



EDITORIAL

Making a Mountain Out of a Mole Hill

The exaggeration of the daily papers in magnifying incidents in the smaller communities to large scare headings and lengthy articles is often amusing to those resident in the community, being thus glorified (?) The Acton Herald said last week: "If everything we read in the metropolitan papers is as inaccurate as the story of the shooting of Russel Rowe we are all wasting a lot of time and a lot of sympathy." And the Orillia Packet-Times is also amused at the battle that the city dailies make out of a little difference of local opinion in the municipal government of Orillia. It would seem that the city papers, in their rush for sensationalism magnify what the communities consider rather trivial matters. We have noticed like experiences locally and can see the funny side of the question as well as most other communities. About a year ago we heard a city daily representative promise to supply its readers with all the inside information on a subject with which we were fairly conversant. It however, was only a promise, and never developed into a reality, which was possibly just as well for all concerned. The dailies are great institutions but their function is not the accurate description of the local events in the smaller communities.

More Interest in the Park

More and more our citizens are coming into a realization of the wonderful possibilities of the Park and the surroundings around Lake Ontario. Not once, but quite frequently, it is the topic of conversation and citizens point out what might further be accomplished in making this a spot for which Acton would soon become noted. It is now quite a usual thing to see groups of tourists making it a camping ground, and not a sign of any description along the highway has been used to direct attention to its attractions. The work at the entrance and on down around the grounds has been well spent money. Added machinery will be necessary if the grass and grounds are to be maintained as they are at present, and improved. A programme of gradual improvement might well be mapped out for each year and any citizen who takes the time to visit Acton's Park will view the expenditure with approval. Some attention might now be given to the bathing facilities in the next part of the programme. The fishing, many say, is excellent, and certainly it has attracted fishermen by the scores. Truly Acton has a wonderful asset in this fine grounds and the interest citizens are showing in it augurs well for its continued improvement.

Elections Only About Two Weeks Away

With only two weeks until election time it would seem that the present Liberal campaign is one of the most quiet that has been experienced. No mass meeting has been held thus far for either candidate. Both parties have their local committee rooms and both seem fairly active but are not mobilizing the electors with any more than personal exchange of views. Undoubtedly the summer weather, when indoor meetings are not popular, has something to do with the quiet. The radio and the full newspaper pages on all the speeches and platforms of the leaders of both parties furnish the electors with wealth of information, that should enable them to vote with a very intelligent view of the questions upon which an opinion must be expressed. The record of the Liberal regime and the Empire budget of Mr. Borden seem to be withstand the attack of the Opposition very successfully. Of course both parties truly believe they can win the election and hold the reins of power. But the mind of the electorate is quiet and only the first coast, after July 1st, will determine the question. The Liberals having been in power, have their record of accomplishment, and their organization, complete to offer in supporting up a government. The Conservative Opposites in this case, in other cases of opposition, can offer only the record of their failure before it came into power. The party in power is judged by its record of accomplishment, while the party in opposition is judged by the privilege or advantage offered for the future by the party with which it releases the record of the past.

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The Master Teachers have ended their conference eight after 500 hours in the air and having endured the hardships of accomplishment labored back to earth to be mobbed and reviled in the ignominy of their many management. This coming back to earth always seems to be a disturbing performance.

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Steadily Improving

Hon. Cairine Reay Wilson gave a very strong argument on the condition of Canada in her address at Newmarket recently, when she said: "When the present Government assumed office in 1921 it did so with a dollar which was rated at 84 cents, and a stupendous debt, and it was freely predicted that no Government could survive." At that time the late Senator Edwards, who was prominent in the financial world, often said, as he looked sadly at our small children: "They will never live to see the day, nor will their children see the day, when the Canadian dollar will be accepted at its face value." Within two years the deficit had ceased, and a small surplus appeared, but, best of all, our dollar was even quoted at a slight premium."

Hydro Revenue Totals Over Sixty-five Millions Last Year

Some interesting information was contained in the report of Commission Chairman, Chas. Maggs of the Hydro, in a report given out last week. The report stated that compilation and aggregation by the fall of this year of the new 34,000-horsepower Nipigon development at Camp Alexander is expected; that the total revenue derived from the operation of all Hydro properties, including Hydro-Electric railways, and the municipalities' investment in distributing systems and other assets, was \$39,969,624.63 in 1923; and that at the end of last fiscal year there were 37,000 rural customers taking power over 4,345 miles of line, 1,044 miles of which were constructed during the same twelve-months period.

Accidents and Compensation

During the month of June there were reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board 6,307 accidents, as against 7,674 during June a year ago, and 6,806 during June of 1922. There were 46 fatal accidents in June this year. In the first six months of 1923 the accidents reported numbered 36,298, a decrease of 5,217 from the number for the same period a year ago, but an increase of 1,096 over the same period of 1922. The fatal accidents for the six month period were as follows: 1920, 233; 1921, 1928, 276. The total benefits awarded in June, 1923, amounted to \$36,025.72, of which \$493,163.20 was for compensation and \$103,702.43 for medical aid. This brings the total benefits awarded during the half year ending June 30 to \$3,715,968.77, as compared with \$3,991,646.78 during the corresponding period of 1922, and \$3,515,124.17 during the same period in 1923.

Nothing More Than Promises

The promise of unemployment relief by Hon. Mr. Bennett and the possibility of immediate construction of the St. Lawrence waterway as a means toward relief are apparently scoffed at by the Farmers' Sun, as it calls the move one to win the labor vote. The Sun says: "A session of Parliament for the relief of unemployment would enlighten no one, because the causes of unemployment are well known, but it would rally all the revolutionary elements of the nation and divert our politics, for a time, probably for a long time, to a struggle to destroy what is contemptuously termed the existing social system. The promise of a small wholly Canadian is clearly insincere. From Kingston to Cornwall in the narrow stretches of river, the international boundary and the ship channel are the same, and in the wider stretches, the boundary and the ship channel cross and recross as they wind through many islands. It is, therefore, impossible to effect a Canadian channel without trespassing on the territory of the United States. Of course, nothing is beyond the powers of modern engineering and so we may assume that, given the money, Mr. Bennett may build behind Gananoque, Brockville, Iroquois and Morrisburg, through the Laurentian rock, a Canadian canal six hundred feet wide and, we should say, not less than a hundred feet deep to afford a ship draft of twenty-five feet. If anyone disputes the need of a width of six hundred feet, let him remember that great ships in motion cannot be permitted to touch rock."

EDITORIAL NOTES

A losing team certainly has its handicaps. To wit, the interests displayed in the baseball team of this summer, and the hockey team of last winter.

The painting and cleaning up process being carried on in all quarters by citizens certainly has a splendid effect in the general improvement of the community.

Aylmer soups are likely to entirely displace the highly-advertised Campbell's brand, now that the duty on American soup has been increased to 35¢—Simcoe Refiner.

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Neighborhood News

GALTVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wass, of Walker-

ville, are holidaying at the parental

home of Mrs. W. M. Wass and Mr.

Mr. G. H. Jacobs.

W. H. Sutherland, Esquire, at the

Bank of Montreal, received a quick

patch notice last week to report at Kil-

burn and left on two hours' notice.

An unfortunate accident occurred on

Tuesday evening at Victoria Park, when

the married woman's cap was called. One

of the contestants was Mrs. James Shad-

ley, who stumbled and pitched forward

on his head. She was taken home in an

unconscious condition but is able to be

up and around again.—Record.

Walking on a load of hay to the barn

Door on Wednesday, W. Waller, of

Dundas Highway, was instantly killed.

The bird man heard the fall and found

the body of his employer.

The energetic baseball club supporters

held a successful demonstration on

Tuesday afternoon and evening. The

afternoon games were hampered by rains,

but the evening made up with a lively

programme and a large attendance.

John R. Ryers was on a business trip to

Montreal this week and is accompanied

by Miss Grace Byrne.

NARROWAWAY

(Received Too Late for Last Week)

The annual garden party of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist

United Church, held on Wednesday

evening of last week, was a good success.

The other man favored them with a fine night and there was a good crowd

out to enjoy the fine programme

put on by the Peacock Weston Women

Company of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Darby and family, of Kitchissippi, visited relatives and

friends at Campbellton on Sunday.

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of Kitchissippi, visited relatives and

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The annual school picnic of No. 2 and

School in Narrowaway was held on

the No. 2 school grounds last Friday

afternoon. There was a good programme

of songs and games which was enjoyed

by the large crowd present.

Some of the farmers have commenced

haying. The crop will not be heavy

one this year.

Quite a number of people from Nassauway attended the Dublin old boy's

reunion on Dunlop Street.

Nassauway Council has purchased a

new roadster for the Township.

Mr. Alfred Kennedy, of Kitchissippi,

is under the doctor's care at present.

We hope she may soon be able to be

around again.

Quite a number of the girls of the

Summer Holiday School and Young

People's League are going to camp this

weekend.

ERIN

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Egle and Mr. V.

Clayton spent Sunday at St. Cathar-

ines Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Longhead, of London

were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs.

J. M. Steel.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Walker, of Inwood,

spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs.

Clare, Ontario.

Mr. David Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. J.

Cox of Milton were Sunday visitors

with Mr. J. H. Scott.

Miss. H. L. Lester, R. N., of Weston,

Mich., spent a few days with her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lester.

Misses E. Henderson, D. Barrett and

W. Cook, of Brampton, spent week-end

camping at Mr. H. H. Hunter's.

Mr. W. A. Wool, Mr. E. H. Tolton and

Miss Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stephen.

The Board of Managers of Burns Pre-

byterian Church have extended a call to

Rev. Mr. Grant, of Calgary, and are

expecting a reply shortly.

Mr. C. T. Scott is convalescing at his

home following an operation at the

Glenfield General Hospital, in which he

had his tonsils removed.

Mr. H. D. Stevenson returned home on

sunday evening from London, where