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EDITORIAL

We Don't Know Why

Editor Moore of the Georgetown Herald makes some very pointed remarks regarding the Wardenship of Halton County this year. His why? is a question that is turned over in several minds. He says: "At the County Council held at Milton yesterday, W. H. Morden of Taftafer was elected Warden of Halton. Why? This looks very much like a case of North against the South, as in all fairness we think Reeve Mason of Acton should have been Warden of Halton for 1930. Morden had the honor, some ten years ago of being Warden, and it looks rather small on his part to deprive a man of Mr. Mason's ability and five years service at County Council, of that honor."

An Important Announcement

Attorney-General William D. Mitchell has announced last week that no man who does not believe in prohibition or who drinks heed hereafter aspire to hold the office of United States Attorney. Assistant U. S. Attorney Gen. S. Marshall in the Hoover administration. And why not?—The eighteenth amendment is part and parcel of the constitution of the United States. To expect to hold office and enforce only those laws which one favors will lead any country into a state of chaos. The Hoover administration was elected on its stand on the prohibition question. To be a ruling law and inspire the confidence of the people in its administration it must consequently enforce not part, but all of the constitution that is laid down for its guidance. It cannot do this with any of its followers working adversely to it.

Proud of the Red and White

We are proud of the red and white colors in Georgetown last Thursday night. We wish we hadn't forgotten in the hurry of getting to the game to have pinned those red and white ribbons on our coat, which local organizations has been distributing. We were proud to be on the winning side of course. But that wasn't the chief course of our pride. We were proud that the local boys tried to do what they were supposed to do—play hockey. There was plenty of provocation for a fight and wrestling and such things that do not belong in any hockey game. There was plenty of it started and finished in the penalty box. Our own boys were not immune from the penalties imposed. We do not wish to glorify or exalt them beyond reproach, but we do say that they did try to play hockey and steer clear of the rough-house stuff. They did hold their tempers under some very trying circumstances. The day of the physical combats that marred many a hockey game are happily on the wane. The disappearance of such rowdyism will be welcomed by all true-lovers of sport. We were happy to see our team masters of themselves. We must apologize for writing two hockey editorials this week, but it is nearing the end of the season now.

Here It Is

We had a number of inquiries regarding what we are going to say following the game in Georgetown last Thursday night in connection with our editorial of last week dealing chiefly with "Blackie." Well, "here it is." We're very glad we paid the compliment last week because it couldn't be given this week. It's far easier to say good things of any one than a whole lot of mean things, but on some fellows do make it hard for the good things to be visible. In the game on Thursday night Blackburn put a blot on his activity in sports which erased and covered up for a time the qualities which we pointed out in his favor last week. There were upwards of a thousand people who witnessed the uncalled for conduct. We joined in the tumult and the cry to put him off the ice. Two of the incidents in which he tried to get Salmon we hope will never again be witnessed in a game of hockey. We have never seen anything similar but we will admit we have been following the pictures of "Tarzan" and we did hear the story which Mr. Taylor Statten told of the "Hill Twister." We are glad we wrote the article on the Good qualities of "Blackie" when we did. We are sorry that the heat of the game made him forget himself and add an unpleasant chapter to his sporting activities. He owes an apology to Acton players and Salmon in particular. It is a testing time for a real sport.

Prison Sentence Inadequate

The clean-up that has been started in the brokerage houses in the province is revealing some startling conditions that have allowed to exist. Pleas of guilty to theft and fraud charges and the punishment of such lawlessness by a term in prison are not sufficient. An effort should be made to recover every cent possible of the stolen loot and a return of such proportions as possible to those who will suffer from the crimes of these men who have lived for some time on the fat of the land and at the expense of other individuals. None of these should be permitted to serve a few years in prisons and then return and recover any part of their ill-gotten gains. Let the punishment be adequate to cover the seriousness of the offences and make what restitution is possible to the sufferers.

Workmen's Compensation in Ontario

Last year the Workmen's Compensation Board awarded \$8,120,157.78 of which \$1,085,524.02 was for medical aid. The total awarded in 1928 was \$7,067,040.03 with \$1,166,507.54 for medical aid. This shows a large increase in 1929 but when speaking at the 1929 Convention of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association at Windsor, V. A. Sinclair, Chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, pointed out that there had been an increase of fourteen per cent in the payroll in the former year and an increase of eleven per cent in payment for compensation. If the year 1929 showed the same ratio, it is reasonable to assume that accident prevention work is showing some progress. In December, 1929, the Board awarded \$608,723.00 and received reports on 6,288 accidents, including 51 fatalities. The total number of accidents reported by industry in Ontario to the Workmen's Compensation Board in 1929 was 87,103 which included 510 fatalities. There were 70,398 reports in 1928—including 553 fatalities, so that there is a slight improvement in this latter respect. The Programme Committee of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association announces that the 1930 Safety Convention will be held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on April 24 and 25.

The Credit System Must Go

In many quarters of this and other communities the evils of the credit system are being much considered these days. It has survived in the small towns among all merchants and been advocated in the cities among certain classes of business institutions. The sooner we get onto that basis of doing business the sooner we will be establishing conditions on a firm foundation that means real and not imaginary prosperity. The Lucknow Sentinel observes, "too, that practically all the business institutions, from small stores to banks, which do business on the cash basis, are prospering, while those which extended credit have a bad time of it. It isn't because people can't pay that they don't pay; it's because they don't want to pay. When a merchant is driven to bankruptcy, it frequently happens that if he had in his bank all the money showing on his books in credits, he could pay his way and keep going. He will say that he could not get in his money. Those owing said they couldn't pay. But when a stranger steps in to wind up the business, all who owe owing find the money and right away. Why did they not pay before? They didn't have to—that was all. Merchants who have been selling on credit are too much afraid of losing customers. Yet what use to any merchant is a customer that doesn't pay? Some do pay and by-and-by, but they get the merchant into a bad way; and, on the whole, every credit customer is a bad customer. Let the other fellow have him. You may do a smaller volume of business, but you have your money or your goods. Anyhow, it is the people who are paying cash who keep you going and out of these only you make a profit."

EDITORIAL NOTES

And an exchange puts it thus: "If you don't believe in co-operation, watch what happens to a wagon when one wheel comes off."

It's a good many years since an excursion train has been run over the C. N. R. from Milton to Acton. But King Winter made this mode of travel the best and only possible one on Monday night.

One can't just help wondering where Horby would have finished in the local O. H. A. group if their team had remained in or what bearing it would have had on any of the other teams, if any.

Canada's total trade for the fiscal year amounted to \$2,684,452,000 or 22 times more than the total at the time of Confederation in 1867. The trade of Canada has increased 840 per cent since 1900.

Out in British Columbia the sales of liquor run well over \$1,000,000 a month and are increasing each year. The policy of Government Control lacks the same fundamentals of control that are missing in other measures.

The "No Smoking" regulation at the Arena needs stricter enforcement. The privileges taken by a few are spoiling the enjoyment of the games for those who desire to see and not have the vision fogged by a smoke screen.

The growing popularity of Canada among tourists is indicated by the recent official estimate that about 0,000,000 persons from the United States visited the Dominion last year. Of this number 250,000 visited the national parks of Canada.

Not so bad for the first year boys. Right up in the play-offs, with the Intermediate group and tied for first place. And every man on the team a resident of Acton. Yes, the fans are just a little proud of you. Play the game and keep it clean.

Yes, we have been interested onlookers on the recent sensations of the stock market and exposures of the past few days. All we wanted was however invested in Acton. The dividends weren't high, but they are still gilt-edge investments.

Every second family in the Province of Ontario has a liquor permit. To this situation there is an appalling condition of apathy in the church as well as out of it! A large increase of tipplers among women is noted. These were three outstanding statements at the opening meeting of the annual sessions of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance in Toronto last week.

Neighborhood News

BURLINGTON

Mr. John McVernon has taken to the Old English Inn at Hamilton on Monday evening for treatment.

Yerger, Premier of Ontario, will attend the opening of the High School Saturday 14th.

H. W. Walker, of Bradford, has been appointed manager of the local branch of the Bank of Commerce, and will take up his residence in the city.

"On Thursday last, Rev. G. W. Tebbel was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Men's Club of Beaufort United Church. Next week he will speak at the Methodist Church at Queen St. Baptist Church, St. Catharines.

R. H. Emery, of East Plumwood, was re-elected Warden of Wentworth County at the annual meeting held at Hamilton on Tuesday. Mr. Emery is a son of Mr. W. A. Emery, who was warden of the county several years ago, and is at present wintering in Florida.

Mr. W. Foster left for Toronto on Wednesday, where she intends spending a week.

Mrs. Marie McIntosh, of Toronto, was a weekend visitor with Mr. and Mrs. James Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hale and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hale, of Burlington, were for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cartlidge.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mundell and son Bill spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Peacock at Toronto.

The local Junior Hockey team suffered a defeat in a hard fought game at Hillisburg, on Saturday afternoon, when the score was 6-4, in ten minutes overtime, in favor of the home boys. The last goal was scored in the eighth and although deflected came home happy.

What might have been a serious fire was averted when any damage was done, in Great Britain, on Monday last.

When Mt. Garry returned from after the store was full of smoke and a box of ashes in which there was a burning cigarette, he got his first smoke removed before he hit the flames and the fire was all over—smoke foraging the place—Adelaide.

Frank McCallum has gone to St. Petersburg, Florida, for a few weeks vacation.

When David Irving, stock salesman, of the Miller's Drug Store, was injured, alleging wrongful dismissal, and asking for the return of office furniture caused by the defendants, Judge Widdifield, of the Superior Court, dismissed the remaining demands and allowed the defendant a counter-alibi of \$1,000.—Reformer.

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Mr. Raymond Whittome, of Brantford, is spending a holiday at his home here after a short absence of five years.

Mr. D. L. Mundell, who had this misfortune to fall and break his leg a couple of weeks ago, is progressing as well as could be expected. Her many friends are sending him good wishes.

Mr. H. J. J. Shillorill, manager of the Confederation Life Association, Brandon, Manitoba, made the Herald a pleasant call when he was in town.

After one month's stay fifty citizens, representing the various walks in life, down to a banquet at the Arens last Thursday night. The gathering was called to honor Mr. J. L. Thompson who has been the popular and obliging manager of the Bank of Commerce here for past several years; also a presentation to Mrs. Thompson, both of whom have made many friends during their stay in town.

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