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EDITORIAL

Welcome News for Many Municipalities

To those towns who held their elections early in December and whose Councils failed to take the oath of office within twenty days, as stipulated by the recent amendment of the Ontario Municipal Act, the decision which has been given by Attorney-General Price will come as welcome news. This decision is contained in a letter in the possession of Dr. Howard Munroe, Reeve of Maxville, sent to him by the Attorney-General. The letter says in part: "I presume that in all cases the failure to take oath of office was owing to ignorance on the part of the elected members of the change in the law, and for that reason, and in order to save the municipalities concerned from being put to the expense of holding new elections, I think I can promise you, in behalf of the Ontario Government, that if those members of Councils who were elected on December 5 will take the oath of office on Monday, February 6, and organize and carry on business, legislation will be passed confirming them in office and ratifying any acts done by them." Many towns did not comply with the regulations and this announcement will cause the municipalities who erred unwittingly to breathe a little easier.

What's the Use!

When one views the care with which Municipal Councils spend the funds with which they are entrusted and endeavor throughout the year to prune expenditures to the minimum, one cannot help but feel, when a comparison of County expenditures is up for consideration, that after all what is the use. And when that "let her fly" attitude becomes prevalent in all governing bodies—well, taxes won't be lower, to say the least. In some cases, though, the County Councils are not responsible for the added expenditures, as it is passed on to them from the Provincial Government. It is estimated that this year the County's share of the cost of maintenance and construction on provincial roadways will be double that of 1927. Last year it was \$21,000, and this year it is expected to reach \$42,000. This was the welcome news at the first session of the County Council. Last year our increase in taxes here was largely due to the increased amount that had to be paid for county purposes. It would appear another increase would be due this year unless the County Council prune some other expenditures that might be allowed a lesser amount. Most ratepayers do not mind a slight increase when they have the improvement in front of them to show for the expenditure, but it's not nearly so pleasant to be contributing an increasing amount each year for something which has to be searched for to be found.

Why Should the Customs Business Be Done in Toronto?

From the general trend of reports, as given out in the dailies, it would appear that if possible Toronto would now corner the customs business, and have all run hither with the details of this necessary routine to the city. In a recent article The Globe pointed out the great advantage (as advised by the Investigating Committee) in closing a number of the smaller ports and thus acquiring a saving. Proper appraisals, it was contended, could only be made at the bigger centres where, of necessity, a larger force would be maintained. Then in a few days along comes the announcement that Toronto is to be supplied with a new customs house, and of course not a word is said about curtailment of expenditure here. No, no! the only hope expressed by any of the Toronto dailies we noticed was that the plans to be used now would be more up to date than those originally prepared fifteen years ago, when it was contemplated to erect a customs house in Toronto. Not a word of curtailment of expenditure here. And why should the rural constituents be forced the unnecessary expense of conducting their customs business in Toronto, to help build a new customs house in the city? There are plenty of men in the rural offices who are just as capable and have been just as efficient in attending to the duties as those in the city. And it is a significant fact that the committee investigating the department in their report found cause to single out and advise the discharge of men in the larger centres rather than those at outlying points, to secure greater efficiency in the department. If curtailment in expense is going to be exercised in the customs administration, let's have it all along the line. The quarters are already established in these rural centres. We, in most cases, have no need of new buildings, and we have need of consideration in the convenience to transact every-day business.

Liquor Evil Growing Under Government Control

Montreal is becoming seriously alarmed over the effects of the illicit sale of liquor. A dispatch the other day said: "Arrests for drunkenness in Montreal during 1927 were 50 per cent. greater than in 1926; of late a number of young girls of good families have been found in 'dives,' and the evil arises from the 'blind pig,' Ald. A. A. Desroches declared at a meeting of the City Council. The Aldermen adopted a motion by which, if the Legislature concurs, persons caught in 'blind pigs' will be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100, and in default of payment to two months' imprisonment." And this, after more than four years' experience with the Liquor Control Act. It is, however, the experience of the various provinces which adopted Government sale. The longer this method of control (7) is in force, the more manifest are the evils of the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Request Local Municipalities Pay Hospital Bills

At the initial session of the Halton County Council a common-sense move was made when it was decided to petition the Legislative Assembly for legislation providing that local municipalities pay the hospital bills for their own indigent patients, instead of the county paying half the cost as at present. One year of this method has apparently convinced the County Council that this plan was not in the best interests of all and with commendable promptitude they decided to try to have the ruling changed. The disadvantages of the county paying these bills are many. It is impossible to keep a close check on these accounts and in that way many unworthy cases are paid for out of public funds. There is a possibility that it might occur that Councilors, in order to be good fellows with local people, would pay accounts at the County Council that would not be sanctioned in the local Council, where each case is known by the ratepayers. Undoubtedly the County Council has found the plan of paying indigent cases very unsatisfactory and have consequently requested the change.

"As Ye Sow, So Shall Ye Reap"

Every time any one puts anything over on you, look at it this way. He is only hurting himself, not you. Rather than feel sorry for yourself, feel sorry for him—he will probably lose in the long run. He is not playing square with himself, and no one ever got square with the work-world who managed that way. We have seen many changes in moral laws, and things that were not done a generation ago are now countenanced in polite society, but the old law of retribution never changes. "As ye sow so shall ye reap," is as true to-day as it was in the ages long since dead. There is everywhere the working of the everlasting law of retribution. Man always gets as he gives. God is a sure paymaster. He may not pay at the end of every week, or month, or year, but remember He pays in the end. Look back over the road that you have travelled. Where are the men that were cheats and frauds, where are the men that gambled and robbed? What became of the homes that were built on the wages of sin? Can you name one man that has prospered continuously on a dishonest policy? Can you?—Georgetown Herald.

The Hollinger Disaster

Since man started to wrest from the earth the precious minerals it contains the mining industry has been visited with frequent disasters which have taken a heavy toll of human lives. In every country in the world this tragic experience has marred the history of mining, and Canada has not escaped. The accident that has occurred at the Hollinger-Mine is the worst of its kind that has ever occurred in Ontario, and the first that has visited the northern mine fields of the Province. The calling of a miner has always been a hazardous one. It always will be so. Even with all modern safety devices with which every mine is equipped, and despite the most elaborate precautions that are taken to safeguard the lives of workers, the miner may be said to take his life in his hands every time he goes down the shaft. Of this fact he is fully conscious. He well knows that, working far below the surface of the earth, many unforeseen things may occur to jeopardize his safety before he can reach the top of the shaft and the security of the open air. So far as can be judged from the reports that have been published, no one apparently is to blame for the catastrophe that came so suddenly at Hollinger. Like other similar disasters, the gloom of the tragedy is lightened by acts of heroism on the part of some officials and miners who risked their lives to give warning and aid to those trapped in the mine. To those who have been bereaved by the disaster the sympathy of the entire Province will be extended.—Globe.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Chamber of Commerce, in their own quiet way, continue to run true to their slogan of "Promoting the Interests of Acton and Vicinity." Their work is seen in many quarters and their influence noticed in securing many things for Acton's interest.

Under the heading "The Fireworks Have Started," the Milton Champion quotes the article from The Georgetown Herald, which we replied to last week. Well, the point of who started the fireworks has apparently been settled by an outside judge, anyway.

The "beer-by-the-glass" motion is said to be doomed in the Ontario Legislature. It is to be hoped that it is not only doomed, but dead. Toronto Globe.

The people of the Province of Ontario generally believed it was "dead" in 1916. It looks as if it never would be resurrected by any legal enactment in this Province.

The Department of Health of the Dominion Government has issued a booklet, "Maternal Mortality in Canada." Two smaller booklets entitled "Mother"—a little book for men and a little book for women—accompany the report volume, which give sound advice on simple things sometimes overlooked which do much to decrease the maternal mortality in Canada.

It is very generally conceded that Prohibition is in the United States to stay. Governor Smith, of New York, who is a possible candidate and who is inclined to the "wet" ticket, says: "There devolves upon the State the sacred duty of sustaining the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act. They are as much a part of the laws of this country as are all other laws and the constitution." Regardless of who is nominated and elected, there will therefore be little change in Prohibition during the next Presidential term.—Collier's Weekly.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

General Lesson Title—Two Miracles of Power.

Scripture Material—Mark 4: 35-41; 5: 11-19.

Golden Text—"Who then is this, that the wind and the sea obey him?"—Mark 4: 41.

Devotional Reading—Acts 26: 12, 13, 19-23.

The Text Explained

35.—On that day—The day on which Jesus told the parables of the preceding lesson. The other side—That is, the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee.

36.—The multitude—Those who had been listening to His teaching. Other boats were with Him—This graphic detail is given by Mark alone. Probably one of Peter's personal memories of the event.

37.—A great storm—These violent winds are referred to as the "Sirocco" or "Sirocco" of Galilee with practically no warning. They are local atmospheric disturbances due to the peculiar configuration of the region. The Sea of Galilee is a lake thirteen miles long and eight miles wide. Its surface is nearly 700 feet below the level. It is surrounded by cliffs and hills, some of which are 4,000 feet above its surface, forming a deep basin with every steep slope of the sea-side which freshen all Galilee blow over this basin, and the sun beats into it with unmitigated intensity. The winds are light, most part, hang still and heavy, but the cold currents, as they pass from the west, are sucked down in swirls, or by the narrow gorges that break upon the lake. Then arise those sudden storms for which this region is notorious—George Adam Smith.

38.—On the cushion—Another intimate detail recorded by Mark alone.

39.—Peace—Immediately.

40.—Faith—Trust.

41.—Jesus came on the eastern shore, near the village of Gerasa, they encountered a demoniac who declared that he was possessed by a legion of evil spirits. Jesus restored the man to a normal state.

5: 13.—They come—The Gerasenes who had been marred by the Lord's swiftness concerning the miracle performed upon the demoniac and the drowning of the herd of swine. "Whereas he had been naked. In his right mind—Whereas, a moment before, he had been a violent maniac."

17.—They began to beseech—These Gerasenes were exceedingly ignorant. They had seen Jesus' manifestation of supernatural power—It is a curious illustration of the lack of human nature which they preferred to the power which they were familiar, rather than a power for good which was new and strange to them.

19.—Tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee—Jesus' command to the Lord's disciples on their arrival at the strict injunction of silence which generally followed His miracles was not chosen to be chosen. The situation here was peculiar. The Gerasenes were heathen people—non-Jews. The demoniac possessed by evil spirits. He was to be a missionary of the true God to those who worshipped idols. The man who had been marred by the Lord had done for thee—It would appear that Jesus was commanding testimony for the Father rather than for Himself.

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Daily—except Sunday	11:57 a.m.
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Daily	5:56 p.m.
Daily	7:56 p.m.
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