



THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 1927

## EDITORIAL

**Two Minutes of Silence on Armistice Day**  
The following announcement was issued by the Prime Minister with respect to Armistice Day observance: "In accordance with the arrangements for the observance of Armistice Day, sanctioned by His Majesty the King, the people of Canada are invited to mark the occasion by a two minutes' silence at 11 o'clock a.m. on Friday, November 11, 1927. This is a special observance suggested by His Majesty and is in addition to the regular celebration of the date recognized by the Canadian Parliament for the Monday previous."

### Business is Good

The monthly business summary issued by the Bank of Montreal is highly optimistic on the outlook for Canada. It says: "No recession of business activity is apparent. Production of manufacturers and distribution of goods, both wholesale and retail, continue at highwater mark. Available bank returns are not later than August 31, but at that date note circulation was as large as a year ago, despite the late harvest; deposits were larger, both on the month and the year; and commercial loans showed a moderate increase. The activity of general business is also reflected in bank debits and bank clearings, which mount from month to month, and has significance not so much in Montreal and Toronto returns, swollen by stock market transactions, as in the gains in smaller cities. Promotion of new companies goes on apace and consolidation of old companies has not ceased, to which end a receptive securities market lends itself. Outstanding in this respect is the recent merger of the three principal companies engaged in the manufacture of iron and steel hollow-ware."

### The New School is a Splendid Acquisition

There seemed to be a general feeling of satisfaction by all who viewed the new High School on Saturday evening, at the fine building that has been completed. There is ample accommodation for all present requirements and the needs of the future have been foreseen and growth and expansion allowed for for some time to come. Many towns will have a much more elaborate High School. Many will have a more imposing appearance, but can, withal, secure no more efficiency than Acton School will with their new building. The interior of the building is where the new quarters appear to best advantage. The four rooms of adequate dimensions, with their splendid lighting and ventilation system, are all that could be desired. The cloak rooms, toilet rooms, hall, teachers' room, etc., are modern and durable in every way.

But perhaps the biggest feature about the whole transaction is the splendid grounds. By acquiring the Smith property for school purposes the desire of most every citizen is realized. Here is a property with the school buildings all in one group, with grounds covering approximately ten acres. They are centrally located in relation to the town. They will allow of adaptability to the most scenic effects obtainable anywhere. They need not now be approached by the highway route, since the Willow Street entrance has been opened up. And they are well situated back from the highway, so that there is no necessity of the children reaching the road in their play.

The grounds, as they appear to-day, are rough and untidy from the building operations that have just been completed. But given a few years to prepare this spot and Acton's school grounds will be pointed to as a show-place for visitors to town. The School Board certainly acted wisely in securing this property and putting Acton's schools all in one group, and their forethought will be appreciated for years to come.

The building is all that is needed. It is only fifteen years since the last addition was made to the schools, which at that time was considered adequate for some years. If the present building is found insufficient the plan allows of extension, with nothing sacrificed to meet the increased requirements.

The building is completed, and while it is the privilege of the public generally to offer advice previous and during construction and criticize; it is also a privilege to give a word of commendation when a work is well finished. There were many words of praise spoken on Saturday evening for the new school and the work of the Board and Secretary Mc Donald is appreciated. It is a well finished job, and the economical, or otherwise, handling of the proposition will, we understand, be a subject to be divulged in a few weeks, when all accounts are in. The Free Press adds its congratulations to the many others the Board has been receiving on the splendid acquisition of this new High School.

### Food for Thought

Do you buy at home or as near home as possible. Boost and work for the place where you live. Do what you can to make it a better place to live in. And when your life's work is done, plan to spend the evening where you spent the day, or within easy reach of it. Why join the maddening crowd who think there's no place to live in to compare with the big city, where those with small incomes find the cost of living is very much larger and the privileges of life fewer and poorer than in the small city, or even nearest home town or village.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

### Trusts the Weekly Press to Tell It

In writing to advise THE FREE PRESS of General Motors Company's plan to use the weekly press for an advertising campaign, Mr. R. S. McLaughlin, the president of the company, had the following complimentary remarks to make concerning the influence of the weekly press: "I believe in the country weekly. I believe that no printed matter in Canada is more thoroughly read or has more influence than the pages of these home town papers. I believe that this campaign will tell the story of General Motors of Canada to many thousands of people who do not now realize the importance to Canada of this great Canadian institution."

### Churches Are Growing

It must be gratifying to renders generally to learn from reliable statistics that instead of suffering severe losses in membership, as has been a somewhat general statement, the Protestant Churches are doing "precisely the opposite," according to a statement issued by officials of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Figures are presented for twenty-five leading denominations, showing that they have grown almost 50 per cent. in the last twenty years, and that the relative growth of membership in this period was 0.9 per cent. greater than the growth of the population during the same length of time. Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, General Secretary of the Council, explains that the statement is given to the public "in response to many inquiries as to the validity and significance of the public announcement accredited to Dr. H. K. Carroll (church statistician) that 'the total yearly loss of Protestant Churches in the United States would approximate about half a million.'"

### A Senseless Phrase

In an editorial the other day the Stratford Beacon-Herald takes the Queen's Journal to task for describing some trouble the students of Queen's University have had with Kingston authorities as "small-town stuff." The offending paragraph stated: "It is small-town, village cut-up stuff. Queen's students will do their own cause inestimable service by refraining from such an unmannerly practice." To this the Stratford paper makes protest against the association of the words "small town" with practices that are unmanly, unhandy or mean. The objection of the Beacon-Herald is that the phrase "small-town stuff," which is generally spoken in contempt or derision. The words should have no place in the speech of the Dominion, and should certainly never be found in print. It is a meaningless phrase, which in its implications and associations contains a libel of the rural towns and villages of this country. As a matter of plain fact, people in small towns, as a general rule, can give pointers to many folk in honesty, integrity and moral rectitude. "It is about time," the Beacon-Herald says, "that writers looked round for a better phrase when they want to describe something mean." We agree. This offending phrase should never be used.—Globe.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

The bank bandits continue occasionally to make a haul, but with the chase they get for their money it is losing its lure, and not happening as frequently as a few years ago.

The largest crop of sugar beets is estimated for this year in the history of the industry in Alberta. The crop will, it is expected, be from 45,000 to 50,000 tons, as compared with 41,000 last year.

Those little yellow stickers on auto windshields, proclaiming for care and courtesy on the highways are becoming very numerous. Their position, in view of the driver at all times, should be a constant admonition.

"Thirty-five Ladies Made Happy by Return of Stolen Fur Coats," says a headline in The St. Thomas Times-Journal. And, The Border Cities Star imagines, the glee of thirty-five husbands was not so meagre, either.

There were many tales of former school-days recounted on Saturday evening when citizens of all ages attended school. From several we heard recounted the present generation is about as well-behaved as its predecessors.

"War between our two peoples is unthinkable," so declared Prime Minister Baldwin of Great Britain, the other day, to the American Legionnaires visiting London, as they were about to deposit a wreath on the cenotaph erected to the British war dead.

A system of compulsory automobile insurance is strongly urged, compelling every automobile owner to take out a policy for the protection of life and property in case of accidents. A policy, adopted in New Hampshire, is quoted as being an ideal scheme.

Women are more and more coming to their own in public affairs. The Government has now decided to submit to the Supreme Court the question whether women are eligible to sit in the senate. For some time past women's organizations have been urging that any necessary legislation should be passed to enable women to sit in the senate the same as they can now sit in the House of Commons.

Nomination Day is only a month away. Citizens who handle the town's affairs judiciously should be sought by the ratepayers to fill the positions. Remember, you are selecting men to handle your funds and you should use the same care on nomination or election day as you would in employing men in a business enterprise of your own. Elections are a business proposition. Think well before you decide.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

WORLDS TEMPERANCE SUNDAY  
General Lesson Title—Anna De-Nobriga, Lesson 2: 4-12.  
Golden Text—Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be with you, as ye say. Amos 5: 14.  
Devotional Reading—Isa. 28: 2-16.

### The Text Explained

**Explanatory Note:** The reign of Amaziah, King of Judah (734-710 B.C.) was a period of great prosperity in the land. He was a man of exceptional ability, conquered Israel's army, Syria, Damascus, and extended the boundaries of his kingdom until the east, north and south. He died in 710 B.C. The thoughtfulness of Mr. Arnold in updating the streets during the dry and dusty weather last week was appreciated.

Mr. A. J. Mackinnon has moved into Mr. A. W. Stovel's block.

Mr. Edward C. Macmillan has purchased the property at the corner of Yonge and Elgin Streets from Mr. J. B. Lake, of the Powmawen News. Mr. Macmillan intends building a brick residence on the property.

The Social Committee of the United Church provided the members with a delicious evening in the form of a book supper on Tuesday evening.

**BORN**

CHISHOLM—At Rose Cottage, Acton, on October 24, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Chisholm, a daughter.

### MARRIED

MURRAY-SUCKLIN—At St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Stratford, Ontario, October 26, 1927, by Rev. G. W. Butler, Dr. Frederick B. Murray, of Pierro, New Mexico, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Vaughan, daughter of the late Edward Nibley.

CHISHOLM—On Tuesday, October 29, 1927, at the residence of the beloved parents, Linnehouse, by the Rev. H. B. Chisholm, son of the deceased, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Evans to William Green, of Stratford.

### For Interior Construction

**MAKING A CATASTROPHE**

Frank E. Stockton's "Reformed Fratres" had a harmless and absorbing occupation. To keep himself out of mischief, he had taken to knitting needles. M. A. P. says that among the many things he has made is a complete set for the "intricacies of the woman devoted to ambulance work."

How a man can come to say that his husband had been drinking is not immediately apparent to him, that something might be done for him. A clergymen sought him out, persuaded him to become a member of the club, and put him to work. In a short time the man became expert in the work, and was a regular attendant.

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