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**EDITORIAL**

**Cars Manufactured as Cheaply in Canada**

Henry Ford himself is authority for the statement that motor cars can be built, and his cars are built, in Canada as cheaply as in the United States. He explained that costs of manufacturing are almost equally divided between labor and raw materials, and said that in both of these items the Ford Company of Canada was favorably situated as the American plants. "Large scale production ceases to be an advantage after reaching a certain point, and we are past that in our Canadian plant. We are turning out 600 cars a day." And another point in favor of the Canadian plant Mr. Ford said was: "You have a better class of workmen in Canada than we have in the United States, more intelligent, more vigorous. They are mostly Anglo-Saxon." Asked why, if the Ford could be made as cheaply in Canada as in the United States, we have had to pay much higher prices for it, Mr. Ford said: "The old story, because the tariff had made the higher price possible, that's all."

**Ensuring Provision for Wife's Maintenance**

A bill which has passed the Ontario Legislature at its recent session has special interest to married people, it amended the laws which require a man to support his wife so that it will force him to make such adequate provision for her as his circumstances may permit at the time of his death. It would prevent a man cutting off his wife in his will. "At the present time," a memorandum upon the Fisher bill explained, "a man is bound by law to provide for his wife as long as he lives. He is under no legal obligation to provide for his wife after his death. If he dies without leaving a will, she shares in his estate as provided by law. If he makes a will, except to real estate, he can leave all his property to whom ever he wishes. He may be worth one million dollars in bonds, and yet dispose of his estate without leaving his wife one cent. The bill introduced provides that when a man dies leaving a will and does not make reasonable provision for his wife, the court may, on application, make provision out of the estate for his wife."

**Finance Your Own Town and Protect its Interests**

Acton has learned in some respects that to lay the foundations of the town surely and permanently a keen interest in the capital expenditures of the municipality is necessary. For nearly a decade the debentures issued by the town for local utilities have been purchased by our citizens from their personal savings, instead of having them handled by outside brokers and capitalists. An investment is made by all purchasers of debentures. This investment naturally induces a keener interest in local utilities, in which a personal financial interest is held. Take our waterworks system, for instance, in which our own citizens hold from \$125,000 to \$150,000. Is it any wonder that the holders of the debentures are even more interested in the success of the waterworks system than citizens generally? They are naturally interested in the proper administration and maintenance of this valuable plant. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that there is a constantly recurring suggestion that the system be placed under the supervision of a commission specially appointed to administer the operation of the plant; the collection of water rates; the inspection of services and their metres, and all other details. It is very manifest that the system will never be satisfactorily supervised and controlled until it is placed under a commission. C. B. Brown, chief of the organization service bureau of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in speaking before the Seattle Chamber recently, told them, "the municipal and industrial growth of a town or city must come from within. You must do it yourselves, not dissipate your energy in urging the other fellow to come in and do it." He said Seattle has a wonderful industrial future, but the foundations must be laid by local men and local capital. Continuing, the speaker said: "No matter how small the group of manufacturers in a community, they should establish the custom of a meeting with their Chamber of Commerce for discussion of their problems. That's how things are accomplished from within." In a great measure the above advice is applicable to Acton or any other ambitious town. More attention and encouragement should be given to our growing industries and our municipal utilities. When the bulk of the necessary capital is put up by local people, that utility or industry will more often be a success because of its local ownership, our natural pride in it, and a desire for careful supervision of its administration will follow as a matter of course.

**Third in the Nations of the World**

This Dominion of ours is surely coming into its own as a nation. Canadians now rank third in the nations of the world in the matter of per capita wealth, the first two being Great Britain and the United States. She is fifth among the nations as an exporter and seventh as an importer. In national wealth in millions of dollars, Canada stands seventh. And no country in the world, says the leading financiers, has the opportunity for expansion within the next quarter century to compare with that of the Dominion.

**Canadian Trade Increases**

An increase of \$377,596,308 in the grand total of Canadian trade during the past fiscal year as compared with 1924-25 is shown in a recent summary issued by the Department of Customs. For the twelve months ended March 31, 1926, Canadian trade reached a total value of \$2,255,860,762. For the corresponding twelve months ended March 31, 1925, the total was \$1,878,264,454. For the month of March, 1926, alone the grand total of Canadian trade was \$214,820,440, as compared with \$180,496,480 for March, 1925.

**Canada's Greatest Resource**

Irrespective of what object may have induced the special effort, it is admitted by those who have seen it, that the Christian Science Monitor's All-Canada Supplement of sixty-four pages, was not only an admirable production from a mechanical standpoint but it was by long odds the best presentation of Canada as a whole; her splendid natural resources; her enterprising development; her opportunities for settlers; her unexampled opportunities, that has ever been attempted by any other journal or magazine. Editorially the Monitor says: "Canada is justly proud of its immense resources of forest and fertile field, of mine, and water power. But of their greatest assets Canadians are characteristically voiceless. It is not something drawn from the earth. It has sprung rather from an inherent consciousness in the people of the value of the things that are unseen. The Dominion's greatest resource is character. Set down anywhere on the globe, a people of such integrity, courage, open mind and friendliness would have made a notable place for themselves; endowed with the unmeasured wealth of Canada, they will make their land one of the earth's chosen places."

**Tying Up the Dogs in Summer**

Due to the fact that the legislature has given municipal councils authority to pass strict regulations concerning the taxing and running at large of dogs, a number of councils are putting through by-laws restraining dogs from running around during the coming months, when they do considerable damage to gardens, flower beds, lawns, and so on. In Walkerton a by-law has been introduced making it compulsory for dog owners to tie up all the canines during May and June. Means are being worked out to thoroughly enforce the by-law. Other towns have taken up the same idea. There is no doubt as to the benefit of the scheme. Dog owners realize themselves that their pets do damage not only to their own gardens, but to other people's as well. There is no injustice in an act that forces people to tie up dogs in the spring and summer of the year. Readers will admit also that there is an uncommonly large number of dogs running around the streets of our town. Kincardine Council would do well to look into the matter. There should be no kick if similar steps were taken here. Good gardens, beautiful flower beds and lawns certainly lend charm and benefit to the town. There are many strong, reasonable points in favor of such a by-law.—Kincardine Reporter.

**Thrift**

Ordinarily, at the mention of the word thrift, one thinks of the habit or practice of saving money. This limited use of the word is due, in a large measure, to the mercenary tendencies of the times. We are beginning to think of success as being synonymous with the accumulation of wealth; hence, we have grown to think of thrift only in terms of wealth. In its original application, the word "thrift" means the condition of one who thrives or prospers, not only in the matter of accumulating wealth but in anything that he attempts to do. A person is thrifty in the matter of health when an intelligent interest is manifested in it, and when one does not allow his health to be abused or injured by excessive indulgence and dissipation. A person is thrifty in business, not only when he looks to the economy of expenditure, but also when he carefully works out and studies the best way of arriving at desirable results. And a person is thrifty in the matter of finance, not when he accumulates wealth at one time of his life and allows it to slip away from him at another, but when he sees to it that during the earning period of his lifetime, sufficient is laid by to take care of him during old age or in the event of being disabled. A person is thrifty in the matter of citizenship when the franchise and all other rights are not used with reckless indifference, ignorance, selfishness, or with ulterior motives, but when these rights are carefully exercised with intelligence, honesty, and public spirit—adherence in the best interests of the community, the province, and the Dominion. In its practical and most useful sense, "thrift" is the good management of the business of living.—The Journal of Commerce.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Although showing that there was a reduction in the fire losses in Canada during 1925 of over 10 per cent., as compared with those of 1924, the annual report rendered to-day by George F. Lewis, president of the Association of Canadian Fire Marshals at its meeting here showed a total loss for last year of \$41,000,000.

Rumors from party headquarters at Toronto indicate that there will be a general election in Ontario. Nominating conventions will probably be the order in a few weeks. The Toronto Telegram says the election will be held in June, and that Government sale of liquor will be the issue.

People who complain of the higher prices now prevailing for milk above what used to be paid a few years ago, should remember that they have been urging the Councils and Legislatures to protect them from dirty dairies and careless dairymen by passing pure-milk laws. You cannot have improvements of that kind without paying for them, but the cent or two additional that each quart of milk costs is the most wisely spent money in the country, and means better health for our babies and children.

**Neighborhood News--Town and Country**

**ERIN**

Earl Souter, who leads the orchestra known as the Souter and his Holy Chorus, has leased the pavilion at Stoney Park for the season. Mr. C. J. McMillan returned on Friday evening spending three weeks with his son, Emerson McMillan, at Atlantic City. The Young People's Improvement Association of Hillsburg have engaged Mr. G. Strickland Thomson, of Toronto, as their conductor for the choruses on the Musical Festival to be held in Cuelph on July 5th. Mr. James Austin has leased the big garage on the G. H. Walker and has taken possession. Mr. Arthur Horton, of New Britain, Conn., is holidaying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Horton—Advocate.

**OSPRIDGE**

These beautiful spring days are surely appreciated by our farmers who are anxious to advance seeding operations. A few local farmers with dry farms commenced plowing and last week's showers with warm sunny days seeding will now be in full swing. Farmers will doubtless make good progress as they are well prepared for such weather conditions. A few of our citizens have spent the last few weeks making maple syrup. This season not being favorably for a good run of sap many discontinued a week or so ago. The frogs are surely clamoring with their music these moonlight nights. Our ladies are busy housecleaning these days and hubby is surely a busy man. The friends of Mr. Henry McDougall are sorry to hear that he is seriously ill, but bright hopes are held for his recovery. Many fishermen tried their luck in the water holes on May 1st. With the water high at this time of the year the catch was small. Our country roads are drying up nicely and the automobiles and motorists are again in our midst.

**GEORGETOWN**

Preparations are already under way for the big athletic meet and garden party at Georgetown on July 1st. Mr. E. Y. Wemyss has his vestry store to Mr. C. P. Ready, of Hampton, who takes possession on May 2nd. Mr. Ready has purchased a business in Trenton. Mr. and Mrs. Barwell, Toronto, assisted the United Church choir on Sunday. Mr. Barwell was formerly tenor soloist in the Central Methodist Church, Toronto, sang a solo which was greatly appreciated by the large audience. At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening several matters of importance were discussed. The need of more industries in town, the beautifying of our homes, lawns, boulevards and streets, the importance of the providing of a camping ground for auto tourists were among the principal items before the meeting.

Many citizens will deeply regret the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corke and their son, Robert Corke, from our town. Mr. Corke has been connected with Georgetown industrial life for the past eleven years and has made many friends and high connections. Mr. Corke and his son, Robert, have been members of the Masonic circles Mr. Corke stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. Both Mr. Corke and his son, Robert, have joined the Penman organization. At Park, Mr. Corke is going to St. Hyacinth. Mrs. Corke will be assistant to the manager in the carding and spinning department at Park.—Herald.

**OAKVILLE**

Daylight saving time came into effect on Monday. The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church will hold a rummage sale at the Church Hall on May 10th. Arrested on a charge of reckless driving, Alvin Feller, of Cleveland, Ohio, was fined \$25 and costs by the Oakville Court on Tuesday morning.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the Anglican Young People's Association at their annual dinner at the Castle-Rite Hotel last night. William W. Hinchey, who has been appointed bandmaster of the Oakville Citizens Band at a salary of \$500 per annum. According to police reports, charges are to be placed against fifty recent dog owners, who in violation of the by-law governing the keeping of canines, have allowed their dogs to run at large. Leaving Holland into in June and arriving here about the middle of July, forty Dutch families will come in one party with a lanchon in the County to engage in truck farming. A further reduction in municipal taxation is forecasted for this year when, meeting for a final consideration of the estimates Tuesday night, the Council succeeding in getting the estimated expenditures for 1926 at \$45,866.86, a decrease of \$1,118.14 over that of the preceding year.

Building permits have been issued to Mr. J. Ingman, who is erecting a residence in conjunction with his filling station on Colborne Street, west, valued at \$2,000. Mr. J. Ingman, who is building a studio on Second Street valued at \$5,000, and to Leonard Stanbury, Mr. E. J. Ben and Mrs. G. Freestone, who will make adjustments to their residents to the amount of \$150 each.

A very interesting event took place at the Gibson House last night (Wednesday), when Mr. and Mrs. James Black celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. In honor of the occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Black entertained between twenty-five and thirty of their friends to a luncheon in the grill room. Early in the evening a beautiful floral basket was presented to the bride and groom of fifty years ago by Mr. George Hillmer, M. P., and Mrs. Hillmer.

At the annual meeting of St. Paul's United Church, 600 communications were reported, and the financial statement was given as follows: Current accounts—total, \$72,825.45; expenditures, \$6,526.31; balance, \$67,299.14; Maintenance and Extension Fund—receipts, \$2,846.20; expenditures, \$5,110; balance, \$114.30; Building Fund, balance on hand, \$1,407.88. Recapitulation of amounts raised during the year—\$19,824.47—Record.

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**LIMEHOUSE**

With very impressive services Messrs. Geo. Minto, John Newton, Harding Price and Thomas Ambrogi were inducted as elders in the Presbyterian Church.

Numbers of fishermen were out after trout on Saturday. Some attractive beauties were caught.

**BURLINGTON**

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor returned home on Tuesday morning from their extended trip to California, Florida and Texas.

Miss Nellie Burns has returned home from Kananisquamis, where she has been spending the past few months.

A severe thunder storm, accompanied by hail as large as marbles, visited over this district on Wednesday afternoon last, but no serious damage was reported.

On Sunday afternoon, cars driven by W. Dalton, Jr., and S. Burna, March Street, collided at the corner of James and Brant Streets. Damage to the amount of \$50.00 was done to the touring car.

Mr. J. J. Rhynes and Mrs. L. Millen were the two delegates from the Yonandagea chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, to the sessions of the Provincial chapter, Hamilton last week.

The death occurred at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon at 511 Peninsula Ave., San Diego, California, U. S. A., of one of Burlington's oldest citizens, in the person of Charles Stewart Taylor, in his 76th year.

Deputy-Devo Holby arrived home from England on Monday evening. The passengers were obliged to disembark at Quebec, as the boat could not make the trip to Montreal on account of the ice in the river. Deputy-receiv certainly looks well after his holiday in the Old Land.

A large and appreciative audience greeted the Old Time concert held in the gymnasium of Trinity United Church last Thursday night, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the church. About fifty people took part in the concert, all of whom were attracted in old-fashioned costumes, some which dated back 100 years.

The Strathcona Girl Guides are giving a concert and play on Friday evening, May 7. This is to be the official opening of the first company of the Canadian Girl Guide movement in this district. The aim of the Girl Guide organization is to develop citizenship among girls by forming habits of industry, training them in habits of usefulness, obedience, and self-reliance, by games and activities.—Gazette.

Good drainage is essential in an orchard. Mr. D. D. Davis, Assistant to the Dominion Horticulturist, author of a new bulletin of the Department of Agriculture on the cultivation of the apple in Canada, states that besides ample surface drainage to take care of excessive winter rains, a drainage system of early spring, under drainage is necessary. If the drainage is done with tiles they should be placed sufficiently deep to be beyond the danger of penetration by the roots of the trees, otherwise natural drainage of the soil is preferable.

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