



THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12, 1928

EDITORIAL

Getting Ready to Secure a Rink

The first definite step toward securing a skating arena for Acton was taken by the Council on Monday night, when they decided to secure data on the proposition. For some time the project has been talked about, but nothing done toward the consummation. With all the information in the Council's hands the question can then be intelligently dealt with. It was pointed out at the Council meeting that very few towns of Acton's size are without a closed rink, and if Acton is going to keep pace with other places this recreation sport must be provided for the young people. Citizens generally will wait with interest the facts to be secured by the Council as to costs, etc. But in the meantime it is wise not to get panicky and spread rumors that have been "heard" and are not true to fact. Await the date to be secured and then let us get down to business on the proposition.

False Pride the Cause?

False pride of parents who desire their children to take a higher education for which they are not fitted was one of the chief causes, Dr. J. H. Putman, Senior Inspector of the Ottawa Public Schools, said, for our educational system being a comparative failure. "They failed to realize," Dr. Putman said, in an address delivered last week, "that schools and colleges and universities cannot create intelligence; that a man may learn to read, but remain ignorant; that a man may spend half a lifetime in school and college and study sciences and mathematics and even gain some mastery over one or two languages and have less natural capacity and intelligence for useful service than his brother, who received only an elementary education and has spent his life as a farmer or a clerk or a mechanic. They failed to understand that heredity is the strongest single force in shaping and directing human life and that education and training can neither add to nor subtract from the native power or ability with which every human being is endowed at birth." And now that the cause of failure of our educational system has been found, what is the remedy? That is, apparently a point the inspector is not yet prepared to discuss.

Does Mr. Ferguson Really Believe All He Predicts?

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Ontario's Premier, who was at Atlantic City for a brief rest, made the statement there that after seven months' trial of the sale of liquor under Government control, the Province would not return to prohibition. Premier Ferguson said that attacks on the liquor situation might be expected from the Liberals, but in his opinion the move would be purely political in motive, and would not stand against the opinion of 3,000,000 citizens of the Province. Well, that is his opinion, and in the newspaper interview he went on to give reasons for the basis of opinion. But there are others who have made predictions which were not fulfilled. If the Ontario Liquor Control Act was doing all that was promised for it in pre-election times there might be some hope of Mr. Ferguson's prediction coming true. But with the bootleggers still active, liquor easier to get and more of it being consumed and in evidence, plenty of deaths still reported from drinking poison alcohol, etc. Well, the people will decide and when they really get sick of the camouflage "control," if Mr. Ferguson still sticks to his Control Act, he may not be predicting from the Premiers' office.

The Newspaper Business

In no business in the world can money be lost so quickly as in conducting a newspaper. There is nothing offered the public as cheap as news paper. In fact the price one pays for a newspaper does not more than pay for the white paper before it is printed. If not carefully managed and well patronized with advertising no newspaper can last long. The case of the Farmers' Sun is an outstanding example. The Farmers' Sun was launched under most favorable circumstances. The Farmers' Sun has what is almost a monopoly in a definite field, being the official organ of the United Farmers of Ontario, still a strong organization numerically, and a circulation of about 28,000. Yet the Farmers' Sun in its financial statement shows a net loss of about \$3,000 for the year, the capital stock has been depleted by a few thousands of dollars and a suggestion has been made that the paper be sold. One of the great difficulties of The Sun was the number of delinquent subscribers. This is a great problem to any newspaper without a paid-in-advance list, it is one of the chief worries in the publication of any newspaper - yet in all fairness it shouldn't be. And that is why The Winchester Press so often reminds you to consult the label on your paper. Winchester Press.

Another Paper in Kincardine

Contrary to the tendency of the times, a new paper has been established at Kincardine, the first number of the Kincardine News having made its appearance. Arthur Rogers is the publisher and The News is a bright, well-printed 7-column, 8-page paper. For some years the policy in Canada and the United States has been to reduce the number of papers and for the past decade there have been hundreds of mergers and many old-established journals were compelled to go out of business. Especially in the weekly field has this been the case. Until a few years ago Kincardine, like nearly every other town, had two papers. They were merged by J. J. Hunter, of The Review, who purchased the Reporter. And now the venture of running two in a place where only one should be is to be tried all over again. It hasn't proven satisfactory in many instances where tried, but possibly Kincardine has features about it that require two papers to serve a town of its size. It is doubtful if such is the case, however, as few who have tried it desire to repeat the experiment.

Stock-taking Time

In many business institutions and stores, this time of the year is stock-taking time. The holiday season is over. The year's business is over with and preparation is made to see what has been carried over into the next year and under what handicaps or help the year's business starts off. In a sense it is a bothersome job, and in another sense it is a pleasure. Each stock taking will disclose many useful lines that have been stored away and perhaps temporarily forgotten. Lines that mean real money on the balance sheet will be unearthed and put to use. This stock-taking checks us up. It will show many lines that possibly should have been sold in another season and can be readily disposed of, now that they have been unearthed. The stores seem to make it a time of clearance for the stock that has been accumulated and left on hand by the old year. People have come to look forward to the January clearances, and many profit by the purchase of needables during this time. It provides the merchant with a more or less busy season, if he decides to dispose of his surplus and provides funds to add fresh stock. More and more each year this time is looked forward to by the careful shopper and the merchant who fails to take advantage and clear out his surplus wares at this time is losing a splendid opportunity of turning dull months into times of real good business...

Canada Spending a Million a Week in Booze

Canada is spending a million dollars a week on alcoholic beverages. The domestic production of whiskey, gin, beer and other strong drink amounts to \$40,000,000 per annum. We have imported during the last twelve months another \$40,000,000 worth and exported to the United States and other countries \$26,000,000 worth. This leaves \$54,000,000 worth of liquor to quench the Canadian thirst, not counting the home-brew and the moonshine, which are such strong competitors of the Government shops. Ontario's "Strong Man" may have been misquoted, but he was reported the other day as saying exports to the United States had decreased since Government "control" was introduced. The official trade figures show no diminution, but rather an increase in the flow of Canadian whiskey and other alcoholic beverages to the United States. Incidentally the "control" law in Ontario has resulted in greater consumption of liquor in this Province. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Hanna may excuse their liquor control policy off they wish, but statistics prove, and a man with an ounce of "grey matter" in his thinking apparatus can see where this million a week on booze is going to lead up. Good times are ahead of Canada. Our natural resources are being rapidly developed. But if that greatest asset, the nation's manhood and womanhood, are to be debauched by a million dollars' worth of booze a week, Canada is suffering the loss of her greatest asset.

Heavy Trucks to Go Off Highways

The owners of heavy trucks who expected a renewal of their time for traversing the highways know now that their vehicles will no longer be allowed to haul their heavy freight cargoes and damage the roads. Hon. G. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, makes it quite clear that they must not operate any more. He says: "It has come to the notice of my department that motor truck dealers and owners are apparently not familiar with the provision of the Highway Traffic Act relative to the operation of heavy trucks. As there seems to be doubt in the minds of many as to the maximum gross weight allowed, attention is directed to Part Six of the Act as amended in 1923 and 1924 to come into effect on January 1, this year. Motor trucks registered prior to January 1, 1923, as having a gross weight (combined weight of vehicle and carrying capacity) in excess of ten tons (20,000 pounds) will be granted special permits to operate until December 31, 1928. Motor trucks registered prior to January 1, 1924, as having a gross weight in excess of eight tons (16,000 pounds) and not exceeding 10 tons will be granted special permits to operate until December 31, 1928, with the exception of the two classes mentioned, no permits will be issued for vehicles having a gross weight in excess of eight tons (16,000 pounds). Ample notice was given by the Legislature of these changes by the amendments of 1923 and 1924, and it should be noted by all concerned that no consideration will be given to the granting of permits for vehicles exceeding a gross weight of eight tons which were not registered prior to 1924. No change in the requirements for these vehicles has been made."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Canada Government Bureau of Statistics announces that the amount spent in Canada by tourists from other countries has increased in seven years from \$83,000,000 to over \$190,000,000.

The breweries are now announcing dividends on the common stock. Where the money comes from must be a problem to some who still believe the Liquor Control Act is lessening the drinking of liquor.

The proceedings of the law will now be watched with interest in the United States in the disposition of the inhuman Edward Hickman. Will an example be set by the justice given him or will he be allowed, as another example like Leopold and Loeb, to lead the distorted mind of some other youth to deeds of depravity.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

General Lesson Title—Jesus and His Scripture Lessons—Mark 3: 3-12, 16-17. Object Text—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners—Mark 2: 17. Devotional Reading—Luke 10: 21-24. 2 Cor. 1: 5, 6.

The Text Explained

After Jesus had returned, which Jesus had made the best teacher in the poverty of Galilee.

2 Note that the crowd had gathered, not in the expectation of behold- ing a miracle, but in order to hear the teaching of Jesus.

3 The text covering of the veranda where Jesus was speaking.

The house was built upon an open courtyard and part of the courtyard was roofed over, forming this veranda.

4 Their faith. The faith of the entire party, including of course, the faith of the paralytic himself. Some kindness, and a kindness, used largely to publicize the name of Jesus.

5 The cure was effected, but in the home of Jesus.

6—Scribes—Religious leaders and teachers—men of the law, who followed the Pharisees.

In modern English phon "in their minds." Son of man—The title which Jesus most often applied to Himself.

According to the teaching of the rabbi, the forgiveness of sins was a

privilege of God, but in every case, it is impossible for men to know whether the words have taken effect.

7—Arise and walk, because thy sins are spoken without authority, the speaker is at once convicted of imposture.

8—Jesus—Religious leaders and teachers—men of the law, who followed the Pharisees.

9—"Which is easier?" said He, "to say, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise and walk?" The former, he said, was easier. Any man can say, Thy sins are forgiven, because it is impossible for men to know whether the words have taken effect.

10—Arise and walk, because thy sins are spoken without authority, the speaker is at once convicted of imposture.

11—At "meat"—Meat, here, simply means food. The words should be translated "at the meat." His home—In the house of Levi Mathew, an Alphabetic publican. Pub- 12—Peculiar—because these men collected taxes for the hated Roman government, while they were regarded as the lowest among the most despised of sinners.

13—The Pharisees regarded even the presence of a sinner as contaminating.

14—Whole—in good health Jesus words were identical. The Pharisees supposed themselves to be perfect. They knew not that they were "poor and miserable and blind and naked."

Lesson Themes

Man's Greatest Spiritual Problem.

Early in the book of Genesis we find

the entry of sin and its dire effects.

15—It is given to us of Mark ("Adam") and late ("Eve"), in full enjoyment of a beautiful garden and happy in their innocence, but the Devil, Jehovah's Agent—the Serpent, Eve, led them into the garden. Man and Life are persuaded to disobey God's commands. She comes in and Man brings upon himself a curse. Shaken, staggering and falling to his feet, he is to his lot.

This picture of the entry of sin and its dire effects is perfectly true. Before every moment begins, it begins in the choice between right and wrong, between obedience to God's will and the selfish following of one's own desires. All men wander, selfishness at some moment is the result of sin, disarray with God. When the men in our lesson brought the paralytic to Jesus, they thought that they were cured, but the man who was not of health Jesus however looked at him and saw in him but one of the unnumbered millions who were poor, weak, weary, despondent, service of self, and who pay the penalty—he it physical mental or spiritual—for violated law. The man's supreme need was not healing for his body but for his soul. If the man must needs be made whole, it was necessary first to remove the evil that lay at the very root of his nature and nature. "Sins, thy sins are forgiven thee, go home." In order effectively to remove the evil consequences of sin, whether in the life of an individual, or in the life of a community, it is essential to remove the sin which is its cause.

The Friend of Sinners—The thought

of man's bondage to sin and utter dependence upon God was a very ancient idea.

The thought that God loves those who do

His will, who live in loving loyalty to His commandments, is a very ancient idea.

The prophet Hosea, however, more than seven centuries before the coming of our Lord, first proclaimed the great truth that God loves sinners in spite of his sin.

These pictures Jehovah of the

young heart pleading with the

wanderer to return to the arms of for

giving mercy. Men had not understood this truth, but the prophet did.

He spoke of God as the Friend of

the poor, the respectable, and the

orthodox. To the minds, the multitude who did not walk in the way of salvation were indeed lost. Jesus came fulfilling in the highest sense the noblest ideals which the various prophets had envisioned, and held dear before the eyes of man. "He eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners." "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

When wounded, sure the stricken

lives bursting and unbound,

One only hand, a pained hand,

Can heal the stricken hand.

When sorrow swells the laden heart,

And tears of anguish flow,

Only one heart, a broken heart,

Can wash away the blot.

When portioning out the scanty bread,

One same food, stark bread,

One only stream, a stream of blood,

Can wash away the blot.

"Jesus' blood that washes white,

His hand that brings relief,

His heart that's touched with all one

And feeleth for our grief."

Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander

For Further Discussion

Who would you name as the four

persons who are most frequently met in bringing in honor on our Lord to Christ?

These four friends had a bar-

ber in the shape of a roof to clear

away when they could reach Jesus

and nothing have we to do.

The scribes and the Pharisees, when they saw Jesus at table with outcasts

thought it represented His affluence, not His holiness.

Are these the people who

would keep all the cultured people

from the church for fear it

would lose prestige?

That the interest aroused in the New Chevrolet has been well merited is indicated by these first

photographs of this latest addition to the light car field.

The smart sport cabriolet, with its folding seat

and disc wheels, is shown in the upper right-hand photograph.

In the centre is the sturdy Chevrolet

one-ton truck chassis, while at the lower right is the coach model, the body of which is five inches longer

than formerly.

Insets are: upper left, the massive new radiator and heavy full crown fenders; right,

the powerful and clean-cut motor of the new line, with two-port exhaust and complete enclosure; lower left, a view of one of the four-wheel brakes. The New Chevrolets, which are to be reduced in price, are

to be available at once. They are larger and roomier than previous models.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 16, 1908

Bunday brought the season's greatest

The Canadian Winter is now

running full blast after the fortnight of

holidays when the annual stock-taking was in progress.

After the month of preparation,

the