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EDITORIAL

More About the Burlington Guarantee

The Burlington Gazette last week, in writing about the guarantee of Burlington's debenture issue and explaining Burlington's laxity in paying the County Rate last year, says: "It is a well-known fact that many municipalities had trouble with the banks in making satisfactory arrangements for loans early in this year, which was responsible for these municipalities not paying their County Rate promptly. The Municipality of Acton not having had any trouble with the banks in Acton in making satisfactory arrangements for any loans at any time, we can, of course, be forgiven if we do not fully grasp the meaning of this statement. Possibly the reason for Acton not having any trouble with the local banks in Acton was owing to the fact that the citizens for the most part met their tax payments promptly. Further in the Gazette's article we read: "Capital is also being made out of the fact that the Burlington representatives both voted for the by-law." We do not blame the Burlington representatives for voting for the by-law. Any municipality presenting such a petition to the County Council should have the backing of its representatives. The representatives we criticize for voting for the by-law are those from centres outside of Burlington or Nelson, who, as we understand, have obligated their municipalities for improvements solely beneficial to Burlington and the adjoining territory and possibly made their municipalities jointly responsible for a thirty-year debenture issue of Burlington. The Gazette concludes thus: "What would the representatives of Acton and Oakville have done if their respective towns had made application to the County Council under similar circumstances and would our esteemed contemporaries written such strong editorials? We wonder." We can't answer for the representatives but we can formulate a reply for one of the "esteemed contemporaries" referred to. If Acton representatives had negotiated such a favorable consideration for their municipality we would have hastened to congratulate them and would unhesitatingly have left the remarks regarding the other representatives of the County for an "esteemed contemporary," which, in our humble opinion, would have only been doing its duty to the municipality in which it is published by calling the attention of its readers to the matter and the obligation which had been assumed.

Take Sides

Some people fancy they are open-minded because they never take sides. When there is any danger of their coming to a definite conclusion, they always see an argument in favor of the other side; not enough to lead them to espouse that side, but enough to keep them from accepting the other. So they wobble like a teeter board, now up, now down, but never getting anywhere. These people, instead of being broad-minded, are simply irresolute. Seeing both sides is a reason for choosing one. The people who can never decide where to give their loyalty, nor what cause to support, have no reason to congratulate themselves. Teetering may be all right as a pastime for small children, but as a life policy it is a dismal failure.

Not Advancing Toward Temperance

The new regulations regarding the sale of beer and wine in the Province become effective this week. We cannot conceive of any freer sale of intoxicating beverages being regarded by anyone as a means for promoting temperance. Two features that meet with the approval of all hoping for the lessening of the drinking evil are the decision to not lift the ban on advertising and the refusal to grant licenses to restaurants. Ease of securing beer and wine is quite sufficient when a licensed hotel or two in a community has the right to dispense these beverages. When such privileges were given before the license law was broken times without number and drunkenness resulted until the people became disgusted and voted out the barrooms. The liquor question became mixed in politics and like its mixture with anything else it did not improve politics. The new Liberal Government was bound by pre-election platform promises to bring into force the change in the law outlined by the Conservative Government, which was also bound to the same problem, which has been done, with some modifications. The pity of it all is that so many young people, who never knew the evil of the barroom, are going to know the temptations of the beverage rooms. In our day of motor travel the accident toll is not going to be lessened, and often it will be the innocent who will suffer. The most rigid enforcement of the law will be required. There should be no favoritism shown to anyone in this respect, because brewers and distillers have only one interest, and that is the sale of more of their product. There should be no excuses for the man who over-imbibes to the detriment of himself, his family, or his fellowman, and there should be no quarter shown the vendor who does not comply with the regulations set down for his guidance.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The week-end toll of deaths by accident continues to feature Monday's papers. None of the accidents to date have taken place in the churches.

The Canadian National Exhibition, with many features, will soon again be the attraction, and this great annual event never fails to please and educate all who attend.

It seems queer that papers who for the past two months could not declare their attitude on beer and wine advertising can now so heartily commend the Government's policy of continuing the ban on advertising.

Not having had any work on the Provincial highways about Acton provided prior to the election, this section is not bothered with complaints regarding the firing of one lot and the hiring of others, which seems to be disturbing some other centres.

The Red Deer Advocate last week issued a splendid number in connection with the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the founding of Red Deer, in 1884. Its forty-eight pages were complete with historical interest and liberal advertising patronage was accorded.

The restaurants may yet cater with meals to those who do not want intoxicating beverages, and surely that section of the people is sufficient to provide patronage for these institutions. If it isn't, then there has been a widespread demand for the wider sale of beer and wine.

The Middle Road construction is proceeding and one wonders what will be the cost to the County. The Conservative Party agreed to a ten per cent. share, while the Liberal Party advocated assuming all the cost of these highways. If the latter course is pursued all can withdraw their objections to this expenditure, as the Province as a whole will rightly pay the entire cost.

The securing of 100 per cent. success at the Entrance results at Acton School has become such a usual thing that we failed to make any comment. The results again this year, however, give just cause for pride and congratulation to the Principal, Miss M. Z. Bennett, and her very efficient staff, and to the pupils who uphold again the splendid standing of Acton School of not having a failure.

The "Ontario Gazette," a publication in which legal notices must be published, according to law, is another thing that might well be done away with by the new Government, and the advertising placed in the places where some value might be secured for the money expended. But then the "Gazette," with its "compelling" advertising patronage is a paying institution, even if it is of little service to the people.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JULY 29th

MICAHAI SPEAKS THE TRUTH
Golden Text.—What the Lord saith unto me; that will I speak.—1 Kings 22:14.

Lesson Text.—1 Kings chapter 22. (Verses printed, 1-14.) In addition to the whole chapter, study, also, Psalm 57: 1-5.

Time.—8:53 B. C. Place.—Samarra. Exposition.—I. The Danger of Bad Company, 1-4.

In all probability, when Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, consented to an alliance he sought to do him some good. Indeed, we may believe that he proposed, by the course he adopted, to save him from the spirit of a better faith, and ultimately bring him back from his idolatry to the pure worship of the God of their fathers. But, in his anxiety to reclaim Ahab, he was tempted to go too far; he was led to an unlawful compromise of principle, to the sacrifice of his own principles and the apparent countenance of other men's iniquities. But how was this intention realized, in point of fact? Simply this: Jehoshaphat descended from his footing of unquestioned and uncompromised integrity and loyalty to Jehovah and involved himself irretrievably in the very cause he should have been rebuking. And so it must ever be. The very first step a good man takes from the position which, as to the friend of God and the unflinching enemy of ungodliness, he has occupied, compromises his authority, impairs his influence, and forfeits his right of protest and bold remonstrance against evil. Furthermore: if one go with the men of evil one mile, they will entreat him to go with them twain. Jehoshaphat not only failed to arrest Ahab in his course of wrong-doing, but was himself involved in the latter's sinfulness.

II. The Voice of Micahai, 4-14. But Jehoshaphat was far from being easy in his mind. No man knew better than he that Ahab was an evil man, and that his purposes, no matter what their outward appearance, were in the core of them contrary to the will of Jehovah. So he desired to seek counsel on the subject. But it would seem as though the prophets of Israel and Judah lacked courage at this juncture. They realized that the king was set upon joining Ahab and refrained from telling him unpleasant truths. In plain English they shrank from their duty as servants of Jehovah in order to stand well in the favor of man. These men were not the last of their line, by a manner of means. Right down the ages, it has had to be recorded that in moments of crucial enterprise God's children have failed Him, and instead of standing boldly in the breach against evil-doing in high places, choosing rather to secure and preserve their own personal safety than to declare the counsel and the will of God and raise the voice of protest against those who were opposing His will.

Even Ahab knew that here was one man who would not barter away his loyalty to truth, for the sake of royal favor. The false-hearted prophets in Samarra had been ready enough to say to Ahab: "Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it (Ramoth-Gilead) into the king's hand." A man will always find about him those who are ready to give countenance, by their example and conversation, in all the evil his heart desires; willing, whatever his besetting sin, to aid him in excusing himself to his enterprise, to say: "Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into thine hand." Nevertheless, there are those who, like Micahai, warn men against evil; who recommend them to desist from evil counsels, whose very example is a reproof even though their tongues be silent. Rest well assured that only one sort of counsel can be right, and that is the sort which cometh from a man who hesitates not to tell you THAT YOU ARE LOST IF YOU SIN; which bids you seek for heaven, not by a mere show of piety; not by dissension one with another; not by resorting to images, but by wrestling with your own wayward desires, by fervent spiritual prayer; by denial of self, by enduring in the faith and fighting in the strength of the Lord Jesus. There is ever a wide prevalence and demand for smooth-voiced prophets. There is always a liking for those who tell men to do the things they desire to do, regardless of the right or wrong of the transactions. One supposes there is always a good deal of satisfaction to the man who, all the week through, is driving doubtful bargains, indulging doubtful practices, and living by the world's smart maxims rather than by the injunctions of God's holy Word, to be able to go to church and find a man in the pulpit who seldom mentions people's sins, who never mentions hell, who appears to favor the idea that all a man has got to do is to be a "good fellow." But in the ultimate issue, no matter how much smooth-speaking may abound, WE CAN NEVER GET AWAY FROM THE TRUTH. Despite men's evasions, the rousing voice makes itself heard; the pure light flashes into the corrupt places of the human heart; the word of the Lord moves on royally over men's cowering souls and crooked lives. In the providence of the Eternal it is always ordered that the truth shall speak to, and be heard of, sinful men.—Like Micahai, the messenger may be made to feel the anger of those to whom his word of truth is contrary to their desires. But, when the whole story is told, the entire facts assembled and the verdict delivered, it will be seen that the word of truth ABIDES,

SLATS DIARY
BY ROSE PARQUEAR

Friday—They is a new man working down at the noose paper office witch pa works at and he is a offle big lire about every thing and clames to rio a lot about everything and today he was telling about working down in the Phillpeens, and sed evry body drinks so much and pa sed what do they drink and he replied "md sed he thot it was Cotton Gin. Mostly.

Saturday—well we herd today that Happy McBride was engaged to get Evvy Piper so pa called Happy up and congratulated him and Happy sed it was not true, so then pa was a going to call Evvy up and congratulate her but ma sed for him to keep his nose out of other fokes a fairs.

Sunday—well I and Pa over herd a neat quart among Fred Gusten and his Wife as we cum home from church, she sed to him, Why you never new what kind of a girl you rilly wanted till you got married to me you big Dunce, and he replied and sed: "No and then it was to Late.

Monday—Ed Cope is a very happy man today, Ever sence last Ocktober he has ben trying to make his fernace work and today he told pa he had finely got the darn thing to working all rite agin.

Tuesday—Tonie Jane called me into there yd, and sed for me to set down in the swing and thid, sed, Have you got a hed ake and I sed no I diddent have no hed ake and she sed: "O I am so sarry and I sed why are you sarry and she sed Why I just red in a book how to cure a hed, ake with out taking medicine.

Wednesday—They was a man ast Mr. Gillem for a quarter for his wife today and Mr. Gillem sed, My good man I am sarry, but I all redy got 1 and she cost a lot morn a quarter to.

Thursday—well I am afraid pa will not have a job tomorra, He had a story in the paper about Ileen Silverses wedding and he got the hed line over it witch shud ought to ben over the story about tearing down the Osbern Livry Stable, It red like this Old Landmark Gone.

and the results in accord with its dictates. What a tremendous vindication of the word of Micahai vs. 34 and 37 furnish! "And a certain man drew a bow at a venture and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness... so the king died... and they buried the king in Samaria." The word of the Lord is truth, and must and DOES prevail.

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