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EDITORIAL

These Are Conditions

At Walkerton one man died and another seriously ill from the drinking of swamp whiskey. At Acton last week a couple of transients, crazed from drinking rubbing alcohol. These are the conditions that Government control were supposed to stop, and yet they multiply under the system. At Cobourg the sale was taxed to capacity for a recent week-end. Some were "carried over" to this, some just ordinary drunks, and others were tramps, but all were outcasts of society. None were improved products of humanity through the operation of the Government's liquor control system.

Logical Road Construction

The announcement by Reeve Mason, in his speech on nomination night, that the connecting of Milton and Acton by a provincial highway, to join with Highway No. 25, from Palermo to Milton, was under consideration, would seem to be a move in the best interests of service to the travelling public. The column headed, "Highway Hints," in a recent issue of the Mail and Empire, had the following to say concerning the connecting of highways to give motorists the opportunity to travel over good roads from various connections: "Speaking of illogical road construction, what is the sense of building Highway No. 25 from Palermo to Milton and not carrying this road on through to Acton and hooking up to Highway No. 7? Acton is just as important a point as Milton but even if it were not, hooking up Highways No. 5 and 7 will appeal to any man as being more sensible than the proposal to build Highway No. 25 from Palermo to Milton and stop there." This, of course, is the only logical thing to do and will give Milton a position on a highway that leads in both directions and serve the motorist who desires to take that route through to Acton, Rockwood or Guelph and on west. By the construction of the highway from Palermo to Milton the county town has at last been placed on a one-way street. By the construction of a highway from Milton to join with No. 7 at Acton, Milton will be on a highway that runs both ways and the motorist arriving at Acton will have the choice of two routes, to Toronto. The route would also be of much service to Actonians who have frequent trips to the county town and Miltonians who travel westward. It is to be hoped that provision will be made as soon as possible for the linking-up of these two highways so that full benefit may be secured from the strip already constructed.

Keeping the Highways Open

The Simcoe County Council has apparently started something by their resolution to the Department of Highways asking that the snowplows be kept off the Provincial roads of the county during January and February. Undoubtedly the farmers suffer when they are unable to draw their sleighs over the highways that are clear of snow and some consideration should be shown them to enable them to use the highways. But the resolution to keep the snowplows off the highway would seem rather hasty. The Barrie Examiner, speaking editorially on the matter, says: "It is readily admitted that during the past two winters the farmer has had a grievance. The Department itself readily admits this and has doubtless taken steps to remedy these grievances. Much more difficult problems than that of maintaining winter traffic to the satisfaction of both the motorist and the farmer have been solved by engineering science in recent years. It is reasonable to expect that it, too, will be solved, but a solution can only be reached by experience such as the past two years have afforded. . . . The Examiner believes the railroads, other things being equal, should be given the preference as much as possible. At the same time, it must be recognized that motor transport has come to stay. . . . In recent years it has grown tremendously in Ontario but has yet a long way to go to equal the development reached in the United States. So large a part does it play in industry today that manufacturers without a twelve-month highway service are said to be placed at a serious disadvantage, on short hauls, when competing with industries located on main lines of travel where motor transport is available the year round. As in other towns of the province, motor transport now forms an important part in the business life of Barrie. It has brought new conditions and people will have to adapt themselves accordingly."

Building Continues Active

The value of building by 63 cities in Canada for the first ten months of 1928 was \$187,007,420, an increase of nearly \$28,000,000 or 17.3 per cent. over the corresponding period in 1927 and the highest total for Canada for ten months that has been recorded. Building permits issued by 63 cities in October, 1928, had a value of \$21,508,072, an increase of \$2,660,653 or 14.1 per cent. over the total in October, 1927.

Who Will be Warden?

Reeve Mason will represent Acton again this year in Halton County Council. And, with all due respect to his fellow-members who may or may not be in next year's County Council, it must be getting near his turn for the Wardenship. He has had several years' experience in County Council work. True, in order of rotation, according to municipalities, it may not be Acton's turn this year for the honor to come to Acton's Reeve. But supposing next year were Acton's turn, and Mr. Mason had retired from municipal politics and a beginner was representing Acton, would it be good business to have Acton's (or any other town's) apprentice guiding the County Council's proceedings just because it was that particular town's turn? The bestowing of the honor upon the town by making its representative the Warden is not a system for securing the best results from the County Council. As in selecting local men for the jobs of governing the municipality, only qualifications and business and municipal experience should count. So, we believe, should the same qualifications govern the selecting of the Warden of the County. With these thoughts in mind, we have no hesitancy in saying that Reeve Mason's election to the Wardenship next year would prove very fitting, and timely. Halton County would be honored, as well as Acton, by his occupancy of the Warden's chair.

An Enjoyable New Experience

It was indeed a pleasure to be present at the session of the Council last Tuesday evening and hear from successful and defeated candidates the good feeling that prevailed following the municipal elections. The men who had been running during the campaign had had various principles at stake to support their candidature. They had been freely discussed throughout the campaign, but no personal slanders had been hurled. The campaign was congenial fellowship was renewed. The ratepayers had expressed their wishes and the candidates had done their duty as citizens in running for office and all were satisfied with the decision. The past year's Council has had just as hectic sessions (and perhaps more) than many of its predecessors. Its members were at times very much enthused and sometimes expressed themselves strongly on the side of the argument they deemed right. There were many sharp clashes and many close votes on matters of principle and policy. But on the morning following or at the following session there were no petty personalities held. It was therefore possibly not to be wondered at that the same good feeling would characterize the election and the time following it. And the Reeve suggested, in conversation following the Council session, that other evidence of the good-fellowship of the Council of 1928 will be shown in an event planned to take place before the close of the year. It was a new experience for us in connection with Council work and we enjoyed it very much. With that feeling prevailing Acton's future is assured and the growth and improvement of the past years will be increased many fold.

EDITORIAL NOTES

With Christmas less than two weeks away, the last shoppers of the Christmas rush are now putting in their hours of Christmas purchasing.

Warden Blakelock has inaugurated a new departure from the ordinary custom in this year serving the Warden's dinner in his home town of Oakville, rather than at the county seat.

The efforts of certain party papers in explaining that the increased liquor revenue does not mean increased consumption of liquor are very crude and makes one wonder if these organs think that "the people all be fools."

And why not a Community Christmas Tree again this year? Are there no organizations or body of individuals willing to undertake the task of providing this treat for the hundreds of youngsters who had such great fun out of it last year?

The Ontario Government, with its surplus of only \$273,000, and its revenue of nearly \$8,000,000 from liquor control can hardly be termed good financiers. Without whiskey, gasoline and Hydro, their deficit would have exceeded that of the predecessors of 1923, who were such lamented spenders.

In the store windows, in the Christmas advertising, all over the stores, the Christmas flavor is abounding. By using the advertising helps and store display suggestions, much Christmas shopping can be done economically and more easily than by incessant rushing about.

Shipments of wheat from the port of Vancouver, B. C., up to November 15, 1928, totalled 18,306,000 bushels since August 1, 1928, compared with 6,364,000 bushels in the corresponding period in 1927. This important Pacific port is becoming more and more popular for shipments from Alberta and British Columbia to British and European markets.

An editorial in the Globe on Monday suggested that under the Liquor Control Act, the professed Government control of liquor is likely to become liquor control of the Government. Verily precept indications point in that direction. The Government reports revenues from the sale of liquor in its dispensaries, and the sale of permits to purchase liquor from the Government, upwards of \$8,000,000 for the past year. But to get these revenues the people of Ontario were obliged to spend \$40,000,000 with the Government in permits and liquor. Looks as if it is pretty nearly liquor control of the Government now.

Neighborhood News

KIRKIN

Miss Margaret Gillespie, R. N., of Stratford, in visiting at her home here. Mrs. C. J. Dillon, of E. Dalrymple, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clow, last week.

Mr. Grant Grindy left this week to take a position at the Royal Docks, Quebec.

Miss Ashley Gray and little son, of New Hamburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pines and Family, 5th line, spent the weekend with friends in Owen Sound.

Mr. Allan Marshall is nursing a lame left arm, the result of an accident in which a small bone was broken in his wrist.

Mr. Gilbert McCallister, of Gull Lake, Sask., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. P. Harbour, 10th line, Erin and other friends.

Mr. Harvey Graham got into a jam with his father's car touring car on Monday morning, at the intersection of Main Street and the Guelph Road. Mr. David Norwood's milk truck and the car collided, when the car landed in the ditch more or less damaged. There are numerous stories as to how it happened, etc.—Advocate.

OAKVILLE

Rev. P. W. McInnes, of Hornby, has been transferred to Lakeside and Zephyr Churches.

Rev. W. C. Perry is spending a month holidaying in Halifax, with his family, where Mrs. Perry's mother is very sick.

On Thursday afternoon the new fire engine arrived in town, and several tests of pressure were made. The coat of the engine was \$7000.

Capt. Jas. Quinn has been somewhat poorly at the home of his sister, Miss Hanna Quinn, 10th line.

Mrs. Orice, of Oakville, and Mrs. John Jordan, of Sixteen, two ladies well over eighty, are quite sick this week.

Hugh Mackell is wintering in San Diego, Cal., where he owns considerable property. He left for the sunny state last week.

Five additional electric lights have been placed on the radial bridge which is now well lighted. Pedestrians using the bridge will appreciate this better lighting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitaker received word that Miss Marjorie Whitaker had landed safely at Bombay, India. One day had been spent at Port Said, Egypt.

Mrs. G. O. Powley has returned from Ottawa where she underwent an operation in the hospital. Her friends will be pleased to learn of her return and her improved health.—Star.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. E. D. Warren, of Toronto, was in town on Sunday. He is a resident of two at his home in Arcona.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Neil, of Stratford, were week-end visitors in town.

Mr. J. W. Kennedy, of Owen Sound, spent several days in town during the past week.

Mr. William Helmmler, of Chesley, who was on a business trip to the city last week-end, called on his daughter in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cameron and the Misses Cameron, of Guelph, were in town last Thursday and attended the Halton Chapter dinner dance.

Miss Margaret Kennedy, of the nursing staff of Guelph General Hospital was home on Sunday. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Hardy.

Rev. Mr. Wase, who has been confined to his home for the past two weeks is improving nicely. His many friends in town hope soon to see him around as usual.

While chopping down trees in the Cemetery last week Wesley Booth had the misfortune to cut his left foot severely with the axe. The wound is healing nicely and he is getting around again.—Herald.

MILTON

Dan McMillen is Milton's new night watchman. He is a first-class officer.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. E. Marshall, of Newmarket, visited from here Saturday.

MIXED METAPHORS

Almost every one who writes many sentences, even in a familiar and epistolary way, employs certain figures of speech. It is habitual and instinctive to make use of words in a metaphorical sense; that is, to set forth a thought, and make plain a meaning by bringing in a suitable object or suggesting a visible act which bears some resemblance to it. Often we become so thoroughly accustomed to the use of a term in its metaphorical sense that we forget that it has a suitable or material meaning apart from the figure of speech; when we forget this, we are in danger of "mixing our metaphors."

When Sir Boyle Roche made his famous speech, "I am a rat; I see him floating in the air; but mark me, sir, I will nip him in the bud," his ideas were clear enough, but he lost sight of rats, air and buds in the thought that was in his mind.

THE HARD FELT HAT

The real reason for the reticence of the Derby hat has now come to light. Somebody in London said that it takes a very distinguished looking man to look well in a hard hat.—Ottawa Journal.

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