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EDITORIAL

No Doubt Now About Smith's Platform

Governor Smith boldly announces himself as a wet candidate for the Presidency. In this, of course, he is quite consistent with his attitude and record on the liquor question, in which eighteen different times between 1904 and 1928, he voted continuously against temperance reform. Then, when he selected the chairman of the National Committee to conduct his campaign, the same wet Smith asked what the Christian Century calls the "very rich, very wet" John J. Raskob to accept that position. This Raskob is a Republican, but he accepted the invitation, giving as his reason that it was not because he had changed his political views, but he thought it was a good opportunity to help to "relieve the country of the damnable affliction of prohibition."

Realizing Its Possibilities

At the various functions held in the Park this year it has been noticeable that many favorable comments were made on the park grounds. And these comments were invariably followed up with further suggestions on what could be done to further improve this splendid ground. It would seem that the work already done here has but opened the eyes of many to the possibilities contained in this splendid municipal grounds. Its situation and surroundings open up many possibilities. These can be and will undoubtedly at future dates be realized. There is nothing impossible if it is the desire of the majority of the will of the people, and judging from this continuous expression, it would seem that these improvements would, in a very short time, be undertaken. Citizens generally are very proud of this municipal asset and future improvements will greatly increase its value to the community.

Another Highway Sign Needed

"Highway Hints," as published in the Mail and Empire last Saturday, by Bob Low, has this very timely suggestion to make regarding the highway west of Acton: "In a run this week over the highway from Guelph to Brampton—which has practically just been finished as far as a paved road all the way is concerned—it was noticeable that while the highway authorities have been pretty generous with checkboards, an unfortunate oversight seems to have occurred approximately two miles west of Acton. Here, where the old single-file road crosses the railroad tracks there is a sudden switch to the right for the motorist travelling east, and a checkboard seems very much in order." This is indeed a dangerous curve for the motorist not familiar with this road. The old road over the railway track might easily be taken as the highway is not particularly well marked. A checkboard sign, similar to the ones at the seventh line corner, would be quite a help to the motorist who is a stranger in the vicinity when travelling over this road.

In Good Standing

The awards of the judges of the band contest at the Canadian National Exhibition have, like the awards of the big swim, caused a lot of unfavorable comment and dissatisfaction among the bands that participated. These contests of the bands seem to each year, cause no end of trouble and much strife in the local organization. Perhaps it is because feeling runs too high and the contest is taken too seriously. For several years Acton Band has considered the advisability of entering the contest, but each year the decision to remain out has been influenced by this bad feeling that so often gets into the organizations that do compete. It is always interesting to know, however, just where the local band stands in comparison with other towns of similar size and in that way the competitions do much good and create a spirit of endeavor on the part of the organization to achieve a higher standing at the competition the following year. Through not competing, Acton Band has never received a C. N. E. report of its standing. The comments of Mr. Jas. Algie, of Brampton, cornet soloist in Brampton band, were therefore very interesting to those interested in Acton Band. Mr. Algie has had much experience with many of the bands and has played with a large number of these organizations throughout the Province this season, and in seasons past. In conversation with him, he considered that Acton has just as good a band as any town of its size he knows of. Acton has always been proud of its band. This compliment from Mr. Algie will give some idea of the place it would take in competition with other town bands of similar size.

The Worst Ever Devised

Rev. Henry Carter, of London, England, a visitor to Canada, says: "As I see it, the system of Canadian Government sale is about the worst that could be devised. It neither ends the social troubles caused by alcoholism, nor does it put the drink trade out of politics. I have found in practically every Province which adopted Government sale that the actual sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors had greatly increased. As confirmation of this tendency, I note an increase in the number of breweries and distilleries in operation, and an enormous appreciation of the market value of brewery and distillery shares." There are some Canadians, too, who are not boasting about our wonderful liquor laws.

Paying Off Debt

The Minister of Finance, Hon. James A. Robb, says Canada is on easy street financially, and met a debt of \$53,000,000, due on Monday, with cash from the treasury. Commenting on this splendid condition, Mr. Robb says: "And we hope, if Providence continues kind to us and gives us good crops, and business keeps just as good as it is now, without even getting any better, to take care of the maturities coming along from now until 1933. In 1933 we have some very heavy maturities of \$400,000,000 but I don't anticipate any refunding of major amounts before 1933." This fact is all the more gratifying when it is considered that direct taxation of the general public has, in many cases, been reduced. The penny postage has been restored, and a number of the nuisance taxes abolished and the income tax so arranged that the man of moderate income is exempted.

Foreign Investments in Canada

It is estimated that the total British and foreign investment of capital in Canada as at January 1, was \$5,500,441,000. Of this sum \$3,000,181,000 is United States capital; \$2,102,467,000 British, and \$238,793,000 from other countries. Canadians also have money for investment beyond their own country. Canadian investments in foreign countries total \$1,330,586,000, or nearly a quarter of the amount of the investments of other countries in Canada. Of this \$723,328,000 is in the United States, \$118,479,000 in Great Britain and \$488,779,000 in other countries. Side by side with these figures must also be noted the fact that Canada has been enabled to buy back large amounts of Canadian securities held abroad. During the last two years there has been recorded a growing list of Canadian industrial concerns, the control of which has passed from abroad into Canadian hands.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Now couldn't some organization possibly find time and arrange a Halloween time for the kiddies, with a parade, etc., on Wednesday, October 31. It's just two weeks away.

The attendance of over 100,000 people at the International Ploughing Match last week would seem to indicate that the work of the farm can be made a very interesting contest when properly encouraged.

The championship of the International Plowing Match, at London last week, was won by a man who came from Lancashire as a boy 12 years of age. Just another instance of success attained by adapting oneself to surrounding conditions.

The dream of farmers and others in Western Canada, entertained for a generation, of the opening of a short route to Europe through Hudson Bay will be realized before many months. Steel on the Hudson Bay Railway will, it is now indicated, reach Fort Churchill on the Bay a year earlier than was expected.

The Globe terms the political patronage, in its Simcoe Post Office fuss, "Veniotism." Why confine such a broad system to one individual? If the Globe succeeds in cleaning up this "Veniotism," it might coin some more new words and train its guns at shorter range with good effect.

"Consumption of liquor is steadily decreasing in Great Britain, and will probably continue to decrease unless prohibitionists should succeed in getting a law passed." And that from the Mail and Empire. Now surely the Mail and Empire doesn't blame the prohibitionists for the passing of the Liquor Control Act in Ontario.

The Mail and Empire, in a special despatch the other morning, enumerates the duties of the Chief of Police of Palmerston, and thinks he could easily win honors for being Ontario's busiest man. If the competition is opened Acton might well enter Chief McPherson. He has more duties to attend to than are enumerated by the Palmerston chief, and would give him a good run for the prize.

The fire loss for the first eight months of 1928 in Ontario was over a million dollars greater than for the same period in 1927. It is a tremendous loss to individuals and to the nation to have a fire loss of nearly \$12,000,000 in the Province of Ontario in the short space of twelve months. Nearly \$10,000,000 of this loss was in dwellings, stores, farm buildings and factories. Last year there were 715 barns burned in the Province, with a loss of \$1,803,478.

Now that the weeds have done their worst for 1928 the new Ontario Weed Act can be appraised. It was more effective in some townships than in others, we know from observation; but on top of the Act there should be a real live campaign organized against sow thistle, campion, wild carrot, or what happens to be worst in the respective districts. This matter should be taken up in earnest this winter. We ought to be growing grain, hay, corn, potatoes and roots where now the weeds hold sway.—Farmer's Advocate.

The total trade of Canada for the twelve months ended August 31, was valued at \$2,477,485,107. Total exports amounted to \$1,307,848,495 and total imports \$1,169,636,702. During the period under review Canada bought from the United States goods to the value of \$777,377,044 and exported to the United States \$845,406,521 worth of goods. Canada bought from the British Isles and countries in the British Empire goods to the value of \$252,849,638 and sold to these British countries products valued at \$528,000,324. The United States as an individual country is Canada's best customer.

Neighborhood News

OAKVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Huggan returned to Rochester N. Y., last week and spent a few days there.

Miss Phyllis Pickett, during her vacation, has gone on a motor trip to Ottawa for a week.

Mr. John Smith, Trafalgar, has let the contract to Theo. Ghelais for the erection of a two-story solid brick residence.

Dr. Henry Stephens, of Regina, has been in town during the past week, owing to the serious illness of his mother.

J. L. Reynolds returned home to Hamilton on Monday after spending a week with his cousin, Mrs. Wm. O. Hughes, Colborne Street, West.

A. L. McIvor has spent his old home in Quebec for six months, while Mrs. and Miss McIvor have taken an apartment for the same period in Toronto.

Accountant Fitzgerald, of the Bank of Montreal is spending his vacation at Peterboro.

Geo. Hillmer, M. P., has been confined to his bed for several days by a heavy cold.

The "detour at the highway bridge should be ready for next week."

A gang of workmen have been busy on it all week.

The latest word of ex-Warden J. P. Ford, who is still in the Guelph Hospital, is that he is getting slowly but surely better.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patten sailed last week for England, where they will visit their son, Hugh, who is serving with the British navy. Mr. Patten also goes to Sweden on a business trip.—Glar.

KEEN

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gibson and family, visited with friends in Toronto, on Sunday.

Mrs. Henderson, of Guelph; Mrs. A. McLean, of Brantford, spent a few days with Miss Conroy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sprout and family, Earl and Viola, spent Sunday with Mrs. Susan M. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, of Guelph, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. M. Thompson.

Mrs. Colin McKellan, Mrs. and Mrs. Eccles McKellan and family, called on Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Walker and Master Donald, Mrs. Ella Dunn, Miss Sonja McKean, of Toronto; Mrs. W. Orlowski, Guelph, were guests of Mrs. C. M. Millan early in the week.

Mr. H. Bezeby and mother Mrs. I. Lewis and son, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. Dennis, of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mrs. W. Foster.

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BURLINGTON

Mr. E. H. Macklin enjoyed a motor trip to North Bay and New Liskard during the past week and returned with Mrs. Wm. Gilbert and two children, of Ottawa, who are spending a few days with Mrs. W. H. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Peart left today on a three weeks' motor trip to Halifax and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Henderson have returned from their wedding trip, and taken up residence on Emerald Crescent.

Mrs. O. W. Rhynas returned on Friday from the Bedford hospital and is convalescing at her home here on Burlington Ave.

Miss Nora Gilbert, of the Bell Telephone staff, was taken suddenly ill in Hamilton on Monday evening, and was removed to St. Joseph's hospital. She is progressing favorably, and is expected home from the hospital today.

The firemen received a call about 8 o'clock on Monday evening to extinguish a stump which was on fire on Geneva street. The boys responded promptly, and soon extinguished the blaze before any damage was done to nearby property.

Dan Cupid hung up a record for Burlington on Saturday last, when four weddings were solemnized in which local residents were among the contracting parties. Two of the brides, Miss Olive Hicks and Miss Mable Ireland, and one groom, Mayor J. B. Allen, resided on Locust street within almost a stone's throw of one another, which is rather a remarkable coincidence. It is rumored that some of our local eligibles are anxious to take up residence in that district.—Guelph.

MILTON

At the last meeting of the town council in addition to the usual business, improving the streets of the town.

Mrs. Jesse Atkinson, of Oak, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Timbers.

The Misses Lewis of Toronto, formerly of Milton, were recent guests at the home of their uncle Mr. Ed. Lewis.

Mr. Joseph Andrews is confined to his room by illness and expects to remain there for some time. His many friends will hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Elaine and children, of Stratford, spent a few hours with their parents here last Saturday afternoon.

Harry Watson, of Vancouver, B. C., son of the late Henry Watson, druggist, Milton, spent a few hours in town last Saturday looking up old friends.

Many years his father carried on a drug business in the store now occupied by J. M. Macdonald. Harry is now carrying on a wholesale drug business in Vancouver.—Reformer.

Work is in progress for the erection of an addition to Appleby boys' school, that will give seventeen more rooms to the school.

Hoove and Mrs. Dyer motored to Wyoming, their old home town, last week and attended the fair Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willhouse and family of Hamilton, formerly of Milton, and Miss Williamson, also of Hamilton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harton.

Dr. Gowland and Mrs. J. P. Little, W. H. Dick, J. T. Hamant, E. Cooper, M. P. Pantou, J. P. Roper, H. Philip, Jack Ford, H. London, H. W. Philip, Chas. Vaughan and Frank Yoder of Milton motored to Brampton Saturday afternoon and saw the championship increase match in which Brampton defeated Ottawa, 4 to 3. Ottawa, however, won the round by 7 to 4.—Champion.

LEARNING TO SWIM

Now the swimming season is over, and probably many of you can swim. Have you ever tried swimming on your back? In order to swim on your back you must, of course, turn over. This is done exactly as you turn in bed. Drop the arms and the legs, and the body to which you turn, and as it were embrace the water with the other. This achievement is a perfectly natural one, and you have only to obey the impulse of your will to accomplish it.

Having turned over, the other part of the body being over, the other part of the hands close to the hip, then strike out as in breast stroke swimming.

Cornis disappear when treated with Holloway's Corns remover, without leaving a scar.

CHURCH GOING TO THE AUTO

It is said that Drayton is one of the best church-going villages in the Province. What an enviable reputation is it not worthy to be preserved? Not all reputations are worth keeping, but when a village possesses a reputation which is worthy of preserving, then let us look to our laurels and preserve that of which we are justly proud.

Every church and congregation passes through a severe test with the lapse of the motor trip Sunday afternoon. Sunday afternoon is, for some, the only day when they can get away from the lead monotony of the daily round of tasks. But we need more than fresh air to deliver us; we need fresh values of a life which is more than bread and butter and earning a living. If you plan to go away, plan not to absent yourself from the morning service which is very important. The evening is not less so, and the service is at 7:30 p.m. "Plan to be home" in good time.

In this way we shall honor God, sanctify our citizenship, strengthen our lives and maintain the sacredness of the Holy Day.—Contributed.

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THINK IT OVER!

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