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Our Reason for the Action

time in Acton. Memory seems to recall that before

were not regularly reported. But a year or so ago

the trouble was buried, whatever it was, and THE

PREE PRESS was invited to attend and report School

Board proceedings. We tried to be faithful to the

tions last year we were charged by a Board member

with not giving full publicity to school matters and

giving the glory to this body that other municipal

bodies received in our columns. At that nomination

meeting we pointed out the difficulties in connection

with reporting all the activities and asked the member

if in his recollection the Board had requested any

items to be omitted from the reports. From his

orlicism it would appear the reports were inade-

quate. Fallure once is excusable, but we made

resolve to use our best endeavors the next year to

report every meeting of the School Board that it was

"It would appear that the School Board do desire

which they know will bring criticism. If such is the case,

we agree with them that THE PREE PRESS will necessarily

last two meetings has shown that they prefer to conduct

tion up to this point had come from citizens.

As We Promised

"And fortunately or unfortunately, the editor of Tire

Paus Pages again withdrew as requested. We have our own

reasons for this action we took, regardless of the rights.

as set forth by other editors. We don't care to handle

the altuation -glong that line, and at present are not

assure one and all, however, they will be divulged before

And further down in the same editorial this

"After our first encounter we said we would leave the

matter to be settled by the public, who are the supreme

judges in all cases of public administration. We haven't

as yet had any reason to change our decision. And having

been reporting public meetings and discussing them for

years, we have no personal feelings left in these situations.

but only proceed to keep the public informed from week

Now is the time we had reference to in that edi-

torial to give our reasons and on Nominations and

Because we had come on verbal invitation

report the Board meetings, we wrote a letter to the

Board, asking that a definite understanding be arriv

ed at in regard to reporting of Public School Board

meetings, and asked that'a reply be written for

publication. And the reply from the Secretary read:

reporter at their meetings, I; the transactions reported,

we expressed our pleasure that the issue was appar-

ently settled. The Board meetings were almost every

and that you will receive due no lee of all meetings."

"In reply I beg to state that I have been instructed by the Heard to inform you that they would welcome a

following comment on that meeting:

nublic and the light of publicity."

we find the following statement made:

the oud of the year."

to week as the occasion arises."

and the editorials which follow.

The question of reporting School Board matters

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play advertising rates on application.

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TELEPHONES-

In the Meantime

would be transacted and yet business was negotiated

The care seemed to interest the press in many towns, and called forth many comments regarding the rights of Boards to exclude the press. Many editors took the ground that the press could not be excluded. We republished some of those opinious, as we thought they were inferesting, too. We could local hunters, deer is quite plentiful in a bit more to the right, there was a not locate any section in the School Act governing the situation, but believed the Board had the right Itabel, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Tilto hold their meetings as they desired. Early in the affair we wrote the Department of Education and Konkle, Donald McMillan and Milford received the following prompt reply from the versity, itingston, over Thankagiving. Deputy Minister of Education:

Toronto, July 15th, 1929

"I am directed by the Minister of Education to state in reply to yours of the 12th inst., that the Public Schools Act, under Section 88, provides that: 'It shall be the duty of the Boards of all Public Echools and they shall have power to fix the time and place of meetings of the Board. this mode of calling and conducting them and of keeping a correct account of the proceedings of such meetings." "A copy of the Public Schools Act is being mailed to

you in order that you may refer to that provision of the law, which commences on Page 3775. You will see from the above that the attendance at the meeting is a matter that rests entirely with the Board, "I have the honor to be,

"Your obedient servant, "A. H. U. Colquhoun, "Deputy Minister of Education.

O. A. Dills, Esq., Editor, THE ACTON PREE PRESS,

Acton, Ontario. That, therefore, is our reason for withdrawing from the meetings. Quite apparently many editors the hollday with her mother. are not aware of this provision in the Schools Act. They imagined that any public body that had the oversight of so much expenditure would be in the same category as Councils where any citizen may the holiday with friends in Paris. demand to see the minutes of meetings. But School a visitor in town during the week. Boards are differently managed: It seems peculiar, but such is the case. We have had the confidence of the Council and other public bodies, and believe that members of these bodies will bear us out when we say that we have never betrayed their confidence. We have had verbal and written invitations to report the meetings of the School Board. I Nace of both and meetings has been a vexed one it seems for some of these we have been refused admission and told we were not wanted. We have a letter on file stating our troublesome times of the past year the meetings we would receive due notice of all meetings, and in less than two months we were told by the Chairman giving Day: we were not wanted at a meeting. Contrast this section of the Act regarding School Board meetings Saginaw. Mich., last week attending the with the following Section, No. 227 of the Municipal request, but seemingly we didn't play up the activities, Act, regarding the public's relation to Municipal In commemoration of Armistice Day and as was done with other bodies. Maybe we didn't Councils attend all the sessions. At any rate at the nomina-

"Any person may, at all reasonable hours, inspect any of the records, books or documents mentioned in the next preceding Section and the minutes and proceedings of any committee of the Council, whether the act of the committee have been adopted or not, and the assessment rolls, voters' lists, poll books, and other documents in the possession or under the control of the Clerk, and the Clerk shall, within a reasonable time, furnish copies of them, certified under his hand and the scal of the Corporation, to any applicant on payment at the rate of ten cents for every hundred words, or at such lower rate as the Council may

Like many another citizen of the Province, we wonder why the difference in the provisions govern-

Decision Days Have Come

ing two elected public bodies.

possible or lay the blame where it belonged. That was our reason solely for stating that one of the The solution of many municipal problems is made motions was deleted from THE FREE PRESS report at on Election Day. It doesn't matter so much if an the request of the Board at the meeting of May 15. editor or reporter has the door shut in his face, told We made no further comment. The next issue of he is not wanted, or that he is not a gentleman or THE FREE Press contained three letters from citizens other uncomplimentary things. Most of them get regarding the Board's action, which was not reported accustomed to such things in their service of securing and the report of a meeting from which the editor the nows that its readers feel they are entitled to know. Public business can be carried on in the full their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Jolliffe. was expelled by resolution of Mrs. B. M. Wilson and knowledge of the public and when conducted in this Mrs. A. F. Havill. These two Trustees and Trustee Masters voted for the resolution. Trustee Beswick way usually is for the best interests of the community. Persons can be elected who know how to do was opposed and Trustees G. R. Agnew and Chairbusiness along these lines. The Council and other man Hall did not express themselves. We made the public bodies have proven the truth of this statement. On Nomination and Election Days the electors are spent the week-end at his home here. meetings reported in part, but desire to delete those items the final supreme judges we had reference to earlier in the year. They can speak regarding the conduct need to be excluded from the meetings. Their action at the of their business. They can answer whether a public and Mrs. W. Scott and daughter, Orlibody, in considering a potition, gives consideration lia; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Scott, Guelph, certain of the School affairs without the confidence of the to it or merely reads the names and criticizes the T Cott. The comment on the question under considerasigners. Rumor has it that some members have not decided whether they will undertake the duties again on Sunday and on Monday evening a letter from the Board or any member would have this year or not. Several new candidates are men- large crowd attended the supper and confound a place as readily in the column "Lotters to tioned in other rumors. The ratepayers' innings will did repast and programme.—Advocate. be on these two days. We have told and shown why the School Board meetings do not receive publicity. If the public believe them their business on Election In the Issue of The Press of July 25, in an Day they can put into office individuals who can editorial in referring to School Board matters and conduct business with public confidence, and that will our second refusal of admission to Board meetings. bear the scrutiny of the ratepayers. The issues are now up for decision by the ratepayers. Do the Thanksgiving. ratepayers believe they have a right to know the proceedings of a public body that administers the Day, with their parents here. spending of \$18,000 yearly? Election time is the prepared to state our reasons for this procedure. We can time to settle these questions decisively.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The hockey club is organized and getting ready for the season. Actonians are preparing to make full use of the facilities of the new Arena, when com-

The School concerts of the past week were a credit to teachers and pupils alike. Music in the Election Days are the times when the matters can be schools has little or no opposition now when such settled by the public, "who are are supreme judges splendid results can be exhibited. in all cases of public administration." Hence this

We regret that one subject has monopolized so Champton much of our editorial space this week, but we felt it a duty to clean up a befogged issue in the municipal- here with her parents .ity at this time and give light on the case. We hope it will not happen again in years and years and years, ed pulpits last Bunday evening.

During the calendar year 1928 more than 19,780. College, Kingston, spent the holiday at 000 j ands of process cheese were produced in Canada of which 6,719,000 pounds were exported. An aemplane visited Milton Monday leaving 13,061,000 pounds for home consumption. During the previous calendar year, production in \$3 per. Quite a number enjoyed the Canada of this type of cheese amounted to 15,386,000 sensation. Reformer, Please note the letter said, "all meetings." And pounds of which 3,725,000 pounds were experted, leaving 11,661,000 pounds for home consumption. .

week then, and on June 6 we reported a meeting. A statement recently issued by the Canadian your means for a while, until you get where a largely afgued petition was presented. The Government Bureau of Statistics states that the following week we made our firspeditorial comment number of telephones in Canada at the and of 1927 on the question dealing with the signed petition, and was 1,259,987 included in 2,462 systems with 204,245 It was headed "Care and Consideration," and asked miles of pole line and underground conduit, and for the careful consideration of the petition present- 3,591,035 miles of wire. The statement shows that ed. Further meetings followed almost weekly. Some Canada has 13.2 phones for every 100 of population we were informed of and of some we weren't, and on compared with 15.3 per 100 of population in the July 22 we attended a "gathering," to which we were United States; 9.5 in New Zealand and 9.2 in Dennot invited, and were told we were not wanted, and mark.

Neighborhood News

BURLINGTON

Mr. John Hobson was houn from Chatlitan. Coates, of Orillis, renewed ac- he'd be in his home now, instit of in quaintances in town over the holiday. Russell Campbell spent the Thanksgiving holldays at his home at Owen Mrs. Eight Lewis and son, Douglas, of

Mi ton, are spending a few days with viritor, sympathetic but pursled, er parents here. According to reports received from the fresh burst of tears, "but if he'd fell he north this season. Rev. E. Val. and Mrs. Tilton; Jack and broke his fall annyway."

on, at the old homostead at Tilsonburg. Harold Thorne, Dennis Smith, Bruce Harshaw were home from Queen's Uni-A meeting of the High Behool Grads executive was held on Priday evening n regard to the placing of an intermediate team in the O. II. A. Percy Fletcher, who was instrument in the capture and conviction of the

thinven who stole chickens from the farm of Mr. Teandale, on Middle Road, has received the reward of \$25.00 from nerve or may be general, involving a large the Township of Nelson Protection Bo-

what cut by flying glass .- Cazette.

Mrs. A. Hyde is visiting friends Bridgeburg, Ontario. Miss Susie Gamble, of Orillia spent Dr. P. L. Heath spent Thanksgiving Day with friends at Niagara. Mr. R. Hazelwood, of Toronto, spent the week-end at his home liere. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson spent

Mr. and Mrs. John Pisher of Saginaw Pev. and Mrs. Cordwell, of Guelph and Miss Wright, of Sask, were guest-

wedding of their brother, John. The community memorial service held n honor of the men who gave their lives in the Great War, was the most impressive and most largely attended ince the close of the war. Nearly every

Mr. Norman Rider and little Betty returned home Sunday after spending two weeks with friends in Duffalo and Rechester, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. D. Balley and daughter, of Brampton, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Catherwood and Mrs. A.

f. Pergus, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs E. Crosby. Miss Jean Abbott, Toronto University, spent the holiday with her parents, Dr.

nd Mrs. J. M. Abbott Miss Mildred Bell and Toronto University, spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M

Jollitte, Whithy, spent the holiday, with The shooting match at Mr. James Hurren's on Monday attracted a number of sportsmen and keen competition was engaged in for the choice lowl put up as Mr. D. A. McNah, spent the holiday

Mr. James Banders, St. Catharines, Mr. Clayton Barbour, of Toronto, spent the week-end with his parents, here. Mr. Jas Wansborough and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. Large congregations attended the an-

Mr and Mrs. E. B. Mosher spent the holiday in-Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McNair, of Torento, spent Sunday in town. Hobert McNair, of Chicago, visited his orother, O. M. McNair, base line, over

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pay and children, of Dundas, spent Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clement visited their, daughter, Mrs. Wm. Roffey, at Guelph, on Thanksgiving-Day. The Toronto-Streetsville-Milton bus

noon on account of bad roads. The frame house on the corner of Pearl and Prince Streets, owned by Jas, Weir, J. P. Kirkland, of Olasgow, Scotland. has been engaged as organist and choir leader of St. Paul's United Church, Milton. He sails from Glasgow on the

Donald P (Pat) Robertson, who is taking a course at the Royal Military his home here. Put looked quite nifty afternoon and the owner did a "roarin" business taking people up for a ride at

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

not! We may be poor, but we're not as badly off as all that."-Montreal Blar.

The stout lady on the scale was eagerwatched by two small boys. The inii," gaspell one-of the youngsters in

amazement, sho's bollowt"

"Yes," said Mrs. Herithy, pressing a damp handkerchief to her eyes, "he's un unfort'nate man, me cousin Calla's man is. If iver there's anny chanst of a good thing he's alwas a little to wan side. If it hadn't been for that the hospita, ma'am."

ped backward off the staging and fell clear to the ground," said the distric-"He sdid," raid Mrs. Herling, with great pile o' bricks, an' it would have

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druggists unywhere.

GEORGETOWN

swelling and causing the pain to disappear, and for this purpose thousands of

Mrs. C. J. Russel, of Gormley was Mrs. W. P. Stull, of St. Catharines, is spending the week with friends in

Major G. Couzens has been appointed Pox Superintendent at the Royal Winter Fuir to be held in Toronto, this month. Mich., are spending a few days at W W. Pisher's, Ashgrove.

of Mr. and Mrs. James Roney on Thanks Messrs. James and Lealle Pisher, and Miss Isabel Pisher, of Ashgrove, were at

rganization, society and church in town took part in the service of prayer and silence in Memory of those who sleep in Planders' Pield.-Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Walker and family.

Mesara Edward Jolliffe, Toronto, Or ando Jolliffe, Orangeville; Miss Sadie

with friends in Toronto and Windsor,

discontinued its service yesterday after-

has been sold to Jas Morley for \$600. 15th inst., and will commence his duties on the first Bunday in December.

A very interesting and impressive ceremony took place at Knoz Pfesbyterian Church on Sunday evening last, in conneetlen with the regular service, when memorial tablet in honor of the eight men from the congregation, who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, was unvilled by Miss Gladys Pay.

dien, of Stratford spent the holiday Rev Canon Smith, of Ookville, and Bey Canon Naftel, of Milton, exchang-

"The way for you to atraighten out

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lady dropped in her cent, but the malifne was out of order and only registered seventy-five pounds. "Good night, HIS HAMM-KANK

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