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EDITORIAL

Perpetuating National Unity

In addressing the annual dinner which marked the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Commercial Travelers' Association, Mr. E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, last week, made a strong appeal on behalf of the gospel of a national spirit in Canada, and called upon the travelling men present whose duties, he said, gave them a singularly favorable opportunity to do so, to make the economic interests and special problems of the East known and appreciated in the West, and vice versa, and to assist in bringing about a feeling of sympathetic understanding and good-will that would surmount the barriers of sectional prejudice and make for a strong spirit of national unity.

Giving the People Municipal Information

The town of Aurora has this year made their Financial Statement an interesting and attractive year book of the municipality. It is embellished with engravings of the public buildings of the town, the war memorial and a number of private dwellings, and gives interesting reports of the work of the Board of Health, the Fire Brigade, and has copies of the by-laws, agreements and resolutions passed by the Council during the year. The names of the various officers of the town are given, and altogether is a pamphlet containing interesting information to the citizens of the municipality. Its preparation has entailed much labor by the Mayor and Clerk, but it will be much appreciated and will be of real value to the town.

The New Council is Off

Reeve Mason and Councilors Holmes, Thetford, Atkinson and Parker, the men chosen to govern the municipal destinies of Acton during the year 1926, are in harness and have commenced the duties of their administration. These elect citizens have begun their work with the determination to transact the business of the year in an intelligent, economical manner, and with a view to the best interests of the town. They have started out with the purpose of co-operation and team work, and as was suggested in his inaugural address by Reeve Mason, each chairman of a committee will be respected, and each chairman of a committee will be given the proper dignity of supervision of the work of his committee without interference, after the activities undertaken have been intelligently discussed and a policy of co-ordination agreed upon in the open sessions of the Council. The prospects are encouraging for a year of progress and careful aggressive service, in which real advancement will be made, and without any advance in tax levy. A policy of this nature will be endorsed by citizens generally.

Time to Take Stock

Once a year business establishments take stock, weigh resources against liabilities, turn back the old pages and put pen to new. Each year the well-regulated business strikes balance and starts again, not over again from the beginning, but fresh from the old year's finish. Once a year the individual—serious minded man or woman or ambitious girl or boy—takes stock, stock of happiness and the health and the wealth upon which it is founded. Each measures with the yard-stick of conscience the component elements of these two great pillars of life: health of body and mind and spirit, and wealth of experience, mental resources, friendships, the will to do, and self-esteem. Inventory is important to the corporation and to the individual because it points out basic truths. First, perhaps, in that life is growth. Another, that the matter of our growth is in our own hands. And still another, that we may guide ourselves to a more productive and happier future by knowing and correcting the mistakes of the past. To "know thyself" continues to be the first rule of happiness and success, which are one and the same. Honest self-examination is profitable, but painful, as most unaccustomed exertion is. Probing a lazy mind, a sore conscience or a hollow tooth is unpleasant. But it is absolutely necessary to prevent further decay, and eventually dissolution. Experience exposes the weak links in the chain of life, as in the chain of business. Inventory is the reading of experience. It must be done honestly, courageously, without self-deception. Else one day the chain will snap. Let us take stock, nor fear to know our weaknesses. Knowing, we may correct them, and build stronger and surer, happier for ourselves because more useful to others.—Carlton Place Canadian.

Weeding Out Impure Fiction

Fiction of the type which is generally described as salacious—and which in the case of some "best sellers"—has proven itself to be as popular as it is unhealthy—will commence at the coming session of the Ontario Legislature to come under the ban of the Provincial Government. Legislation to control lending libraries with a view to preventing them from supplying this type of literature was introduced at the Parliament Buildings the other day by Hon. Mr. Ferguson as one of his projects for the Legislature's sanction.

Seed Buyers Protected by the Grain System

Judging from the high regard in which Canadian seed control work and standards are held in other countries, our system of conducting the commerce of seeds on a basis of legal grades has proved its soundness. The fundamental principle of the system is that the quality of seed sold must conform to definitions prescribed by law. In his report for 1925 the Dominion Seed Commissioner points out that our grades are based primarily on the general quality and purity of the seed, determined by its freedom from noxious and useless weed seeds, and its percentage of pure living seeds. The general appearance of the seed as influenced by weather or seasonal conditions, cleaning, maturity and disease is also taken into consideration. Cereals, grasses, sweet clover, field corn and all other forage and fodder crop seeds have been brought under this compulsory grading system, and all grading is done by the qualified official inspectors of the Seed Branch.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It will be Mayor Irving and Reeve Blain for 1926. And everybody's quite satisfied to have it so. As to the latter, we would not be surprised if he was elected Warden of the County for 1926.—Milton Reformer.

The Workmen's Compensation Board

During 1925, awarded in total benefits, including medical aid, the sum of \$5,565,447.39, as compared with \$6,122,820.34 during the year 1924. The payments have required an average of 646 checks per day, as compared with 614, the average for 1924.

The town of Digby, N.S.

has attained an enviable position in the matter of the collection of taxes the past two years. Last year the town collected 97 per cent. of the taxes due. Last week it was announced that 98 per cent. of the taxes for the year 1925 had been paid into the treasury.

With a view to having the revenues from Fergus waterworks system meet the interest on debentures, as well as the cost of maintenance, the Public Utilities Commission of that town is increasing the water rates by about forty per cent. The system there is operated on the flat rate, not by metres.

The County Council of the County of Ontario has decided to purchase 973 acres of waste land in UX-bridge Township and to set this area out in pine, as a reforestation move-in-which the county will have the support of the Provincial Government. This is practical preparation for future revenues.

Canada's exports for the 12 months ended November 30, 1925, totalled \$4,219,861,088, an increase of \$162,352,222 over the preceding 12 months, while her imports were \$874,295,547, an increase of \$61,441,390, making a net improvement of \$100,910,832 in Canada's favorable balance of trade against the world.

The British Government will pay pensions to its war veterans, now residing in Canada, direct, after March 1, instead of through the Canadian Department of Civil Re-Establishment. This applies also to Canadians who served in British Units and draw pensions and other awards from the Imperial Government. This new plan should result in pension monies reaching the recipients with more dispatch than formerly.

For the second time in the history of the Western Canada grain trade, the shipments from the head of the lakes this year, during the season of navigation, exceeded 300,000,000 bushels of all grains. Canadian vessels handled approximately 9,000,000 bushels more than were carried by United States vessels, taking down the lakes 157,062,753 bushels of all grains. The development of grain growing in the West means much to Canada everywhere,—north, south, east, as well as west.

The Minister of Education of Ontario, with a view of cementing more closely the bonds of the Empire, has arranged with the British government for an interchange of High School Inspectors for the first half of 1926. On the first of the year, L. M. Levan, High School Inspector, of Toronto, will leave for England, where he will inspect the High Schools, and Mr. E. E. Sarage, M.A., a graduate of Cambridge University, and an Inspector in London, will come to Canada to inspect the schools of the Province of Ontario.

A. E. Calnan, of the Picton Gazette, has the honor of conducting one of the oldest newspapers in Ontario. With the end of the year it completed its ninety-fifth year. It shows absolutely no signs of decrepitude of age, but is as virile and sprightly as the most youthful paper in the province. During Mr. Calnan's thirteen years' guidance of the Gazette he has made it a most valuable journalistic representative of its constituency. It is cordially welcomed to the homes of the County of Prince Edward and its environments.

Malcolm MacBeth, whose paper, the Milverton Sun, is a weekly visitor to some 2,300 homes, points out that during the thirty-four years in which the Sun has been illuminating the Milverton district, every one of the fourteen weeklies in Huron and Perth, has changed management and twelve other papers serving that district have either gone out of business or been merged into others. This is different from the experience of the newspapers of Halton County. Only one of the papers of the county has changed hands in twenty years.

DEAR LITTLE BOY

Dear little boy with wondering eyes
Who for the night of knowledge yearns
Who has such faith that I am wise
And know the things that you would
Think of I shake my head and smile
To hear your childish questions flow,
I cannot tell, I do not know.

Dear little boy with eager heart,
Forever on the quest of truth,
You're little old man just my heart
To answer to your tender youth,
But some-day you will understand
Like things that prove cannot say
When life shall take you by the hand
And lead you on its wondrous way.

BACTERIAL LIFE IN WINTER SOIL

From many standpoints, the soils of Canada present a peculiar interest which differ from those of soils of many other lands, especially where a milder climate prevails. One point of difference is that the soil remains throughout the greater part of Canada the soil to a depth depending on soil days, frozen and unfrozen, and snowfall is in a frozen state for a considerable part of the winter, often for several months or more. This condition naturally affects the activities of the bacteria and other small organisms which play an indispensable part in the preparation of soil food, and consequently bears upon the general question of soil fertility.

WIVES WORK

Neither Mr. Hamlin or Squire Heaton is noted as a worker, but their wives are very industrious. The latter gives other gentlemen more fun than to boast of the wonderful things that his wife accomplishes.

ALMOST INVISIBLE SCREWS

The smallest screws that are made—those that are turned out in a watch factory—are cut from steel wire by a machine. As the chips fall from the knife it looks as if the operator were simply cutting up the wire to amuse himself. No screws can be seen, yet they are in use at every third operation.

ON THE WRONG TACK

A medical corps officer says the Argonauts once met in Prince Edward a negro whom he had known in civil life at home.

DEW FATAL WOUNDS

"Ain't you going to work to-day, Bill?"

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 10

BRINGING OTHERS TO CHRIST
General Lesson Title—Five Men He Heve on Jesus.

THE SURPLICE FROCK

Here, in all of its French chic and distinctive treatment, is the surplice frock favored by leaders of the mode. This model may be carried out in the soft woolsens, in the crepe satins, or velvet in dark tones, it may be brightened with a band of embroidery or braid. Certainly Paris has sent over nothing more enchanting than this design in a season of exceptionally pretty frocks. Medium size requires 3 1/2 yards 40-inch or 2 1/2 yards 54-inch material.

WHY HE HESITATED

The Brooklyn Citizen prints an experience of a man who travelled all over Europe, and declares that he did not meet but one person who hesitated over the acceptance of a few dollars.

SO LONG, OLD PAL

So long! old pal,
For come what may,
The night must end,
The brightest day,
Just one more song,
We've had good times,
And well, so long!

MASCULINE CONTANCY

In the days when Lord Kitchener, the invincible hero, was romancing the British Indian forces a youthful officer asked for a furlough to go home and be married. Kitchener listened patiently, and then spoke kindly: "Kenilworth, you're not yet twenty-five. You're in the midst of a piece of work I value and which you're doing excellently. Wait a year. By that time you'll have cleaned the slate and tried your own mind. If then you still desire to do this thing, speak to me again, and you shall have leave, and I'll take you back to the staff afterwards."

CHILDREN Cry for FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

MOTHER—Fletcher's Castoria is a pleasant, harmless Substitute for Castor Oil, Purgative, Teething Drops and Soothing Syrups, prepared for Infants in arms and Children all ages.

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Weekly Fashion Hint

Twenty Years Ago
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 11, 1906

THE ACTON HOME

The Acton Home was opened to the public on Tuesday. The appointments are very neat and attractive, and the travelling public speak very favorably of the renewed premises.

MARRIED

RIPTON—Elliott and Govervallo, N.Y., on Wednesday, January 2, 1926, Walter N. Rippton, of Govervallo, to Mary Margaret Ebbage, daughter of Thomas Ebbage, Acton.

DIED

HILL—In Acton, on Sunday, January 7, 1926, James T. Hill, in her 83rd year.

DOING A CAT

There are emergencies, and they are not infrequent, in which a measure of "domestication" of a cat is more service than much learning, and so it happens that one may sometimes see a cat from a quite unexpected quarter.

THE CLOTH TOLD THE STORY

Mr. Portly found himself stranded for an hour or so in a strange town, says the Argonaut, and he decided to have something to eat. He entered the only restaurant he could find and called for a man.

Robert's Syrup

Of the Extract of Cod Liver Oil for COUGHS, COLDS and BRONCHITIS

Children Cry for FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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Does Your Watch Keep Time

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Railway Time Tables

AT ACTON

Going West

No. 25 Sunday only	10:41 a.m.
No. 29	8:09 a.m.
No. 31	10:46 a.m.
No. 33	2:29 p.m.
No. 35	5:09 a.m.

Going East

No. 24 Sunday only	7:08 p.m.
No. 26	7:21 a.m.
No. 28	1:43 p.m.
No. 30	3:26 p.m.
No. 32	6:17 p.m.
No. 34	8:13 p.m.

CANADIAN NATIONAL ELECTRIC RAILWAYS

Westbound

Daily (Except Sunday)	7:43 a.m.
Daily	9:43 a.m.
Daily	11:43 a.m.
Daily	1:43 p.m.
Daily	3:43 p.m.
Daily	5:43 p.m.
Daily	7:43 p.m.
Daily	9:43 p.m.
Daily	11:43 p.m.

Eastbound

Daily (Except Sunday)	7:43 a.m.
Daily	9:43 a.m.
Daily	11:43 a.m.
Daily	1:43 p.m.
Daily	3:43 p.m.
Daily	5:43 p.m.
Daily	7:43 p.m.
Daily	9:43 p.m.
Daily	11:43 p.m.

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