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EDITORIAL

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

The year 1928 draws to a close and on Tuesday next we will usher in the new 1929, full of promise and with the expectations of profiting by our failures of the past years. The old year passes into history but for all the joys it brought, for the continued appreciation of FREE PRESS readers and advertisers and all whom we have tried to serve during the past months, we desire to express our appreciation. The year has found shortcomings in it, but the year that can and will be the gainer of this display of experience. We could elaborate in many words, with the possibility of an unintended deletion, on our old year appreciation and New Year wish to you all, but coming from one of those class of journals that a certain would-be politician named Gordon has termed "a one-horse policy," we will use the horse-sense greeting of

WISHING YOU ALL
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Good Newspaper Section

Mr. Hugh Tompkins, in his reminiscences a week or so ago of "That Inside Page" of the Fergus News-Record, has an interesting comment on his contemporaries. He says: "To the north of us, and in all that broad expanse of territory from Lake Huron to Lake Simcoe, there are many weekly papers and we believe that many of Ontario's greatest weekly newspapermen have been developed in that area and that many of the best and liveliest weeklies of the present time are to be found there. Many of the brightest weekly papers in Ontario come to the News-Record office each week as "exchanges," and we study them all. They are not confined to the territory we mention, but it is surprising what a large proportion of them come from that district which is bounded on the east by Barrie, on the west by Kincardine and the lake, on the north by Warton, Collingwood and Georgian Bay, and on the south by a more indefinite boundary which might be fixed by a line drawn through Acton and St. Marys. In that district are a number of papers which are noted for their readable editorials. Many of the towns have much in common and often a problem will be discussed by several editors from different viewpoints. It is one of the delights of our work to read these exchanges and many an idea has come from them."

How Little?

The Milton Reformer, evidently found much food for comment in the columns of THE FREE PRESS of December 13. Commenting on the dinner sponsored by Judge Elliott, referring to in our columns as a news article of that date, the Reformer says: "THE ACTON FREE PRESS was a little out last week when it stated that Judge Elliott had given a banquet to a number of Halton lawyers and a few friends, at the Milton Inn recently. The facts of the case are that these lawyers were attending a session of the equalization of the County Assessment Commission, and His Honor simply invited them to take dinner with him at the Inn. That's all there was to it. As to Judge Elliott's retirement from the Bench, we understand the Government is desirous that he continue on for the present. We are sure this would be very satisfactory to all concerned should His Honor accede to the request." It doesn't so much matter whether it was a banquet or dinner or whether it was tendered or given. But it will give a feeling of general satisfaction to know that possibly Judge Elliott will not retire from the Bench at the present time. Most Haltonians would like to see him occupy the judgeship for a number of years yet. We have known of a lot of very eminent persuaders who tried to change the Judge's decision at various times without avail and possibly we took it for granted that on this occasion persuasion was futile. Should the Government succeed, however, in persuading him to continue on it will certainly find favor in every quarter of the County, and we trust he may be persuaded to accede to the request. We find, in the article, we used both words dinner and banquet, and according to that source of information it is sometimes necessary to turn to to settle an intricate point, we find Webster's dictionary says that a dinner is: "The principal meal of the day, eaten by most people about midday, but by many between six and eight p. m.; also a formal repast or feast answering to this, as one in honor of some person or event." And as to banquet, the same other authority says: "A feast... often a complimentary or ceremonious feast, followed by speeches." We have no available higher authority and we appeal to the Milton Reformer to show us to just how much we deviated and were "a little out."

Recreation Centres are a Necessity

In his speech at Toronto recently Judge Landis, the czar of basketball, made a great plea for the playgrounds and recreation centres for the children. He said: "It's a crime, not to give a boy a chance to play. He's being cheated." Let him play. You've made splendid provision here. The women are behind that, too. Mothers realize the value of a playground. Kids can't get into the same trouble when they're busily occupied with a game. Keep them off the streets. Out of danger. Then they can go to a big game, see fine plays, and in a case of hero worship. That's one fine reason for keeping ball as clean as possible." And the cities are not the only ones that need to provide recreation centres, and places for clean, healthful amusement: The towns, too, need to look to providing the proper facilities for the recreation of the youngsters. The development of the body as well as the mind is important in the proper upbringing of the young people.

Wardenship Talk

The Milton Reformer, in answer to our query of "Who will be Warden for 1929?" in a couple of articles fully answers by its admonition of "wait and see." Kind of one of those mysterious Santa Claus answers. The Reformer says, in one of the items "Our esteemed contemporary is again concerned as to who shall fill the Warden's chair during 1929. It again suggests that Reeve Mason, of Acton, be honored with the position: Reeve Mason, we are quite satisfied, would make a good Warden, as he has had considerable experience as a municipal legislator, both in the Village Council and at the County Council, and is therefore well versed in procedure. However, it will remain with the newly elected members of the County Council to make the selection, and if they think Reeve Mason is entitled to the position, no doubt he will get it." No, brother, we're not so terribly concerned, but you see in this northern "village" we have our municipal elections all over about a month ago and we naturally look forward to the next step in municipal politics. While you are still wondering who will be your representative in next year's County Council, we have that issue all decided. We're just like you, we think Mr. Mason would make a good Warden and we would like to see the County Council have the benefit of his presiding over the body. We'll gladly leave the matter in the hands of the County Council for 1929, and feel that their decision will be duly considered and ably carried out.

More Than a Social Function

The dinner by Reeve Mason to the Council and officers of this body—official and unofficial—last week was indeed a most interesting event in municipal annals. We have been attending the Council proceedings for only a matter of ten or eleven years, so possibly in history farther back such functions were usual, but of late years they have not been. The getting together around the table where the social side of the various men was brought out from a different angle was the feature. It is said that the most direct route to a man's heart is through his stomach and possibly this was the reason that better understanding was had around this table provided by Mr. and Mrs. Mason. Councillor Theford summed the matter up in his very concise speech and Reeve Mason, in reply, possibly showed the other phase that made this event rather important. The group of men had been together in regular business session throughout the year and yet an entirely new phase of each individual was shown in this social function, which is bound to make for a better understanding throughout 1929. And Reeve Mason pointed out that the opinion of his associates, often at variance with his own views, were none the less respected and admired, and usually opposition and a careful study of the question revealed weak points. The getting together at the Reeve's home was more than a pleasant social time and undoubtedly better understanding of the municipal work, and of each other, will be the result of the evening so spent. Acton will be better guided as a result of the development of this social side of its legislators.

EDITORIAL NOTES

These Christmas times are great developers of friends you didn't think you had.

There's one consolation anyway—the average run of people are "broke" just now; the same as you and I.

The improvement in the health of the King will give a form of relief throughout the Christmas season to all parts of the Empire.

The prevalence of so much sickness in the homes of the community and vicinity made many a home lack much of its Christmas merriment.

The return to penny postage to Great Britain by the Dominion Government was a splendid form of Christmas gift for the people of Canada.

THE NEW YEAR

We learn lessons by experience, but we accomplish little by harboring regrets. The year 1927 is past and gone. The mistakes we have made have brought not only regrets but experience. They also should teach us lessons that may prove our "advance" use in the future. No matter how smooth or how rough the way of 1927 it has been travelled, you will never go over it again. The march is always, inevitably, onward upward and downward, but always onward, and while the end of the journey is not in sight, the 1927 milestone has been passed and we are now going forward toward the 1928 milestone.

Whether that journey be smooth or rough, pleasant or unpleasant, useful or unprofitable, fruitful or unfruitful, depend almost wholly on oneself. We know, as the old saying has it, that the New Year is the time to make resolutions to be broken. Why not put that old saying to its background and show that the New Year is the time to make resolutions that will be kept. Let us be perspective not retrospective. "Pursuing those things that are behind us, let us press forward" hopefully, but firmly, perseveringly, and if by the year's end we are being more and greater blessings to us it will be our own fault.

Nearly all children are subject to worms, and many are born with them, cause them suffering by using Mergal-Graves' Worm Exterminator, an effective remedy.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

General Lesson Title—Review: Paul, the World Christian.
Golden Text—For me to live is Christ.
Psalm—121.
Devotional Reading—Psa. 138.

Lesson Themes

The Ministry to the Gentiles.—Paul's monumental achievement was the ministry to the Gentiles. Not that he forsake the Jews. There is nothing more pathetic yet heroic than his attempt to have the Jews every possible advantage. But after every encounter Paul was forced to turn to the Gentiles. There were enough converts from the Jewish church an element that would keep it continuous with what was essential in the older faith. There were, there, as very few clear breaks between periods. Events do not break up to a certain point and then break with a clean-cut edge. Something of the old lingers over into the new and the new into the old. It is increasingly clear that the main mass of the converts of the new church must come from the Gentiles; yet, on the other hand, Paul must have no Jew among the converts, the Jews of the Jewish thought might have been too complete. Paul must have wondered at the burlesque back and forth between Jews and Gentiles, but in those turnings now to the one and now to the other he was performing an essential service in weaving old and new together.

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Health Service of the Canadian Medical Association
Education Pays

Throughout our country we have under the provincial governments, provision for education. In most places, Education is compulsory, the law being an expression of public opinion that Education is desirable, not only for the individual child but for the nation as a whole. It is desirable that all be educated, and so all are taxed to pay for the educational system, regardless of whether or not they have children, or of the number of their children.

After a community has completed the provision of such services as pure water, safe milk and food, and all the other health services which protect us from disease, there remains the equally large and equally important question of personal hygiene. The health of each individual will depend fully as much upon his own actions, upon his practice of personal hygiene, as upon the protection the community health services afford him.

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During the past few years, there has occurred in many places a great reduction in the number of infant deaths. This has been due to the fact that communities which have made provision for the education of mothers as to the care of their babies and which have provided a safe milk supply. The reduction of sickness among infants is in proportion to the success achieved in instructing the mothers. The fact that fewer babies die is not a matter of chance; it results from a cause, and the cause is education. This is an example of what has occurred in other fields of health work that have been approached by education.

The human race, in civilized countries, is, to-day, more free from disease, and enjoys a longer and a healthier life than ever before. The reason for this is the application of modern scientific knowledge to the control of disease and to the preservation of health. Never before have the masses possessed the knowledge they now have concerning health. It requires the individual to improve his own health knowledge; it requires him to see that education in health is given to all.

Questions concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

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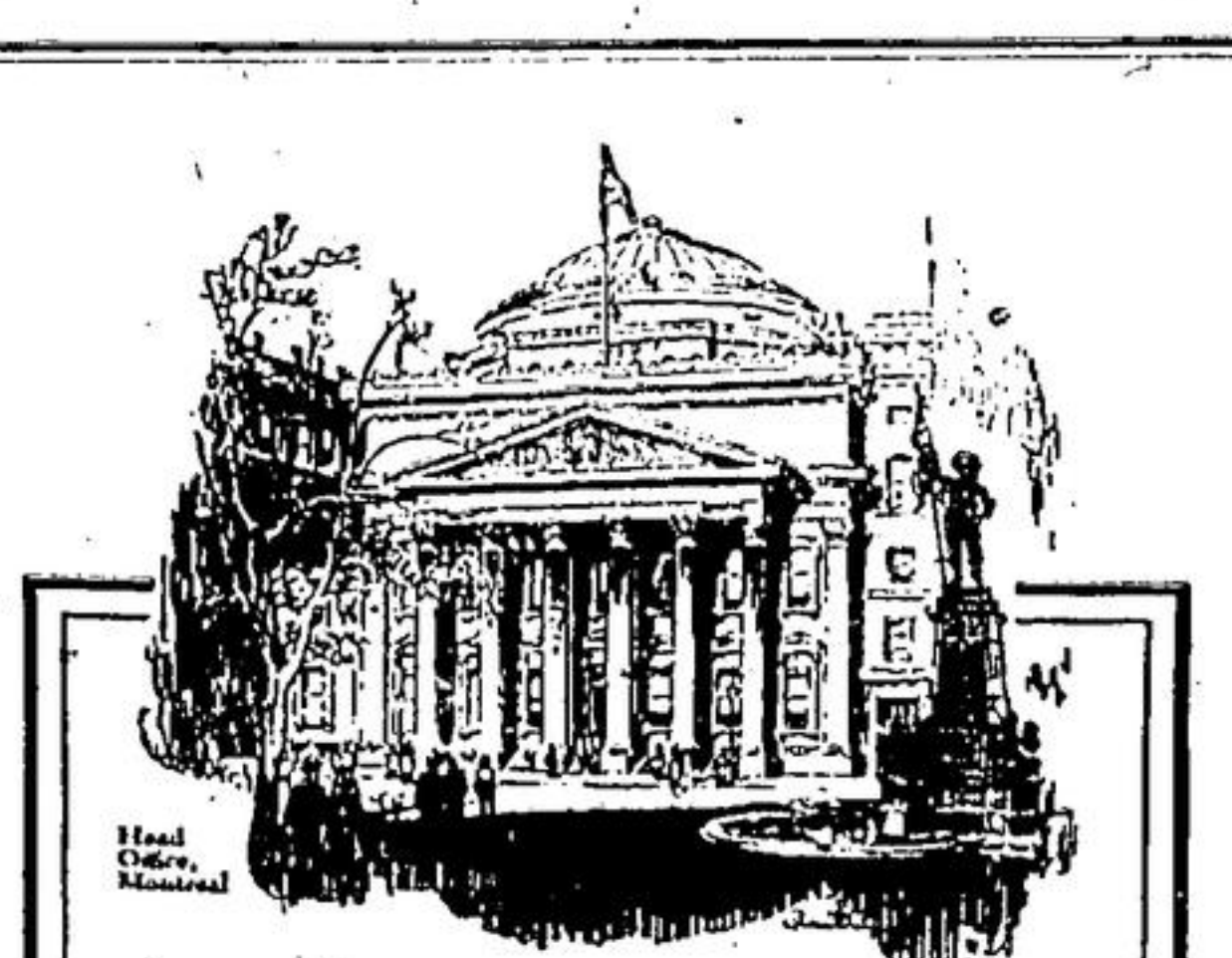
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Deposits with and notes of and cheques on other banks	67,346,918.25
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	25,000,000.00
Call and Short Loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	178,112,215.00
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	79,700,087.20
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	26,054,892.03
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	3,693,024.06
Quick Assets	\$473,898,282.66
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	375,259,014.44
Bank Premises	11,500,000.00
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit (as per contra)	13,125,226.63
Total Assets	\$873,782,523.62
LIABILITIES TO THE PUBLIC	
Notes in circulation	46,957,574.00
Deposits	733,489,179.93
Letters of credit outstanding	13,125,226.63
Other liabilities	17,144,688.33
Total Liabilities to Public	\$100,726,668.88
Excess of Assets over Liabilities to Public	\$63,055,854.74

TIME TABLES
BY ACTON

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Going West

Sunday Only	19:41 a.m.
Daily—except Sunday	7:55 p.m.
Daily—except Sunday	10:43 p.m.
Daily—except Sunday	3:29 p.m.
Daily—except Sunday	5:09 p.m.
Daily—except Sunday	6:17 p.m.

Going East

Sunday Only	7:08 p.m.
Daily—except Sunday	7:56 a.m.
Daily—except Sunday	11:57 a.m.
Daily—except Sunday	3:47 p.m.
Daily—except Sunday	6:17 p.m.
Daily—except Sunday	8:19 p.m.

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Daily—except Sunday	7:55 a.m.
Daily	1:28 p.m.
Daily	1:58 p.m.
Daily	3:25 p.m.
Daily	5:55 p.m.
Daily	7:25 p.m.
Daily	8:25 p.m.
Daily	12:24 a.m.

Eastbound

Daily—except Sunday	6:58 p.m.
Daily	9:37 a.m.
Daily	11:37 a.m.
Daily	1:37 p.m.
Daily	3:37 p.m.
Daily	6:37 p.m.
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