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EDITORIAL

They Are Coming Home by Thousands

In the six months 77,676 Canadians who went to the United States intending to reside there permanently returned to Canada for permanent residence. These are not included in the immigration returns. It is interesting to note that the number of Canadians who have returned to the Dominion from April 1 to September 30, 1929, is more than Canada's total immigration for September of this year. Our readers will naturally observe that this home-coming has been inaugurated and is being effected with a Liberal Government in power at the national Capital. To hear some politicians talk Canadians are fleeing to the United States, instead of returning to Canada.

Sixty Years of Journalism

John Redpath Dougall, M. A., LL.D., is celebrating his diamond Anniversary of editorship of the Montreal Witness. To few such a long period of active association with a journal is permitted. To none have put to greater use their opportunities as editor of a journal. It is estimated during these years that Mr. Dougall has contributed twelve hundred million impressions for good. Surely a record for any editor to be proud of and surely a sense of duty well performed will rest with this dean of Canadian journalism on this occasion. May he be spared many more years in which to continue his good work and may a small weekly tender its hearty congratulations on this occasion.

Higher Duties and Responsibilities

Hon. Chas. A. Dunning has received the appointment of Minister of Finance to succeed Hon. Jas. Robb. Mr. Dunning's capabilities seem to be appreciated and recognized. He will also hold the post of Acting Minister of Railways and Canals, pending an appointment of a successor. That the new duties will be heavy ones is generally conceded. That he succeeds a man who was most proficient in the performance of his duties and had a most successful career is known by every one. In the past Mr. Dunning has proven himself capable of ever advancing and performing the heavier burden he has been called upon to accept. He has established public confidence by the past performances. In the new and greater activity in the service of his country he has been called to fulfill, he will undoubtedly measure up.

The People Have Spoken

The School Board election is over and the people have demonstrated that they can make the business of public bodies their business and that they desire their transactions conducted with public confidence. It wasn't exactly a clean sweep for either factions but it was a very clear mandate on how the ratepayers desire their business conducted. Mr. McDonald who headed the poll very clearly made it understood that he would show courtesy to ratepayers and public. Mr. Beswick who came second was the outstanding trustee throughout the year opposed to secrecy of the Board's activities and Mrs. Havill who seemed last year to favor secrecy and not to favor the Press came third and polled two hundred votes less than a year ago when six candidates were in the field whereas only five were on the ballot this year and was elected by a majority of only twenty over Mr. Blow who won in his own sub-division but was bested by the "plumpers" in the division of his nearest opponent in her subdivision. Mr. Agnew another member of last year's Board was considerably behind all the other candidates. We in no way look upon the election as a victory. The FREE PRESS as a newspaper in the community has been simply trying to do what was considered a duty. Our position was as clearly put as we knew how. We are satisfied with the answer given by the supreme judges in the matter of conduct of public pubiness. We trust our relationships with the Board will be more cordial and co-operative than has characterized the past year's activities. We shall continue to do our best to give to the ratepayers the news they feel they are entitled to know concerning the conduct of their affairs. We could dilate on many features concerning the affair but they are not pleasant or would not be productive of any good. We believe they will not be repeated and we look forward in 1930 to a year of closer harmony and co-operation on Acton's educational matters as they relate to this elected body.

Hydro Power For Farmers

An extension of 1,157 miles of rural electric power lines have been made by the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission in the Province this year, at a cost of $2,650,000. There are now over 5,000 miles of power lines in the farming district of Ontario serving thousands of consumers. On many farms in the province electricity is used for lighting houses and farm buildings, for cooking, ironing, washing and cleaning in the home and for doing a variety of jobs in the farm buildings, even to milking the cows.

An Advantageous Separation

The co-operative movement being undertaken by the Ontario Liquor Board and the Department of Highways in their effort to curb the drunken driver should be productive of some good towards stopping this ever-increasing menace to the safety of the general public. To the publicity seeker the new innoviation of posting at the Highway Department office of a list of names of offenders, whose cases call for suspension of license, may be a means of securing rather undesirable notoriety. But the average individual will not desire his name to be added to this list. Mr. Henry the minister of Highways proposes that the press co-operate in this movement, and may refer to the names on the list. Evidently it is anticipated that it will not have effect in curbing drunken drivers for some time as the news article says that the list will be added to day by day. The driving and liquor permits never were advantageous when in the same company. The separation of the two will be to the advantage of all.

We Wish We Could Say It Better

It's not just the usual thing in editorial columns to extend Golden Wedding Congratulations. But in the present instance some unusual circumstances are combined. At the time of writing its Tuesday morning the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore. As Editor this item might become reminiscent as it is over twenty years since the present editor became associated with Mr. Moore as an apprentice, and its a longer ago than that since we first remember he and Mrs. Moore in their work in the Sunday School which we were privileged to attend. That they have been privileged to celebrate this memorable occasion is a great joy to many. That they may be spared to celebrate their diamond Anniversary and many more after that the wish of all of us who have come to know them and respect them. The influence for good that their lives have impressed on the community is well known. But may we be pardoned if in these columns, which we feel are the editor's, if we pay this brief tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Moore. Their influence and helpfulness through the years of close association are largely accountable for any of the better points which may now be reflected in this journal (the despicable components that crop out may be laid to our own individuality.) It has indeed been a privilege to have the pleasure of their associations and our lives as well as many others will bear the impress for good that has been stamped upon them by this contact with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore who are to-day (Tuesday) celebrating this occasion which must be filled with golden memories of the fifty years they have used in scattering glittering influences and helpfulness in this community and in the wider circle that has been their sphere.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The hats don't have to be lifted quite so high this election as a year ago, as the men came in for the heading of the poll.

Elections are all over now we can settle down and enjoy the spirit and pleasure of the Christmas season now being ushered in.

And the ladies proved themselves good canvassers and quite capable of conducting a Municipal campaign even if it wasn't as strikingly culminated as the previous one.

Election day was apparently one when some of the candidates had very staunch and true friends who considered their one favorite most necessary to the conduct of the Board.

Unfortunately some of the younger element are doing damage by their climbing and other activities at the new Arena. May we remind them that it's their building and any repairs will have to be met by parents and ratepayers or themselves.

The 1929 total yield of potatoes in Canada is estimated at 74,446,000 bushels from 545,239 acres, valued at $67,451,000, compared with 83,058,000 bushels in 1928 from 599,063 acres, valued at $40,874,000. Potatoes are produced in large quantities in all the provinces of Canada.

In all fairness surely the School Board will at its first meeting confer the honor of Chairmanship on Trustee Beswick who for two years has been overlooked in his just claim which his modesty refused him to press. His capabilities and experience amply qualify him for the preferment his years of service have merited.

An official report on employment in Canada states that in October of this year conditions are exceptionally satisfactory. Reports received from 7,027 employers, whose staffs aggregated 1,089,583 persons, showed the employment index at 125, based upon the average for the calendar year 1926 as 100. This is the highest on record for this time of year and compares with 118.8 for October 1, 1928.

The Brampton Conservator last week celebrated its fifty-sixth birthday. A double page spread gave a synopsis and views of this splendidly equipped plant at Brampton. May the coming years see a continuance of the growth and prosperity of the Conservator that has in the past characterized it under the capable management of the Messrs. Charters.

Electric railways in Canada are evidently a safe medium of travel. A report just issued by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics states that in 1928 electric railways and buses operated by electric railway companies carried 808,023,615 passengers and only one was killed. There were 2,735 passengers injured, but many of these injuries were merely scratches, bruises and minor cuts from glass.

Neighborhood News

BURLINGTON

Mrs. Fred Allen, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is undergoing treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton.

Fred Gillen left on Thursday last for England on an extended visit to relatives. W. Wiggins, C. P. R. agent, booked his passage.

On Thursday evening last a number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Vern. Smith to do honor to her mother, Mrs. Elliott, on the occasion of her 87th birthday.

Mrs W. D. Hepton spent Monday at Islington attending the 84th birthday celebration of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Tyers, which was fittingly observed.

A truck owned by the Billings Transport and driven by Nick Wilvert, Jr., was struck by a shunting engine and some cars at the C. N. R. station on Thursday last. The truck was somewhat damaged, but Wilvert escaped injury.

Alex. Eccles, the well-known blacksmith, died very suddenly at his home at Freeman on Wednesday night last. He retired for the night feeling as well as usual, and when his wife went to call him in the morning he did not answer, having passed away in his sleep. The deceased was born in New York, and was 70 years of age.

On Monday afternoon a Toronto man appeared before Magistrate Barr on a charge of indecency and accosting young [illegible] in his car along side the [illegible] inviting them to get in. Upon complaint of a local resident he was located and arrested by Chief Smith. The accused was found guilty on three charges and fined $50.00 on each charge. The offences were committed during the past week.—Gazette.

GEORGETOWN

Our two new Councillors are Major Cummings and L. P. Denison.

Chief Marshall and Mr. S. V. King motored to North Bay on Monday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bradly and son Brock, of Port Union were week-end visitors at Mr. Wm. Thompson's.

Mrs. Herbert T. Henzel, of New York city, who has been visiting her friend Miss Freda Herbert, returned to her home last week.

Rev. Mr. Firth, Dr. Watson, H. C. Dayfoot and Walter Peck attended the banquet of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of the Dominion at the Royal York Hotel, in Toronto, last Monday night.

Mr. A. Hyde is sailing for England on the 28th of November on the White Star Line. He will spend the winter months with relatives and friends in the old land.

Miss Louise Harrison, of California, when renewing her subscription to the Herald wished to be remembered to all old friends. She is leaving shortly on a trip to the Holy Land.

Those from town who attended the Old Boys' Reunion at Toronto last Friday night were; Major Grant, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Arnot Early, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie and Miss Marjory, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore and Miss Aileen Moore, Dr. P. R. Watson, Warden Thos. L. Leslie, Mr. Wilfred Leslie, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Misses Maysie and Maud McDonald, Mr. S. Kirk, Mr. Charles Kirk, Mr. R. B. Foulis, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Cyril Brantford.—Herald.

MILTON

Mrs. Rex Scott, of Toronto, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Waters moved to Streetsville on Tuesday. They were good citizens and Milton's loss will be Streetsville's gain.

J. M. Mackenzie, druggist, we regret to report, is confined to his bed by illness. His many friends will hope for a speedy recovery.

The morning services at St. Paul's Church last Sunday was in the interest of the Women's Missionary Society and the speaker was Miss Nellie Forman, of Regina, Sask., who gave a very interesting account of her work among the foreigners of that city.

In the first game for the championship of the Milton and District Softball League, play here Tuesday evening before a large crowd of fans, Kilbride defeated High School by 5 to 4. Batteries—Grey and Hood; Toletzka and Houston. Umpires—Randell and Marsh. The return game will be played in arena tonight at 8 o'clock.—Champion.

At a meeting in P. D. Dewar's office last week to organize the Milton Hockey Club for 1929-30 it was decided to enter both junior and intermediate teams in the O. H. A. this winter. The following officers were elected: Honorary Presidents, P. D. Dewar, M. F. Panton and D. S. Robertson; President, Howard B. Cox; Vice-President, R. M. Pasken; Secretary-Treasurer, A. E. Milzon; Managing Committee, Fred Mills, C. Toletzka, Clifford Hill and Albert Clement; Manager of junior team, Crawford Chisholm; Assistant Manager of junior team, J. Fetter; Manager of intermediate team, Clifford Hill.—Reformer.

OAKVILLE

Capt. and Mrs. E. A. Morden and youngest daughter, Miss Dorothy, leave on December 2 to motor to Lakeland, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Rev. R. M. Seymour with his wife and daughter Margaret, of Napanee, are guests of Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Seymour, at St. John's parsonage.

The sixth anniversary of the opening of the Gregory theatre is being held this week. Yesterday afternoon the annual birthday cake was cut and distributed to a large crowd of matinee attendants.

W. A. Perrah will be the retiring member of the water and light commission this year and the good work he has done during his two years' term should ensure him another two years of office.—Record.

Mrs. S. Redshaw, Dundas Highway, is suffering from a serious fracture of the upper arm, which was caused by a fall on Saturday last.

Rev. R. W. Lee and Mrs. Lee, of Sheffield, were visitors at the Trafalgar parsonage on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Forster, of Snider's, visited this week with their daughter, Mrs. E. P. Lunau.

Mrs. W. T. Merry left on Wednesday on a visit to her sisters and other relatives and friends in Boston and suburbs.

Arthur Boreham slipped and fell while carrying a case of milk in the dairy in which he was employed. A leg was fractured.

Two gangs of workmen have been busy for some days installing gas in residences and places of business. One lays the pipes from the mains into the basements of the houses while the other installs the metres and connects the stoves, grates or heaters. Up to the present between three and four hundred services have been laid and there are between forty and fifty users of gas.—Star.

RIDDLES

Who is the most popular fellow at a Hallowe'en party?—Peter Pumpkin.

Who takes charge of the lights on Hallowe'en?—Jack O' Lantern.

THE CROW WAS LUCKY TOO

A cattleman who was "riding range" near Roebourne, Australia, says Mr. W. D. Boyce in his book Illustrated Australia and New Zealand, picked up a stone to throw at a crow. At least he thought it was a stone, but the unusual weight of it made him stop and look; to his amazement the thing was a nugget of almost pure gold.

When he reported the discovery to an official the fellow, who was incredulous, merely asked, "And what became of the crow?"

ERIN

Minnie Hamilton, of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. C. J. and Miss Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flaherty and family have moved to Alton, where they purchased a residence from Mr. O. Pingigan.

Misses Margaret and Levina Gillespie, have returned to Brantford, where they will resume their duties as trained nurses.

Billy, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hine, Grand Valley, sustained a double fracture of his right forearm in a fall recently.

Mr. Wm. Mavel recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the R. A. Hospital, Fergus. At last report he was convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Belford and two children and Messrs. A. Horton and Geo. Horton, of Toronto, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Horton.

Miss May Cobourn recently underwent an operation on her nose at the General Hospital, Guelph. We are pleased to report that she is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smart and family have moved from Hillsburg to Erin and have settled in the residence recently vacated by Mr. John McEachern and family.—Advocate.

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NEW MEAL TICKET

A Southern Woman stopped a darky on the street the other day and said: "Mose, I'm sorry to hear your wife got a divorce and has left you."

Mose—"Yessum, she's done gone back to Alabama."

Southern woman—"Who's going to do my washing now?"

Mose—"Don't yo' fret, missus. I'se coltin' again an' ah sho' cotes fast."—Florida Times-Union.

A PARROT'S INFERENCE

Among the neighborhood stories told and implicitly believed, is one which we should be slow in asking any reader to credit, but which is interesting as an example of the local wit in story-making. The wife of Deacon Saunders, an excellent citizen of the place, is said to have possessed a parrot of exceptional intelligence and remarked conversational powers.

On one occasion Mrs. Saunders was making cucumber pickles. She had the cucumbers in a dish on the kitchen table, and was stirring a kettle of hot vinegar and spices over the fire with a wooden spoon. While thus engaged she chanced to turn about, and saw the parrot making off with one of the cucumbers.

"Ha, you rascal! You've been stealing pickles!" she exclaimed, and threw the wooden spoon, dripping with boiling vinegar, at the bird.

It struck him on the top of his head, and though it inflicted no serious injury, its effect was to take the feathers entirely off the top of the bird's head, leaving him bald for a season.

Some time afterward a minister from another town came to preach at the W. Church, and took dinner at Deacon Saunders'. He was quite bald. As the family and the minister sat down at the table, the parrot, who had the freedom of the room, came up and perched on the tall back of his chair, and eyed the top of his head with a close and highly interested scrutiny. And then the bird called out harshly:

"Ha, you rascal! You've been stealing pickles!"

SELECT YOUR POST CARDS WITH CARE

Picture post cards are a great convenience to the hurried traveller who has, or who thinks he has, no time to write letters home. But accidents will happen. Sometimes, says a contributor, the picture selected says something the sender did not intend.

Some time ago a lady who was traveling in Florida wrote on a card that she was about to mail to a friend in Chicago: "Wish you were here."

In due time came the answer. "Received your card, but what do you mean? You sent me a picture of a cemetery!"

A dear old grandmother who was traveling through northern Ohio chose a card on which was a colored picture of a handsome new building. She wrote: "Am detained here unexpectedly for a few days. Will explain later."

Great was the glee of children and grandchildren, for grandmother had sent them a picture of the new jail!

Give me a man so trained in mind that his body is the ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, it is capable of.—Thomas H. Huxley.

WARNING

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INFANT MARTYR

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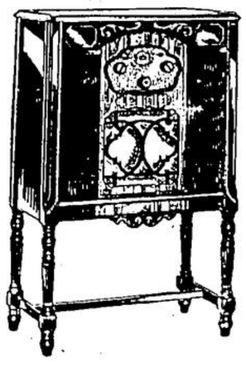

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