



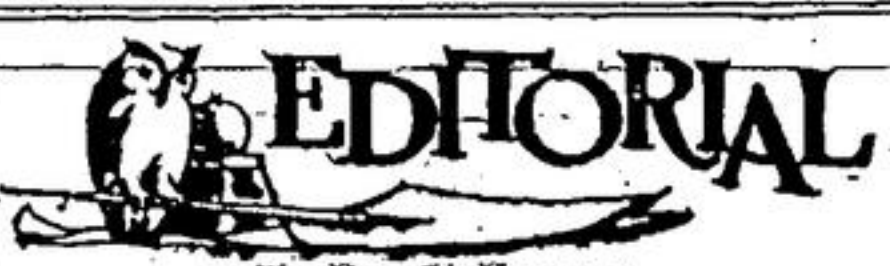
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To Benefit Farmers

Two thousand miles of power lines are to be built in the rural districts of Ontario in 1930 by the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission. Already there are several thousand miles of such lines. The policy of the Commission, a publicly owned organization, is to extend electric power lines throughout Ontario in order to give farmers the very latest electric power facilities possible. The Ontario Government also intends to spend \$7,000,000 next year on the improvement of side roads and minor roads in the townships and counties of the province. The interests of the farmers are manifestly being well considered and advanced by the above enterprises, and the people of the province generally are glad to see this activity in their behalf.

Another Burden for the Municipalities

It does not seem generally known that the Municipal Councils now are called upon to provide a large portion of the cost of Provincial elections. In fact when the bill of over \$90 was presented to Acton Council at the last meeting as being Acton's share it was laid over until a further meeting for consideration. It would appear just another instance of saddling the burden on the ratepayers. Through the County Council levies and Provincial assessments the Municipal Councils are becoming the medium to raise rates and funds assessed by these bodies and over which they have no control. All things must be paid for but it seems unfair that the local Councils should be assessed with this and the share of the Old Age Pensions and called upon to provide the funds and assume the blame for increased taxation when in reality they are not to blame for much of the ever increasing load that it is being called upon to provide. It makes one feel that the Provincial budget is being balanced directly by the ratepayer.

"Drunk in Charge"

The Acton Gazette, of Acton, Middlesex, England, in the last number to reach this office, has the following interesting article which voices a matter which is a live question and very vexed question in Canada as well as in England: In a case at Middlesex Sessions on Saturday, where a motor-driver was found not guilty of being drunk in charge of a motor-car, Sir Herbert Nield said that the day would come, and come very quickly, when the law would have to prohibit persons from taking alcohol at all when they were driving or about to drive motor vehicles. He added: "It ought to be, and is in many cases, to my knowledge, a sine qua non in employing a chauffeur that he must be a total abstainer. I have here an authoritative book on the law of evidence brought up to date last year by eminent lawyers, and the doctrine which appears in the book distinguishing when a man is drunk or at variance with the law as laid down by the Court of Criminal Appeal. Therefore, the sooner the law is decided by the House of Lords, the better it will be." The learned judge might very well have added that the man who takes sufficient intoxicating liquor to effect his proper control of the car of which he has charge, is a potential murderer.

There is a Santa Claus

Every once in a while some individual comes forth with the assertion that there is no Santa Claus. Dr. Sadler, of Chicago, has been the latest one to get into print on this wonderful theory. If there is a Christmas—and there seems to be—then there is just as surely a Santa Claus. And he's just as real and live as can be right now. There isn't credit enough given to him for all the good he does and the rare old man he surely is. Its absolutely impossible to separate Christmas and Santa Claus. They're both partners in the same business of giving and looking after others. Is he working in his toy factory to bring happiness to girls and boys? Yes every day in the year, but sometimes it isn't called a toy factory. Quite often you'll find Santa Claus and his wife doing without things to help make toys and things for the boys and girls. Perhaps Santa Claus is sometimes wearing a shabby suit of clothes. Perhaps Mrs. Santa Claus is working at nights and doing without many of the necessities she needs to provide Christmas cheer for the good boys and girls. And then for any one to say there is no Santa Claus. We still believe in the Santa Claus spirit because we believe in Christmas. Somebody or other we can't separate the two and do not particularly want to. It may not be modern to still hold the superstition but we're still with the boys and girls and believe in Santa Claus.

Highway Advertising An Irritation

In deference to public sentiment the Standard Oil Company of California has caused 1,200 of its billboards to be torn down, according to an official announcement, which says in part: "To permit the defacement and upgradation of these highways is to disgust visitors and drive them away, which most certainly is 'bad business'. Any practice which arouses the contempt, anger, or resentment of motorists on the great annual pilgrimage from all parts of the country is detrimental to the state at large. Highway advertising as now practiced in many places has this effect." It is beginning to dawn upon many billboard advertisers that their highway signs which mar the natural beauty of the countryside are an eyesore and an irritation to the great army of motorists who hold the chief buying power of the nation. Instead of making good will for the advertisers, these signs make bad will, and therefore represent good money worse than wasted from an advertising standpoint. Executives of the Standard have seen the light, and their example might be followed with profit by others who disfigure the landscape with offensive billboards.—Barric Examiner.

Coming Back Home To Canada

Immigration to Canada during the first six months of the current fiscal year, April 1 to Sept. 30, 1928, totalled 120,338, of which 51,781 were British, 20,700 from the United States, 21,801 from Northwestern Europe, and 25,957 representing 33 other races. In the corresponding six months last year the total immigration was 123,713, a decrease for the first six months of the year of 3,375, or 3 per cent. British immigration shows an increase in the six months of this year of 9,905; United States an increase of 2,002; Northwestern Europe, 1,224, while immigration from other countries decreased 13,500. Total immigration in September of this year was 11,101, of which 4,546 were British, 2,522 United States, 1,724 from Northwestern Europe, and 2,309 from all other countries. In the six months under review 17,076 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 Sept. 30 of this year is more than Canada's total immigration for September of this year by 6,575.

Worthy A Trial

A suggested change in Municipal Councils that seems to be gathering advocates to its side is a system whereby half of the Council would be elected for two years. In Tilsburg a complete new Council has been elected this year. Such a condition is not uncommon and yet it certainly will not likely result in good Municipal Government. Every Councillor requires several months before he becomes acquainted with the duties of his office. It is usually about the middle of the year before the new member gets his stride properly in the conduct of the town's business. In the event of a complete new Council it is very probably the middle of the year before the work governing the Municipality is completely in hand. Public Utilities Commissioners and School Board Trustees are elected for a two year period with half of the Board retiring each year. In this way the remaining members of the old Board may acquaint new members with business already under way, and the possibility of a complete new governing body is eliminated. Undoubtedly such a biennial system of election has much to commend it and little or nothing derogatory to the system. It would be worthy of a trial in Municipal Council elections and we believe would be an improvement over the present system.

Halton's Wardenhip

At this time of year the interrogation in Municipal politics is frequently heard. "Who will be Warden?" With the earlier elections in some Municipalities and the representatives already chosen it is of course known who will set in the County Council from that constituency. In Halton it would seem that Reeve Mason's claim to the honor is this year undisputed. The Milton Reformer last week said: "Some of our exchanges are already forecasting the probability of certain men in their Municipalities occupying the Warden's chair during 1930. So far as Halton is concerned, we think there is only one man thought of or mentioned, whose claim to the honor will have prior consideration, and that is Reeve Mason, of Acton, a man eminently qualified for the position, both by experience and in every other way. He has just been returned by acclamation as Reeve of Acton, showing the people up there have every confidence in him as a Municipal legislator. Added to his other qualifications, Reeve Mason is a thorough gentleman, and that counts for something these days." And we who know Reeve Mason locally can heartily endorse every word of the testimonial from the County Town. Reeve Mason has accomplished excellent results in Acton during his occupancy of the Wardenship. He will prove an efficient and capable administrator if placed at the head of the County affairs and given the Wardenship for 1930.

EDITORIAL NOTES

May the Christmas season be filled with joy and be a very merry one is the sincere wish of the Editor and the staff to everyone.

There is apparently plenty of junior hockeyists in town judging from rumors of the number signed up for the junior team. The year will undoubtedly see the development of many of the boys into this sport which we anticipate watching them at this season.

In Perth County Reeve Roach said the Provincial Government had apparently forgotten horse-drawn vehicles existed. Clearing the highways made them impossible for both cars and sleighs he claims. The solution is offered that the government use rollers instead of plows.

The efforts of the pink management is evidently to have the latest Municipal enterprise—the new Arena—within the reach of all and the arrangement for the pleasure to be enjoyed there and the fees set are certainly most commendable and will undoubtedly make for good feeling and large patronage of this Municipal undertaking.

Neighborhood News

BRIM
Mr. and Mrs. Weller Kember, Acton, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ringham.
Mrs. W. Homer and two children spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, at Toronto.

ACTONVILLE
The snowfall made its first appearance on Monday morning and the work was much appreciated.
Mr. Clayton Barbour, of Toronto, spent the week-end at home here.
Col. McKean, Mrs. McKean and little daughter, of Toronto; Mr. Alan McKean, of Millerton, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ringham.

OAKVILLE
The snowfall made its first appearance on Monday morning and the work was much appreciated.
Mr. E. K. Orr, well known farmer in the Acton and Toronto townships, will take up his residence in Oakville for the winter months.

GEORGETOWN
Mr. A. H. McConnell, of Guelph, visited at the home of his sister, Miss McConnell, on Sunday.

BURLINGTON
Miss Olive Evans, R. H. has returned to New York after a vacation at her home in Guelph.

MILTON
Mrs. Craig, of Toronto, visited friends here over the week-end.

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THE MEDICINE

"Why, Anne, you look better. You look the way you used to—eager over life." Anne looked at him and smiled before, but that was the thing that almost broke my heart in have you lost it? I've lost it!"

"You are a dear, Anne," replied Anne, "and I've been very selfish. Yes, I've found a doctor who understands my case. There's no doubt about that! He understood so well that at first I was furious and vowed I'd never go near him again. Then when I got a little bit cooler I realized that to leave him would be acknowledging that he was right, and what I wanted to do was to prove him wrong."

"But what did he do?" asked Anne. "What did he tell you that made you so sure?"

"He told me that organically I was absolutely sound and that the troubles were entirely nervous and mental. He said that I had a good enough mind, but that I had been too busy to use it."

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Retired Farmer, Deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to
the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter
150, Section 51, that all persons having
claims against the estate of the said
Donald McDonald, who died on or about
the 10th of July, 1929, at the Village
of Acton, are required to send by post
or to deliver to the undersigned, solicitor
for the Executors of the estate of the
said Donald McDonald, on or before the
31st day of December, 1929, their name,
address, full particulars of their
claims, and the nature of the security,
if any, held by them, all duly verified
by statutory declaration. After the said
date the Executors will proceed to dis-
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the parties entitled thereto, having
regard only to the claims of which they
shall then have notice, and they shall
not be liable for the assets or any part
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notice shall not have been received by
them at the time of such distribution.
DATED at Milton this 6th day of
December, 1929.
W. I. DICK,
Milton, Ontario,
Solicitor for the Executors.