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Yours the Choice

Friday in nomination day. It is your privilege to nominate citizens to administer your affairs. These affairs involve the administration of a yearly expenditure of between forty and fifty thousand dollars. The men and women you select will be construed by other towns and the business associates they meet as representative of Acton—mirrors of Acton and of you, who are the majority in this town of ours. It is not the place for petty personalities, but for the choosing of men whom you will be pleased to point to as your representatives. True, your ballot is secret but your selections will be on exhibition for a year. These are the things to keep in mind when you go to nominations or elections. These are your greatest interests. Use your privileges for the advancement of Acton and its continued progress.

**Just Suppositions**

It would seem that the appointment of the County Registrar was to be made to Mr. George Hillmer, ex-M. P. P.—judging from County newspaper comment. He, as the defeated member in the last provincial elections, has the patronage. If Mr. Hillmer appoints himself to the position there will be a unique family experience. Under the Liberal regime in Dominion affairs his son received a government appointment under the Civil Service Commission. At that time the passing of the days of patronage was heralded and the appointment lauded. The young man's qualifications quite apparently fitted him for the position and he was a returned soldier. Of course it may be that there are now no returned men available for the registrarship to receive the appointment. The acceptance of the position by Mr. Hillmer may be very remote in his own mind; and he may have the thought of returning the compliment conferred on his son, and using his influence to secure the appointment for one in political opposition to him.

**Parting With An Old Press**

The Arthur Enterprise-News, which is so ably edited by Rixon Rafter, last week installed a new press. In a reminiscent mood Mr. Rafter pauses to pay tribute to the work of the old machine, which chronicled the activities of the community faithfully for thirty-seven years. In every community enterprise it played its part. But let us quote a paragraph from the Arthur editor's pen, as it depicts feelings which we may have failed to express a few months ago. "For more than a third of a century it has related the life's story of Arthur and its adjacent townships; recorded its births, lamented its deaths, flattered its brides and ignored its bridegrooms, praised its successes and overlooked its failures. For thirty-seven years, it has championed the cause of everything that tended to advance the best interests of the community. The churches found in it a ready co-worker, while the advertising columns it from week to week printed made possible the business development of the place. By it the old home sentiment, so strongly connected with the communities of rural Ontario was kept alive for Arthur, and through its agency the interest of thousands in the place of their birth was maintained. For the many stories of the achievements of the people of Arthur and vicinity, which it committed to the printed page, it deserves a lasting mention, and for the many tales it might have told, and didn't, it is also worthy of some commendation."

**What a Farmer Must Invest.**  
What amount of capital investment in land, buildings, equipment and livestock does it take to earn one dollar on a farm in Canada? The answer is given by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics in an estimate for each of the nine provinces as follows: Prince Edward Island, \$3.88; Nova Scotia, \$3.87; New Brunswick, \$4.50; Quebec, \$4.55; Ontario, \$4.47; Manitoba, \$5.24; Saskatchewan, \$5.50; Alberta, \$4.80; British Columbia, \$4.54; Dominion average, \$4.78.

**Agreement Falls at Imperial Conference**

The Imperial Conference, after six weeks' consultation by the Premiers of the Empire with the Prime Minister and representatives of the Imperial Parliament, in the effort to perfect plans for the development of Imperial trade and commerce, concluded its deliberations on Friday, without having reached any important economic agreements. It is proposed to hold separate Empire economic and constitutional conferences, and it is probable that the first of these will be held in Ottawa next June.

**Canada Is Largest Paper Producer**

More newsprint paper is made in Canada than in any other country. It is only since the year 1926 that the production of newsprint in Canada has exceeded that of United States, which was then the world's largest producer. At present Canadian mills are producing almost double the quantity that is manufactured in the United States. For the first seven months of the present year to the end of July, the total output of Canadian mills was 1,500,341 tons, compared with 780,131 tons for the United States, representing an excess of 90 per cent. over United States production.

**The Cure for Business Ills**

In a recent magazine article, Roger W. Babson, noted economist, gives advertising as his prescription for business ill. Mr. Babson says: "As one who has studied business depression in life rather than in libraries. I see in current conditions the call for advertising. There's nothing wrong with the patient but poor circulation. Money is being held instead of circulated. Advertising is ideally fitted and competent to accelerate the situation. It is the most effective known force for accomplishing the speeding up of money and thereby giving us more business at times when more business is the nation's greatest need."

**Acton's Finances**

Friday is nomination day in Acton and on that day the usual financial statement showing receipts and expenditures for the year just past will be given the ratepayers. The sheet, which includes items only up to November 15, shows total receipts of \$11,585.12. The Utilities Commission turned over on debentures \$682.05 for Hydro, and \$5,000 for water-works. The cemetery receipts are given as \$551.02, and expenditures in this department \$227.41. When the statement is taken a cash balance on hand is shown of \$14,250.42. Taxes collected during the year from November 15 last, until this November, are given as \$44,288.68. The statement of assets and liabilities gives the assets as \$315,637.64, and the liabilities as \$202,522.67; leaving a balance of \$80,014.97 assets over the liabilities. The statement sets forth a very satisfactory standing of Acton's finances. It will be perused with interest when presented to the ratepayers and is self-explanatory.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Municipal nominations are scheduled to be held tomorrow (Friday) evening, in the Town Hall. And judging from the interest being manifested an acclamation may be looked for in most vacancies.

The last instalment of taxes were due on Friday and the days of grace will elapse just fourteen days thereafter and then the financial part of your citizenship duties have been discharged for another year.

Editor B. J. Garbutt, of the Drayton Advocate, was sadly bereft last week when Mrs. Garbutt died suddenly of heart trouble. The sympathy of all publishers of the district will go out to Editor Garbutt in this loss that he has sustained.

The theft of a \$15 dress cost the Deputy Minister of Labor for Ontario his cabinet position, which carried a salary of \$4,200 per annum. Being a first offender at petty thieving he was put on suspended sentence by the Magistrate.

About this time of year the usual query pops up: "Who will be Warden?" In Halton it apparently doesn't so much matter who as what municipality has the turn. Length of service is not of as great consequence as the municipality whose turn it happens to be.

Sunday marked the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Orillia Packet, and the present paper is just four times the size of the original issue. The Packet has kept splendidly abreast with Orillia's growth and ably represents that northern community. That its growth may continue is the wish of THE FREE PRESS on this diamond anniversary occasion.

**Chronicles of Ginger Farm**

Written Specially for  
The Free Press by  
GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

It is very nice to be getting on with a little writing, instead of doing the job I have just left, which was nothing more or less than patching overalls. Of all the jobs with needle and thread, patching overalls and grain bags is surely the worst. I think every girl, before she marries a farmer, should be given a very much worn pair of overalls and a few mouse-chewed grain bags to wrestle with and they should be brought into her unexpectedly—probably when she has just got into a clean dress and intends to settle herself down to a little fine sewing or writing letters, etc. If at the end of that time she still preserves an unruffled equanimity then she will surely be a success as a farmer's wife and should be held up as a model to all other farmers' wives who emerge from a similar task with anything but flying colors. However, these things have to be done, and I know of no remedy, unless it be the divorce courts, and in Canada even that wouldn't work. Now if one were in the States, I suppose one might sue or rather be sued, on the ground of incompatibility of temperament and if the judge was one of these brainy products reared on a farm he would understand the situation easily.

What a lot of nonsense, you will say, but what more can you expect—it is all a result of mending overalls!

I have had one wonderful treat this week. I was able one night to sit up until the small hours writing, just writing, to my heart's content. Partner, bless his heart, went to a party, which is something he very rarely does, and as we cannot both go on account of the children, I was left alone in my glory. And how I did revel in it—why I got more done that evening than I would in a month of ordinary evenings. There is no chance of me hurring the midnight oil—just as I get my thoughts marshalled and in proper order so to speak, Partner starts to worry about it being bedtime and no matter what I say he won't go to bed and leave me to come when I feel inclined. Maybe he is right, but it is a terrible thing to be ordered about by a mere man. Anyway, I had a grand time the other night until it got late and the dog started to bark—and I wondered if anyone knocked if I should have the courage to open the door. However, my courage was not put to the test, for which I was very thankful. Oh no, I wasn't nervous, but I don't think, after all, it would be very much of a treat to be left alone very often. And yet there are women who are left alone night after night. What a life—and what a man—and in the end what a wreck of a woman!

This is a great house these days. Partner goes out on Tuesdays to the Choral Society, and the children to the Junior Choir on Saturdays, so between the three of them I have to endure all kinds of vocal gymnastics. I go down to a terrible thing to be ordered about by a mere man. Anyway, I had a grand time the other night until it got late and the dog started to bark—and I wondered if anyone knocked if I should have the courage to open the door. However, my courage was not put to the test, for which I was very thankful. Oh no, I wasn't nervous, but I don't think, after all, it would be very much of a treat to be left alone very often. And yet there are women who are left alone night after night. What a life—and what a man—and in the end what a wreck of a woman!

It is certainly a great comfort to have a veterinary surgeon within easy call, very different from the West, where a farmer has to depend upon his own skill and the help of his neighbors. There is, however, always one consolation. Stock out West always seems more healthy and hardy than it does down East.

No doubt you think I have been writing a lot of rubbish when I might reasonably be expected to write about Thanksgiving and Armistice Day, but that is just exactly what I cannot do. It is a day that does mean something to us, in fact so much that to write about it is almost impossible.

I remember, as a child, going with my mother and cousin to see London for the first time. We did all the sights

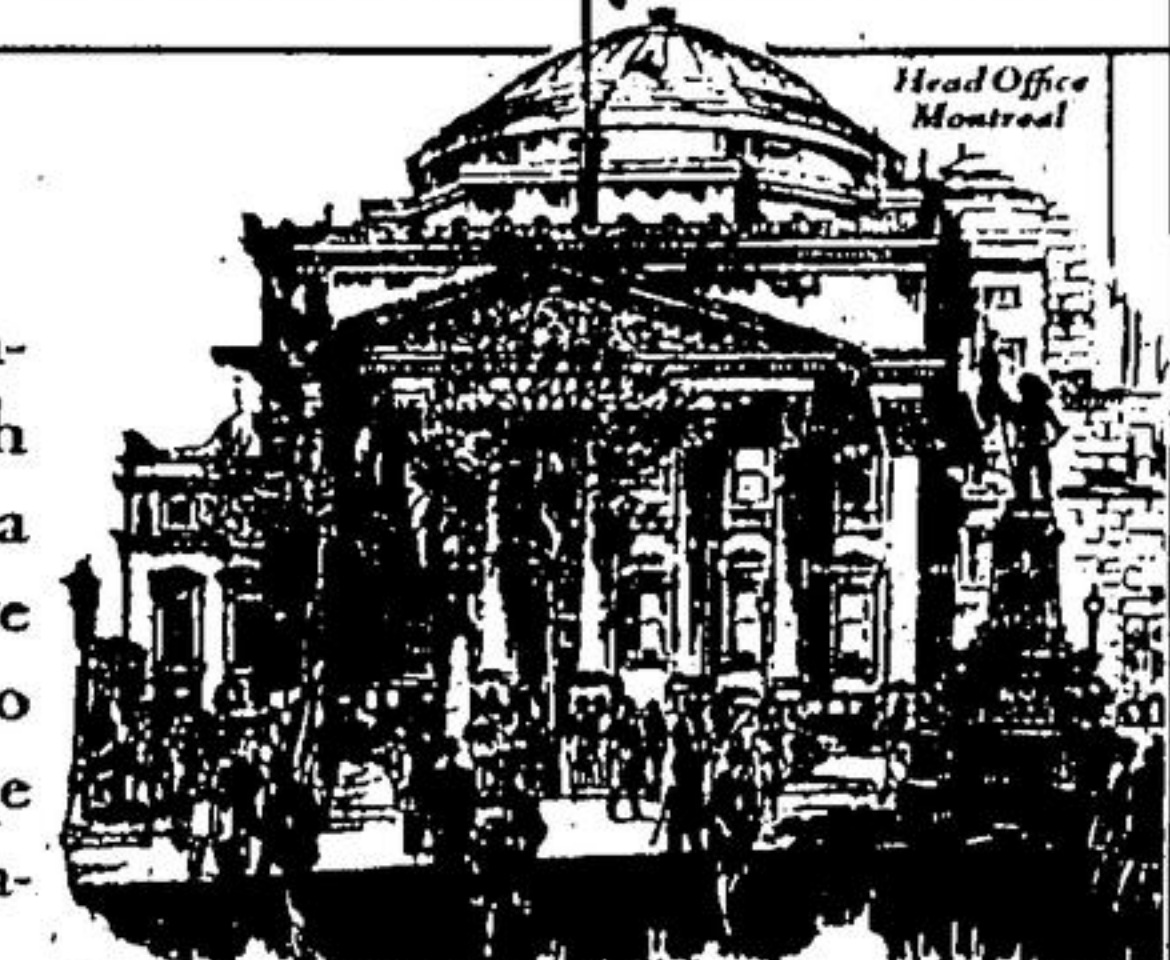
of course, and mother got quite worried because I was so quiet. "What is the matter?" she would say. "Don't you feel well. Are you not enjoying yourself?" I was, but the more it meant to me the less I wanted to talk. And so it is with Armistice Day. It means too much to be spoken of lightly, in ordinary, every day language. As Tennyson says: "My words are only words, and move upon the topmost froth of thought." May I leave it at that? I give you this explanation because it is not seemly that I should leave you with the impression that I have not one serious thought in my head. Neither need I reproach myself with having let loose a lot of insane platitudes.

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