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EDITORIAL

Those Who Do the Harm

The men who do a town more harm than good are those who oppose improvement; run it down to strangers; distrust public spirited men; show no hospitality to anyone; hate to see others make money; oppose every movement that does not originate with themselves; get on long faces when a person speaks of locating in their town; oppose every public enterprise which does not appear to personally benefit themselves. There are some men born with the idea that it is their job to grease the axle of the world and keep it in running order, but somehow when they shuffle off there is not the slightest quivar nor set back in the progress of the town.—Alliston Herald.

Further Tax Reduction Forecasted

The following interesting news item from Ottawa will be good news for taxpayers generally. Canada's finances are rapidly increasing and every relief from taxes in income or sales tax seems to have the tendency to give a boost to business and thereby an increase in output and another boost to the treasury account. "With seven months' revenue showing a substantial increase, the Finance Minister hopes to close the fiscal year with a surplus approximating $50,000,000. In liquidating over $50,000,000 of maturing loans out of current revenue, he appears confident his expectations will be realized. This potential surplus does not take into consideration the requirements of the National Railway system, and to meet these further treasury notes must be sold or another loan negotiated. With a surplus there will come a demand for a cut in taxation. No doubt this will be a part of the budget, and it is believed the sales tax will be reduced from four to three per cent. or where it was when the present administration took office. The sales tax was never considered a permanent form of taxation, but was adopted to meet the costly post-war requirements. Before another election, it will practically be eliminated as a source of revenue. With income and corporation taxes, it is believed Mr. Robb will follow the example of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon of the United States. Last year the "little fellow" reaped the chief advantage in income tax reduction, and the coming budget is expected to afford relief to corporations and those with taxable incomes over $15,000. It is not expected there will be another general ten per cent. cut, but the reduction will be confined to these two classes."

Nomination Day in the Evening

The wisdom of holding the nominations for municipal offices in the evening, instead of at noon, which was formerly the custom, was clearly shown on Monday evening. The weather was the most miserable to be out in of any evening this year, and yet, in spite of this handicap, there was an attendance of more ratepayers than have attended nomination meeting in some years. The evening meeting offers an opportunity for every citizen to take part in these proceedings in which they are vitally interested. It gave all an opportunity to place in the field candidates whom they desired to see have public office bestowed on. This was shown in the large number of candidates whose names were put in for nomination. In only one department was there not more than sufficient candidates nominated for the positions. It also shows that, given an opportunity, citizens are interested in their town and town's affairs. The meeting was lengthy but interest was sustained all through. The only disadvantage that would seem to be from the meeting in the evening was that candidates were expected to make up their minds in a hurry as to whether they were going to seek election or not. Men who have never aspired to public office and attend the meeting hear their name called out as nominated and in the next few minutes are called upon for a speech and to declare their intentions, are rather suddenly taken by surprise. At the meeting on Monday evening, however, ratepayers did not expect this from candidates. They realized new candidates would like time to consider the advisability of accepting the honor bestowed upon them and appreciated the position of those who had not given the matter sufficient consideration to give their decision at the meeting. The candidates acquitted themselves well, the citizens asked for and secured much valuable information they had been seeking. Chairman Kerr kept the proceedings orderly and gave all fair opportunity and those who attended felt amply repaid for braving the elements to get to this meeting and discuss their own town affairs.

The Minister's Hard Job

"The man does not live who can please all the public. By the same token the man in the ministry of the church does not live who can please all members of his congregation. Though he be a Solomon and a Moses combined he finds out sooner or later that he has a job cut out for him which may well give him pause. If he is what is known as a "mixer" and pays special attention to the social contact with members of his flock he is more than likely to incur the criticism that he is too light. If, on the other hand, he is an able pulpiteer and preaches good sermons but is not a mixer, he is criticised by those who will say he is too high brow. In every way his task is a hard one. In every way he earns what he gets many times over.—Kingsville Reporter.

Shop Early

On another page of this issue will be found an advertisement from the merchants of Acton, asking that you do your Christmas shopping early. They point out that you can be better served and secure better selection if you adopt this early shopping plan. It's a co-operative movement to help everyone. The merchants like time as a rule to help you with your purchases. They like to show you their stock and help with your selections. They can do this best if you spread your shopping out over the month. There are always items that are forgotten until the last minute that will make shopping busy enough in the last few days. The business places of Acton have anticipated your Christmas needs. They have purchased goods many months ago to fulfil your requirements. They are now on display. The Christmas season is here. Let us enter into the spirit now and spread the cheer all through the month.

Be a Town Booster

Your town boosts you. Why not do as well by the town as it does by you? No citizen is so powerful, none so humble, but what the town is an aid to him in some way or other. The food that he eats, the clothes he wears, the recreation and amusement that he enjoys, all originate in the town, because the money with which they are procured is made there. When a fellow boosts his own town he does not stop there. He is performing an act that improves his own condition, for every good word and every good deed has its elevating influence. Few people are always home boosters. They accomplish much in the way of community betterment, and this improves the condition of not only themselves, but also of those who do no boosting themselves. We have an outstanding example of that in many benefactions which have been a blessing to thousands ever since they were taken in hand. If every citizen would constitute himself a home town booster the result collectively would be many times as great, and opportunities for self-improvement would be more numerous. Think this over in your odd moments.—Smith Falls News-Record.

Bad News for Evasive Treatment of the Prohibition Law

The Literary Digest is noted for giving publicity to the various methods of evasion of sections of the Prohibition Law unpopular with those sitizens of the United States who have a lust of appetite and a lust of gain. In a late issue The Digest said: "Hotels, night clubs, road-houses, and cabarets must watch their steps and their wet customers' pocket flasks—in future, if they do not wish to be padlocked under the nuisance section of the Prohibition Law. For, say Washington dispatches, that is what happened to two Chicago resorts when patrons brought liquor into the places and mixed it with ginger ale and cracked ice furnished by the management. Furthermore, a Federal Judge sitting in Chicago held that habitual drinking in these places, under the circumstances, was sufficient justification for affixing the padlocks. The Circuit Court of Appeals upheld this ruling, and the case went on its way to the Supreme Court of the United States. Here, much to the consternation of night club proprietors, who wished to know where they stood in the matter, the highest tribunal refused to review the decision of the lower court. Moreover, says a Chicago dispatch, the Circuit Court ruling is interpreted to mean that sleeping cars, day coaches, and club cars on any railroad can be padlocked and taken out of service for a year on the same grounds. Meanwhile, prohibition administrators consider the decision of the Court of Appeals the strongest weapon they have ever had to enforce the Volstead Act.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The contractors have laid a few feet more pavement the past week. Every little strip means two weeks more on the detours. The big question is how long will the detours be "detourable."

The punishment meted out to four of the Campbellville bank robbers on Monday has put four dangerous, foolish youths away for some time, and will be a splendid example to others who may have had thoughts of engaging in similar acts.

This timely truth comes from The Stratford Beacon Herald "A city needs a good administrator as Mayor, it requires careful judgment from its Aldermen and Commissioners, and it should put these qualities above any consideration of political stripe."

The prompt action of the Medical Health Officer and Board of Health in closing the schools immediately the prevalence of a contagious disease was noticed is to be commended. An ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure, and their action to check the spread of disease among the children will meet with favor from citizens generally.

The Montreal Harbor Commission has observed Confederation Year by publishing an extremely attractive book containing an historical sketch and description of and statistical information about the Port of Montreal. It is liberally illustrated with photographs of port scenes and of sections of the city, and includes a number of effective drawings and maps. The amount of business done in 1926 indicates the state of development which has been reached. There were 9,210,699 tons of merchandise handled. Of the 1,421 ocean-going ships which came to the port, 985 were British and 183 were of United States register. Altogether fifteen nationalities were represented. The statistics tell the story of how ocean traffic can be developed when facilities are made available.

Neighborhood News

MILTON

Mr and Mrs. Alonzo Thornton, of Toronto, were guests last Sunday of Mr and Mrs. W. R. Wheeler.

Mrs Chas. Hazelhurst, of Trafalgar, sails from Montreal on the steamship "Melita" to-morrow, bound for England.

At the Royal Winter Fair judging of horses on Monday afternoon, in Class 24, pairs of trotters, D. S. Robertson, Milton, won fourth place with Happy Todd and Billie Alberton.—Reformer.

Miss Lillian White has been visiting relatives at Toronto since Saturday.

Mrs. A. D. Sproat, Misses Lisle and Charlotte Campbell, of Milton, and Mrs H. Youll, of Aylmer, are visiting friends in New York.

Frank Pearen, who underwent a serious operation at Guelph General Hospital last week, is doing nicely. R. E. Harrison also continues to improve.—Champion.

ERIN

Col Craig made an inspection tour of Erin Public School on Monday.

Miss R. Warden, of Toronto, is visiting with her sister, Miss Warden.

Miss Bertha Hamilton, of Toronto, spent the week-end with her parents here.

A. A. Mary Royce, of Everton, is visiting with Mr and Mrs K. McDougall.

Miss Vera Campbell and Mr. J. L. Rice, of Guelph, were Sunday visitors with Mr and Mrs R. W. Campbell.

Mr Harry McKinney returned on Monday evening from Scotsguard, Sask., where he spent the past six months.

Mrs (Dr.) Abbott, President of the Women's Institute, was a delegate to the annual Women's Institute Convention at Toronto last week.

Mr and Mrs. Fred Thompson, of Glenwilliams, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Leslie and little daughter, of Georgetown, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. M. Thompson.—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

Miss Agnes McLeod, of Toronto, spent the week-end with the Misses Ryan.

Rev. and Mrs Tenax, of Harrowville, visited Mrs H. W. Kennedy during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kennedy, of Toronto, spent Sunday at the home of Misses Kennedy.

Mr and Mrs. Harold Cleave spent the week-end in Toronto with Mr and Mrs John I. Williams.

The Mission Band of the United Church held a successful sale of home-made baking last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson was at Paisley last week attending the funeral of her aunt, the late Mrs. Wm. Bone.

Miss Mary Gowan, of Normal School, Toronto, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frampton over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Burtland Conover and Miss Conover, of Oakville, and Mr. I. M. Bennett and Miss Noreen, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. I. B. Vannatter.—Herald.

BURLINGTON

Mr Chas Bamford, of Winnipeg, Man., is renewing acquaintances in town.

Mrs Gordon Peart and son, David, have been spending a few days with Mr and Mrs. Stanley Coates at Orillia.

Harold Connell and family removed to Hamilton on Friday last. Harold has gone into the butcher business on Dundurn Street.

In the list of cattle prize winners at the Royal Fair, Toronto, we note the name of David Hunter, of Burlington, as winner of fourth prize in the junior heads.

Russel Love, M. P. for Wainwright, Alta., spent the week-end with his uncle, Deputy Reeve and Mrs. J. W. Breckon. He was attending the National Dairymen's Convention at Toronto.

Blanshard Bros. were successful winners on their pure bred colts, "Caledon Algerine" and "Flying Maid," against the Prince of Wales' stable and others at the Royal Winter Fair.—Gazette.

OAKVILLE

Mr. Kenneth Brown, a war veteran, has been dangerously ill during the past week.

Mr George Leslie, who had been seriously ill during the past week, is still in a dangerous condition.

Mrs M. Fisher, Dunn Street, has gone on a lengthy visit to her son, Mr John Fisher, of the Bank of Montreal, at Quyon, Quebec.

The Rotary Club, of Oakville, was visited on Monday evening by Mr. David Wright, of Stratford, the District Governor.

Not in many moons has there been such a delightful dance as was given by the Halton Rifles in Victoria Hall, Oakville, on last Friday evening. The dancers were a merry lot of young people and the music by the orchestra was excellent. Quite a number of couples were present from different parts of the county.

The Gregory Theatre is this week celebrating its fourth anniversary and to mark the occasion the public are being treated to extra good pictures. Tuesday was the particular day of the week for the occasion of cutting the big birthday cake, when at the matinee in the afternoon hundreds of kiddies were treated to a piece each.—Record.

RETURNING THE COMPLIMENT

Professor's wife. I suppose you have forgotten that this is the anniversary of your wedding.

Absent minded husband. Eh! What! Dear me! Is it really? And when is yours, my dear?

The pessimist would have to wear smoked glasses if he wanted to look on the bright side of anything.

EXTENSIVE ACQUAINTANCE

The Inquirer prints a story related by a man who went to Chicago, and had occasion to call upon some old friends on the West Side. Many of the streets in that quarter have the patrimonial names of women, a fact which seemed natural enough to him, as he had formerly lived there. But he says:

It seemed to puzzle an old countryman, who was doubtless visiting Chicago for the first time. Among the passengers were many ladies. The conductor was calling the names of the streets, and stopping the car on one after another of the passengers wished to get off.

"Elizabeth!" he called. A woman rose, he rang the bell, and she got off.

A few squares farther "Ada" was called, and another woman made her exit.

The old countryman began to look interested, and when the conductor shouted, "Mary!" and another woman gathered up her bundles, he made no attempt to conceal his astonishment.

In quick succession came "Pauline," "Roberta," and "Augusta," and as it happened every call was followed by the departure of a passenger. The old man could stand it no longer. With bulging eyes he made his way to the rear platform, where he said in a stage whisper to the conductor:

"Great snakes, mister! Do you know the names of all the women folks in this town?"

JOKES

Everyone enjoys a joke now and then. But there are good jokes and poor ones. We think it's a poor joke:

When some woman blushes with embarrassment.

When it is based upon a rumor or an untruth.

When it must be told in an undertone.

When some heart carries away an ache.

When something sacred is made to appear common.

When it is the cause for anger or hard feelings.

When a man's weakness provides the cause for laughter.

When it is provoked by malice or hatred.

When profanity is required to make it funny.

When a little child is brought to tears.

When everyone can't join in the laughter.—Exchange.

YOU NEED THE MONEY

Save some, use Mrs. Sybilla Sparks' Tonsilitis, for Sore Throats, Quinsy, Cough, Bronchitis, Bronchial Asthma, Catarrh and Tonsil Ills. Success or money returned. Hassard's Drug Store. 22-2

Now is the Time

If you want real December peace and satisfaction select your Christmas Cards now whether they are to be specially engraved or selected from our regular stock.

Don't be ashamed of the cards you send to friends and loved ones, and you will be if you wait until the last minute when stocks are depleted and the selection limited.

Of course if you are going to be economical in your Christmas shopping, price will be a factor, and you cannot do better, anywhere, on Personal Greeting Cards than at THE FREE PRESS. Quality is not sacrificed to price but there is a happy combination of the two in our line.

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Stand at a cross road some week-end, see the families speeding by---away to the big city. Then learn a lesson. If you have vision, or in you flows the least drop of the blood of the prophets, you will know that you are witnessing part of one small scene in a great tragedy, namely---the passing of the small town in Canada. You may personalize the action, if you wish. The crossroads at which you stand is Acton, fifty years hence. Deserted. Every house, every store, every mark of the town as it stands to-day---gone! Town property again farm land. Streets plowed up. Your investment here gone----all gone!

Don't say this is a pessimistic or cynical thought. It will happen, right here in Acton, and will happen in other small towns unless the citizens of this community and all such communities, learn the true meaning of loyal home-town support. Every thinking person knows our town survives, prospers and grows in proportion to the support its business institutions receive. Buying in the big city is suicide for your home town. You undermine your own investment here. Local stores have just as good merchandise---prices are just as low---and they are here every day to make good on every sale or transaction. At least give Acton merchants the first chance to serve you. They are always glad to show you goods and quote prices.

Now we leave you to your own imagination. When you pass the next cross-road, en route to the city on a shopping tour, think of that crossroad as your town at no distant date---so wiped out, partly through your present disloyalty.

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Village of Acton

Notice of Registration of By-law

Notice is hereby given that a By-law No. 608 was passed by the Municipal Council of the Village of Acton on the Twenty second day of November 1927 providing for the issue of Debentures to the amount of $28,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing and acquiring a Continuation School and site therefor, by the Acton Public School Board of Trustees, and that such by-law was registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Halton on the Twenty fourth day of November 1927, as Number 320. Any motion to quash or set aside the same or any part thereof must be made within three months after the first publication of this notice, and cannot be made thereafter.

DATED this First day of December, A. D. 1927.

22-1 H. N. FARMER, Clerk.

A Real Game of Patience

Have you ever played a game called "Patience"? It whiles away an idle hour very pleasantly and, of course, you can throw down the cards and quit any time you please.

There is a place, however, where they play another kind of "Patience," and they can't leave off when they wish.

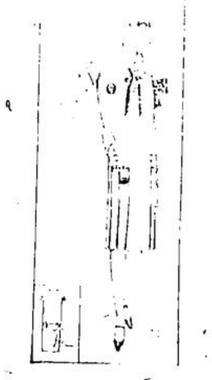
George is at it. He is an inmate of the Toronto Hospital for Consumptives at Weston, has been there for three years now. For a chap who used to lead an active outdoor life this is hard. A few months ago his wife and her mother died leaving his little five year old son to take care of relatives.

How George does wish he could get his health back quicker so that he can look after his boy. It has been a long fight but he believes he will win—and so do the kindly nurses and doctors who are helping him.

Wouldn't you like to help in this kind of work through your subscription to the Hospital?

Contributions may be sent to Hon. W. A. Charlton, President, 223 College Street, Toronto 2, Ontario.

Weekly Fashion Hint



AN IMMEDIATE SUCCESS

Despite its simplicity the success of this frock is assured. [illegible] dress times of the model are [illegible] to the plaited skirt, [illegible] the monogram and the [illegible]. The frock [illegible] and has a collar of self material. Medium size requires [illegible] yards 36 inch material.