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EDITORIAL

Continuing the Co-operative Spirit

Acton citizens like their town and surroundings to be beautiful. The Women's Institute will be responsible for the next inauguration of civic improvements when they have plans approved and are able to proceed with the erection of an appropriate entrance at Fairview Cemetery. This improvement of the town in many circles by societies and individuals is real help to the Council and individuals who compose these organizations a sense of citizenship that would not be secured if the improvements were all carried out under municipal jurisdiction. The co-operative spirit is growing and success in all these endeavors has marked every step of the way. Still greater things may continue to be accomplished in the community and it gives all an opportunity to share in the joys of accomplishment.

Beautifying a Place of Beauty

The action taken by the School Board at a recent meeting to beautify the school grounds was a most commendable one. We doubt if any school in the Province can boast of so fine a school campus as that which Acton has. Its natural setting, with the little brook running along the lower corner and fine high elevation of the buildings lends itself to wonderful possibilities. The section of the grounds nearest the highway has been cleared up considerably and several new beds about the High School grounds have been planted. A continuance of the work with a systematic plan in view to beautify this grounds and a definite amount set aside each year for the improvement will work wonders. A few swings and slides or playground equipment added each year might also be included in this improvement programme because, after all, it is a children's playground. At any rate a very fine start has been made on this programme and before the summer is over this work will make a showing in enhancing the beauty of the grounds and surroundings. A visit to the grounds occasionally by the ratepayers would encourage the Board in this work and all would then realize the advantages of the promotion of this endeavor inaugurated by the Board. Pupils will, of course, take pride in maintaining the beauty and not destroying any of the work carried on.

A Community Centre for Young and Old

There were some who thought that the new Arena in the Park would present rather a gaudy appearance during the summer months, and perhaps detract from the scenic beauty of Prospect Park. The work carried on the past week here by Messrs. Beardmore & Co. has done away with this idea. The artistic flower beds, filled with peonies, iris and flowering shrubs; the neat little overgreens and spruce dotted around the building have enhanced the appearance wonderfully. And not to be outdone by perpetuating an eyecore in the environs of the Park, the municipal officers have taken away the old ticket booth and other buildings temporarily placed last fall. Thus in the first few months of spring the whole surroundings have been transformed and the appearance of the Park will be a sight pleasing to any citizen who during the afternoons or long evenings will go down to view it. If you are a car driver a leisurely trip along the race course will bring to view other improvements. The fill-in to straighten the track is being rapidly widened out toward the breakwater erected during the winter. The undergrowth of shrubbery, which hid the view of Fairy Lake from the Park, has been cleared away. The co-operation of the Council and Messrs. Beardmore & Co. has done much. The beds around the entrance are coming along nicely and the facilities at the drinking fountain have been improved. The Park has shown much improvement in the last few years since the entrance was erected. Another one might now be undertaken when conditions at the "swimmin' hole" might have it transformed into a "bathing beach." This would require the erection of bathing houses, and some work in extending the land along the front, used for bathing and the maintenance of a spring bog and diving pier. If the beauty of the Park is to be maintained the year round it will also be necessary to make arrangements for the municipal officers to have a power mower. These improvements will take time and will undoubtedly be carried out in the course of the next few years—some of them this year. The Park is more than an athletic field and fair grounds in Acton today. Its seats and bandstand, which will be graced with band concerts all throughout the summer, added to its other features, are making it a beauty spot and centre for enjoyment by the whole community.

Prospering With Age

The Powassan News last week modestly announced the completion of its twenty-third year of publication under its founder and present owner, Mr. J. H. Lake. To give the community a better newspaper representation the editor also announced the building of a new and larger newspaper press. This speaks well for the success the years have brought to Editor Lake since he left Tim Farn. Press office here to launch the Powassan News in the then new northern fields. That the years which follow will bring in ample measure a continuance of this merited success to Editor Lake in serving his community with an aggressive newspaper is the wish of this journal.

Empire Day—May 23

"Empire Day in the Schools of Ontario" is the title of a very attractive booklet issued by the Ontario Department of Education in connection with Empire Day—May 23, 1933. It is profuse with pictures of notables of the Dominion and the Province in connection with educational and Empire Day affairs. A suggested school programme, interesting articles in connection with Empire Day; illustrations and explanations of the Union Jack; and articles in connection with various parts of the Empire and Empire loyalty go to make the little booklet most interesting and informational. The booklets are distributed to the schools throughout the Province and should form a most interesting library by retaining each number as they are issued each year.

The Budget

The Budget of the Dominion Government has been announced and it would appear to be very satisfactory. The Liberals have found much in it that is praiseworthy and commends itself as beneficial to Canada, and the Conservatives seem capable of being opposed to it. It would seem to have sufficient in it to create praise and of course room for argument may be found on any subject. The items that seem of most interest to the average citizen will be the surplus of \$44,507,000, the reduction of the sales tax, and the housewife will view with favor the saving in tea prices. The numerous items that go to make it up will scarcely be digested by the average citizen until they directly affect him and they will then call for his praise or condemnation. Here are some of the items in a summarized form: Sales tax cut in two; extension of income tax exemption to include dependent parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, sons or daughters not capable of self-support; lowered tax on sales of shares. Definite ending of New Zealand trade agreement in October next, it to be superseded by new treaty and rise in butter tariff rate to four, five and six cents a pound under Preferential, Intermediate and General tariff, respectively. Specific and ad valorem duties applied to fruit and vegetables, and all fresh vegetables of domestic character free under British Preference. Increases in General tariff in canned vegetables. Fresh fruits free under British Preference. Increase in tariff on beans. Tea to be free under British Preference; also porcelain and chinaware. Countervailing duties to be effective against the following: Potatoes, soup and soup preparations, live stock, fresh meats, cured and pickled meats, butter, eggs in the shell, frozen eggs, frozen egg albumen, wheat, wheat flour, oats, oatmeal, rye, cut flowers, cast iron pipe. In the iron and steel schedules a multitude of revisions are made, some of the General tariff items being increased, and numerous others under the British Preference decreased or placed on the free list. These include agricultural machinery, office machinery and equipment, household machinery such as washing machines and vacuum cleaners, road-building machinery, milking machines, dairy equipment. Certain apparatus used in hospitals is placed on the free list.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The brewers and distillers received no help in the budget, but the cost of tea was lowered. The moral is drink tea if you would benefit from the budget.

A newspaper dispatch claims that "Tories say United States Scarcely Affected by Tariff." Wasn't it Canada that was supposed to be affected by the tariff?

It took very short order for the tea companies to bring into effect the saving on duty on tea. Reductions were announced almost simultaneously with the budget.

The reduction in the sales tax has been steady from 5 per cent. down to 1 per cent. now. And of course with the budget of 1931 it may be expected to be entirely wiped out.

The new highway signs at the entrance to Acton are neat and attractive. They add an individual touch and proclaim very visibly to all in daytime or at night the town which they are approaching.

The Chesley Enterprise says: "All the towns in Halton County have adopted Daylight Saving. They always were a fast set in those urban municipalities of Halton." We're at least very modern, Brother McDonald, to put it mildly.

Barrie had \$89,526 of unpaid taxes at the close of last year. This was worse than in Orillia, where the unpaid taxes amounted to \$61,168. Of course these are big towns, so a comparison with Acton's \$2,000 arrears at the end of the year would hardly be understandable.

The two papers formerly published in Uxbridge have amalgamated and another of the two papers towns passes from that category. Oakville is the only town in Canada that can boast of having three weekly papers. Publishing costs prohibit the duplicating of newspapers in most communities.

A booklet received in the mails this week from a city in the United States would seem to point out that the attention of American capital is being directed to the development of the country along the Hudson Bay line in Canada. This country has many possibilities of development and capital from all parts of the world are finding it a profitable field for investment. Sir Hans Howard, until recently British Ambassador to the United States, has said that "the next fifty years belong to Canada."

TREASURED UTTERANCES

The words of famous personages, addressed to mere ordinary mortals, or overheard by them, usually are remembered, though they are often themselves completely unworthy of remembrance. Although and orators, even those who are most impressively capable of what is called "doing the big wow" in print or on great occasions, most often descend to small talk—some things indeed to talk quite microscopically unimportant. In Mr. Robert Underwood Johnson's recent book, remembered yesterday, he relates an interview that his grandfather once had with Henry Clay while they were standing together by chance on the church steps. The conversation was very interesting.

"I understand, Mrs. Underwood," said Mr. Clay, "that you are the mother of seven children."

"The lady deprecatingly owned to five or six."

"I want to tell you something very important," said Mr. Clay. "I want to inquire of you first when a child last recall the impressive figure of a man to mind without seeing a cat under his foot—like Mr. George stepping on the squirming dragon in old prints," said the narrator.

At her first dinner party, when she was only fifteen years old, an English girl, Louisa Courtney, who lived well into her nineties, was asked near Wordsworth and next to Keats. The two, of course, eagerly attentive, awaiting the high discourse of the two poets. Wordsworth also solemnly and did not take at all; he only too addressed himself gravely and exclusively to the roast mutton. There was a dish of liver—a kind of water cream—to accompany it; this was set immediately in front of little Miss Courtney, and after waiting to see whether it was to be passed and finding that it was not she ventured timidly to help herself.

"Young lady," said Keats, "I am glad to see that you appreciate liver. Give me some."

"This did so," and he relapsed into a silence that remained unbroken till the end of the meal.

BABY LANGUAGE

Little children often construct what amounts to a new language in their first efforts to articulate. About one such tongue a writer in the Boston Transcript discusses pleasantly.

"They call her the little Kokimo—of course she isn't one—because her talk sounds like Kokimo. Anyhow, she has given us a delightful lesson in her own language. She looked up at the moon and exclaimed:

"Mool Mool Mool De-da, da-da, da-da. Yo-lo. No-no mool De-da, da-da. Haly not. Day-dawn, day-dawn."

Literally, "Mool Mool Mool Moon, big, big moon. No, no. All gone, all gone." Which, being still further interpreted, is, "Oh, see the big yellow moon. It's another moon. The little moon isn't there any more. It's all gone."

And the explanation: the first day the moon on Sunday, her second birthday, as a crescent, low in the west. A week later, she discovered it in its enlarged edition, in the south. Hence, "Another moon, big moon, pointing to it, while the 'little moon,' which she had seen in another part of the sky was now 'all gone.'"

WORK FOR NOTHING

A persistent lawyer who had been trying to establish a witness's suspicious connection with an offending railroad was at last elated by the witness's admission that he "had worked on the railroad."

"Ah!" said the attorney, with a satisfied smile. "You say you have worked on the P. T. & X.?"

"Yes."

"For how long a period?"

"Off and on for seven years, or 'alpine I have lived at Penedale on their line."

"Ah! You say you were in the employ of the P. T. & X. for seven years, off and on?"

"No. I did not say that I was employed by the P. T. & X. I said that I had worked on the road, off and on, for that length of time."

"Do you wish to convey the impression that you have worked for the P. T. & X. for seven years without reward?" asked the attorney.

"Absolutely without reward," the witness answered, calmly. "For seven years, off and on, I've tried to open the windows in the P. T. & X. cars, and never once have I succeeded."

A SHY CATTY

She was how engaged, says the Teller, and was counting in her nearest friend: "Do you know, dear," she said, "Tom and I understand each other perfectly. He tells me everything I know, and I tell him everything I know, too."

"Really?" exclaimed the friend. "Don't you sometimes find the silence rather oppressive?"

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