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EDITORIAL

A Bright Career Ended

The tragic death of Paul Munro, M. P. P., who was returned by a great majority in the election a week or so ago, has cast a gloom over the entire district. A life full of promise was suddenly terminated by the accident when control of his car was lost and in a few seconds only the wreckage was left and Mr. Munro was killed instantly. A barrister of prominence and an outstanding orator and politician, he had won high place in the confidence of the riding he represented and wherever he went made new friends. He was one of the younger men in the new Liberal Government, but had represented Wellington in the last Legislature. Regret is felt everywhere at his untimely ending.

What About It?

Last week we pointed out the danger of Halton County Council complying with Burlington's request to guarantee its debenture issue, but since writing the article the by-law was passed and the County has been made jointly responsible for the \$120,000 of Burlington's debt. We have no fault to find with the representatives from Burlington. We admire their wide-awake business methods and presentation of their case on behalf of their community and likewise we give credit to those County Councilors who opposed the move. To those who favored this procedure we think they represented their municipalities rather poorly. They have pledged their own assets to secure Burlington's loan for after all the assets of the County are very small, but really the combined assets of the municipalities which go to make up the group. In 1932 the fixed assets of the County were only \$98,249.25, and the surplus of all assets over liabilities was \$15,831.24, according to the auditors' report of that year, and yet the County Council backs Burlington's debenture for \$120,000. We claim that by this action the County as a whole, and every municipality has lowered their financial standing.

We note that one of the Burlington representatives said in effect, "If you think this proposition is the same as backing someone's note who isn't worth it—then don't do it." That statement was fairly put by Burlington's representative and should have been fairly answered by the County Council. Did Burlington meet its obligations punctually to the County Council? Did it pay its County rate on time? If every other municipality in the county were in Burlington's position, would the County Council favor backing debentures for them in like proportion? What is the County Council going to do when other municipalities ask like consideration? And just one more question. Why cannot Burlington sell its debentures without County Council backing? Why was this issue not put to Burlington electors for their sanction?

We have no desire to say unkind things about another town. But when that town by its action secures a concession detrimental to Acton we have a duty to perform to our town which we do not hesitate for an instant to discharge. The action of Acton Council on Tuesday evening is to be commended in registering protest to the action of the County Council and refusing to accept any responsibility for Burlington's debenture issue. And if every other municipality does likewise we wonder what attitude the brokers would take on the County Council guarantee?

The North and South

For years everyone has heard of the division in County Council between the north and the south end of the County, and for years likewise those who attend Wardens' dinners have heard a denial of this division—such denial of course made after the partaking of a splendid banquet. Of course it is taken for granted that it shouldn't exist, and it doesn't exist when things are fairly divided. But when the south end gets the lion's share we are not so sure that the division isn't very much in evidence. The lakeshore road is having its ditches widened. The middle road between Toronto and Hamilton is under construction. The County Council guarantees Burlington's debentures. We readily admit the south end is progressive. Perhaps at the expense of all the County. The second line improvement has been stopped below Speyside. Even the south-end of the northern road received attention first. That one road seems to be the only thing the northern part of the County has asked for. It might also be mentioned that no men from Acton are working on the lakeshore or middle-road construction. We hope the assertions at the Wardens' dinners can be made again next year that there is no division between northern and southern Halton, and it can be made if the north gets a little more consideration between now and next December.

Off with the Old; on with the New

Judging by the fuss stirred up by sections of the press over some of the changes mooted by Premier-elect Mitchell F. Hepburn, we wonder if it isn't the desire of that particular section to have the new Government prove unsuccessful. Talking here and there and to the average citizen we gather that the new Government is expected to implement its election pledges. Old customs and offices seem to die hard. The personal element often enters into the affair and makes the duty more difficult to perform. Mr. Hepburn made some promises during the election campaign. Most of them can be carried out, we believe, without detriment to the public service and for the general welfare. We gather that the electorate expects him to carry out these promises—the sale of government cars, the dismissal of public officials whose services can be dispensed with, the cutting of the cost of administration, and the building of silos at the same cost to the Government as to the individual. If Mr. Hepburn will carry into effect the principle involved in his pre-election promises and conduct the Government on the same principle that private business must meet, his will be a long term of office, and Ontario will, under Liberal rule, soon occupy a much better financial position and its people enjoy freedom from many of the taxes that have been bothersome and detrimental to the progress of the Province. Let's have the new deal and not merely another shuffie.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Stayner Sun issued a splendid extra edition in commemoration of the Centennial of Nottawasaga, which was observed over the Dominion Day weekend.

Glorious summer weather made Canada's sixty-seventh birthday a holiday time that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Picnics, family re-unions, and outings were popular.

Every holiday and week-end continues to take its toll of lives. Water and highways have their victims. Care and common sense are just as necessary on a pleasure outing as at business.

Now it seems to be the self-assumed task of the Liberal press to select a new Leader for the Ontario Conservative party? Queer how helpful (?) each party is to the other in such selection.

International automobile traffic through the port of Niagara Falls, via the Falls View, Lower Arch and Queenston bridges during April totalled 99,711 automobiles carrying 392,828 passengers. There were 3,630 sixty-day touring permits issued and 31,799 twenty-four hour permits. Permits issued for Canadian cars outwards numbered 4,402.

With this issue THE FREE PRESS enters its sixtieth year of publication and next year will mark its diamond anniversary. May we at this time express our appreciation of loyalty of community and friends to Acton's newspaper. A loyalty that urges us to use our best endeavors to serve Acton with a newspaper and printing plant worthy of the town and district.

The Lakeside Chapter of the I. O. D. E. are to be congratulated on their thoughtfulness in supplying picnic tables at Acton Park. The benches there are also due to their efforts. The tables are neatly painted and a matching coat for the benches would preserve them and enhance their appearance. Perhaps it would be best done when storing the equipment for the winter.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JULY 8th

ASA RELIES ON GOD Golden Text.—The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?—Heb. 13: 6. Lesson.—Ex. 14: 1-12. Study also, Is. 41: 10-13; Ps. 27: 1-5. Time.—8:55 B. C. Places.—Jerusalem, Marashah.

Exposition.—I. Asa's Reforms, 1-7. Asa was not faultless and the Bible frankly and fully points out his mistakes and his failures (1 Kings 15: 14, 18, 19; 2 Chr. 16: 2-10, 12). But his "heart was perfect with the Lord all his days," i. e., his will was "wholly surrendered to Jehovah and it was his controlling purpose to serve Him. As with those today whose will are wholly given up, not every act was in conformity with this controlling purpose. But God's estimate of his life, taken as a whole, is that he "did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God." The question with Asa was not how his acts would look in the eyes of men, but how they would look in the eyes of Jehovah (Luke 16: 15). "Seven things he did are stated. First of all, he took away the altars of the "strange" gods. Solomon brought them in (1 Kings 11: 7, 8). Asa drove them out. It was a great reformation along the line of God's word (Deut. 7: 5). It is a reformation greatly needed in society to-day. If the altars of the strange gods—altars of Mammon, altars of Bacchus, altars of Venus, and a host of false gods, the theatre, the ball room, the saloon, etc., etc., altars upon which our sons and daughters and ourselves are being sacrificed—could be removed, what a reform it would be. Whatever was against pure religion and good morals, whatever was against the word of God had to go, no matter how artistic it was. He "commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers." A most wholesome command. Much depends upon our seeking the Lord—(1 Chr. 28: 9; Deut. 30: 1-8; 2 Chr. 15: 2; 20: 3-30; Jer. 29: 13, 14; Lam. 3: 25, 26; Zeph. 2: 3; Ps. 105: 2; 4; Amos 5: 4, 6). But what is it to seek the Lord? It is to seek to find, to know (Ps. 14: 2) and to please the true God. Judah's back was toward Jehovah, they were seeking to get away from Him, to forget Him. That is also the attitude of all men out of Christ. They were to turn their faces toward Him (Deut. 30: 2; Is. 55: 6, 7; Ps. 27: 8); they were to seek His favor (2 Chr. 20: 3; Jer. 29: 12, 13); to seek to know and do His will (2 Chron. 34: 3). This is what every man to-day should do. That is the only path to life and blessing. To find the true God, to know Him, is eternal life (John 17: 3). The greatest of all discoveries is to discover God. He can be easily found—in Christ (John 14: 6; 1 John 5: 20). The Lord always gives rest to those who seek Him (comp. V. 7; Judges 3: 9, 11; 5: 31; 2 Kings 5: 4; 2 Chr. 15: 15; Matt. 11: 28, 29). But the fact that God has given us rest is no reason for inactivity. God's rest is a call to work. When God gives us rest, then we should rise and build. God's rest was not only a call to work, but to thoroughly work (comp. Acts 9: 31). Peace without brought opportunity within, and Asa believed in going ahead "while the land is yet before us" (comp. John 9: 4; 12: 35, 36).

II. How Asa Got the Victory, 8-12. Asa had a large, well equipped and valourous army, but it was no match for the overwhelming host that came against him. But Asa knew what to do in his extremity. The Lord has hidden all His servants "call upon me in the day of trouble" (Ps. 50: 15). Asa did as He was bidden, and God did as He had promised. The Bible abounds in instances where men in trouble called upon the Lord and where He delivered them (2 Chr. 13: 14-16; 18: 31; 32: 20-22; Ex. 14: 10, 19-27; 1 Chr. 6: 20; Ps. 18: 6; 22: 5; 34: 6; 120: 1). Religious history outside the Bible also abounds in instances where God's children in dire extremity cried unto Him and were delivered. The wording of Asa's cry shows a very intelligent appreciation of God's power and God's method of dealing with men. He was constantly pleading God to choose the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty (1 Cor. 2: 27). He is constantly giving power to the faint, and to them who have no might. He increaseth strength (Is. 40: 29; 2 Cor. 12: 9, 10). The question is never how many men we have on our side, but whether we have God on our side (Judg. 7: 7; 1 Sam. 14: 6; 1 Kings 20: 27-30; Deut. 32: 30; Romans 8: 31). When any man can honestly say to Jehovah, "I rest on Thee," he may be absolutely sure of Jehovah's help (Romans 10: 11). Faith is resting absolutely on Jehovah Himself, whether there is any visible support or not. It ought to be an easy thing for us to rest upon Him at all times (2 Chr. 32: 8; Ps. 37: 5, 7; Is. 26: 3, 4; 41: 10, 13, 14). It is a blessed thing to be brought as Asa was, to a place where we have nothing else to rest upon but just Himself. To rest in Him is a cure for all anxiety (John 14: 1, 27). "In thy name we go against this multitude." "When one can truly say that, he marches to certain victory, no matter how vast the multitude he goes against (2 Chr. 13: 18; 1 Sam. 17: 45, 46; Ps. 20: 5, 7). But they relied on the Lord to fight the battle, and He fought it and He gained an overwhelming victory. The reason why we fight so many losing battles is because we fight them ourselves. God is ready to smite every enemy before us (2 Chr. 13: 15; 20: 22; Deut. 28: 7; Ps.

HORSE COLLARS ARE SIGNIFICANT

The common horse collar may not seem to be a particularly important article of commerce, but it has its own significance. In order to work, horses must have collars; if the demand for collars goes up it follows that more horsework is being done. And the demand has been going up. A return just issued by the Canadian Government shows that the number of horse collars made in Canada in 1931 was 64,928 and in 1932 it was 93,278, an increase of almost fifty per cent. More horses at work.

Sweat pads also indicate horse labor, and in the period mentioned the production of sweat pads increased from 70,000 to more than 152,000—more than double. And in the same period the production of double harness almost trebled. But, singularly enough, there was a big falling off in the manufacture of whips. The harness-making industry is one in which the little local shop has not been entirely ousted by the big producer. In 1932 there were 126 small harness and saddlery shops in Canada which had an output value per plant of less than \$5,000. From 1922 to 1932 the output of Canadian harness and saddlery shops fell off by almost two-thirds, undoubtedly due to the competition of the automobile, the truck, and the tractor; but 1932 saw the movement turn the other way, with the output increasing over 1931.

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60: 12; 1 Cor. 15: 5-7). He is stronger than our strongest foe, and relying on Him, none of His followers need fear defeat. Setbacks there may be; but they are but temporary, in the end, triumph is sure, when a man fights in the strength of the Almighty. He that is for us is more than all that is ranged against us. To be sure, there is warfare to be engaged in, dangers to be faced, and trials to be endured. But we may fight and face and endure, if we so desire, in the strength of an all-conquering Captain, who never did a battle lose.

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