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EDITORIAL

Mr. Price's Blundering Can't be Excused

Attorney-General Price, in his excuses as published in the morning papers of last Thursday regarding the Milton appointment for the Clerk of the Surrogate Court in Halton County, are just about as weak as possible. Mr. Price comes forward with a letter from the Milton Legion backing the appointment of Mr. MacKenzie, but he didn't tell that Capt. Ferry, President, and Col. Scarth, Secretary of the Ontario Command of the Canadian Legion, interviewed him personally, urging the appointment of a returned man, and that Mr. Price promised to give the matter his serious consideration. Now the appointment from Queen's Park is backed up by the letter from Milton Post—not even the County organization. It looks as if the County Town was bigger in the eyes of the Attorney-General than the whole Province of Ontario. Or else Mr. Price has had a fast one slipped over him and he buries his head in the sand like the ostrich, not wanting to see or hear the truth. Mr. MacKenzie's record is admirable as a public spirited citizen. But let us look at the record of the returned man. He has spent two years in Council work and in lodge circles goes even higher than the Milton appointee. He is a Past Grand Superintendent of Wellington District Royal Arch Masons. He is also a Past First Principal of Halton Chapter, R. A. M., and he served his country in France when men were sorely needed.

The final argument regarding age put forth in the morning papers' excuses is the weakest of the lot. If age was a consideration, and the returned men are getting too old for these positions, why did Mr. Price appoint a man to the post who is about fifteen years older than the returned soldier who was turned down. We know the war aged men who participated in it. The Attorney-General surely knows the age of the applicants, and if he does, why does he come out with such a foolish excuse in the public press, and make himself the laughing stock of the countryside? Why doesn't he come out and tell the truth of the reason for the appointment. It's generally known about these parts and at election time it will take some explanation for the returned men and those who believe in fair play.

Let's look at three of the Provincial appointments in Halton recently. Mr. Hillmer, the defeated Conservative candidate, took the office of Registrar for himself. Mr. Elliott, of Milton, secured the office of Police Magistrate, in spite of returned soldiers' applying, and now Mr. MacKenzie, of Milton, gets the position of Clerk of the Surrogate Court in preference to a returned soldier. Mr. Price says at one time 65 per cent. of the appointments were in favor of the returned man. What is it now? We gave Hon. Howard Ferguson credit for his judgment in our first article. Let's have the figures on what the returned man gets from Queen's Park these days. Speaking of Halton County, it isn't much!

The flimsy excuses given by the Attorney-General won't even stand controversy. It's small wonder, therefore, that there is a disinclination to enter into any controversy. Actions from that source speak louder than any words. There was nothing governing the latest appointment in Halton, except politics, and this was impartially expressed, as Mr. Price

can find out if he takes the trouble to look into the matter. We would like to ask if Milton Legion gave their undivided support to the MacKenzie appointment, and if both letters from the Milton Legion went to the Attorney-General's Department? It seems that memories need to be refreshed in several matters in connection with this affair and while we are at it may we also remind Mr. Price that the returned soldier from Acton, which he turned down, is just as good a Conservative as the Milton appointee. Let Mr. Price come forward with a few reasons for making the appointment as he did, and not a bunch of flimsy excuses. Queen's Park has turned its back on the soldiers of Halton County—yes, slapped them in the face in favor of the party. Let Mr. Price enquire into the facts and he will find that he owes the returned man of this County an apology, but we doubt if he is of the right stamp to give it. Two men in Halton took oaths of allegiance. One way back in 1915 promised to fight for his King and Country, and got soldiers' pay, and another oath of office was administered in Milton last week. It carried many times soldiers' pay, and was the reward for service to party and manipulation of the Conservative executive vote in Halton County. There's a difference fourteen-years after. It's up to Mr. Price to explain the difference, not excuse his blunderings.

Benefitted as Well as Benefactors Must Assist

Recently a mass demonstration of Toronto unemployed was planned but did not materialize. The circular calling the meeting made specific demands which were foolish, but rather interesting. Here are the demands: "Abolition of the present system of relief distributed from the House of Industry. Immediate institution of negotiable voucher system. Payment of rent every month by city, with no forced transfers to smaller houses. City to take responsibility for the supply of gas, light and fuel. Vouchers to single men that will enable them to board where and how they wish. Now clothing for all unemployed. Immediate improvement in conditions in flop houses. Hot noon time lunches at schools for children of unemployed partially employed. That the City Council go on record as favoring non-contributory unemployment insurance." We reprint these demands just to show what a pitch some of these folk have placed themselves into. Who would pay for these demands they never even thought about. And Toronto isn't the only place where the present system of relief is getting sorely tried. It is granted that conditions have not been the best, but when it comes to a place where folks who are helping and doing without themselves to assist, and the drones in the hive of industry make the demands as to what they shall have, matters have come to a critical point. Governments and municipalities have rung up huge deficits to meet the present situation, and extend relief. Many have adjusted themselves to conditions and are pulling through, while others have adjusted themselves to the habit of letting others pull them through. It has been hinted that the present relief system is due for considerable change. It undoubtedly cannot continue as it is operating at present, and those who are receiving this assistance will be well advised to keep within the present arrangements and assist with the adjustment to meet circumstances as we have them to-day. Governments cannot carry on with lavish hand indefinitely and the benefitted must seek adjustment to present conditions as well as the benefactors.

Live Stock on Farms

An estimate of the live stock on the farms of Canada made in June, 1932, placed the total number of horses at 3,088,630; cattle, 8,511,100; sheep, 3,644,500; swine, 4,639,100; hens and chickens, 59,842,800; turkeys, 2,478,300; geese, 948,000; ducks, 810,700. As compared with 1931, horses on farms decreased by 40,370, while total cattle show an increase of 520,100. Sheep in 1932 increased by 36,500 and swine decreased by 77,600. Turkeys, geese and ducks show increases of 246,000, 44,400 and 50,700 respectively; hens and chickens on farms decreased by 1,729,200, making a net decrease for all poultry to be 1,387,800. Total cattle have increased in every province. Sheep show increases in Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Total poultry show increases in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and decreases in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Approximately 500,000 celery seedlings grown in Eastern Canada were recently sent to Bermuda to be matured during the early winter and shipped back to Canada for consumption during the late winter.

The Province of Alberta has four first-class airports, each of 160 acres in area, and with modern facilities. These are located at Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat. In addition, there are ten emergency landing fields at various points in the Province.

Last week the Bowmanville Statesman completed its seventy-eighth year. Always a leader in the weekly newspaper field, the Statesman at seventy-eight shows no sign of age and is to-day even a greater force for good in the community it so ably serves. For over fifty years its destiny has been guided by the James family.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

To be ready for this week's publication I should have started this chronicle several days ago but I didn't because I wanted to wait for the New Year. There is something so alluring about doing things in an unseasoned year—like the time-honored idea of writing on a clean slate. And yet you know I never think the clean slate notion is very logical as a small because it isn't possible to wipe out last year's problems as though they had never been, as one can do on a slate. Life isn't so simple as that—there is always a carry-over from one year to another. Even so, one welcomes a new year—there is something about it that is cheery and hopeful and clean.

Sunday morning I wondered whether this little infant '33 had been born with rose colored glasses and if he had, what difference it would make to our world. I was out to give the hens their breakfast on New Year's Day, and looking towards the west I was surprised to see, in the distance, trees, houses, barns and fields, all enveloped in a soft red light. It was very beautiful and I wondered at the cause until, looking behind me, I saw the sun peeping, shy red, from behind a bank of clouds. The warmth of color only lasted a few minutes and then the trees and buildings could be seen again in their own prosaic hue.

Shortly afterwards I was back in the house, where the light was dim and the lamps still burning. I was in the dining room, my back to the window, when suddenly the room was flooded with light—not just ordinary every day light but so bright and so sudden that its brilliance was startling. It may be foolish but I like to think that such a rosé dawn on New Year's Day was symbolic of better days to come. I have forgotten—if I ever knew—what kind of sunrise we had last New Year's Day, but I do remember—and I expect everyone else does too, how stormily 1932 was ushered in, screaming and protesting like a badly spoiled child. This year it was clear, cold and reasonable, by comparison a far better beginning than last year, if one cares to look upon it as an omen.

And now, of course, it is time to trot out the new year resolutions. It certainly won't hurt to look them over. A lot of them are probably coated with dust through being laid away so long. It will do them good to see the light of day once again.

I wonder if there is anyone living who ever made new year resolutions and kept them? If there is such a person, I don't think I would ever want to meet him—or her—so much perfection would be unbearable. I often think we love our friends quite as much for their weaknesses as their virtues—at any rate we accept them as they are.

What fun it would be if, instead of making good resolutions for ourselves, we compiled a list of the good resolutions we think our friends should make. They, in turn, would make a list for us and when they were ready they could then be exchanged. Wouldn't they be illuminating? We might then see ourselves as others see us. And should we like it? Well, that's the question—

We might even extend the idea and send—say, six resolutions to tradesmen suggesting, among other things, that less personal conversation be carried on across the counter when people are waiting to be served. Another six to customers, suggesting that they make up their mind what they want to buy before entering a store and carrying away such parcels as they can manage. We might send about a dozen to the local paper, telling the editor how it ought to be run. A score to the Township Council, two dozen or more to the County Council, fifty to the Provincial Parliament and a reams and reams to the powers that be in Ottawa. Oh, yes, and we could, of course, think of quite a few to send to our debtors but towards our creditors it might be as well to observe a discreet silence.

And oh, how much I should love to send a few resolutions to our manufacturers, asking for better quality in the goods they make—in pills a little thicker than paper, children's stockings that will last more than three days without going into holes, shoes that will stand the abuse of stone roads and stoned playgrounds, lamp chimneys that will not break for no apparent reason, cotton goods that will neither fade nor shrink, enamel ware that will not chip. In fact I would like to see "Quality Goods" the slogan for manufacturers, rather than "the cheapest goods on the market."

I would even like to make resolutions for the barn yard family. For instance, cows should resolve not to switch their tails more than once when being milked, calves that are weaned should not bump the pail and down the feeder with milk, calves being taught to drink should turn their noses down and not up, horses should not roll in wet weather and come back to the stable plastered with mud, hens should decide to be useful at all times and not ornamental, roosters should resolve not to crow in the middle of the night, dogs should not chase cats or pull clothes off the line, tom cats should decline to start howling and yowling underneath one's bedroom window and feminine felines should make a point of having only one family per year, and that be restricted to two in number.

Yes, I can think of all kinds of good resolutions for other folks and the entire barnyard family, but heaven help me if

ENLARGING LONDON PLANT

London, Ontario, December 31—Announcement was made here to-day by officials of the Kellogg Company of Canada, Limited, of the construction of a new addition to their present plant.

Plans have already been drawn up and approved and work on the new building is to start January first. The Pigott Construction Company, Hamilton, Ontario, are the contractors—local labor is to be employed. It is anticipated the plumbing, electrical, and heating contracts will be placed in London. Work on the new unit, although originally planned for next spring, has been moved forward several months in order to give immediate employment this winter.

The new building, which will be 54 feet by 100 feet, will house the Machine Shop, Mechanical Department, Stores and Restaurant. It will be of a pressed brick and its design will be in harmony with the other structures. Changes to be made in the present location will enable the Company to install new equipment, considerably increasing the manufacturing capacity.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

By Edson R. Waite, Shawnee, Oklahoma

A conductor on the Market Street Railway of San Francisco recently returned to its owner a pocketbook containing a large sum of money and papers.

The wallet belonged to a passenger who hadn't the least idea where he had lost it, but, when he discovered his loss, he used good judgment and immediately put an ad in a local paper, describing what he had lost and giving his name and address.

The conductor read the ad and immediately returned the pocket-book to the owner. He declined any reward, with the remark, "This is just a part of my job."

The little ad was the connecting link between the loser and the honest and courteous conductor.

It is always interesting to read the ads—and profitable, too. If you lose or find anything, if you have anything anyone else may want, or if you want anything someone else may have, use the small ads!

SPEEDY LIKE A SNAIL

Two men were discussing the education of their children. "What's your boy going to be when he finishes his education?" asked one. "An octogenarian," I think," was the reply.

HAS BEEN DIFFICULT YEAR FOR CANADIAN DAIRYMEN

In a review of the dairy situation in Canada recently, J. E. Singleton, Dominion Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner, stated in part: "The year 1932 is the fourth year of declining butter prices and has been a difficult one not only for those producing milk for the manufacture of butter but also for manufacturers of and dealers in butter. At the beginning of the year stocks in storage in Canada, while in excess of stocks in storage as at January 1, 1931, were approximately the same as the quantity in store January 1st, 1931, plus the quantity imported January to April, 1931. From that standpoint the situation was reasonably sound but most provinces were reporting increased production. Saskatchewan produced 48.1% more butter during December, 1931, than during December, 1930. While there was no threat of import butter during the early part of 1932, the market continued to weaken probably as a result of the reported heavy increases in milk in the different provinces. The decline in prices brought in forced selling which caused a further weakening."

SHE'S GOT THE BIG IDEA

First Girl—"I like a man with a past. A man with a past is always interesting." Second Girl—"That's true; but I don't think he's nearly as interesting as a man with a future." Third Girl—"The man who interests me is a man with a present; and the more expensive it is the more interest I take in him."

GOOD DAIRY COW RATION

A ration for a cow in milk that supplies about fifteen pounds of pea and oat hay per day and crushed oats and barley, one pound to each three pounds of milk, is about a balanced ration if roots are fed in addition, states S. A. Hilton, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Nappan, N. S. If no roots are available, bran should be added at the rate of one pound to three of the mixed grain. If the available supply of hay is limited to mixed hay or timothy, it would be necessary to add a protein supplement to the grain ration. This may be all-cake meal, cottonseed meal, gluten feed or fish meal, 50 to 100 pounds for each 300 pounds of crushed grain, depending upon the protein analyses of the supplement available.

PIGS NEED FIBRE

Winter fed market pigs and breeding stock relish a little fibrous matter to chew, and they need it regularly according to feeding experts of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. They will eat straw if nothing better is available. It is easy, however, to give them something better, such as second cut clover or alfalfa and other well-cured grass or cereal crops that have been cut green. The feeding of a few mangels from day to day, as is well known, has very desirable effects. The important thing is to see that all pigs, except the very young, get some form of vegetable matter regularly. The results obtained from this practice will amply repay the cost involved in the small quantity of fibrous feeds used.

UNCLE TOBIAS GOES CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

"That horn doesn't blow, sir," said the friendly salesman. "Wrap it up," said Uncle Tobias, thinking of his sweet little nephew. "That's the kind of a horn I want."

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