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EDITORIAL

Who Wants a Booze Store

"A Government store in town would certainly make liquors or wines handier to obtain than if one had to send to Warkerton for a supply," is the comment of The Port Elgin Times on Government liquor stores. This statement draws forth the following remarks on the subject of booze stores from The Kincardine Review-Reporter: "The brilliant deduction the article comes to is no doubt true and the Port Elgin editor looks for his town to become the Mecca for thirsty souls from Southampton, Tara, Paisley and Kincardine if a liquor store is opened at Port Elgin. This may be true also, but Port Elgin may find that there are not as many of these "thirsty souls" in these other towns as they talk about. Most of these thirsty souls the Port Elgin paper refers to are composed of a few of the booze artist class in each town and if Port Elgin is hoping to become a congregating centre for them it will find the thing will not help the town any. However, it is doubtful whether Port Elgin will have a booze shop, even though it was not under local option previous to the coming into force of the O. T. A. It has been said that the nearest place where hard liquor will be dispensed will be at Guelph. Port Elgin may have a beer and wine shop, but beer or wine won't satisfy those who want whiskey. Again, as the law allows people to ship it in, why would people want to go to Port Elgin for it? We doubt very much if the fame of becoming a booze centre, that Port Elgin is looking for, will materialize." And what self-respecting town would want to become famous as a booze centre? It may have the advantage of drawing thirsty one thither for their supply but numbers of drunken people crowding any town are of no advantage to a community. Of course such a round-up in one town could be used for demonstration purposes in the educational campaign which was promised to do away with excessive drinking.

Welcome to U. S. Tourists

Motorists from the United States coming to Canada may now get an extension of 60 days to their 30 day free entry permit. According to a recent order passed by the Canadian Department of Customs, any tourist coming to Canada by motor car who decides, after the expiration of the 30 day free entry permit for the car given at the Canadian boundary point that he or she would like to stay longer may be given two extensions of 30 days each. The car owner, to get this extension, makes application to any Canadian Collector of Customs, in any city, town or boundary point in Canada, and on production of a certificate signed by an executive officer of a recognized Canadian Automobile Association, will have the first permit endorsed for a 30 day extension. An additional certificate, similar to the first, must be submitted to obtain a further extension of 30 days. Should a tourist wish to stay up to six months a bond must be deposited with a Canadian Customs officer. The decision of the Canadian Department of Customs to grant a 90 day free entry of motor cars to tourists is made in order to provide a convenience to the increasing number of American visitors to the Dominion.

A Veteran Newspaper Man Passes

C. W. Young, publisher of the Cornwall Freeholder, passed away at his home in that town last Wednesday, after a long illness. Mr. Young was one of the best known newspaper men in Canada. He was a talented writer, an extensive traveller, and was a Canadian commissioner at the World's Fair at Chicago. Mr. Young was for many years a member of the Canadian Press Association and an officer. He was a son of the late James Young, and was born at Georgetown about eighty years ago. Young Street, Acton, was named for Mr. Young's father who owned the land and had the subdivision east of the Canadian National Railway tracks surveyed into a subdivision seventy years ago.

Canada's Taxable Property

The total value of taxable property in the Dominion was $7,331,785,535 in 1925 as against $6,028,012,640 in 1910, an increase of $1,303,772,886, according to a recent report of the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics. Personal property, which is taxed in certain provinces only increased from $52,939,710 in 1910, to $56,452,434 in 1925. Income, which is also taxed in certain provinces, only increased from $103,280,441 to $164,052,407. Property, which is exempt from taxation, showed an increased value of $811,035,964 in 1910, and increased to $1,365,631,825 in 1925.

Naming Acton's Streets

The neat signs on the corners designating the streets in Acton have been placed in position the past week and seem to draw favorable comment from citizens generally. The neatness and legibility of the signs is marked, and the Council may well be complimented on securing them and taking this needed step to keep time with Acton's progress. In scanning the columns of "Twenty Years Ago," some couple of months ago, it was noticed that the subject was uppermost in the Council's mind at that time, but the steps were not taken to have the project carried out. The convenience to strangers in locating places will be great and for us town folks who have endeavored to guide travellers to their destination in the town the details of direction are going to be appreciably shortened. The only regrettable item in the move seems to be that certain streets, which were named and known as avenues, have been designated streets, such as Bower Avenue and Knox Avenue; on which the signs appear as Bower Street and Knox Street. This, however, is a small item and can be easily remedied as the error appears only in the case of one or two thoroughfares.

Another Sign of Spring

Notable among the signs of approaching spring is the return of the door-to-door peddler selling mops, brushes, hosiery, cloth, etc. Apparently the peddler must do well because his trade seems to be a popular one. One reason he finds it easy to make it go is that he often has 100 per cent. profit and only a few sales in a day are necessary. He has no rent or taxes to pay and he doesn't have to stand back of his goods because he is here to-day and gone tomorrow. Local merchants would be glad if they could get half the price for their goods that the high-pressure door-step salesman gets. The merchant not only sells for less in most cases, but he stands behind his product. He carries on business in a legitimate fashion and he should have the loyal support of the community not only on sentimental grounds but from the standpoint of good business and common sense. The merchant, too, should do his part by letting the public know, through our advertising columns, what advantages in price or quality he can offer.

Just a Difference

During the past week it was noticeable the number of bills and little advertising pamphlets that littered the street in front of the post office, as well as the lobby of the post office. The bills had been sent out as advertisements, and one placed in every box. If you watch those who received them you saw some open the bills, glance it over, then crumble it up and throw it away. Others did not even take the trouble to open up the bills. Did you ever see anyone use their local newspaper in that way? No. If they opened it up there were several looking over their shoulder to see what was in the paper. The paper is always taken to the home, it is always read by every member of the family who can read. And yet there are some otherwise intelligent merchants who imagine they get better results out of the bills they issue to litter the streets than they do out of their newspaper advertising. They really ought to know better.—Winchester Press.

Where Canada Leads

During the last two years Canadian agriculture, mining, fishing, manufacture and transportation have been experiencing a fundamental prosperity which indicates an insistent world demand for the varied products of Canadian industries. That a country with a population of less than 10,000,000 people should have exported $1,271,000,000 worth of goods in 1927 and $1,260,000,000 worth in 1926 implies a tremendous productivity per capita. Canada is now the leader in the production of newsprint, asbestos, nickel, cobalt and salmon, and produces the world's largest exportable wheat surplus. Since Canada also stands second in the number of telephones in use and in the production of automobiles and lumber, third in gold and silver production, seventh in steel production, and tenth in that of coal, it is evident that the prevailing prosperity is due to a healthy condition in many industries rather than to a temporary expansion in some single line.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The popular way to stop investigation into transactions which companies do not want investigated seems to be to lose the books or records. But it isn't working very well and transgressors will have to invent a new one.

The Burlington Gazette last week started on its 20th year of publication. The Gazette has always cared well for Burlington's best interests and under Editor Harris has prospered. May each birthday see it continue to flourish.

Would it be possible that this "conscience money" that is being sent the Government at Ottawa is from those who have been tesifying before the customs enquiry commission? Some of the witnesses seem to have little conscience when giving their evidence.

Newspapers throughout the country appreciate the passing of the bill reducing the newspaper postage rate from 1½ cents to 1 cent. The general public have had the advantage of two-cent letter postage restored and the newspapers now appreciate their innings.

An increase of one dollar a year in a post office box rent means about one-third of a cent for every day in the year the post office is open. It would take only the saving of three gallons of gasoline in a pleasure jaunt to pay the extra rent and who would stand in a post-office line-up on three successive days to make a cent.—Chesley Enterprize.

Just who should make the first move to organize for Acton's celebration on July 1 of the Diamond Jubilee of the Dominion seems to be the only point that is holding up the plans. Possibly the Council or Chamber of Commerce could take the initiative and start the movement. Like all community affairs in Acton it would receive the loyal support of all citizens when once started.

Neighborhood News

ERIN

Mr. Harvey Graham, of Toronto, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham.

Mrs. Robert Reevely and daughter, Grace, of Brampton, spent the week-end with friends in town.

Mr. J. T. Austin, of Brampton, and Miss Mabelle Austin, of Toronto, spent the week-end at their home here.

Master Allan Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Marshall, was taken to Guelph General Hospital on Friday of last week, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Wm. Murray, who has been at the General Hospital, Guelph, for some time, was able to return home on Friday last, and is convalescing.

Dr. Parmee, of Toronto, Dean of McMaster University, conducted the services in the Baptist Churches at Hillsburg and Belfountain, on Sunday.

On Friday evening last, Mr. C. K. McMillan suffered a painful accident, when he fell from a ladder, at his stable, fracturing three ribs and otherwise being shaken up.

Last Friday members of Burns' Presbyterian Church completed the delivery of the timbers necessary for rebuilding the church shed, which they intend to enclose. When completed the shed will be one of the finest in the community and will be a very serviceable structure.—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

Our boys have started to play lacrosse.

Black bottom plants have made their appearance on Georgetown streets.

Mrs. Freure returned home last week after spending the winter with relatives in South Carolina.

Miss May Thompson has returned home after spending a couple of months with relatives in Whitby.

Mrs. Russell Murdock, of Timmins, Ont., is spending a couple of weeks with her friend, Mrs. W. C. Anthony.

Major Grant and Miss Lawson attended the tea given by Head Master and Mrs. Guest at Appelbe School last Saturday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Williams and daughter, Helen, arrived home last week from Winnipeg, where she spent several weeks visiting her parents.

Mrs. Jack Armstrong went to the Western Hospital, Toronto, last week for treatment. Her many friends wish her speedy restoration to health.

The Mission Band of the United Church gave a splendid programme at their concert on Monday evening. There was a good attendance.

Master Eric Norrington, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norrington, who recently underwent a serious operation at Guelph Hospital, is now progressing nicely and will soon be able to return home.

Town Council met on Tuesday evening and after hearing A. C. Barker and C. Sargant re water extension, and Mr. Cheevers, of Guelph, re street names, adjourned to meet on Tuesday, April 12.—Herald.

BURLINGTON

Mr. Harry Denike has moved into his new premises, next to the Crystal Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMillan and family arrived home on Sunday from a three months' holiday in California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baker have returned home from Rochester, where they have been spending the past several months.

Major Lawler has resigned the command of the Burlington company, Halton Rifles, and Capt. Earl, of Milton, has taken command.

Mr. K. J. Corwin has sold 110 feet frontage on the highway, the property of Mr. A. E. Truman, to Mr. D. Sullivan, of Hamilton.

F. W. Utter & Son have exchanged Mr. John Headhead's property on Locust Street for Mr. John Easton's farm, near Appleby. Mr. and Mrs. Headhead will move on to the farm early next week.

Mr. Russel C. Smale and his bride, of Detroit, Mich., who were married at Detroit on Friday last, spent part of their honeymoon at his home here, returning to Detroit on Tuesday.

On Saturday evening last a car driven by Arthur Freeman, Mt. Nemo, was struck by a White Star bus near Hamilton, and the coupe badly damaged. Fortunately, Mr. Freeman escaped injury.

Many rumors have been afloat during the past week in regard to the sale of certain properties, and the possible erection of several new buildings in town. The Gazette has investigated these reports, but the stories are denied.—Gazette.

MILTON

Several townspeople attended the skating carnival in Toronto last Friday night.

Miss Gemmell, of the Public School staff, spent the week-end with her parents at Ayr.

Miss MacKenzie, of Toronto, spent the week-end at the home of her brother, Mr. J. M. MacKenzie.

The Misses Campbell, who have been on a trip through California and Florida, have returned home.

The hall at the Agricultural Grounds is being shingled. Exhibitors will be glad to know this.

The frame building on Main Street, formerly occupied by R. D. Baker, jeweller, advertised to be sold on Saturday, failed to find a purchaser.

About 35 members of St. Clair Lodge, A. F. & A. M., went to Hamilton on Tuesday of last week to attend a reception given to the Grand Master.

Miss Bessie Alexander, professional school nurse for Milton, Oakville and Trafalgar, has tendered her resignation as such.—Reformer.

The many friends of Editor White, of the Reformer, will join the Champion in congratulating him. For the first time since he was laid up by illness last May, he was out yesterday and was at the post office. May his improvement continue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dawson, of Hamilton, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Clara Evelyn, to Mr. Edward Cross, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cross, of Milton, the marriage to take place at St. Mark's Church, Hamilton, at 3.30 p. m., April 30.

The whereabouts of Fred Taylor, of Toronto, who escaped from the Halton County jail here on Wednesday, March 16, while waiting to be transferred to Portsmouth Penitentiary at Kingston to serve 30 months for burglary, is baffling the police, as the escaped convict is still at large. He is believed to be in Toronto, where his parents reside.—Champion.

DOG GETS FREE BREAKFAST AND DINNER BY MEETING TRAINS

Barnesville, Minn., Dec. 30.—Rover, a 13-year-old spaniel, owned by Fred Hanes, railways janitor here, is one dog whose master never has to feed it.

For the past 13 years Rover has met the east and west bound trains twice a day, and got his porterhouse steak, bones and other tid-bits from the dining car cook.

This special privileged member of the canine family is the centre of attraction to transcontinental travellers when the train stops at Barnesville. Rover is favored by the fact that the train stops in the evening and morning. And he knows the hour of arrival in each instance. It is a standing order of the chefs to have Rover's dinner or breakfast ready at Barnesville.

OAKVILLE

Allan Busby suffered a broken arm in an automobile accident near Essex, a short distance east of Windsor, on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. A. Calder, of Ottawa, is a guest at the home of her father, Mr. John Leslie, William Street.

Miss Isobel Terry, of Toronto, visited with Miss Edna Aust'n over the week-end.

Mrs. J. H. McNair, of the United Church Parsonage, who underwent an operation in the Toronto General Hospital on Saturday, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Willard A. Bloomfield, Lakeshore west, who has been seriously ill for the past two months, is reported to be convalescent.

Wesley Kelley, Colborne Street, who has been seriously ill for the past month with pneumonia, suffered a dangerous relapse last week-end.

Mr. Charles H. Wray, of town, attended the Firestone banquet and dance, held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, last week, representing Mr. A. J. Curry, their local agent.

The banquet room of the Masonic Hall was the scene of a pleasant affair last Thursday night when Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrison, Kerr Street, entertained in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

Fanned by a strong west wind, fire which broke out in a pile of railroad ties on the property of William McKnight, Wilson Street, temporarily endangered a frame barn against which they were piled and other nearby buildings. The firemen extinguished the blaze before any damage was done. The cause of the fire is unknown but it is thought that the creosoted ties may have become kindled through spontaneous combustion.—Record.

MARL: ITS COMPOSITION AND USE

Marl or shell is a naturally-occurring deposit consisting essentially of carbonate of lime mixed with varying amounts of clay, sand or other inert material. Deposits of marl are found in nearly all the provinces of Canada, occurring as a rule in beds from a few inches to several feet on old lake bottoms and frequently overlaid by peat or muck. Marl is an important and valuable source of lime for the land treatment.

Some marls are almost pure carbonate of lime, others are more or less impure from the point of view