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EDITORIAL

March Shows Employment Gain

There was a moderate gain in employment at the beginning of March, according to monthly statements furnished to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics by 6,422 of the larger employers of labor in Canada. The working forces of these firms aggregated 944,681 persons, as compared with one month previous, an increase of nearly 8,600 workers caused the index number (based upon the average for 1926 as 100) to rise from 110.5 on February 1, to 111.4 at the beginning of March, as compared with 102.6 on March 1, 1928. The largest increases took place in manufacturing, but improvement was also indicated in construction, communications and services, while logging, mining, transportation and trade were seasonally slacker. The trend was upward in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario and British Columbia, but in Quebec and the Prairie Provinces contractions were indicated.

They Help the Home Folks

We sometimes wonder if those Old Boys and Girls away from the old home town know how encouraging these enquiries and the interest shown in the place of their former residence mean to those who have stayed at home. Every celebration or homecoming event is undertaken with the feeling that success may not attend it; that the former residents won't appreciate the effort sufficiently to come back for it. It was a happy thought of one of the former Actonians to suggest the publishing of the names of those who expect to come home to Acton at the July 1 celebration. The notes for these friends and the interest manifested by them in making the celebration a success means real encouragement for those who have the work in hand. We have heard from many who haven't quite made up their mind if they can manage the trip. The column opens this week. We would like permission to publish some of these letters, but possibly that would be usurping ungranted privileges. They have put renewed energy into committee members, and we would just here like to express our appreciation of them. They cheer the folks at home to renewed effort to make your homecoming more pleasant than ever. We'll tell you all about it when we meet you in July.

The Shareholders' Statement

The auditors reports for the year 1928 have been printed and are in the hands of Clerk Farmer. To every citizen who really wants to be informed on the position of his town they are a mine of information in a very few pages. To study them one will appreciate the carefulness and painstaking efforts that Messrs. Knapp and Arnold have used to give this concise report of the town's financial standing. The important features are all contained in this booklet without any attempt to withhold the municipal business from the shareholders in this municipal corporation. While many towns are debating the advisability of publishing the names of delinquent taxpayers in the local paper, Acton has for several years been publishing them where they rightly belong—in the auditors' report. No municipal statement of any corporation would hardly be complete unless the shareholders knew who their creditors were. But it is hardly necessary to publish the names to the world at large. At the end of the year Acton had a total of unpaid taxes and for all years previous of $2,592.28. A large amount of this has since been paid in and the most of the balance will be paid prior to the adding of the further penalty in May.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the report and the one least perused, is the statement of net debenture indebtedness. It occupies only one page and yet in that single page Acton's financial standing can be seen at a glance. If the average ratepayer would make a study of that page it would save a lot of unnecessary explanation from town officials and stop a huge amount of unfounded argument and what really amount to little in the end but just plain gossip.

The Waterworks and Hydro Departments, the Public School Board and the Free Library Board all have the work of the year shown in their various places in the book. If you want correct information regarding the finances of your own corporation you will find them in this book. Clerk Farmer has a limited supply. He will gladly furnish every ratepayer with a copy as long as the supply lasts. The careful study of the book will give ratepayers a fuller appreciation of the work of municipal officers and employees and will make for more constructive criticism and less of the destructive brand so often given out without foundation especially at election time.

A Unique Position

The Mitchell Advocate, which last week celebrated its sixty-ninth anniversary, has a unique position among newspapers. It is still, at sixty-nine years of age, under the management and control of the same family that founded it. Mr. H. D. Davis, the present editor, is a son of the late J. E. Davis, who, with his brother, W. R. Davis, founded the paper. To this present representative of this family of journalists, who have made the Advocate so successful, THE FREE PRESS offers hearty congratulations on this anniversary occasion.

As Our Neighbor Sees Us

A United States financial paper has the following gratifying statement to make respecting Canada's present position: Unparallelled prosperity in Canada promises to swell the earnings of its people substantially this year. Canada enters the second quarter of the year with increasing activity in all phases of trade and industry. The first quarter of 1929 closes with general business enjoying an even higher rate of activity than was predicted as a result of the auspicious beginning of the year. All factors point to increasing activity during the second quarter.

The National Wealth of Canada

A survey of the national wealth of Canada for the year 1926 has just been completed by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics. This survey places the aggregate wealth of the country, exclusive of undeveloped natural resources, at $26,691,482,000, equal to about $2,842 per head of population. In five years the increase in total wealth has been nearly $3,500,000,000. That agriculture is the most important factor of Canada's wealth is shown by the fact that the largest item in the total is $7,817,718,000 credited to agriculture or 29.28 per cent. of the whole. Next comes urban real property at $7,081,375,000 or 26.53 per cent. Steam railways account for $2,890,000,000 or 10.83 per cent.; tangible value of the forests, $1,866,613,000 or 6.99 per cent. Ontario ranks first in regard to provincial distribution of wealth with $9,130,189,000 or 34.2 per cent. of the total; Quebec second with $6,656,108,000 or 24.9 per cent. and Saskatchewan third with $2,920,739,000 or 10.9 per cent. While Ontario led in absolute wealth the western provinces came first in per capita wealth; British Columbia held first rank with $3,844; Alberta second with $3,008; Saskatchewan third with $3,559; Manitoba fourth with $2,[illegible]; these figures were [illegible] with $2,902 for Ontario and $2,598 for Quebec.

Just Plain Neighborliness

The agreement between Ottawa and Washington by which American federal officers may be allowed on the export docks along the Canadian border is a neighborly move in helping a nation that has made the sale of intoxicants illegal. There are those of course who think no such assistance should be given a neighbor. But if you had a child whom you had told that there was something he must not do and the child committed the act he had been warned not to do, and owing to the agility of youth and your rheumatism he escaped to your neighbor's yard before he was caught to be reprimanded, and when you went to get the bad child your neighbor ordered you off the property and the little imp stood there, knowing you couldn't touch him, and made faces at you, and your neighbor also smiled. If that were the case—just what would you do with your offspring and just what would you think of your neighbor's neighborliness and common sense. After all, nations are just a lot of people living beside each other with a line fence—sometimes only imaginary—running between them. Quarrelling and lack of common sense has built many a spite fence between neighbors.. The neighborliness of Canada in assisting the United States to deal with its "bad boy" will commend itself to all who like the atmosphere of a good neighborhood.

Gone Up in Smoke

The return tabled in the House by Mr. Euler, Minister of National Revenue, in answer to a series of questions concerning the cigarette situation in Canada is not without interest. One question was: How many cigarettes were manufactured in Canada each year from 1912? Here is the answer, and it is reprinted in full, so that a proper appreciation may be gained of the growth of this harmless indulgence, or pernicious habit—as you choose—in this fair Canada of ours: 1912, 783,982,185; 1913, 970,206,407; 1914, 1,166,707,610; 1915, 1,088,858,656; 1916 1,356,846,085; 1917, 1,698,815,380; 1918, 2,321,594,533; 1919, 3,023,639,690; 1920, 3,305,963,002; 1921, 2,512,648,186; 1922, 2,401[illegible],142,192; 1923, 1,984,043,182; 1924, 2,431,696,061; 1925, 2,566,900,570; 1926, 2,897,179,500; 1927, 3,313,551,110; 1928, 4,006,498,075. Gaze at the figures. Five times more cigarettes being made—and presumably smoked—in Canada now than fifteen years ago. Note the rise in the figures when the boys were overseas, and the slump when they came back. And then the steady increase since 1923. Let's see, wasn't that the year the ladies took up the cigarette habit in a serious way? Anyway, it was around about that time when the unwritten moral code dropped the clause which held that no lady smoked in public. Do we do the girls an injustice? Perhaps, but you can't tell us that the men alone are responsible for the huge increase. Besides, last year we also imported 46,670 pounds—not packages—of cigarettes.—Brampton Conservator.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The modification of the regulation striving to limit the advertising of funeral directors, would appear to have come rather belated. Or can it be that the regulation was never really intended to have been enforced.

"The cool-headed" attitude that Premier King intends to display toward the United States and their tariff policy will commend itself to cool headed Canadians rather than the chip-on-the-shoulder strut that some politicians like to parade.

Canada exported over nine million dollars worth of milk and its products for the twelve months ended March 1, 1929, an increase of three million dollars over the previous corresponding 12 months. Thirty-three per cent. is a very healthy increase for this important commodity in one year.

It is estimated that there are about 350,000 radio sets in Canada, the majority of which are located in the rural districts. Rural radioists have the advantage over their city cousins, inasmuch as the reception is always better, having less electrical interference in the country than in the city areas.

Neighborhood News

GEORGETOWN

Dr. Harold Holmes, of Owen Sound, visited with his sister, Mrs. O. T. McKay, last Friday.

Mrs. Clayton Hurlbut and daughter, Dorothy, of Toronto, visited with friends in Georgetown last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellenton, of Innisfield, Alta., are visiting at Mr. Foster Brain's, ninth line, Esquesing.

Mr. James Roney's many friends are pleased to see him able to be out again after his recent severe operation.

Miss M. Scobbie, of the Stratford school staff, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Miller last week-end.

A call has been extended to Rev. Mr. Rumley, of Morden, Manitoba, to become pastor of Georgetown United Church, Rev. Dr. Dickie having resigned some weeks ago.

In the United Church last Sunday morning, after the opening devotional exercises, a handsome golden oak pulpit, presented by Mrs. W. A. Bailey, in memory of her late husband, was unveiled and dedicated. Rev. Dr. Dickie, in accepting the memorial on behalf of the congregation, spoke highly of the deep interest the late Mr. Bailey had always taken in the welfare of the church.—Herald.

ERIN

Misses Gertie and Mamie Hamilton, of Toronto, spent Sunday with their brother and aunt here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClane and two children, of Milverton, called on Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hull on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gray and two little sons, of New Hamburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gray.

Miss Bertha Hamilton returned to her duties as teacher at Toronto, on Sunday, after spending the vacation at her home here.

Mr. Geo. Liddell, of Detroit, Michigan, returned home after visiting with friends here and with relatives at Preston and Arthur.

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Grand Valley, have given a unanimous call to Rev. B. C. Graeb, of Toronto, and he has intimated his intention to accept.

Mrs. Chas. H. Smith returned to her home here last week, after spending a month with her aunt in Norwich. Mrs. Smith is much improved in health.

Mr. Wm. McLaren is the possessor of a Black Langshan hen which laid an egg 6½x8¼ inches. Biddy is some class, having also won several prizes at poultry shows.—Advocate.

BURLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blessinger returned home from Orlando, Florida, on Monday.

Albert Lewis has returned home from Detroit, where he spent the winter months.

Mrs. Louis Walker, who suffered from a relapse recently, is slowly recovering again.

Postmaster P. D. Ghent took over the Post Office on Monday. Miss Treloar, of Newmarket, and Miss Mona Allen have accepted positions as assistants.

Mrs. Arthur Truman leaves on Thursday for New York, to visit her daughter, Miss Kathleen Truman, R. N.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hofmann spent Sunday at Preston, and visited the flooded conditions at Galt and Hespeler.

The Oak Bank Inn, owned and managed by J. P. McLelland, has changed hands, and is now under the management of Mr. R. T. Drexelius, of Detroit, who will carry on a tourists' home and summer hotel.

English Inns, Limited, who are building a chain of tourist camps in Ontario, have purchased two acres on the Toronto-Hamilton highway at Trafalgar line, and have commenced to build on the property. They expect to be ready for business by June 1.—Gazette.

MILTON

Dr R. K. Anderson, M. P., spent the Parliamentary recess here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Landsborough and children, of Galt, spent Sunday with the Misses Ford.

Mrs J. H. Peacock, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Earl, here, to-day.

Mrs. Scanlon, of Toronto, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mrs. Naomi Hill, of Toronto, visited friends here over the week-end.

Miss Myrtle Smith, of Buffalo, spent the week-end at her home here.

Emerson Downs, who left Renfrew and went to Guelph recently to head the city band there, found the surroundings so uncongenial that he gave up the position after a fortnight's trial and returned to Renfrew, where he is again leading the band. Bandmaster Downs is a former Miltonian, and a good musician.—Champion.

Mrs. H. Scratch and little daughter, of Windsor, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harrison.

Mr. J. M. Mackenzie, who has been laid aside for a few days with a severe cold, is on the mend, we are pleased to say.

Wm. Ormond, of Winnipeg, and Wilson Harris, of Toronto, students at Pickering College, spent part of the Easter holidays with their classmate, Jack Mackenzie.—Reformer.

OAKVILLE

R. A. Batten, of Toronto, gave an illustrated address on photo engraving at the Rotary Club luncheon on Monday evening.

Miss Gertrude S. Turner was appointed Second Vice-President of the Ontario Ladies' Soft Ball Association at the annual meeting, held in Hamilton, on Saturday last.—News.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Garner have returned to town after spending the winter months in England.

L. R. Blight has come back from his holiday to the old home in England.

While on his way to attend the funeral of his cousin, the late George M. Hendry, of Toronto, on Monday, Robert Shook, one of the best known fruit-growers of the Clarkson district, and President of the Clarkson Fruitgrowers Association, was suddenly stricken with apoplexy in his car.—Record.

We are pleased this week to report that W. Alec. Chisholm is greatly improved in the Toronto hospital and it is expected he will be permitted to return to his home next week. This will be cheerful news for his many friends.

Oakville sporting fraternity were pleased to learn on Monday last that one of their citizens, Arthur Hillmer, had been unanimously elected President of the Ontario Baseball Amateur Association at the annual meeting held in London.—Star.

OPTOMETRY

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BY

A. D. SAVAGE

Guelph, Ontario

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Continued Next Week.

THE PASSING OF THE DRUNKARD

The prohibition regime in the United States has accomplished one of its major purposes, beyond dispute; it has almost eliminated excessive drinking.

There are plenty of people who delight in telling us what a great number of bootleggers there are; how many stills there are; how terrible are the "parties" thrown by the youth of the day; how wet the ordinary convention is, and so on, ad infinitum.

Very little of this can be proved, of course, but since the average man is in no position to disprove it, the wet viewers-with-alarm considers that he has a clear field, and makes the most of it.

Admitting all that he says and implies the fact remains apparent to all men, that the day of the drunkard has nearly passed.

But we do not have to reason our way to our conclusions. We can see them. Where has the town drunkard gone? A few who got their start back before 1920 remain with us. Not many.

Where is the man whose children used to meet him at the door of his place of employment on Saturday afternoons so they could get shoes before he got to a saloon? There used to be a lot of that in Houston. It isn't here now.

Where are the wives who dreaded the home-coming of liquor besotted husbands, who lived in constant dread under the menace of alcohol, who were dragged about from place to place as alcoholic husbands were able to get jobs which they could hold only for a short time? There are a few left in Houston; not many. Some years ago their names were legion.

Where is the shop force disrupted every Monday morning because of the week-end debauch of some of its members? Where is the old lawyer or doctor drinking himself into his grave? Where is the newspaper office with its ever-present quota of inebriates drinking their way to ruin.

All this has virtually vanished. The great peril of liquor has been removed.

If those people who insist on gluing their eyes to the things prohibition has not accomplished would look for a while on these other things that prohibition has accomplished, they could understand better why there are plenty of people to maintain the prohibition regime in the United States.—Houston Chronical and Herald.

It it not wealth, nor ancestry, but honorable conduct and a noble disposition that make men great.—Ovid.

The opinions of men who think are always growing and changing, like living children.—Hamerton.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

Grace comes into the soul, as the morning sun into the world; first a dawning, then a light, and at last the sun in his full and excellent brightness.—T. Adams.

I will govern my life and thoughts as if the whole world were to see the one and to read the other, for what does it signify to make anything a secret to my neighbor, when to God, who is the searcher of our hearts, all our privacies are open?—Seneca.

He who would benefit his fellow-men must "walk by faith," sowing his seed in the morning, and in the evening withholding not his hand.—Whittier.

A fool, indeed, has great need of a title; it teaches men to call him count or duke, and thus forget his proper name of fool.—J. Crown.

Provided we look to and satisfy our consciences, no matter for opinion; let me deserve well though I hear ill.—Seneca.

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An Oriental paper, having an English section, printed the following notice:

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Home Good Tips

Many of our local organizations, such as church, societies and community associations, have a press secretary whose duty it is to send in a short report of their meetings to the local newspaper. The idea is an excellent one and the reports are usually welcomed by the editor. But newspaper space is valuable and there are one or two points that need to be observed if the report is to find a place in the paper. In the first place, the report should be sent in while it is still news, not just the week before the next monthly meeting of the society. A second important point is to confine the report to items that are of some interest to the reading public. It is not necessary to give the full minutes, including the number of the hymn sung. The Journal-Argus is glad to publish reports of these community gatherings throughout the district, but we would like press secretaries to bear specially in mind that their reports should be sent in while they are fresh and also to kindly eliminate items of the minutes which are of no interest to the ordinary reader.—St. Marys Journal-Argus. And the identical conditions apply to Acton as well.

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In these days of high cost of living the following story has a decided point:

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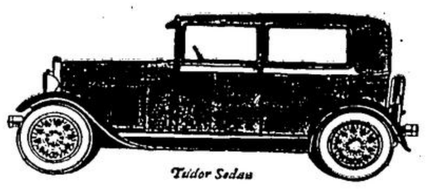

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The Public Health

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All citizens are earnestly requested to keep their premises constantly clear and thoroughly disinfected.

AMOS MASON,
Reeve of the Municipality.
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