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EDITORIAL

Hastening the Day?

Residents of this district are indeed glad to learn that the improvements on the Second Line are to be continued this winter as a relief work measure by the County Council. Last year a number of the dangerous curves in the road were widened out and greatly improved but the work stopped far short of completion. This fall a coating of gravel has added to the convenience and comfort of travel but during the summer the upper portion was far from highway travel enjoyment. This is a much-travelled piece of road, being the only connection between Acton and Milton and the south end of the County. The widening on the north end will help a good deal in maintaining winter traffic and perhaps hasten the day when this road will be made a surfaced highway, connecting with the pavement from the Dundas Highway to Milton and on to No. 7 Highway at Acton.

At Least an Incentive

A rule adopted by the O. H. A. at the annual meeting on Saturday will be of real assistance to the promotion of hockey in the smaller centres at least. This is the proposal to divide the Intermediate Group into two sections, with a championship for each section. If the towns of a population of 3,000 or under are divided into one class and large centres, say up to 5,000 or 6,000, put in the other group, the competition in hockey would be much keener and the rivalry stronger between towns of the same size. The Intermediate division has always been a large and unwieldy group to handle, and the division will also facilitate the handling of the group. Towns and villages are just as anxious to have championship teams as are the larger centres, but under the arrangements of the past felt that there was little opportunity of winning when it came to the finals and group honors and not more than two play-offs were the limit. The new rule will at least give a fresh incentive for striving for a championship.

Citizenship Duties

On Friday evening citizens ably did their duty in putting forth a splendid list of candidates to fulfill the municipal offices. The candidates have likewise done very well in qualifying for the election. The matter is now strictly up to the electors and their duty is clearly before them to choose from the citizens who have offered to serve, those whom they feel will do the work most efficiently. It is no time for personal prejudices. Your vote may be mighty important to you but it should be used to put into effect the best administrators you can. It would be poor business to use your vote to gain retaliation for personal injury done and then find that the satisfaction secured has been the means of harming you and the community at large. Some one has to win while others lose. Use your vote next Monday as you see fit in the best interests of your town. If Acton is to hold its place and advance the polling booth is not the place to take out a personal grudge. The candidates have offered to do their work as citizens. Let electors do their duty as citizens and for the interests of Acton as a whole. Monday is the electors' day.

Rather Handsome Returns

In following the findings of the Mass Buying Commission it would seem that the actual value of the product had little to do with the ultimate cost to the consumer. The producer and the article produced figure very little in the final selling price. For instance the candies of the Laura Secord Shops were charged to the stores at twenty-five cents per pound, and the customer paid just double that or fifty cents a pound for the candies. It would appear that the profits and merchandising cost an amount equal to the original value of the item. Even larger spreads than this are noted in other articles which have come before the attention of the Commission. While profits have seemingly been high and consumer costs out of proportion to value we sometimes wonder if the general public is not also to a large extent to blame for a part of this. The need for expensive store fronts, unexcelled and quick service and choice surroundings which undoubtedly cost quite an amount are all items which make the cost higher. Profits of 120 and 114 per cent., however, do seem to be out of all reason and the public will await with interest the final solution of these evils exposed to stop their continuance.

Completing Reorganization

Effective on Saturday, December 1st, is the "General Commission of the Peace," which was issued last week by the Attorney-General's Department which will complete the reorganization of the Justices of the Peace throughout the Province. Mr. Roebuck, when he announced his reorganization of the Magistrates in August, took umbrage at the existence of 10,000 Ontario Justices of the Peace. He announced that these would be retired and some 250 appointed for the purpose of taking informations and complaints and issuing summonses. Later a list of some 200 new Justices was given out at his office. Officials explained that the issuance of a "General Commission" automatically cancels the appointment of all Justices of the Peace, generally appointed as "Associate Justices." By its issuance the Attorney-General it is understood, has finally legalized the dismissal of some 8,000 Justices. The new Commission was reported to include the appointments which he has made since announcing reorganization of the Provincial judiciary, and a few in addition. The new Commission does not affect the power of persons who are Justices of the Peace ex-officio. Mayors, Reeves, Deputy-Reeves, Controllers and Aldermen are included in this category.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The shopping days until Christmas are now being regularly announced. And it's rather aggravating to those whose finances won't allow of early shopping.

Captain Elmore Philpott has now left the C. C. F., claiming that this organization has failed in its tasks. Let's see wasn't that the reason also given for leaving the Liberal Party?

Winter Fairs and their attractions are drawing attention of many at this time of year. The exhibits give a better showing of the finished product of the field than the fall fairs.

Municipal affairs are quite the topic of conversation this week. It's to be hoped that the propaganda will be confined to municipal affairs and that personalities will not enter into the subject.

Soon be time for Premier Hepburn and the Stevens' investigation to take place off the front page of the dailies to give room for the annual municipal squabble of McBride vs. the field.

The return of Tim Buck from Portsmouth seemed to please a lot of folks who gathered at the Union Station in Toronto to meet him. There was also great rejoicing when the prodigal son returned home.

The individual who drives a vehicle on the highway at night, without a proper light, is almost as foolish as the chap who runs his motor car with the garage doors shut. If he comes out alive he is just lucky.

Dr. Shield's opinion of Premier Hepburn isn't very large; but then perhaps the Premier's opinion of Dr. Shields wouldn't be any bigger. Most people are, however, not particularly concerned in opinions of individuals but rather the effect of their actions on the general welfare of the world.

One-fourth of any gain in America national income must go into the pockets of the farmer declares Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace. The farmer now gets only 9 1/2 per cent. of national income, but he should receive 13 per cent. if the country's economic balance is to be preserved. The Secretary says farmers of the northeastern States are faring best because they produce for home consumption, whereas western and southeastern farmers must ship their crops away to market. To maintain a flow of production in balance with needs of consumption and to live decently without impoverishing the soil—these things are named as the farmers' "fair share." Canada isn't going to enjoy its full share of prosperity either, until the Canadian farmer gets more for his live stock and produce. And 35c a bag for potatoes isn't half enough.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

THE CHRISTIAN AS WITNESS

Golden Text.—But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.—Acts 1: 8.

Lesson Text.—1 Thes. 1: 1-10. Time.—A. D. 51. Place.—Athens. Exposition.—I.

With equal point and pertinence, this lesson might have been entitled, "The Value of Personal Testimony." For it was by such means, and not by group effort or mass machinery, that the Good News of the Gospel was first spread abroad over the earth; and in this letter, written from Athens, the great Apostle to the Gentile reminds the members of the church at Thessalonica of this fact. The power of personal Christian testimony is very great. Indeed, it is indispensable. The evidence of ten men who have seen, felt, or heard certain things is worth more than that of a thousand men to whom no such knowledge has been vouchsafed. Very few men can come to what they know at first hand. We have to rely for our knowledge of past human events upon testimony. We determine the credibility of what has taken place in human history a thousand, or two thousand, or more, years ago by questioning and sifting the evidence. In some cases this process of weighing the evidence is not invited, but the narrative of the New Testament invites the most searching examination. We here find the personal testimony of men who were companions of Christ, through His ministry, and who saw what He did and heard what He said. These things were not done in a corner, but in one of the most enlightened ages of the world. They made such an impression that two of the ablest of Roman historians speak of them. But more than this, the Gospel of Christ left an indelible impress upon the Roman empire, it changed the religion, manners and customs. Still more, the religion of Christ is a present day reality which can be tested.

II. The Gospel Was Proclaimed Through Personal Witness.

Christ said, just before He ascended, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1: 8). No angel was commissioned to do this work, but men who had been with Christ, and who were to tell other men of the good news of a Saviour. So the Word was passed down through the ages. The Holy Spirit bore a large part in giving power to the witnesses. We note that these men were willing witnesses, they were ready to tell what they had seen and heard. They testified through great personal inconvenience and danger to themselves. The commendation of a good witness is that he tells a thing just as he has seen or experienced it, not what may have been expected in the circumstances. The expression must equal the impression made and not go beyond it. The result of witnessing for Christ was, first of all, the thousands converted on the Day of Pentecost. The test of anything is the result that it produces. We may say that we ought to get certain results from doing certain things, but the only way to know is by trial. We are told that the Gospel did in New Testament times, and for a long time afterwards, in turning men's hearts from sin to righteousness. Paul reminds these Thessalonians without fulsome flattery, but as a plain statement of fact, that they "were examples to them that believe . . . for from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is shed abroad" (v. 8).

III. Is Christian Witness Still a Potent Force?

But the practical question, after all, is—will Christian witness prove as effective in our day as on that of the early Church? It brought outsiders to Christ, then on every hand. Will it do now? Try it and see. Modern revivals, and modern missions, answer that question most emphatically in the affirmative. Let the membership of any church, all of it or even a considerable part of it, begin strongly to testify of its faith in Christ, and there is an immediate return to the results obtained from witnessing in the days of the apostles. Christian confessions and testimonies have not lost their power in building up the Church. In fact, it is the lack of them that causes a loss of power. These testimonies have a two-fold influence: first, they confirm Christians in their faith, and second, they arrest the attention of those out of Christ and bring them to

a saving knowledge of Christ.
 IV. Christian Witness in the Home.
 The character of family life is deeply important. Upon its integrity and purity many things are dependent. It is the stronghold of the state. Low standards of morals in the family, low ideas of truth tend to reproduce themselves, in exaggerated forms, in the social and political life. Individuals coming out of families where there is no love for the good and no binding force of righteousness often become a serious threat to the fellow men as carelessly upon the sea of social life. No educational system can do very much toward eradicating the harm done to children by an evil family environment. We judge men often by their families. On the other hand, the world is full of examples of men and women trained up in righteousness by their parents, who have strictly kept to the path in which they were started. The Bible makes much of the family and the religious training of the young. In Genesis 18: 17-19 we are told that the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." In Deuteronomy 6: 7 Moses leaves this commandment, speaking of the laws and precepts, "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Job (1: 5) had great care for his household and we mark this in the family of young Timothy, which is the Scripture passage cited for our prayer-meeting talk. The earliest influences are here laid for good or evil. The child is naturally religious and is easily led towards right things and trained in right ways. The child's affections naturally turn to God. No outside training in Sunday school or junior or senior Christian Endeavor Societies can compensate the child for proper religious training in the home.

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Heat the water until you can just bear your hand in it, prepare a liberal lather from pure soap or soap flakes, and add to the water, which should be sufficient completely to cover the garment.

Steep the velvet until most of the dirt is released, but do not squeeze or rub the material, or the pile will become damaged. Change the water once or twice if necessary, and if the article is extra dirty spread it out on to a smooth surface and sponge very gently with a chamois, or old sponge (the natural kind, not the rubber variety), but remember to work in the direction of the pile, and not against it.

Have ready a large tub or bath of clear cold water, in which a handful of salt has been dissolved. Sleep the velvet in this for several seconds, and without wringing or squeezing just hang it right away to drip. Choose a cool, shady place, and if possible allow to remain in the open all night. Pests must not come in contact with velvets, or the pile will be spoiled. A clothes hanger, or long cane, well bound with soft linen or towelling, will prove most satisfactory.

When dry, brush well in the direction of pile, using a brush with good stiff bristles. No ironing is necessary.

THE GOOD GIRL

Mother: "You were a good girl not to throw your banana skins down in the train. Did you put them in your bag?"
 Joan: "No, I put them in the gentleman's pocket, who was sitting next to me!"

BEWARE OF TRADE

Doctor: "You are run down — no violent exercise—what are you?"
 Patient: "I am an anarchist."
 Doctor: "Then don't throw any bombs for a week or two."

RIDDLES

Why was Goliath very much astonished when David hit him with a stone? Because such a thing had never entered his head before.

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