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EDITORIAL

We're Not Always Alone

City people sometimes have a tendency to make fun of the people who live in the small towns and rural communities and the city press is continually taking jibes at the ruralites and their actions in the city when they go on a visit. But are we any "greener" than lots of these big town people? We have our own fun with their greenness when they come to the rural communities. But right at home in the cities these people are often found gaping with their mouths open at very trivial occurrences. A week or so ago we were in the city. On King Street a gang of about fifteen telephone men were removing a small pole from the street. A crowd gathered and we looked them over, and most of them weren't from the back woods. That same day, at the corner of Yonge and Queen Streets, a crowd was gathered. It looked as if nothing short of a bank robbery had occurred, but upon inquiry we found out that the city had installed a new traffic signal at this corner, and the busy city people were watching it work, and almost hampering the police on duty. There had been one further up, at Yonge and Bloor Streets, in operation for some time. Yes, we sometimes gape at city things, but when we turn around there are usually dozens of city gapers with us.

Why Worry About Location of Liquor Stores?

From reading the papers from all over the province a live topic that seems to be on the mind in numbers of towns is will there be a liquor store located within their town limits. After the government appointing a "strong man" and a commission, with full authority to handle the situation, there is yet that tendency of wanting to dictate the policy and location of the government control. There does not seem to be that secure feeling that the measure is going to be made satisfactory to all the people of any one community alone, let alone the province at large. But those who have gone to the trouble to insist on their demands and put them before the commission have secured little or no satisfaction. Walkerton sent the Mayor of the town to interview the commission but outside of proclaiming to the world how badly Walkerton wants a liquor store or how really dry they have been in Walkerton, he accomplished little or no good by his trip and, according to reports, got no satisfaction in the matter. It is quite apparent that there is no use getting excited over the question at the present. If we are going to have one of the things we will have to put up with the evil until the people get so sick of it they will vote to stop it. If we don't get one we can consider ourselves lucky. There is no use worrying about it now. When we are informed of the intention of the commission it will be time enough to let them know what we think of their decision.

Be Punctual

If you cannot always be right, you can always be punctual. Of all the virtues none is so popular as punctuality. Of all human traits the most unpopular is habitual tardiness. Should someone take exception to such an application of the expression "human traits," let it be said that few in number are the religiously punctual. The man has not lived who has not been late. True, there are many who observe the strictest rules of punctuality, but the great mass of men, women and children are more often late than on time or early. This is doubly significant because it is conceded by all that it is as easy to be early as to be late, and much more satisfying. Some measure of the value placed by civilization on punctuality is offered by the stress placed on it in schools from the first to the last years of training, by industry, commerce, and business, by all military organizations, by individuals and in every phase of human life where there is any attempt at system, and in fact wherever two or more people are in contact. Nothing so irritates us as being compelled to wait for a delayed train or a person who is late for an appointment. Wags and wits have, since time immemorial, reckoned women as the most flagrant violator of this rule of etiquette. Husbands and sweethearts can beat prove the truth or fallacy of this but the world well knows it is a fault common to all. In our social intercourse we are irritated by tardiness mainly because we lack the virtue of patience, but when we are thus plagued it is a good time to ponder on the position of the employer who suffers material loss through the tardiness of employees, and on the necessity of school discipline and factory and office time clocks. — Qashwa Reformer.

Restocking the Forest

Sweden has initiated methods of forest culture that are well worthy of consideration by our provincial authorities. More than half of Sweden is retained permanently for forest growth. In square miles Sweden is about half the size of Quebec. The Forestry Board of Sweden in 1918 restocked seventy thousand acres by artificial planting. About seventy-one million trees, mostly Scotch pine and spruce, in addition to enormous quantities of seed, were distributed to eleven thousand landowners. Practically all of Sweden's private forests are managed by Boards of Conservation Commissioners, acting through trained foresters. The public responsibility for the maintenance of the country's forest wealth has long been accepted; the insistence upon scientific cutting and restocking is carried out by the public administration. With the passing of years the potentialities of forest wealth are becoming increasingly apparent. The preservation of our forests is a matter of national concern, and too much care cannot be exercised in protecting the trees from "butchers" and devouring fires.

New Regulations Concerning Pedlars

The recent session of the Legislature made a change in the act governing the licensing of hawkers and pedlars. Townships may now pass by-laws requiring a township instead of a county license to sell in the municipality. The act now provides that the license may be lower in the case of persons who have resided in the municipality for at least one year, but it shall not be less than \$10.00 for residents and \$15 for non-residents in the case of a person travelling on foot carrying a pack or basket or otherwise carrying goods for sale or to take orders for goods to be delivered afterwards. The regulation does not apply to the sale of "nursery" stock, medical and scientific books, sewing machines, milk, bread, or ice produced in Ontario. In all cases where the enactment is effective the licensee is required to carry his license with him and to exhibit it to any person to whom he is offering goods for sale, if requested. Failure to show this renders him liable to a penalty of not less than \$5.00 or not more than \$25.00. Any person not holding a license but carrying on a business as a hawker or pedlar is liable to the amount of the license fee and in addition a fine of \$10.00.

Ready-Made Editorials

I don't know whether it is because they think it is new to the game, or whether it is because they want to uplift the standard or possibly because they want the money, but I have had a number of solicitations wanting to write editorials for me. The most of them were supplied all ready for any town, with a blank to fill in, and are on very timely subjects and the cost is only trivial for each week. In fact, some of them offer to let me try out a couple on the public for a week and see how they work. The first one I consigned promptly to the W. B., but when two or three more came along I decided I couldn't answer them all so I would write in these columns and tell all these patent editorial opinion experts that for the present time I would attend to this duty myself and select and write what I pleased for these columns. And when I change my mind or become tired I will insert an advertisement, headed "Help Wanted," in the unclassified section. Until such an advertisement appears it is only a waste of postage, and an accumulation for the waste paper basket, to continue these solicitations.

What is Education?

In the course of an article recently Henry Ford had the following to say, among other things: "We are in favor of what might be called utilitarian education, although not at all in favor of what passes for utilitarian education. We believe that first of all a man should be able to earn his own living, and that any education that does not do so fit him is useless. Second, we believe that true education will turn a man's mind toward work, and not away from it, and will enable him to think not only how to earn a better living for himself, but also for those about him. What often passes for a utilitarian education is only a scrappy training in a great number of wholly useless odds and ends. If you train a child to expect that things will drop easily into his lap upon his slightest whim; if you train the mind to regard life as a benevolent system of Providence; if you train a boy to look for favors from others instead of looking to his own powers to create or command what he needs, then already the seeds of dependence are sown, the mind and will are warped, and life is crippled. Emphasis is laid on this particular phase of weakness because it is so common. Unintentionally a rather soft teaching concerning Providence has fostered it."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The work on the band stand and ticket offices at the new park entrance might well be proceeded with now. The stucco coating and painting of the building will add materially to this imposing entrance.

That little weed, the dandelion, will not likely be so sought after this May, as the stuff with a guaranteed kick will be available. Wonder if those chaps who made the "good stuff" we heard of will still continue? We'll wait and see.

Surely contractors can erect houses of the type demanded in Acton to alleviate the shortage. Semi-detached houses of a type where each half would rent for \$15 per month would prove a good investment and meet the demand. We need a score of them at once.

Agnes McPhail, M. P., seems to have stirred up a hornet's nest in her letter to the School Board. Henry Ford and Wm. Wrigley get a lot of free publicity in much the same way by doing unusual things, that don't amount to an awful lot, but cost them more money than it will Agnes.

There was a total enrolment of 150,556 pupils in Public and High Schools of the Province of Alberta during 1926, an increase over 1925 of 2,730. Attendance at rural schools shows improvement, and the percentage of pupils continuing through the High Schools is higher than formerly. Thirteen hundred students attended the University of Alberta last year, of whom 897 were men and 405 were women.

TUBER-BORNE DISEASES

Hearty and careful reading of the potato intensely for a few minutes and the planting of all abnormal tubers during planting operations is not only essential, but absolutely essential, in the maintenance of the potato crop to be expected.

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CANADIAN LIFE INSURANCE

In a recently published article on life insurance in Canada, T. B. Macaulay, President of one of the large Canadian life insurance companies, states that the per capita life insurance in Canada, which stood at \$44 in 1925, exceeded \$50 in 1926. "Canada," he says, "maintains her position as the best life insuring country in the whole world, with the exception of the United States, where the per capita insurance is about \$220. This increase in Canada last year, continues Mr. Macaulay, "is due to a variety of causes. A succession of fairly good wheat crops and good prices in Western Canada have undoubtedly had a beneficial influence upon the insurance activity, the phenomenal development of the pulp and paper trade, in which Canada is now the first nation of the world, and "water-power" shows in harnessing the water-powers and converting them to large industrial purposes.

EXPENSIVE REPAIRS

In order to stimulate his trade, the village blacksmith hung out a sign that read, "Whatever it is, I can fix it." On the morning of April Fool's Day, the town was allowed his way through the usual crowd that was collected round the door, and handed the blacksmith the parts of a broken lamp chimney.

"If like you to put this together for me as soon as you can, John," he said, winking toward the crowd.

The smith took the ragged bits of glass, examining them carefully while the others looked on with considerable amusement. Then he went into the room in the rear of the shop. Stepping across the alley to the grocery store, which was out of sight of the crowd, he lough a ten-cent lamp chimney exactly like the broken one.

How everyone laughed when he stepped out of his little room a moment later and put the whole chimney into the astonished wag's hands with the dry remark: "I'll have to charge half a dollar for that job."

YERBIBLE!

Held the President of a South American Republic in some of his friends: "A terrible blow has been dealt our people. To think that we, who prided ourselves on being the most up-to-date republic in the world, should have our record shattered by a mere South American revolution!"

"In what way?" the auditors asked. "Why," exclaimed the President, "we've had one revolution a month for years past and he says he can sell a machine that can produce 5,000 revolutions a minute!"

AN IMPOSSIBILITY

Customer: "Here's something in my chicken salad, waiter, that looks a good deal like feathers."
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GEMS OF THOUGHT

"When a man is opposed to Christianity, it is because Christianity is opposed to him. Your infidel is usually a person who recants the opportunity of Christianity to that for his sake and life which Jesus came to give and destroy.—Robert Hall.

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NEVER SEEN A HORSE FLY

A visitor to the late of Arran, being a keen disciple of Isaac Walton, was having a very good day's sport. Being told that the heronry would suit his purpose admirably for a bait, he addressed himself to the Highland servant, saying, "If any of your boys get me some horseflies?"

The man looked stupid and he repeated his question. Finding that still did not comprehend him, he exclaimed: "Why, did you never see a horsefly?"

"No, sir," was the reply, "but I was aw a cow jump over a pre-ship!"

JOHNNY KNEW

They were discussing the North American Indian in a rural school when the teacher asked if anyone could tell what the leaders were called. "Chief," announced a bright little girl at the head of the class.

"Correct," answered the teacher, "and now can any one tell me what the word means?"

There was a moment of silence when a small boy's hand was seen waving aloft, eager to reply.

"Well, Johnny?" asked the teacher. "Michigan," he proudly announced.

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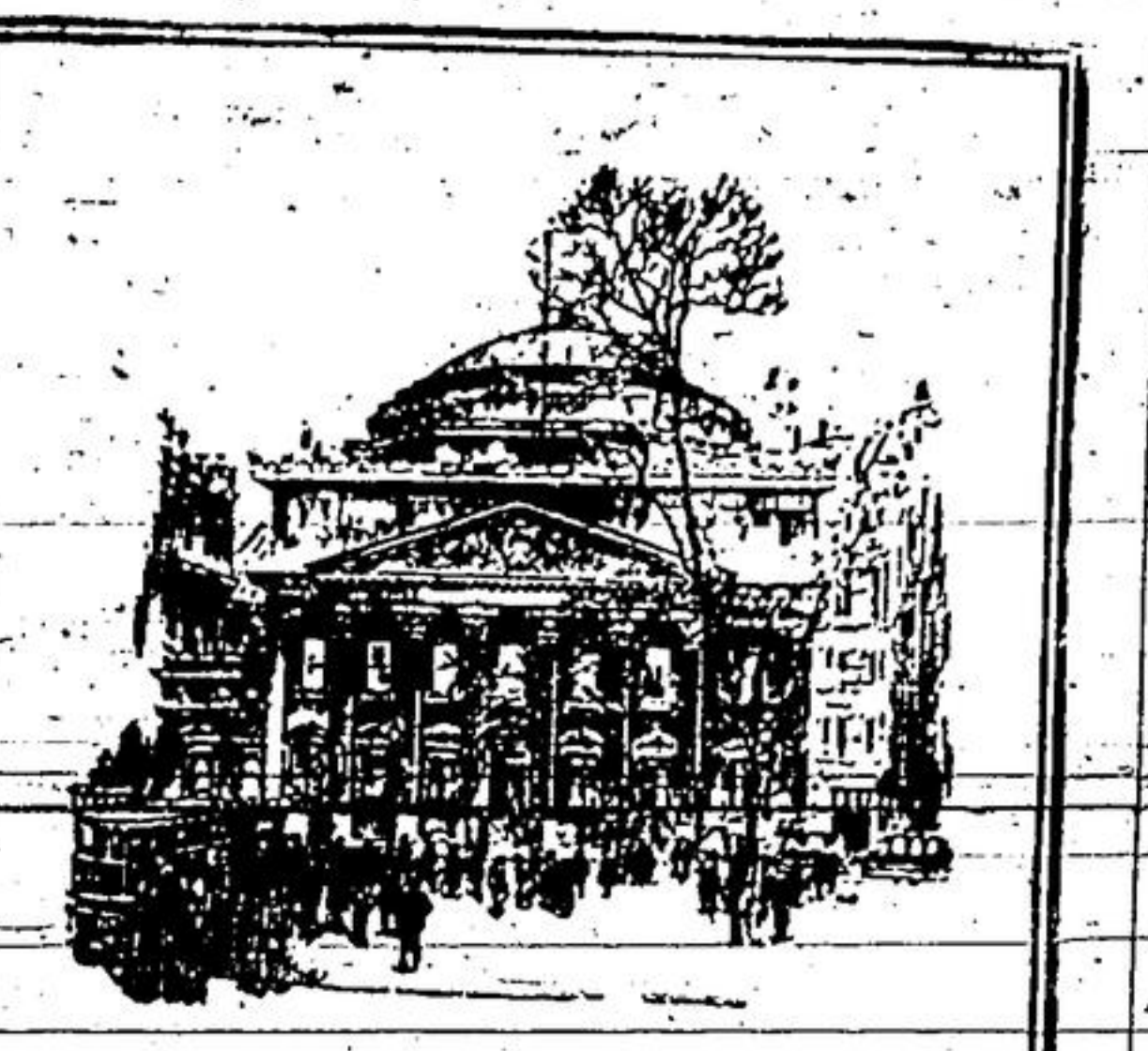
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All citizens are earnestly requested to keep their premises clean and thoroughly disinfect.

A. J. MAHON,
Mayor of the Municipality of Acton, April 14, 1927.

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