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EDITORIAL

Making It Easy for Tourists

The action of Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of National Revenue, in issuing instructions to customs officers at border points to assist visitors in making out their tourist permits, and to do so free of charge will commend itself to the common sense of every citizen.

The pleasure trip that takes one across the border is spoiled by a series of petty annoyances that seem to link up with crossing the border. The little fee of fifty cents charged by people who had the offices for making out forms and gave instructions to steer visitors through the machinery of customs was not exorbitant, but right at the point of entry it labelled Canada as a petty grafter in the eyes of many. The doing away with that impression is worth many times the fee charged.

Gossip and Slander

There is a kind of gossip that is harmless. Mrs. So-and-so or Mr. So-and-so may have mannerisms and idiosyncrasies that may cause or occasion people to talk and comment, and even exaggerate, but no harm is done. But when people, or any person, will draw on their imagination, will interpret certain actions or expressions into evil, or evil designs, they but disclose and display a mind that is evil and a disposition that is not to be envied. Many a man and many a woman has suffered much because of such evil, slanderous gossip that started out of the evil imagination and venomous tongue of the slanderous gossip. Newspapersmen know how foundationless and how untrustworthy are many of the evil rumors that sometimes get spread about concerning worthy citizens, because it is the duty of newspapers to investigate thoroughly before giving credence to such reports. Burns wrote:

"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us."

And the sentiment is right enough for self examination. But may the power save us from seeing ourselves as others see us in some respects, or at least as they picture us to others. It is a merciful Providence that keeps many an evil false slander from the ears of the innocent victim, because if each of us but realized the exact position we sometimes stand in, in the eyes of a gossiping community, we would hide ourselves behind a mask of forgetfulness or welcome an early grave.—Winchester Press.

A New Zealand Newspaper's Growth

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. Montgomery, of New Zealand, the editor received a copy of a special edition of "The Dominion," which marks the progress that paper has made since established in 1907. The building that is the home of such a paper and the equipment of such a plant is indeed remarkable for a paper only established twenty-one years. It is interesting to note the guiding plan that has governed such a paper in far-away New Zealand in twenty years until it can claim now to be the national daily. They are given by a quotation from Dr. G. E. Anson, Chairman of Directors of the Company in an address delivered on a previous occasion and might well account for the phenomenal growth of this paper. "To teach successfully, a paper must be attractive both to readers and advertisers. Without a large circulation of readers, the advertisements fall off, which entails financial failure. We must therefore make our paper popular, and financially sound. But above all, we must also preach the gospel of just and good government or we shall have failed in our highest mission. The chief danger that besets every paper is lest it should become shackled by some political party, some financial interest, or some band of short-sighted fanatics who put their own interests or that of their ad above those of the whole community. Every journal should be absolutely unshackled and fearless. Having chosen its party, political or otherwise, it should support it forcibly, but should never hesitate to criticize freely whenever necessary. For a journal's value as a supporter is infinitely greater when it is known that it is not the obsequious servant of anyone, but a loyal supporter and fearless friend and critic. Therefore I should say that our journal must be interesting of course, but also fearless in criticism, and, above all things, independent and unshackled. It must never be said that it is a Reform Paper, or a Liberal, Labor, Capitalist, Prohibitionist or Liquor Paper. It may well support but not be shackled by any of these. Also it must not forget that its highest duty is to save the principles of a free democracy, by leading and teaching the electors to choose honest and capable legislators, whom they trust to deal with National questions."

Good Crops Predicted

The Bank of Montreal weekly crop report gave the following optimistic report on Dominion crops: "All crops throughout the Prairie Provinces continue to make excellent progress, under highly favorable conditions, and prospects generally are very satisfactory, although in a few sections of Saskatchewan, there has been severe damage from hail and some areas in Manitoba have suffered from flooding. In Quebec conditions continue favorable, although intermittent rains have retarded haying operations. All crops are making excellent progress in Ontario, where warm weather with ample moisture has prevailed. In the Maritime Provinces equally good growing conditions have been maintained. In British Columbia weather conditions have been excellent for field crops, but rain has largely spoiled cherries. Other fruits promise well."

Wheat Prospects Bright

Prospects for a satisfactory wheat crop in the Western Provinces have seldom been more favorable. The general conditions are similar to those existing in 1923, when one of the largest crops in the history of the West was produced. Recent rains have provided sufficient moisture to take care of the crops for two or three weeks to come, and very little damage has been done by any cause. According to the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association, the estimated acreage for 1928 in the Prairie Provinces amounts to 23,558,000 acres as compared with 20,879,000 acres for the large crop of 1923 and 21,420,000 acres in 1927. This acreage, then, if correct, breaks all previous records. This is good news for the whole of Canada, for when good crops and good prices prevail in the Western Provinces there is a favorable reflex influence everywhere in the Dominion.

Crime Increasing

The fact that crime is on the increase in the Dominion is shown by the latest statistics published at Ottawa for the year ended September 30, 1927. The number of convictions recorded reaching a total of 212,075, as compared with 197,361 for the preceding period ended September 30, 1926. The increase in 1926 over the previous year was 10.3 per cent. By classes of crime, offenses against the person decreased from 1,468 to 1,208, but offenses against property with violence totalled 16,266 per cent.; offenses against property without violence, 10,833 per cent.; malicious offenses against property, 10,322 per cent.; forgery and crime against the currency, 23,900 per cent.; and various other offenses, 6 per cent. The principal increase under summary convictions was in breaches of traffic regulations—convictions, which rose from 78,027 to 86,340 during the year. Drunkenness increased from 28,137 to 31,171; but breaches of liquor laws decreased from 13,512 to 12,477 during 1927.

The Sunday Toll

Discussing the manner in which the modern Sunday is observed in the United States, an American newspaper has the following paragraph: "Sunday has come to stand for the day on which excess energy is released. The feeble and the aged devote themselves to golf, the middle-aged resort mostly to motoring, and flaming youth takes his in an aeroplane or saved-off racing machine. Sunday has come to be the day when the hospitals turn over a new leaf in the register and lay out a couple of extra pens to expedite the entry of the victims as they are brought in." The Kingston Whig-Standard, after quoting this paragraph, asks the question, "What is the moral?" Although the Kingston paper leaves the answer to its readers, it is not hard to find. The answer is that in these modern days a vast number of people have ceased to have any respect for the Lord's Day. They have departed from the old-fashioned ways of looking upon the Sabbath as a day for bodily rest and spiritual recreation. The Sunday of the pioneers was vastly different to that of the present generation, and although the passing of time often makes changed customs necessary, it cannot be said that the change in observance of Sunday is for the better. A perusal of the Monday newspaper can not help but note the results of the Sunday madness of speed and pleasure. Last Sunday eleven lives were lost and many more seriously injured. Might it not, with perfect truth, be said that these lives can be directly charged to the manner in which the Sabbath is desecrated in these modern days? The day was spent quietly and reverently. There is very little of reverence in the crowded highways and by-ways of the Sundays of the present age.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The best roads in any town in the country" was the remark of a traveller the other day in connection with Acton's streets.

The frequent and heavy rains of the past week are becoming a serious menace to the crops. The farmers are having difficulty harvesting the hay and the grain crops are being flattened out and damaged.

It is expected that 80,000,000 bushels of grain will be shipped from the port of Vancouver, B. C., by the end of July, when the current crop year terminates.

Ontario tourist camps are to be brought under provincial inspection and approved. It is a big undertaking, but it is inevitable that these stopping places will have to be safe-guarded adequately.—The Globe.

The display of silverware in THE FREE PRESS window is not a new jewellery department. And to relieve the anxious feelings of many of our friends we will say that neither have we anything to serve in the mugs.

The four-wheel brake signs on the autos are quite an aid to safety, but any sign of the three requisites of common sense, care and courtesy on the part of some drivers who tear along the highways is often lacking.

One hundred and seven thousand, six hundred and five pedigrees for pure bred live stock were issued in Canada during 1927 by the Canadian National Live Stock Records Association, which has a membership of 18,111 breeders distributed throughout Canada.

Neighborhood News

BURLINGTON

Miss Ethel Minahan, of Brandon, Man., is visiting Chief and Mrs. Lee Dillith. Miss Laura Ham, of London, is the guest of the Provincial Hotel, Mrs. G. H. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Virtue and family are holidaying in Northern Ontario. Excursions have been engaged for the past week checking up traffic on the highways.

Marjorie and Norma Blupprecht have returned home after spending the past two weeks with their aunt and uncle at Port Dover.

Mrs. H. A. Langhorne and Master Irvin, 11, Paul Street, left on Monday evening for New York and Mountain Springs, New Jersey.

Paul Emerson, of New York, is spending a couple of weeks' holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anson, Caroline Street.

Miss E. Truman has some very fine Delphiniums in bloom in her flower garden, some of the stalks measuring over 23 inches in height. The bloom is exceptionally heavy, and the colors very beautiful.

J. A. Landley picked several ripe tomatoes on July 11, and expects to place tomatoes on the market this week. This is exceptionally early for outdoor tomatoes. The yield is expected to be very heavy this season.—Gazette.

ERIN

Mr. Kenneth Letich, of Detroit, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Erin, are visiting with their son, Mr. David Stewart.

Mr. Peter Page, of Campbellville, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Letich.

Mr. John Miller, of Rockford, Ill., is holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mawhinney and family, of Toronto, are spending their summer holidays at the home of Mr. Richard A. Pines.

Mrs. A. Kasch and son, John, Miss Beatrice Greenwager, have returned to Rockford, Ill., after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKinney.

The cast of the Erin J. P. A. Dramatic Club, including names who are detailed in the play, "A Prairie Rouser," spent a pleasant day on the 10th inst., when they motored to Le Ball Park, Hamilton, and to Burlington Beach.

Miss Myrtle McKinney, Principal of the local Continuation School, suffered cuts about the face and head, when she was bumped against the windshield by the force of the shifting machinery of a motor car in which she was riding with Miss R. Wainman at the wheel, at University Street, when she was driving to school.

GEORGETOWN

The town reservoir at Silvercreek received its annual "cleaning out" on Sunday last.

The new hydro power line being constructed to the Credit River, is nearing completion.

Mr. J. T. Reddy, of Bobcaygeon, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sinclair.

Miss Hazel James, of Acton, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Webster, John Street.

Mrs. G. Cook, Windsor, and Mrs. Wm. Neill, of New York, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldham on Friday last.

Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Heath have returned home from a motor trip to Owen Sound, Meaford, Southampton and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson, of Brampton, and Mr. H. G. Moore, of Acton, returned from a motor tour of Northern Ontario.

Mrs. J. M. Moore, Miss Aileen Moore, Miss Gladys, Miss Claridge, Miss Margaret and Marion McKay and Miss Margaret Kennedy are holidaying in Muskoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Scott celebrated their golden wedding on Friday last when a large number of friends and relatives gathered at their home and presented Mr. and Mrs. Scott with a purse of gold.—Herald.

OAKVILLE

Mrs. I. C. Wilson and family are spending two weeks on Lake Joseph, Muskoka.

The Brampton Junior Lacrosse Team came to Oakville last evening to play our fast juniors.

Miss Mary Myers is spending two months as a counsellor in a summer camp in Algonquin Park.

There is a report that a silk factory is looking for a location in Oakville. There is a welcome for it.

Ex-Councillor Wm. Anderson and family are again occupying their residence on Reynolds Street, having returned from Oshawa.

The waterworks sedimentation basin will be cleared out next week and as a precaution the Commission advises that drinking water be boiled.—Star.

The brewers' warrens in town was closed on Monday, owing to the by-laws vote being taken.

The firemen are practicing some fancy stunts on the Central School grounds these evenings.

Miss Elsie Knight, who had a finger amputated a few weeks ago and has been confined to the home of her parents, is now able to be out and about again.

Mrs. Warner, wife of Bishop Warner, for forty years Methodist Episcopal Bishop in India, is visiting her daughter, Miss M. E. Jeffers, in town. Bishop Warner, newly retired, and Mrs. Warner, are now residing in New York City.—Herald.

MILTON

Mrs. Hutcheon and little son, of Toronto, are visiting her parents, Governor and Mrs. A. McRobb.

Miss Dorothy and Marion Gwynne, of Toronto, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell.

Mrs. H. H. Lewis, Mrs. M. Lewis and Miss P. Harrison left on Tuesday for Port Dover, where they will stay at the Orchard Beach Hotel for a week or so.

Mr. J. W. Blain and daughter, Miss A. Blain, have gone to Minneapolis, U. S., to visit Mr. Blain's sister, Mrs. Frank Hemstreet.

Mrs. D. A. Andrew, wife of the late Agricultural Representative for Italian, had the misfortune recently to fall from a step ladder at her home and break her right arm at the wrist.

It is now definite that Hase Koolster Products start building in Milton in the next few days. A factory site has been decided upon and construction will be under way on or before August 1, and it is believed the plant will be into production by October 1.—Herald.

Our farmers are busy haying. The crop is better than had been expected.

Miss Ruth Gorman, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. A. Gorman.

Robert Stewart, Court Street, is engaged in Summer Camp work. He is now at North Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobt. McDowell, of Victoria Harbor, have been visiting his mother, Mrs. Thos. McDowell.

Milton Boy Scout Troop, in charge of McArthur and Roy Cannon, are camping at Irons for two weeks.

The officers of Trafalgar Lodge, Sons of England, had the pleasure recently of installing Thos. Walsh, President of the Carrington Cattle Cakes and Cotton Seed Oil Co., Ltd., as an honorary member.—Champion.

NERVE

Many Business Men—Can't you read? The sign on that door means private. Can't you—I know—and I'm glad it's there. If there's anything I hate it's being interrupted when I'm talking to a prospective customer.

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Acton, Ontario, July 23, 1928.

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In many cases it is undoubtedly a slip of memory—one of these unconscious transgressions of which we spoke—yet to the milkman it is really serious financial setback. So serious, in fact, has the abuse become that measures of correction, which may be unpleasant to both consumer and seller, will have to be adopted unless the situation improves immediately.

So we appeal again to each of our customers who may have overlooked a few bottles to return them to-day. Last week's appeal met with response from sources least expected, but from the places where we know bottles to be, there was little return. So we make a final appeal—PUT OUT ALL THE EMPTY MILK BOTTLES around your house for the milkman to-morrow morning. Your co-operation will save your Milkman and yourself money.

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