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EDITORIAL

Every Town's Experience Not the Same

Southampton Council decided, by a very close vote, to stick with private ownership of power rather than go into an agreement with the Hydro. The privately owned company was able to quote lower rates than the Hydro submitted. But the question arises would these lower rates have been secured if Hydro had not been in the field? And in the long run will the rates be lower when Hydro is shut out of the town? The operation of Hydro in Acton has been much more successful than was the operation of the municipally-owned power plant.

Will Attract Tourists and Benefit Property

Following his recent plan whereby tourists in the Province of Quebec will be assured of well cooked meals at country hotels, Hon. J. L. Perron, Provincial Minister of Roads for that Province, is campaigning for an improvement in the appearance of the property adjoining the highways. Motor tourists can now travel throughout the Province of Quebec on modern and perfectly maintained roads, the Minister of Roads claims with an evident note of pride, but he implies, attractive and picturesque, as most of the countryside is in Quebec, it could be enhanced by the help of the residents. He therefore requests citizens, in an official bulletin, to whitewash outhouses and buildings, to improve the general appearance of the property, to grow flowers, and, as Hon. Mr. Perron puts it, "in a word, to create additional attractions for tourists." In order to foster this important movement, the Department of Roads has recently opened competitions among residents along the roads, for which useful prizes will be given to the winners. The Province of Quebec evidently appreciates the value of the tourist trade, which is now in the class of a major industry. This year it is estimated over \$300,000,000 will be spent by tourists in Canada. All that is said relative to Quebec will apply to Ontario.

A Business Proposition

Last week the Council passed its regular by-law providing for the annual municipal elections, which gives warning that town offices will soon have to be filled again for another year. Before the heat of election come on it is oftentimes best to consider in quiet reflection what is best at this time for Acton's—and your own—interests. Every public man who expresses his own opinion publicly usually offends some one at some time. It is therefore often easy for a new man to criticize the actions of a public man when he himself has not been under fire under similar conditions. Criticism is good only if it is constructive. If the man who would seek office finds fault with his predecessor and can offer no better solution of the problem under discussion himself, will he make any better man for the office? Electors will be called upon to choose men by nomination, and possibly by ballot, to conduct the affairs of the town; to finance and administer the town's business. The electors are selecting employees for executive positions, not picking good fellows for a social time. Personalities should be a forgotten quantity and ability to fulfill the position should be the chief consideration. An automobile ride to the polls on election day may be the dearest taxi you ever hired. The Council has the guidance over the expenditure of thousands of dollars yearly. The School Board rules the expenditure of 13 mills on your tax rate. The Public Utilities Commission, by their administration of affairs, decide just what your water and light bills are going to mean to you. You, as an elector, have the deciding of how much you are going to pay. It all depends on the men you select how successful your town business will be run. We can, we feel, say these things now before anyone has declared intentions of being in the run for municipal office, without fear of being accused of playing favorites. If you, as an elector, want any little jokes in your election, be prepared to pay for them. If you want business administration, select your men who have those qualifications. In a couple of weeks your final instalment of taxes will be due. You have a right to ask yourself what you received for your money. But the time to decide on what will administer the spending of your tax money next year is at the nomination and election time, at the end of this month. Unlike our big city dailies the Free Press has no election slate. The editor and members of the staff have votes only, the same as you. We pay our taxes at the same wicket as all other taxpayers. We are interested in Acton to just the same extent that you are as a shareholder. We look at these elections as a business proposition and vote accordingly. And we not right?

No Fatal Casualties on Canada's Electric Roads

Notwithstanding the growing popularity of motor cars and motor buses, the electric railways of Canada last year carried 32,087,358 more passengers than in 1926. A recently issued report shows that a total of 711,398,194 passengers were carried in 1927 on the 2,528 miles of electric railways in the Dominion and not one passenger was killed. The gross revenue of these railways last year was \$53,506,401, an increase of \$1,093,038 over the previous year. Several of the electric railways operating in Canada provide speedy and convenient transportation between some of the thickly settled farming districts and adjacent urban centres.

Canada's Splendid Highways

This Dominion is surely commendably aggressive in the matter of the construction and maintenance of good roads. Throughout Canada millions are being spent in their improvement and maintenance. In 1927 federal, provincial, and municipal expenditures on the improvement and maintenance of roads in the Dominion amounted to \$45,750,000. The number of persons employed in road construction during 1927 reached a total of 34,230, and was higher than in any of the last eight years. A total of 6,020 miles of road was constructed during 1927 and 44,416 miles were maintained under provincial patrol or gang maintenance systems. Citizens generally appreciate this broadcast effort, and tourists are being attracted to Canada by tens of thousands because of our excellent highways.

Living in Fast Age

The Robert Simpson Co., of Toronto, is invading many towns in Ontario and setting up mail order depots. The Pembroke Standard says that that kind of a deal wouldn't go in Pembroke and remarks, "the only spot now to avoid competition is to go back to the country and locate on the four corners." Business conditions are certainly changing now but whether it will add to the sum of human happiness is open to question. The good old days of the country store, before autos, radios, etc., arrived, were quite as good. There was more community spirit then, more real friendships—people had the time for it. Athletic games were keener then. Most every town had a team to holler for. Now nobody cares.

Ontario Doesn't Want More Speed

The argument is advanced in some quarters that a removal of speed limits on the main highways would reduce the number of accidents and make travel safer for everyone. The United States has worshipped at the shrine of speed, and the following extract from a reliable magazine, published south of the line, tells what happened last year: "Gas-buggies and their like killed outright twenty-five thousand people in the United States during 1926, and maimed and injured almost one million more. That was a considerable gain in casualties over 1925, and unless there is a great change we expect a gain this year over the total of 1927." Here in Canada we see examples of the careful (?) speedy driving for which United States motorists are noted; and a considerable percentage of these U. S. speedy motorists end up in the ditch, in jail or eternity. No speed is not the solution for the problem which involves the safety of the travelling public. The solution is good, careful, steady driving with one's eyes on the road, the observation of all traffic laws; and common sense and an absolute absence of intoxicating liquor in the stomachs of every driver of a motor vehicle.

To Succeed it Must Fail

In speaking on the Liquor Control Act at the Conservative convention at Milton last week, Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General of Ontario, invited everybody to co-operate with the Department in the enforcing of the L. C. A. To do that is the duty undoubtedly of every true citizen; but, unfortunately, one of the chief causes of any failures of the O. T. A. was lack of co-operation in its enforcement. And we do not remember that Mr. Price was head of any movement to secure this co-operation to enforce the O. T. A. Any law needs the support of public opinion to secure its proper enforcement. The Liquor Control Act will very soon be tried before the public courts at the polls, and its success or failure can be adjudged by the verdict rendered then. All the promises of its ability to ostracize the boot-legger will have to be backed up by the facts of the case. Its progress in advanced temperance legislation will be measured by the results achieved under actual operation of the law. The toll taken by the drunken motorist on the highways can be compared with a period of similar years under the Ontario Temperance Act. The proof of the pudding will have been found in the tasting thereof. The comparison can now come any time and it is up to the electors to decide on the merits of the case. That ever-increasing revenue derived by the Government from the sale of intoxicating liquor will be hard to submit as proof of the lessening of the consumption of liquor in the Province. Mr. Hanna's quotation was "to succeed it must fail." But then, Mr. Hanna threw up his job after the first year or so.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Next Tuesday will be the big election day in our sister nation to the south. The results will be watched by many on this side of the line, too.

Signs are certainly not lacking of an approaching Provincial election early next year. These election times certainly do not take long to slip around again.

Dr. Langsner and his Small mystery; Veritism; the loss over the discharge of a Provincial Officer because his debts were not paid, these are surely the days of "big news."

An English scientist claims to have made a discovery enabling him to overcome gravity. It seems to be hardly possible, but then many things are possible to-day that a few years ago were unachievable. Most everyone is willing to be shown.

Notwithstanding invasion of their field by the motor car and tractor, in the past 15 years horses in the Prairie Provinces of Canada—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—have increased by 1,013,583, almost 100 per cent. Cattle have increased by 1,112,405, over 65 per cent. Sheep show an increase of 165 per cent, and swine 125 per cent, increase in fifteen years.

Neighborhood News

WATERLOO

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Ferguson, spent Thursday afternoon in town.

Mrs. J. L. Litch and Master Jimmie, of Waterloo, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Hurrell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin visited with friends in Kitchener on Sunday.

Mrs. E. Litch and Master Jimmie, of Waterloo, are enjoying a holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dalry.

Mr. H. D. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin and Miss Lilly, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart, at Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Duggan, of Waterloo; Mr. Coleman, of Hespeler, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Wrigley, of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Austin, of Hespeler; Mr. and Mrs. Y. Ascott, of Hespeler; were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Austin.

Miss Sylvia Plant and her brothers William and John, and Miss James Dalton, of Kitchener, motored and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Paster—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mackey of Hamilton, were week-end visitors in town.

Mrs. J. J. Lane of Grace Hospital, Toronto, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Linnhart of Hamilton, were week-end visitors in town.

Rev. and Mrs. MacNamara, of Toronto, visited at Mrs. G. C. Thompson's on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carlton of Galt visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cole last week.

Rev. Dr. Dickie was at Elora last Sunday where he conducted anniversary services in the United Church.

Miss Marjorie MacKenzie who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Western Hospital last Friday is progressing nicely.

Messrs. R. D. Poulis, W. V. Grant, T. Imbeau, L. E. Plick and Hugh Dickie, were at Toronto on Friday attending the funeral of the late I. H. Weldon, President of the Provincial Paper Ltd.

Mrs. Annie Richardson and daughter, Mrs. Grace Richardson left on Monday for Toronto where they will reside in future. The best wishes of many friends in this vicinity will follow them to their new home—Herald.

OAKVILLE

Repairs and improvements are being made to the tower of St. Jude's church.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Dougal, of Oakville, were Sunday visitors in town.

A valuable Colborne street vacant property has been disposed of to J. P. McDermott to W. Harland Smith.

An electric light standard to replace the one smashed by a truck has been erected at the corner of Colborne and Navy streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Staples and Mr. Scott of Huntville motored to town and spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Staples, Deane avenue—Record.

Mrs. J. V. Markle gave a cover dinner Wednesday evening for group two of St. John's Ladies' Aid.

Slide-walks are being put down from Navy street, to the Oakville club and from Church to Hamilton street, on Reynolds street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Orava, of Cleveland, returned home on Sunday after a week spent with Mrs. J. M. Irvine.

Mr. Graves' mother, who was here for several weeks, returned with them.

Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Bailey returned last week to Toronto where they will make their home. Their leaving Oakville has occasioned general regret as they were active workers in St. John's Church.—Star.

BURLINGTON

Mrs. Robt. Proctor is spending a couple of weeks at Detroit with her son George and Mrs. Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Langels left on Monday morning on a motor trip to Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mayor and Mrs. C. E. Jupp returned home from their wedding trip on Thursday last, and have taken up residence on Essex street.

The many friends of Town Commissioner Chas. Hunt will regret to learn that he is confined to his bed but hope to see him around soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howland, who have been visiting friends in Burlington and district left this (Wednesday) morning for their home at Coquitlam, B. C.

Wm. Riddford, of the Dominion government Trade and Commerce department, Ottawa, spent the week-end at his home here with his parents, Rev. Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Riddford.

Mr. J. P. O'Neill, of Adrian, Mich., accompanied by his daughter Josephine, of Toledo, Ohio, are visiting his nephew, E. J. Corwin at Mrs. Corwin's.

Magistrate H. P. Moore, Juvenile Judge for the County of Halton, heard a couple of juvenile cases here on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Moore accompanied him here and they were the guests of Magistrate Hays and Mrs. W. J. Hays during their stay in town.

Mrs. J. N. Jarvis, Locust street, had the misfortune to fall and break her arm at her home on Wednesday last. She slipped on the veranda at the rear of the house. Dr. Gomersley attended, and he had her conveyed to Hamilton, when an X-ray of the fracture was taken. Later she was removed to the Hamilton hospital, and she is expected home to-day.—Gazette.

MILTON

Mr. T. G. Brown, of Hespeler, spent Sunday here with his son, T. J. Brown.

Mr. E. B. Robertson, who owns and operates the stone quarries and Hinkins near here, a few months ago installed a stone-crushing plant, and has since been delivering by truck large quantities of the material for good roads purposes.—Herald.

Mrs. Chas. Kirk, of Hamilton, is visiting relatives in town.

P. D. Hatter, of Drummond, has installed a new clover mill.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Brownridge are going to move to their cottage at Omagh shortly.

J. W. Higgins has purchased the power house, near the Town Hall, from the Hydro-Electric Commission for \$3,000.

A. E. Millson, who has been acting as manager of the Larchwood branch of the Bank of Commerce for several months, has returned to his duties in the Milton branch.

At the next meeting of the Town Council a delegation from the Milton Business Men's Association will be present with a resolution asking that an all-night watchman be appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Galbraith announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Myrtle Marie, to Mr. A. Vaughan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vaughan. The wedding to take place quietly the last of October.—Champion.

FACT AND COMMENT

Lift up your hand
And march with Coltrage stronger;
For though the Way is long,
The Day is longer.

The man who knows no fear is ignorant; the man who fears no fear is brave.

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To get Another's Point of View.

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