

### THE HOLIDAY VISITORS

Many Came to Acton to Spend the Holiday and Numbers of Actonians Visited at Other Centres

Mr. Leslie Martin was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Forbes, of London, visited with Mrs. B. M. Wilson.

Miss Margaret Garvin spent the week-end with relatives in Toronto.

Dr. Kinnawin and family, of Toronto, of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kinnawin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mowat are visiting in Toronto and Hamilton this week.

Miss Almee Speight, of Toronto, visited at Moorecroft over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown, of Kitchener, spent Saturday with his parents.

Miss Josephine Jackson, of Toronto, visited Acton friends over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wansbrough spent the holiday with Mrs. R. H. Wansbrough.

Mr. Arthur Crowley, of Toronto, spent a few days this week with Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Brown, of Kitchener, spent the week-end at the parental home.

Miss E. Haines, of Toronto, spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Lottie Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Cripps and Mrs. S. Begley visited with relatives in Hillsburg over the week-end.

Messrs. Frank Cook and Wilbert Murray, of Toronto, spent the week-end with Acton friends.

Little Miss Ina Lane, of Hillsburg, has been visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Moore.

Mrs. J. L. Warren, of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and family and other Acton relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Frick and Mr. and Mrs. Solman and Torrie, of Toronto, visited Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards, Miss Lucy Edwards and Mr. Harry Statham spent the holiday in Toronto.

Mr. Arch. Dawson, Mrs. Bremner and Mrs. Wm. Sutcliffe, Chesley, visited at Mr. G. H. Lantz's week.

Rev. and Mrs. John Waldie, of Walkers, Ontario, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Waldie over the holiday.

Mrs. Dutton and Miss Fan Dutton, of Woodstock, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Middleton.

Messrs. Robert Parkinson and Reg. Penner sail on May 26 to spend a holiday with relatives and friends in England.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wallace and Pauline, Dona and Billie, of London, visited with Mrs. B. M. Wilson last week.

The Misses Mary and Lizzie Ramshaw attended the funeral of the late Mr. Walter Swanson, at Guelph, on Thursday.

Mrs. F. Hamm, of Bath, speaker for the Women's Institute, was the guest of Mrs. G. H. Lantz during her stay in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn and Mr. Edward Flynn, of Buffalo, N. Y., visited with Messrs. Jos. and Jas. Flynn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Lockyer and Roy and Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, of Toronto, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Frank.

Mrs. George Nelles and Misses Ida and Edith Nelles attended the funeral of Mrs. Nelles' uncle, Mr. Thomas Perryman, at Brougham, this week.

Miss Ruth Nelson is attending the meeting of the Dominion Board of the W. M. S. of the United Church, being held in Toronto this week and next.

Mrs. V. Ames, of Morrison, and her daughter, Mrs. Allan, of Toronto, and Miss Dorothy Allan were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Middleton spent the holiday with his parents in Hamilton.

Mr. Murray Bleyby, of Niagara Falls, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Watson.

Mrs. Nell Thompson, Mrs. Wilson, of Campbellford; Mr. Fred Williams and Miss Margaret and Miss Roxy Wilson, R. N., of Toronto, were Sunday visitors at Mr. W. Williams'.

Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, of Georgetown, leaves to-night for the Convention of the National Council of Women in Calgary, Alta. She will also visit with relatives in the West.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ramsden and Mr. Bing Ramsden returned this week from an extended visit with friends in New York State. Mr. Ramsden is now considerably improved in health.

Rev. G. L. Gifford, Miss Laura Reid, Miss M. Masses, Mr. Jos. Reid and Mr. Chas. Lansborough were delegates from Acton Church to the Baptist Young People's Convention in Hamilton.

Mr. Shriley F. Watson, Mr. R. F. Watson, of Acton, and Mr. W. Rae Watson, of Georgetown, attended the funeral of their uncle, Mr. Thos. Perryman, at Brougham, on Wednesday.

### Council Not to Alter Cemetery By-law

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church parade. No admission has to be made but possibly a silver collection. Permission was granted.

Councillor Jones reported that first-class gravel could be secured from a pit on T. J. O'Neill's farm at Crowsons Corners at 10c per yard. The repairs were ordered to be made to the streets before the application of dust-laying material.

The Guelph General Hospital gave notice of holding the municipality responsible for the care of a patient. The Council disclaimed responsibility as the party was not an indigent.

The Municipal Officer was instructed to secure a new luminous sign to replace the one on the highway west of Acton, that had been broken off by a motorist. The cost of securing this was to be billed to the motorist who had broken the sign.

The plaster on the bandstand at the Park entrance was ordered to be replaced and necessary repairs made.

The Reeve reported that Mr. Wm. Lansborough was willing to sell the lot west of his property, and adjoining the park, for about \$200. It was agreed by Council to view the property.

A form letter was received from Mr. Jones, making inquiry for a building for an industrial concern to locate in Acton. Other details were asked for concerning concessions that might be secured. No action was taken in the matter.

### Letters to the Editor

The Free Press welcomes letters to its column on matters of general interest to its readers, but does not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed. All letters must be signed, but may be published over a pseudonym if desired and accepted in the letter. Communications should not be over 500 words in length and must be received not later than Tuesday at noon to ensure publication in that week's issue.

### AUGMENTING OUR IDIOTS

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Dr. H. A. Bruce, has rendered a public service in calling attention to the rapid increase in Canada in the number of those mentally ill and defective, and in the mounting cost of their care.

His conspicuous place in public life as well as his eminence as a surgeon will lend emphasis to his words and possibly command a degree of public attention hitherto unobtainable. The remedy he suggests will have even a greater effect in this regard, but will, doubtless, arouse considerable hostility.

In any case it deals with but one aspect of the problem. It does not reach through to primary causes. Many of these are, of course, obscure, but two, at least, are very definitely known: venereal diseases and alcoholism.

The prominence of the latter in accentuating mental instability is quite generally recognized; that it is an originating cause is coming to be more widely admitted. Sir Maurice Craig (in his Psychological Medicine, P. 33, 34) says: "Alcohol stands in the front rank as a factor in the production of insanity or nervous trouble."

As an individual cause of insanity alcohol stands a long way ahead of any other." Dr. Bruce instances the appalling record of the historic Jukes family. It is well known that Max Jukes, its progenitor, was a notoriously heavy drinker of spirits.

The statement of Dr. Bruce that fifty per cent. of the inmates of the asylums of the United States are the offspring of feeble-minded parents is scarcely open to question. An examination of the records of patients in the mental hospitals of Switzerland for the year 1929 was made by Dr. H. Bersot. In 1749 cases the heredity of the patients was ascertained. In the parentage of these cases there were 954 fathers and 533 mothers affected by some form of mental or nervous trouble.

That is, half the cases had defective fathers and one-third defective mothers. Among the fathers alcoholism was the principal taint. Parental alcoholism was equal in importance to all the other hereditary afflictions. Of the alcoholics admitted to asylums in Switzerland in 1929 whose heredity was known; more than half were the sons of drunkards.

Parental alcoholism was in other cases behind feeble-mindedness, idiosyncy and imbecility. In a home for feeble-minded children in which there were 125 inmates, 59 had drinking fathers. One-third of the psychopaths and more than one-third of the epileptics had a drinking father.

Dr. Bruce states that medical science stands bankrupt and powerless before one of the most serious social problems that beset our kind. It might be worth while asking where the idiot comes from, and among the causes will again be found in a prominent place alcoholic ancestry. An early investigator in the United States found that of 359 idiots whose antecedents could be traced, 99 had drunken fathers. Other recognized authorities in estimates which cover investigations in England, France, Austria, and Germany, vary in reporting all the way from 18 to 50 per cent. of serious mental disturbances as traceable to alcoholic parentage.

The wide difference is probably due to differing social customs and to the particular strata of society represented in the evidence.

The objection will be raised that this alcoholism is itself the result of a family strain of mental defectiveness. Investigation, however, has covered this point also. From a mass of observations Schweighofer, of Vienna, concludes that the offspring of drunkards of sound family stock show degeneracy and defectiveness. Moreover, there is much evidence to support the view that mental instability primarily induced by alcoholism shows marked tendency to become hereditary. Indeed it is now known that alcoholism exercises a specially selective effect on the productive organs. It may even cause marked structural changes; and apart from this is believed to injure the germ plasma in a way that necessarily results in defective offspring.

Nor is the chronic alcoholic the only source of danger. Stockard, whose many experiments in the study of animal heredity have made him well known, is of the opinion that hereditary effects in man, and therefore racial deterioration, can follow either from a single intoxication or from chronic alcoholism. He cites Florel and Niclaus to the effect that alcohol quickly passes to the cells of the reproductive organs and that if a conception takes place while the cells are in this poisoned state the result is often a feeble-minded or defective child.

The figures cited above from European statistics might not hold in the same proportion for Canadian institutions. Two things, however, are beyond question. The first is that a substantial share of idiosyncy, epilepsy and feeble-mindedness has its origin in parental alcoholism; and the second, that recent changes in methods of administering the liquor problem in Canada have gone a long way toward moving Canada backward to the social customs of Europe that are responsible for their portion of her maimed humanity.

A. J. IRWIN.  
Room 10 of the Ontario Prohibition Union, 1207 Bay Street, Toronto.

### DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

By Edson R. Waite, Shawnee, Oklahoma

H. F. Pullen, Publisher of the Prince Rupert (B. C.) Daily News, says: "That Canada is the closest neighbor of the United States and the people of the two countries are so similar that it would be difficult for a visitor to either country to be sure on which side of the boundary he was if he were not told."

We are Canadians, and the people of the United States call themselves Americans, but all come from the same original stock. In each country there is a predominance of people of British origin with British ideals and a British outlook. There is also a large admixture of other European peoples, all being gradually welded into a new nation, one to the south and the other to the north of an arbitrary dividing line.

The southern climate of the United States is more attractive to the ordinary visitor who wishes relaxation than the climate of Canada is the more bracing and tends to make a harder and more virile people.

Between the two peoples there is a tariff and immigration wall that separates them much more completely than does the Atlantic Ocean cut each off from Europe. Canadians cannot buy in the United States because the import duty is high and people south of the line cannot buy in Canada for a similar reason. People in one country cannot migrate to the other except under the strictest supervision.

However, they do pay brief visits across the line and this interchange of visits is on the increase. To-day leading citizens on either side of the line are beginning to see the advantage of closer relations with their neighbors. Canada has a large market for many United States products and the United States could, with advantage, use Canadian paper, pulp, lumber and fish. We are developing business with countries thousands of miles away and neglecting to trade over the fence with our next-door neighbors because they have refused to trade with us.

The logical move is for statesmen from Canada and United States to sit around a table and discuss these matters as friends and neighbors and make permanent arrangements for buying and selling and for coming and going back and forth across the unfenced line.

VERY SATISFACTORY  
"Is this train every on time?" growled the grouchy passenger.  
"Oh," replied the conductor, "we never worry about it being on time. We're satisfied if it's on the track."

The brooding and rearing of chicks is a comparatively simple matter, but to be successful eternal vigilance and attention to detail is required.

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### MAKE A QUICK JOB

If a friend asks your forgiveness, make a quick job of it and change the subject. Some of you remember Mark Twain's story of a minister who made such an eloquent plea for missions that Mark Twain resolved to make a large contribution. The minister kept on talking, however, and gradually the enthusiasm of his listener waned. Mentally he kept reducing the amount he would give and finally when the plate was passed, instead of donating something, he took a dime. This amusing bit of exaggeration teaches a valuable lesson. Many who ask forgiveness in a really repentant frame of mind have backslid into their former impudence because the business of forgiveness was stretched over the better part of an hour.

### "DAD PAYS" IN TURKEY

Walking 15 to 20 miles, sleeping on hard beds, eating only bread for breakfast and lunch, with perhaps some soup at night, earning 25 cents a day of which 12 goes into food—that is the way many of the boys in the American School at Talas, Turkey, get an education. When the father can find work he makes about 25 cents daily—a laborer's pay. This just about feeds the family. If the son's books cost 75 cents a week, it means the student is pretty continually on the edge of hunger. Of course, there are some well dressed boys in the school who loaf through the summer. They do not know what an education costs, says the Rev. Paul E. Nilson, any more than many lads in America who go to school or college—and "Dad pays."

### MOVIE MAGNATES ON HUNTING EXPEDITION

Bound for the Canadian Rockies in British Columbia on a hunting expedition, a party of six important movie officials from leading studios in Hollywood, left Vancouver recently aboard the "Continental Limited" train of the Canadian National Railway. The party consisted of Darryl Zanuck, Vice-President of the Twentieth Century Corporation, and Raymond Enright, Raymond Griffith, Lloyd Bacon, John Adolfi and Sam Engle, all directors and studio officials of Warner Brothers.

The party left the train at Valemount, British Columbia, 21 miles west of Mount Robson, which is well known as big game country, and were there joined by Roy Hargreaves, experienced outfitter and guide. Under his guidance they will hunt bear with rifle and camera through the Rockies and down the Columbia River.

Zanuck, Enright and Adolfi were members of a party which hunted in the Mount Robson district during the fall of 1930, at which time trophies of the finest type, including mountain sheep, deer, moose and caribou were brought out by them. Zanuck now possesses animal trophies obtained in various parts of the world and has no doubt that his collection will be greatly augmented during the present trip.

### DOING WITHOUT

Most of you have to grow accustomed to doing without. It may be a new overcoat when the old one has become painfully shabby, a college course which has been your dream since kindergarten days, a vacation trip in summer, or any of a million other things. All of you who read this are thinking of something longed for but never possessed, something you have been forced to do without.

The bright side of the picture is that there is no need to do without the best things. For instance, no one need do without friends. You may be poor, but your unpossessed-in-appearance, with few social graces; yet there is waiting for you sympathy, affection, and understanding friendship. You may look for it in the wrong place, or you may shut your eyes to it altogether. If you do without friendship, it is your own fault.

Then, too, you need not be denied the joy of helping. One of the most inspiring things in life is the service that is given by people who are handicapped—the sick, the poor, the over-worked. If you are thinking of helplessness as the privilege of the brilliant and the wealthy, you are wrong. It is a joy not one of you needs to do without.

The help of religion is for you. It is waiting to change your bitterness into joy, your apathy into ambition. It is waiting to put color and sparkle into your dull days. Even if you had to do without everything else the world counts precious, if you still had faith in God, life would be a joy.

The things you must do without may be more or less important, but they all shrink into insignificance when compared with the things that are waiting for you.

### TRAVEL BY BUS

From Acton To Detroit

Leave ACTON—9:15 a. m. and 2:15 p. m.  
Arrive DETROIT—6:05 p. m. and 10:35 p. m.  
Single \$5.45 — Return \$9.40

Return Service  
Leave DETROIT—8:00 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.  
Arrive ACTON—5:00 p. m. and 9:30 p. m.

### GREGORY THEATRE

FRIDAY, MAY 26  
"SLEEPLESS NIGHTS"  
A musical farce, with catchy songs, clever dancing, snappy entertainment, starring Stanley Lupino. Novelty, "Cigars and Cigarettes." Emplre, "England Awakes."

SATURDAY, MAY 27  
"THE FLAG LIEUTENANT"  
Spectacular romantic drama, with the British Navy in action. Cartoon, "Bosco's Store." Fox News.

MONDAY, MAY 29  
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