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EDITORIAL

A Troublesome Member of Halton County

The folly of taking recourse to law to settle difficulties that should be settled by two parties getting together and settling their grievance justly is shown in the statement of the costs of the Halton-Trafalgar law scrape that was presented to County Council. The total law costs to Halton County were $3,975.77, and now Trafalgar has to pay its own law costs besides as well as the amount involved in the suit—$32,257.11. There has been nothing gained, only the fact established that Trafalgar must now pay a debt that should have been settled long ago. And it cost the County nearly $4,000 to make them acknowledge the debt and, and no doubt Trafalgar Township paid a dollar or two for their law costs, too. But rumor has it that Trafalgar's representatives are still open to dickering on the issue, and at the last Council meeting endeavored to make overtures to the Council for settlement by deviation from the plan formerly outlined. The County has nothing to gain by this dickering and being once stung by such methods would be well advised to stick strictly to the letter of the law in dealing with Trafalgar.

Water and Ice

The rink by-law, which was favored so largely in the recent vote, seems to be the cause of considerable disruption in municipal life. The point seems definitely settled that it is desirable to have the closed arena. The bone of contention is in the "how" and "when" of having it. There is not one citizen, we believe, who does not want the matter proceeded with in the proper legal course. We can sympathize with Councillor Atkinson in having raised the point of legal procedure. We stumbled on the same thing in the course of the waterworks construction, and were openly accused of costing the town the expense of a special bill. It seems that after the first yearly payment on the debentures are made any debentures are automatically validated. So we have rather a kindred feeling for Mr. Atkinson in this point, as we felt no doubt as he does, that we were simply doing our duty.

There was a little difference at that time, however, in the fact that Parliament was about to be in session and the by-law was promptly validated. There was, however, no halt in waterworks construction, as the point never came up until figures in the by-law were compared with one previously published and the expenditure had been made. There was no halting of the work already in hand that we can recollect of. We feel just the same now as we did then. We do not desire to see the Municipal Council make any move only in the proper course, and do not want them to do anything out of the regular order. The law costs on the Trafalgar and Halton affair, just settled, and commented on in another article, are sufficient reason for being desirous of this procedure. But we cannot help making this comparison in two subjects so similar as water and ice are.

There is just one more point we wish to make in this article. We would like to express our appreciation of the interest the Beardmore Co. has taken in Acton. We do not recollect of an instance where they have not willingly co-operated to the benefit of Acton. Were it not for their generosity Acton would have been without a rink for the past ten years. They have provided, at no small expense to themselves, bowling greens and tennis courts second to none anywhere, and many other things for the benefit of the citizens. And they assume their fair share of taxation as the ordinary taxpayer, contributing one-fifth of the total taxes paid to the town. THE FREE PRESS is not for Beardmore & Co. any more than it is for any other one or group of individuals. Any business dealings we have had with this firm were done on a strictly business basis and we neither receive nor expect any special concessions.

But in reviewing the history of this concern in Acton, and the different ... ities in which they have always interested themselves, we cannot help but feel that the town, as a whole, is very lacking in showing appreciation of their co-operation so often given in the past. The present offer is only one that might be expected from a review of the past. If it cannot be accepted, public appreciation might at least be made of the offer. It is regrettable that the proposition has caused a ruffle on the otherwise tranquil sea of Acton municipal politics, and the disruption of the family endangered. But periodically such is the case, and it is to be hoped when the difficulties are duly ironed out retrospection of the action a few months hereafter will show that whatever moves have been made have been made in Acton's best interests.

Put Your Thought Into It

Whatever your work, do not try to get out of thinking. It is true that some work can be dispatched with very little thought, but when done in this fashion, it helps to turn us into automatons, whereas if done with thought, it is educational. The worker who uses only his hands, never gets far up the ladder. Many a one who started as a manual worker, however, but who made his brains go into partnership with his hands, is now a prominent figure among those who count. One of the secrets of success is to do all the thinking possible instead of taking the more popular way of getting along with as little as possible.

A Noted Editor Dies

The death of Hal. B. Donly, of Simcoe, last week, removed one who for many years held a prominent place in Canadian newspaperdom. The Simcoe Reformer, which was under his editorship for forty years, made a name for itself as one of the foremost weeklies of the Dominion, a place that it still holds under the direction of its present owner, Mr. Pearce. Among his fellow newspapermen Mr. Donly was held in high and cordial regard and he was twice honored with the presidency of the Canadian Press Association, a worthy recognition of the man and his work. His passing is mourned not only by Simcoe and the constituency to which he gave so much of himself to promote, but by a Dominion-wide circle of friends, who regarded his opinions and his abilities so highly.

Fifty Years at the Helm

Last week Mr. M. A. James, editor of the Bowmanville Statesman, completed fifty years in control of that paper. He is still the head of the firm publishing that excellent newspaper, his sons being associated with him in the proprietorship and he is still the editor of it. Fifty years of continuous activity in the direction of a single newspaper few men in any country can look back upon. This Province, settled by people of good stock, whose habits of life have generally been conducive to robustness of mind and body, has probably a larger percentage of men who have labored long in journalism than most other countries. The tributes rendered to Mr. James on this jubilee occasion are well earned. They are due, not simply because his period of service in the press has been long, but because it has been worthy. Fifty years is a long time to look ahead, and in looking back Mr. James, in last week's issue of The Statesman, gives an interesting resume of many changes in living that have occurred and inventions that have taken place during the half century. It is a long period indeed for one to be in charge of the destinies of a paper. Mr. James has served his town and community well and in his sons, Geo. W. and Norman, has successors who will ably uphold the high standard set by their father. That Mr. James, Sr., may be spared to edit The Statesman for many years yet is the wish that is concurred in by the newspaper fraternity and the wide circle of The Statesman's constituency.

Let's Have It Annually

Every time there is a big day's activities planned and successfully carried through, after it is all over a sigh of relief goes up from those in charge and another event has gone into history. But do we realize what these events mean to those who willingly sponsor them? A holiday isn't a holiday to these people. They work harder and longer and go home more tired than they would from their usual occupations. They lose time from their work to foster these things and make them a success. But they are real community boosters. If the gathering here on Civic Holiday wasn't worth the effort, then success can never be achieved. Not only financially but from a day of entertainment and sport the effort was worth while. It can't be done every holiday in the year and doesn't want to be. But Civic Holiday is a day for civic pride to show itself. Acton citizens are proud of their town. There is no better way of showing that pride than by bringing outsiders to visit with us and see Acton for themselves. We appreciate the fact that we have plenty of citizens who are always willing to help in these functions. Acton citizens and the visitors showed that they appreciated the day by their loyal support. Acton old boys and girls showed their appreciation, too, by returning to the old home town in goodly numbers for the day. Everyone seemed pleased. Why could it not be an annual affair? We know of no better way of inculcating civic pride than by making the town a town to be proud of.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Those who pine for the good old days, comments the Kitchener Record, can be choked off by showing them the family photograph album.

The output of gold from mines in the Province of Ontario for the first six months of this year had a total value of $15,977,980, an increase of $224,368 in value over the corresponding six months in 1927.

A Rochester man reported "worth a million and a half dollars," was fined $100 for "cutting in" and injuring the occupants of another car on the highway near Oakville. To the motoring safety that chap's value is nil and the highways would have profited if he had been forbidden their use for a term.

It has been estimated that visitors to Canada from the United States and other countries spent about $275,000,000 in the Dominion last year. This year the number of tourists coming to Canada promises to break all previous records, and the more people see of the attractions of the Dominion the more will the tourist influx increase.

The Milton Reformer would end the suspense of the making of the appointment to the vacant office of Sheriff by naming the present Acting Sheriff, and asks the pointed question: "Why should the office be handed over to someone for no other reason than that he belongs to a certain political party, and knows nothing whatever regarding the duties of the office?" Sounds like good logic all right, but perhaps not good politics, as it is regarded in some quarters.

Neighborhood News

ERIN

Mrs. H. Frankum and little daughter are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hull.

Mrs. A. Bracey has returned home after a two weeks' visit with her father at Formosa.

Dr. W. J. and Mrs. Weeks, of London, Ont., were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cook and Miss McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hunter and Mr. Alex. Oddie, of Toronto, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. M. Thompson.

Mr. Lorne Wolfe, of the local staff of the Royal Bank, left on Wednesday morning for New Hamburg, to which place he has been transferred, to the office of the Royal Bank.

Miss Mary E. Root has returned home from a pleasant holiday trip, when she visited with friends at Guelph, Brantford, Waterford, Acton and Georgetown.

A large crowd attended the barn dance at the new barn of Mr. Elgin Laughlin, first line, Caledon West, on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Senior and Junior Caledon Women's Institute, when a jolly time was spent.—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

Master Bobbie Goldham spent last week with friends in Toronto.

Wm. Tyndall and son, Arthur, are visiting friends in Cobourg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Blockford spent Sunday with friends in Guelph.

Mr. Jack Willoughby, Jr., left on Monday morning on a motor trip to Ottawa and Montreal.

Mrs. E. D. Sheeley and sons, of Birmingham, Mich., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. O'Neil.

Mrs. H. B. Henderson and Mr. Norman Henderson, of Winnipeg, are visitors with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Erwin and Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldham and daughter visited friends in Toronto on Sunday.

About 8 o'clock on Friday evening the firemen were called out to extinguish a blaze in a shed on the property of Mr. Thos. Easton, Main Street North.

Rev. Kenneth and Mrs. Maclean left on Tuesday morning for Port Arthur, where they will spend the month of August. Mr. Maclean will preach in First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur, on the Sundays during his visit.—Herald.

BURLINGTON

Geo. Christopherson, of Fenwick, was visiting relatives and renewing acquaintances in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gilmer and daughter, Myrtle, of Winnipeg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flettham last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsey, of Owen Sound, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Orman G. Much for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. (Dr.) A. Day and family, of Rochester, spent the past week at her home here.

Messrs. W. L. and Colin Smith spent the week-end at McTier, in the Muskoka district.

Miss Maud Smith has returned home from a trip to Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Montreal.

D. A. Welsh has been appointed to the teaching staff of the Niagara Falls Collegiate, and will commence his duties in September.

Ambrose Walters, the young lad who disappeared from his home last Friday, was located at Grimsby and returned to his home here.

Dr. and Mrs. Emery, of Porterville, Cal., are visiting his brother, Wm. and Mrs. Emery, Burlington Avenue. They made the trip here by boat, via the Panama Canal, and will return by motor.—Gazette.

OAKVILLE

Murray Crawford returned on Friday last after visiting for three weeks with friends in Meaford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Chapman, of Grimsby, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. Chapman.

Warden Blakelock and Deputy Moat attended the monthly meeting of the County Council in Milton on Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Leslie and children returned on Tuesday from a motor trip to Montreal, where they visited with friends.

Duncan Robertson, west side, and Miss Minnie Robertson, were in Everton over the week-end visiting relatives and attending the sixty-sixth anniversary of the Disciple Church there. Mr. Robertson was present at the opening and dedication of the church, after having hauled timbers for its construction. He met friends he had not seen for nearly fifty years.—Star.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Parker, of Ottawa, are guests this week of the latter's father, W. R. Austin.

Mrs. Thomas Andrew, of Montreal, has been holidaying with her mother, Mrs. Phillips, Lakeshore east.

Carl Jaques, of Burgessville, is spending a few days in town with his brother, Dr. Jaques.

Miss Margaret Wilson, Palmer Avenue, has returned from a holiday spent at Wasaga Beach.

Miss Phillips, a former member of the Public School staff here, who has been stationed at Coniston, near Sudbury, lately, has been visiting her friend, Mrs. Harold Stirling, during the past week.—Record.

MILTON

Mrs. J. P. Bartleman, of Timmins, Northern Ontario, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Henstreet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sanderson and daughter of Toronto, formerly of Milton, were visitors in town on Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Dewar, of Toronto, formerly of Milton, visited friends in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sloane and children, of Stratford, spent the week-end here with their parents. They are on a camping tour by motor and will visit different parts of the country.

Mr. J. W. Blain and daughter, Miss Blain, who have been visiting his daughter in Minneapolis, have returned home, having had a most enjoyable trip by land and water.—Reformer.

Miss Muriel Earl, of Windsor, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Earl.

Rev. and Mrs. J. N. McPaul are spending their vacation at Lake Joseph, Muskoka.

John P. Roper, who has conducted a grocery business in Milton for many years, has sold out to the Carroll Chain Stores Ltd., of Hamilton, dealers in groceries, etc.

Milton's Boy Scouts, who were camping in Woodlands Orchards, near Merton, for two weeks, returned home on Friday evening last, having had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lee, of Oshawa, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson last week. They motored to Niagara Falls and LaSalle, N. Y., on Thursday and returned on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fasken and family are spending their vacation at Midland, one of the beauty spots on the Georgian Bay, which is visited by thousands of tourists every summer.—Champion.

REAL PRIVATION

A young women's club had returned from a camping trip and in talking it over with a girl friend, one of the campers said, "We had so many hardships while we were camping. For instance, there was only one drinking glass . . ."

"But that wasn't so bad," replied the other.

". . . and there was only one mirror," continued the camper.

Horror spread over the face of the listener. She gasped, "How could you poor girls stand it?"

LADY OR TIGER

An unsolved mystery is that connected with the late Frank R. Stockton's story of "The Lady or the Tiger." At the end of the tale the hero is left in the arena, about to open one of two doors; behind the first is a tiger, and behind the second a girl who loves the hero. Another girl, who also loves him, and who knows the secret of the doors, signals him which one to open. At this point the story ends, and Mr. Stockton never confided to any one his opinion of the hero's fate.

"I'm sure I should like to tell you," he said to an interviewer, "but I can't, because I really don't know myself."

The story set everybody guessing, and one day, at a reception, when it was a topic of debate, Mr. Stockton told Rudyard Kipling that he thought of going to India.

"I'm glad of it," said Kipling, enthusiastically, "and I'll tell you what we will do with you! We'll lure you out into the jungle, and have you seized and pound. We'll have you turned on your back, and get one of our biggest elephants to stand over you with his foot poised above your head. Then I'll say, in my most insinuating tone, 'Come now, Stockton, which was it, the lady or the tiger?'"

At one time Mr. Stockton was the guest of honor at a dinner given in Washington by a member of the President's Cabinet. When the dessert was served, it proved to be two large plates of ice-cream, one an orange ice in the mold of a tiger, the other of vanilla, in the form of a woman. The plates were set in front of the hostess, and she turned to her guest with a prematurely triumphant air.

"Which kind do you prefer, Mr. Stockton?" she asked.

"A little of both, if you please!"

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