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EDITORIAL Ontario's Growth

The complete census returns of the recent Dominion enumeration show that Ontario has had an increase in population of nearly half a million people in the ten year period. A census bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics gives Ontario's population, detailed by electoral districts, as 3,426,488, as compared with 2,933,662 in 1921, or an increase of 492,826 persons. The Maritime Provinces show only a slight increase—7,904—over the ten-year period, with a total population of 1,008,322. New Brunswick showing a registration gain, while Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island declined. To-day New Brunswick has a population of 408,255, as against 387,876 in 1921. Nova Scotia shows a recession of 11,810 to a total of 512,027, while Prince Edward Island's population dropped from 88,615 to 88,040. The total population of this, the County of Halton, and neighboring counties, is given as, Halton, 26,035, an increase of 1,846; Wellington North, 10,037, an increase of 796; Wellington South, 39,125, an increase of 2,475; Peel, 28,169, for an increase of 4,273; Wentworth, 66,859, an increase in the period of 20,770. York West has shown a gain of over 60,000 in the period.

In Good Financial Position

The Financial Statement that will be presented to the ratepayers to-morrow night shows the position of Acton to be very sound financially. Any statement taken at this date must, in some instances, be only estimated, and subject to correction, as the financial year does not end until December 31. All departments would appear to be in good condition. The Waterworks Department has contributed \$5,000 toward the debenture indebtedness from the running expenditures of the year. While the taxes outstanding may seem a large item, it must be borne in mind that at the date the statement was made up the last instalment of taxes was not due or payable. From the amount it would appear that the first instalment has been punctually met. The Arena, under municipal management, seems also to be a thriving institution, and accumulating a little reserve as well as providing recreation for all. A peek at the debenture indebtedness reveals that this item is gradually on the decline, with much relief to be foreseen after the next two years, when several of the issues will be wiped off. The waterworks installation, which is the largest amount on the corporation books, has already run a third-of its time. A balance of assets of \$97,180.73 in shown over liabilities. Two items that will assist the Council materially are a lower school amount and County rate than was required last year. In nearly every other instance items within the control of the Council show a decrease from a year ago, in keeping with the general policy of curtailment. It would seem that a new estimate of the assets of the corporation might well be prepared, as in many instances the buildings and equipment could not be replaced for many times the value placed upon them. This, however, is really a good fault, as the actual position of the municipality is much better than the figures indicate. An instance of this may be seen in the Hydro plant and equipment. The report puts this at \$16,000, whereas the books of the Commission place a valuation of this equipment at \$53,398.65. These figures make no difference in the position of Acton and are only quoted to show that the assets are by no means inflated. Citizens have had good administration of their affairs and may well view the financial statement, to be presented to-morrow, with much satisfaction.

Citizens' Day To-morrow

Not another public holiday, but a day which is often known only as Nomination Day, is Friday, November 27. And yet might it not well be known as Citizens' Day. It is a day when citizenship duties must be performed. It is often a time when friendships are called upon to give way to the duties of citizenship. It is a day when municipal affairs should be gauged, not by personalities, but by the service to the community that can best be rendered by individuals or a group. This, like all other times, is a period when Acton, or any other municipality, requires the best ability available for proper guidance. Every citizen with his or her own best interest at heart will see that their best judgment is used in selecting those best qualified for the position. To-morrow is truly Citizens' Day.

The Other Side

Further enlightenment this week regarding the temperance speaker in the schools would seem to show that in Acton, at least, some consideration was shown the speaker, but not complied with. Permission was given to address the smaller children at three-thirty, and the older pupils at four o'clock. It was also pointed out to THE FREE PRESS that no auditorium was arranged to gather the pupils for the lecture. We are very pleased to have learned both sides of the case and it is a real source of gratification to learn that the value of temperance teaching in the schools is realized and aided as far as possible. Another very important fact was learned during the explanation received from the Chairman of the Board. Teachers and pupils are besieged during school hours by canvassers for everything from class photographs to real estate. And all to the detriment of the courses of study that must keep up to schedule. In spite of the fact that these canvassers are often told by the Principal that they must not visit the rooms until recess, they proceed to call at the various rooms at their pleasure. Such has become the case until teachers whole heartedly desire that a police dog were part of the school equipment, and all canvassers would be turned back before reaching the doors. With these facts in front of one, it can readily be seen that school time is a thing which must be carefully guarded. The value of any lecture must, therefore, be studied before permission is granted for its monopoly of hours that belong elsewhere. We were pleased to hear these explanations and be able to present both sides of a question that from one angle did not look fair.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The admonition to do Christmas shopping early has significance for the next few weeks.

If the power to do hard work is not a talent, it is the best possible substitute for it.—James A. Garfield.

If the Hydro matters aren't thoroughly explained before the next Provincial election, it won't be hard to select the main issue before the people.

One wonders sometimes if the comic strips are really written for the children or the adult readers. They are certainly no elevation to the intellect or vocabulary of the rising generation.

The Wellington bye-election result convinces the Liberals that now is the time for a general provincial election and the Conservatives are just as convinced that the time isn't opportune for such an event.

The Dominion of Canada announces a new loan, with an attractive rate of interest. Canadians will readily see its advantage and be quick to grasp the opportunity of an attractive and safe investment, with good returns.

Mr. Hannigan, in the double role of Secretary of the Municipal Electrical Association and platform orator of a political party will have some explaining to clear himself. Or is the Hydro really a plaything for political interests?

The publishers of weekly newspapers of the district met in Oakville this week and formed an organization comprising Wentworth, Peel and Halton Counties. A yearly meeting to discuss kindred problems and means of giving better service to their communities is the apparent purpose of the organization.

The advertising manager of the Kellogg Company, says: "Now is the time for good sound, wide-awake merchandising. We look for the year 1932 to provide unparalleled opportunities for increased business." The Kellogg Company back up their beliefs by going after business. They plan to place a bigger appropriation of their advertising in the newspapers.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

If this open weather keeps up much longer, I shall be getting quite proficient in a lot of things I have never done before. Partner is still at the plowing, but as he has only been getting half days at it and pulling through the rest of the time, progress has not been very swift. That being the case, unless I am absolutely obliged to, I don't call his attention to the many little jobs that are almost unliking to be done. For instance whenever we get a cold wind there's a whistling noise, a rattling sound and a cyclonic draught across the room and all for the sake of a little putty. The other day I bought myself a pound of putty and at a time when I was absolutely alone and sure of no eye witnesses, I set to work to see what I could do. I unwrapped my putty—goodness, I thought, this is hard tack, how am I to work with it? And then I remembered it was stuff that had to be kneaded. So I broke off a fair sized chunk, dropped a spot of oil on it and punched and rolled and kneaded until I had a lovely soft sticky mess. Then I attacked the glass panels of the side door. First of all I tried to be properly business-like and put the stuff on with a knife but the wretched putty either curled round on my knife or dropped off in little bits. "Well," said I to myself, "there's more than one way of killing the cat than drowning it in cream." So I took little dabs of putty and jabbed them into and mostly all the way round the glass. Then I took my putty knife and tried to smooth it down but the minute I touched it off came the putty, so there was nothing for it but to repair the damage and leave the imprint of my fingers as a permanent decoration. Now I am not going to tell you what Partner said about my handwork but I will say there's never a whisper of wind comes in around the glass so after all I've done something even if there is a leak of putty all the way round the glass visible from the inside of the room. There are plenty of windows left to practice on so I might in time come somewhere near perfection.

I have always thought it a great thing for people to take an interest in public organizations but if one belongs to two or three and they all plan to move heaven and earth in some way or other to raise funds at one and the same time it becomes a little awkward. First one gets a bid to attend a committee meeting, then it's a call for taking, then another committee affair, after that a couple of lectures to say nothing of every spare minute being taken up making things for the church bazaar. Then in the middle of all this Partner has to have a birthday—he does have one every two or three years—and to please the children a general air of mystery has to be produced. Partner plays out on the occasion and his "Oh, my! Ah!" of pleased surprise delight the heart of the children.

My biggest job just lately has been making mats for the bazaar. I made one from silk hosiery, and as everyone liked it I promised to make another, providing I could get the stockings. Oh, those stockings! When my rug goes on show at the bazaar, I believe a dozen different people will be able to tell their own people will be able to tell their own stockings. I got them all kinds of ways, and before she could get away, I had the promise of a bundle of "stockings. Visitors meet with the same fate—I am almost ready to beg the stockings off their feet. But now I have enough—the only thing left to do is make the rug, with only a week to do it in. To say nothing of two or three jobs of knitting to get up to the best time to be finished. I got them all kinds of ways, because one is certain of keeping late hours! I went to one the other night, which started theoretically at eight o'clock. I took some wool and needles along with me, and before I got home to my long-desired bed, I had one mitt completely finished—just think of the time that would have been wasted had I not taken it! I think a modern fairy tale might read something like this:

"Once upon a time there was a Society where there was no ill feeling, no personal differences and where each member was prepared to take his or her share of the work and responsibility without once saying they were too busy to do it and that so-and-so had far less to do than they had. Committee meetings were held whenever necessary and members were always glad to attend. Conversation was confined strictly to affairs brought up for discussion and business dispatched in double quick time so that each member was able to get home in good time to take in the milk in the morning!"

But that is just a fairy tale, of course, and does not apply to any society that I ever heard of. If such a one does or should exist, they would deserve to be known as the Society of Celestials!

GOOD BOOKS

Good books are good company because the best books in the world are just the life expression of the best men and women who have written them. To visit a good writer through one of his books is to get him at his best.

SLATS' DIARY BY ROSS PARQUIAR

Friday—pa was a telling ma about a friend which come in to see him this morning whom was a prominent painter and wear pa used to live and ma used O bring him by supper table and have dinner with us and so at supper time pa bring him home to dinner and he had with a black & wooden ma like for him to her and ma had him did he think the wood be a good subject for a portrait and he said diddnt no as his oney painted horses and barns. ma was about 15 size at pa.

Saturday—pa is very much in favor of the old style golf ball now, he found 1 the other day.

Sunday—pa went to the funeral of a old friend today which had died. he was in the hospital and they was taking him to the operation room to perform a operation and they was a black cat went in front of him and he persuaded them to wait till next day for the operation. so they did and then he diddnt need it becu he was dead.

Monday—Joe & Molly like have gave up there also little thing over aerd the creek becu he is oney winking 15 time now and it takes all he can save to make the payments on there automobile.

Tuesday—Mamie Blust witch has ben married so often just come back from Europe and when she got home she forgot her self and went to her 1st husbands house and when he told her she was mistaken she that he was kidding her and threatened to leave him.

Wednesday—Ant Emmy's cuzen way out north died and Ant Emmy picked a nice bokay of homemade flour and tried to send them to her cuzens house by Telegraph.

Thursday—Hert Noff is practising writing a letter of resignation so in case he gets a job he will no how to quit if he dont happen to like his job.

Question—"What is the capital of Ontario?"

Answer—"O."



"Husband off to work, children off to school, how do you do it?"

"Oh, that's easy if you serve Shredded Wheat. I just take the biscuits from the package and serve them with cream, or with hot milk on cold winter days. My family never tire of it, and of course that pleases me, because Shredded Wheat is a great body-builder. The necessary vitamins and minerals are there, and so is the bran which is so important to good health."



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