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EDITORIAL

The Tourist Industry

Public opinion is gradually being awakened to the fact that the tourist industry directly contributes to the prosperity of the country, and incidently brings capital into contact with investment opportunities afforded by required development of agriculture, mines, forests and manufactures. Each succeeding year indicates the increase in popularity of Ontario as the play ground of North America, and is proving that our natural scenic attractions may be made a perpetual source of revenue. Based upon statistics obtained at various ports of customs entry, A. W. Campbell, the Dominion Commissioner of the Highways, estimates that the gross revenue received from foreign travel last year is slightly over $200,000,000. The tourist trade touches more or less every part of the province and towns and villages are waking up to the importance of attracting and encouraging visitors, by according to them every courtesy, furnishing cheerfully information about the country, its resources, accommodations, roads, etc. A great many places have provided camping grounds which tourists are invited to use.—Norwood Register.

An Outlaw

The investigation of the Customs Commission has brought the facts home again that the liquor traffic is nothing more or less than an outlaw business that will not pay its share of the taxes of the country and evades and holds in contempt the laws of the land. Not only this but they openly admit that they have contributed to election campaign funds to gain their ends, and create a market for their wet goods, and while it hasn't been cleared up yet who received the money, people with an atom of grey matter can be given credit for making their own conclusions. Gooderham & Worts Brewery officials are quite candid about the fact that they paid out $25,000 in the last Ontario election for campaign funds. "We were trying to get the people of Ontario to vote wet rather than dry," stated Mr. Nash, of that brewery. A brewery also admits that they had a "snake fund." This was for paying policemen to keep their eyes and mouths shut on certain occasions. We wonder how the police liked the name given them by the breweries. But there is one consolation, the Federal Government says they will prosecute in every case where wrong doing is located, and it is to be hoped that no slippery re-organizations will be allowed to make it easy for this outlaw business to simply continue under other colors. Let the hammer fall heavily! Let it smash it all to pieces that we may see the inside of the whole despicable business.

Prohibition in the United States

In a recent poll made hurriedly before appearing before the judiciary committee of the United States Senate in connection with the prohibition hearings, a leading citizen says, letters were addressed to the presidents of State, disrict, county, and large city Christian Endeavor unions everywhere in the United States. The 538 replies received were divided as follows: Five hundred and thirty-one voted against the legalizing of light wines and beers. Only seven voted for such legalization. Five hundred and thirty-two voted against the repeal of prohibition. Only six voted for such repeal. Five hundred and twenty-nine voted that prohibition had bettered conditions financially, socially and morally. You will be interested to know that a copy of the letter addressed to these young people was sent to the managers and owners of 605 general merchandising stores located in forty-eight states. These manager-owners reside in their communities, and are representative of the best business life of the country. Within ten days replies were received from 585 of these gentlemen, a remarkably high percentage. Five hundred and forty-six voted against the legalizing of light wines and beers. Only thirty-nine voted for such legalization. Five hundred and seventy-seven voted against the repeal of prohibition. Only eight voted for such repeal. Five hundred and sixty-three voted that prohibition had bettered conditions financially, socially, and morally. You will have observed that the replies of the young people and of these business men are almost identical. This was one of the first serious efforts made to secure a statement from representative young people themselves concerning a vital matter that many of their elders have discussed in a manner little short of slanderous against their own children. That these young presidents are representative of America's youth will not be disputed when I tell you that they are the elected leaders of a movement which enrolls more than two million young Americans.—Vermont Issue.

Keep Clear of Question

The wisdom of the Board of Trade lending itself to be the intermediary to put Collingwood in the list of liquor dispensing centres is, to say the least, debatable. It is not a question of a shop or no shop. Instead, it is simply the advisability of a business organization, composed of members with all shades of opinion, stepping beyond its bounds and entering a field already overcrowded with contention and controversary. At the best the maintenance of interest in a Board of Trade is far from easy and the taking up of matters foreign to its customary and recognized programme will not tend to lessen the difficulties that lie in the path of success. —Collingwood Bulletin.

Normal Course to be Extended a Year

From the Ontario Department of Education comes the announcement that the Normal School course for teachers is to be lengthened to two years. The present course is a year one. The change will take effect in the fall of this year. Full details of the Department's plans will be published in the annual educational pamphlet. Premier Ferguson, as Minister in charge of the Department, has had in mind, for some time, it is understood, an arrangement that will place Ontario's Normal School course on a par with the two-year course obtaining in other provinces of the Dominion. Tentative plans provide that prospective teachers shall, under the new scheme, take one year's training, after which they will be supplied with an interim certificate allowing them to teach for two or three years. They will then return to Normal for their second year, during which period their instruction will be based on their interim teaching experience. It is understood that the new two-year course may be retroactive in the sense of requiring teachers who are now teaching on the strength of the prevailing one-year-course certificate to return to Normal School, at an appropriate time, and complete the second year.

Accidents and Compensation

In March the Workmen's Compensation Board awarded a total of $407,818.24, which included $101,830.83 for medical aid. This brings the total benefits during the first quarter of 1927 up to $1,521,569.76, as compared with $1,380,305.05 for the first three months of 1926. The increase in the number of accidents is due in part to improved business conditions with additional workers and to the fact that many minor accidents of a type that were formerly not reported are now being reported to the Board. The total number of accidents reported to the Board last month was 5,597, including 31 fatalities. In the first quarter of 1927 there were 16,121 accidents reported, or 1,709 more than in the same period in 1926. Fatalities in the first quarter of 1927 were 87 and 82 in the first three months of 1926. Speaking of these figures, R. B. Morley, General Manager, Industrial Accident Prevention Associations, said that cases of blood poisoning, in a number of instances, had resulted fatally, indicating that First Aid equipment was not up to the mark in some plants, or that it was not being used by injured workers.

Read It Right

Many more people than one would suspect, who can tell their letters and pronounce words, cannot read. There appears to be a growing tendency to merely glance at a sentence or paragraph and assume some meaning that is not there at all, in any strict construction of the intended meaning. Perhaps it is not all the reader's fault, perhaps too little skill is developed in plainly stating ideas; perhaps newspapers are getting too slovenly in their requirements as to English, but discounting the situation in this wise as much as one will, the evidence, almost daily coming to attention in one way or another, is that people have all too scant notion of what they read. People have frequently come to the writer, bringing clippings with them and saying, "Why did your paper say thus and so about me or my interests?" Examination of the offending statement will usually show that it is perfectly harmless, and more often than not complimentary rather than otherwise, yet the reader has somehow gained a wholly perverted notion of the statement. Only this week we had a very indignant young man come in and ask us to retract a statement we had never made. We produced a copy of the paper containing the article of which he complained and when he read it he said it wasn't what the neighbors had told him was in the article at all, and the item was perfectly satisfactory to him. Be sure you read everything correctly, and doubly sure that you have the right meaning before you repeat it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The tourist season has already started and it is about time that the accommodations at our tourist camping grounds were being put into shape, and the signs directing tourists to it were erected.

The committees should be at work laying their plans for Acton's celebration of the Dominion's Diamond Jubilee. To make a celebration worth while it will take months of planning and work. Why not make the start at once?

The Ontario Department of Education has issued a very attractive booklet for use in the schools on Empire Day and commemorating Canada's Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. The little volume is replete in its programme for Empire Day and its synopsis of outstanding events in connection with the Dominion.

The British Columbia lumber industry broke all records in 1926 with a timber cut of 2,000,000,000 feet, exclusive of material used for fuel and farming purposes—an increase of 11.7 per cent. over the previous year. Water-borne exports out of the province were 720,000,000 feet, or 130,000,000 feet more than in the preceding year.

Canada is evidently going to be very fittingly represented by the type of home that will be occupied by the Canadian Commissioner to the United States. There seems to be quite an argument in some quarters over the purchase price, and $500,000 is a lot of money to spend for a place to live, but then you would hardly expect Canada to be represented by a tenement house up an alley.

Neighborhood News

OAKVILLE

Miss Minota Laing, Inglehart Avenue, is lying critically ill in the Hamilton General Hospital.

Miss Helen Hankek, of Toronto, who is recovering from a serious illness, is a visitor at her home here.

Mr. Edward and Fred Walsh, of Hamilton, attended the funeral of William Tucker, which took place on Tuesday at Oakville.

Listed among those who have recently sailed for England are Miss Agnes Robertson, Watson Avenue, and Mrs. Caleb Keene and Miss Louise Keene, Colborne Street.

A notable change in the business section of the town will take place in the near future through the action of L. A. Wilkinson, confectioner, in buying the "Variety Store," almost directly opposite his present location. Mr. Wilkinson is taking possession on May 1.—News.

Thos. Shields returned last week from the South, looking the picture of health and prosperity.

Mrs. Frank McIlveen, of Clinton, is visiting at the home of her son, Councillor W. E. McIlveen, on Church Street.

W. S. Davis has returned from a trip to South Carolina, going by way of New York. The weather is warm down there.

The Masons of Oakville will hold a banquet, open to the public, in the Temple, on Wednesday evening next. Hon. S. S. Martin, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, will be the speaker of the evening, taking the interesting subject of agriculture as his topic. —Star.

BURLINGTON

"Ty" Summerfield won two first prizes at the Hamilton dog show last night with his dog, Rin.

Mrs. John J. Frank, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, Ontario Street, has returned to her home in New York City.

On April 9, the tenth anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge, a wreath in memory of the fallen heroes was placed on the cenotaph by Thayendanegea Chapter, I. O. D. E.

Mrs. Arthur Lancaster, Port Nelson, reports that she saw a white-headed robin in the yard at her home on Tuesday morning. This is the first of its kind reported in this district, and is very uncommon.

On Monday morning two automobiles collided in front of the post office, and were somewhat damaged. The driver of one of the cars, in an effort to avoid the collision, struck a power line post, almost cutting it in two. Fortunately no one was injured.

During the Council meeting on Thursday evening last Town Clerk Sykes was taken suddenly ill. He was carried into his office, and Dr. Peart summoned. The Clerk was removed to his home, where he remained until Monday, returning to his duties on that day. He is better, but not feeling just up to the mark yet.

About 6.45 on Sunday evening fire broke out at the residence of Mr. John West, Brant Street, and was quickly extinguished by the fire brigade before any serious damage was done. The boys responded to the call so promptly that they did not need to use the chemical equipment or turn on the water, but put out the blaze with a few pails of water.—Gazette.

MILTON

Mrs. John Joynt, Lucknow, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Millson, Court Street.

John Brandon, Toronto, visited his sister, Mrs. Frank Davis, during the week-end.

Mrs. J. M. MacKenzie, who has been quite ill, is recovering, we are glad to report.

Hartley Stewart, night operator at the C. P. R. here, has been transferred to Galt.

Miss Doris Bews, nurse-in-training at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, spent the week-end at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Bews.

Mr. Arthur Nowell, of Waterdown, favored the Reformer with a call on Monday afternoon. He and his son, Charlie, and Mr. Freeman, were on a motor trip to Acton and Rockwood.

James H. Boomer, who was found dead on Monday of last week in his room in Hamilton, was, about 36 years ago, station agent at the C. P. R. here, moving from here to Wingham.

Nelson McCay, of Trafalgar Township, had his arm broken while repairing a culvert on the Middle Road in Trafalgar Township.

Hugh Fraser, blacksmith at Hornby, was shoeing a spirited horse when the animal became unruly and kicked him, breaking three of his ribs and his leg.

George Adams, a farmer of Nelson Township, was badly injured when a ram attacked him. He sustained a broken leg and suffered other injuries.

S. H. Albertson, Trafalgar's township clerk, is again able to attend his official duties, following a severe cold that threatened pneumonia.

All committees have been appointed for Milton's three-day celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee, beginning June 30.

Dr. Cameron Warren, of Toronto, motored to town last Sunday, and called to see Mrs. Wm. Bows, an old friend, who, we regret to say, is confined to her room by a serious illness.

Mrs. E. J. Wilson, who recently underwent a serious operation in the Hospital, has returned home and is making good progress towards recovery.—Reformer.

Mr. Harry Bows, of Revelstoke, B. C., is on his way to Milton to visit his mother, Mrs. Wm. Bows, who has been seriously ill for some time.—Champion.

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With the exception of water, tea is the cheapest and most widely consumed drink in the world. As a drink it is good when made from good tea, but is a terrible disappointment if cheap tea is used.

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Mrs. H. B. Austin spent Sunday with Brampton friends.

Mrs. H. Barbour returned home after spending a few weeks with friends in Toronto.

Mr. D. E. Laughlin has sold his fifty acre farm, adjoining Ospringe, to Mrs. Mary Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Saunders and C. Sanders, of Guelph, visited with friends here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mundell and little son and Mr. R. Harris spent Sunday with Toronto friends.

We are sorry to report that Miss Jean Sanders is quite ill. We trust she may make a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy and two sons, Victor and Charles, and daughter, Miss Lillian, of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. McDougall and other friends on Sunday.

Last Friday a few friends met at the home of Miss M. E. MacMillan for afternoon tea and a pleasant farewell to her aunt, Mrs. Cameron, who returned to Markham this week, after spending the winter there.

Miss Coreta Gibson came home from Toronto on Saturday evening last, and was not feeling altogether herself. On Sunday it was found that an operation for appendicitis was necessary. She is now convalescing nicely. —Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

Wonder what has become of our Horticultural Society?

Miss Marion McKay, of Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss Minnie Cotton, of Toronto, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Hunter.

Mr. W. H. Long attended Mount Sinai Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Toronto, on Tuesday evening.

Excavation work has been commenced for the foundation of the new Presbyterian Manse on Edith Street.

Mrs. John Armstrong, who is taking treatment at the Western Hospital, Toronto, is progressing favorably.

Mr. Charles Watson, who has been confined to his bed for some time with a carbuncle, was removed to Guelph Hospital for treatment on Tuesday.

Rev. Dr. Dickie was the speaker at the union service of the United Church in Guelph at Norfolk Street Church on Tuesday evening, April 12, and he has consented to conduct the service in the United Church, Milton, on Good Friday at 11.00 a. m.

Messrs. E. Y. Barraclough, J. B. Wallace, S. Kirk, George Ford, H. Dickie, W. Lawson and J. L. Thompson attended the Masonic banquet tendered to Most Worshipful John A. Rowland at Toronto last Tuesday night.—Herald.

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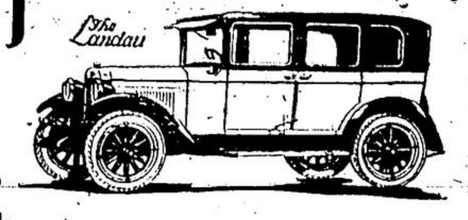

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