supposed to have started from a spark. The firemen were summoned, but their services were not required.—Gazette.

MILTON

Judge Elliot is a member of the commission appointed in Wentworth County to make a new equalization of assessment.

Wm. J. Clements and his daughter, Miss Bertha, have gone to visit sons at Wilkie, Sask.

The Public Library is closed for two weeks, the librarian taking her usual summer holidays.

A number of our men from this locality will take in the harvest excursions to the Northwest next week.

A garden party, under the auspices of the Anglican Churches of St. John's, Nassagaweya, and St. George's, Lowville, will be held on the Athletic Grounds, Campbellville, on Thursday, Aug. 27th.

Chicken thieves made a raid on the hen houses of Miss Peacock and W. A. McCartney, Omagh, last week. About 60 fowl were taken from the former and 25 from the latter.

Having put in two of his five years as a law student in the office of Mr. Hutchinson here, George Elliott left on Monday for Toronto to continue his course in the office of Messrs. Hellmuth, Cattanach and Meredith.

There is a boom in golf here. At a meeting of the Milton Golf and Country Club last Monday evening 22 applications for membership and shares were considered and accepted. This increased the number of share-holders to ninety-two.

On account of the addition of two new rooms to the High School building an additional teacher has been engaged, Miss Evelyn M. Worthington, of Toronto. There were thirty-eight applicants for the position.

Last week George Agnew was driving a reaper, cutting lucerene on his farm in Nelson Township, near Milton. The machine struck a stone and Mr. Agnew was thrown off. He fell with his legs crossed and both bones of his left leg were broken below the knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Featherstone, of Trafalgar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bertha Georgina, to Mr. Clarence E. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O. Hall, of Nelson, the marriage to take place the latter part of August.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Henry, "Roseneath," Esquesing, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Alice Lucila, to Mr. William McFadden, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McFadden, Milton, the marriage to take place the latter part of August.

Mr. A. W. Fox and family have moved in from Omagh and taken up their residence on Martin Street in the dwelling formerly occupied by Mr. L. E. Tansley, who has moved into one of Mr. S. Henson's fine brick houses on Court Street, near the C. P. R.—Reformer.

CANADIAN FARMER INHERITS TITLE

Honorable F. O. H. Eton, farming near Alix, Alberta, has fallen heir to the title of Lord Cheylesmere, through the recent death in London England, of his father. Captain Eton has been farming at Alix since 1921, when he came to the province from England.

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