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EDITORIAL

Show Them the Product of the Garden of Ontario. It has been said on more than one occasion that this section of Ontario is the garden of the Province. With bountiful crops it has this year much to be thankful for and proud of. What better place is there to put forth the advantages than at Acton Fair next week? Show the visitors what we produce. Don't hesitate to enter your best. An exhibit that will tax the hall to capacity will prove to all visitors that this is the garden of Ontario. Don't wait for someone else. Get your exhibit ready and be sure it is at the Fair. Providence has dealt kindly. The crop has been bountiful. Show it to the visitors. Take pride in what you produce and remember markets are always available for quality.

Serving Two Purposes

After years of promise, active work has at last commenced on the Second Line in preparation for making it a Provincial Highway. Besides the utility of this new highway, we predict that when completed it will be a very popular road for motorists who like a scenic drive through the country on an afternoon in summer or early autumn.

And a trip along the highways these days on a week-end would seem to indicate that a great many people go out just for a drive. Just at present, however, we would not advise anyone to take the route. The scenery is there already, but roads in process of construction do not have a particularly smooth surface. It is to be hoped the scenery will be preserved so that this may prove a dual purpose highway.

Canada — What's in a Name?

The derivation of this name accepted by our leading historians who have investigated the records, makes it an Iroquois word, still surviving among them in the form Kanata, meaning a collection of dwellings, or a settlement. Cartier, in one of his vocabularies of the Iroquois speech, says of it — they call a town (ville) Canada. Its evolution into our place-name Canada can be fully followed in the narratives of Cartier, wherein it appears first in his account of his second voyage in 1535. The two Iroquois Indians whom he had seized at Gaspé and taken to France the preceding year informed him on entering the Great River (now the St. Lawrence) that their home was in Canada, which proved later to be an alternative name for the village of Stadacona on the site of modern Quebec City. Cartier himself seems to have extended the word to the surrounding region as a convenient territorial name—much as the name Quebec has been extended from the City to the Province.

Accordingly this interpretation of Canada is well attested by unimpeachable documents; but the same is not true of several other current explanations, which are nothing other than guesses based on chance resemblances between Canada and certain other Indian or imaginary roots—e.g. from segnada Canada, meaning "men seeking land (or a country)"; A Montagnais root meaning "foreign"; "Mouth of the country," descriptive of the St. Lawrence; A Spanish *ca nada* meaning "nothing here" (i.e. in gold); A Spanish *cana*, "a reed," extended to an equivalent of beaupre.

Home improvement that will make winter much more enjoyable should be done now. The Home Improvement Plan makes it possible for many of these to be undertaken.

It Might Be You! Take a good "look" at this picture—it's a verbal one, but it tells the story just the same. Even though you won't like it, still it is something you must face if Ontario's annual highway slaughter is to be stamped out.

It is a gruesome picture and one that happens every day on our streets and highways. This accident happened because the driver was careless. He died—his face a grotesque caricature with his skull split like a coconut, his chest a gaping hole, where he had been stabbed by the jagged steering column.

His wife was less fortunate—she lived. But every time she looks into a mirror she wishes she had died, too. Modern plastic surgery can perform miracles, but it has its limitations. When she looks at herself in the mirror with the eye that isn't glass she still shudders, even though the accident happened three long years ago.

Their five-year-old daughter lived, too. But she doesn't realize it. Her skull was fractured and her brain injured. It's much more difficult to rebuild a brain than a face.

Don't say it can't happen to you—because it can and you know it! To-day's headlines of dead, dying and injured people may be telling a story about you in to-morrow's papers. But you can help to protect yourself. How?—Demand sane and careful driving from every motorist. Report those you see driving dangerously. And more important—drive sanely and carefully yourself.

You'll Be Welcome

Filling more than one position has advantages as well as disadvantages. For instance, being editor and also President of the Fall Fair it would seem permissible to use the editorial columns to give the Fair a personal boost. Not that this institution needs it, because it has proven very capably and well managed by many who have preceded the present incumbent of the office.

It's twenty-four years since Acton first decided to hold an independent Fair, and the years have proven the wisdom of that decision. Untiring effort of many citizens down through those twenty-four years have won for it a place that it will long retain. Each year it has truly grown bigger and better. This has not been achieved by individual effort of any one group or year. The co-operative spirit of helpfulness of all citizens and the district for miles around has been the feature that has made for success. Added to this is the interest of former Actonians who come back each year to visit in the home town and meet friends of other years. It takes united effort to make success and Acton Fair has been accorded this in marked degree. As President of the Fair this year, and editor of the home town paper, we'll all be pleased to renew friendships in Acton on Tuesday and Wednesday next. After being an eye witness to most of the preparatory proceedings, we say without hesitation that this Coronation Year event will truly be better than ever.

As one deeply interested in Acton and district, maybe a personal word would not be amiss. You'll be welcome! Come!

EDITORIAL NOTES

The election campaign is warming up even if the weather is getting cooler.

Many a friendship will be renewed when friend meets friend at Acton Fair—next week.

There is doubt that autumn is just here. The temperatures of the week have been quite reminding.

Acton Fair, next Tuesday and Wednesday. A welcome for all Home-comers and residents will find it a popular meeting place.

Saturday night crowds in Acton would seem to indicate that this town is growing in popularity as a shopping place for the countryside.

Acton has just cause for thankfulness in having thus far escaped the infantile paralysis epidemic. Extreme caution must, however, be continued.

A smaller attendance and corresponding losses in revenue have not dampened the ardor of C. N. E. Directors. The 1937 exhibition was a great event in every other respect and the lower attendance was no fault of those in charge or the worthiness of the presentation.

The Barrie Examiner points out that Hon. Earl Rowe has criticized the Government for the number of authorities granted and promises better control of liquor, but so far his attitude with respect to beer parlors has been very evasive. The Toronto Telegram, which has opposed beverage rooms from the first, says that "those who think they will get any more advanced temperance legislation from Hon. Earl Rowe than they got from Hon. Mitchell Hepburn are leaning upon a broken reed."

SLATS' DIARY BY OLIVER M. WARREN

Sunday: Well, the 2d week of school was last Monday a.m. & for the 1st time I realized the good of having a Labor Day when every boddy lies off & dont do no wk. It perfects the kids from 1 day of school.

Monday: Jake sed to me he is 10 yrs. of old age & yet hasent made up his mind whether he will marrie May or let Blisters take her. Its diffrent with J & Jane. I no I am a going to marrie her but havent 1st her no it. I have herd that a women cant keep a secret.

Tuesday: Thank goodness the sun got cloudy & the wether cooler. Now I want be so acart to see Jane coming torge the drug store. She has been my fnanahel water Lou all summer. With are going 2 strong, even for a bride to be.

Wednesday: The new kid in the neighborhood got off a good 1 on Blisters. He sed he went to the circus & seen a baby that was raised on elephant milk & growed 10 lbs. a day. Blisters sed it couldnt happen & the new kid sed it did becose it were the elephant's baby. I think Blisters is laying for the new kid.

Thursday: That Percy kid that dont want no ft. ball or nothing & that the girls gether around and giggle had his 1st bad luck today. He set down in his seat & they was some chewing gum where he set down. I dont no who done it but Jake and Blisters both diddent have their gum no longer after the accident.

Friday: A handsome young Dr. have located in our city & a middle old went to get her apendicitis removed & sed to him she were nervous as it were her 1st operashin. He replide & sed the nervensness were muchel as it were his 1st all so. Pa & Unkel Hen laft about it but I diddent see no joke to it.

Saturday: Up with the sun & got evry thing done & am out on the run to have some fun. I diddent mean that poetry. Honest. Nor other enult to the intellensents of nobody who needs this sun time in the futcher. It just happened as I set it down & no offense int. I ffeel like a bird that is out of his-nest & at large & etc. You no how it is if you ever was a school boy or sum thing.

SEEKING YOUR OWN WILL

You are seeking your own will. You are seeking some good other than the law you are bound to obey. But how long will you find good? It is not a thing of choice. It is a river that flows by the path of obedience. I say, again, man cannot choose his duties. You may choose to forsake your duties, and choose not to have the sorrow they bring. But you will go forth; and what will you find? Sorrow without duty—bitter herbs, and no bread with them.—George Elliot.

KNOWLEDGE

Learn as much as ever you can about all sorts of things, and so make this world, whilst you live in it, a perpetual source of interest and surprise and gratification. That will keep your mind from stagnating. And then get into the way of feeling for other people's troubles, and doing what you can to help them away, and that will keep your heart from stagnating. You may live until you are five times sixty-five if you can; you will never find the world a bit too weary for you.

'SALADA' TEA is delicious

MAGIC with the HOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN. \$8,000,000 in HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS. Ten months have served to establish the Home Improvement Plan as a most convenient way of financing long delayed home renovation and repairs and so putting men to work. Under its liberal terms, thousands of Canadian homes have been made more comfortable—more livable, more valuable. Work Home Improvement Plan magic in your home this Fall. Give it the fuel-saving comfort of insulation; protect it with paint; install modern plumbing and heating systems; re-roof for beauty and security; build an extra room in the attic or basement; modernize the kitchen; build a fireplace or mantel to suit your specific needs. LOANS EASILY ARRANGED. Any contractor, supply firm or architect can help you arrange a Home Improvement Plan loan if you need it to finance the work for you or your family. You simply show the bank, the county, or your monthly instalments and the loan is made. No security, your home. In made brighter and more livable and men get needed jobs. (The cost of this series of advertisements approved by the National Employment Commission, but has received entirely by public-spirited citizens and individuals, at a contribution of funds that "National co-operative effort" encouraged by the National Employment Commission in the National Employment Committee.) LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Chairman—A. Mason Secretary—W. K. Graham Telephone 9. NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT. ONTARIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Ryland H. New, Chairman I. Marcus, Secretary

TWO VIEWS ON THE LIQUOR QUESTION

"THE PROFIT"—says Mr. Hepburn "THE PEOPLE"—says Mr. Rowe

FOR three years the liquor problem has been out of control in Ontario. Mr. Hepburn, worried by the rising tide of public indignation, now tacitly admits the fact. In acknowledgment of the situation, he makes another typical last-minute, pre-election promise. But Ontario voters are not going to be fooled again.

"Revenue First"—Hepburn

"Profit" has been Mr. Hepburn's liquor policy ever since he took office. Here are his own words as quoted in the Border Cities Star, Windsor, October 26, 1934:—

"Another thing that the Province requires is revenue. I am informed that since Mr. Odette took office, he has turned over to the Treasury \$2,800,000. Let these people point out some other source of revenue. Do they want higher gasoline or corporation tax? Do they want a Provincial Income Tax? It is obvious that if we lose the revenue from the Liquor Control Board, we will have to get it elsewhere."

"People First"—Rowe

Contrast this "liquor for profit" policy with Mr. Rowe's clean-cut stand in the interest of the people.

Mr. Rowe has pledged himself: "I will return to a policy of control by a responsible board, free from political patronage. A survey will be made by the new board of all licensed hotels. I promise you that these mushroom dives which have sprung up and flourished under Hepburn will be closed—and stay closed."

The Conservative Party takes the position that public revenue should not be gained at the expense of decency.

No More Mushroom Dives

When Mr. Rowe is elected, beverage rooms will be confined to standard hotels which respect the law and give adequate service to the public.

Restaurants, taxi offices, rooming houses and hot dog stands will not, by means of a few "jerry-built" changes in construction, be able to qualify as standard hotels.

Beverage rooms will not be forced on communities where they are not wanted. Nor will such places flourish in the shadow of the churches of the Province.

Non-Political Control

Under Conservative administration, by means of a responsible non-political control body, beverage rooms will be so regulated that they will cease to be a blot on the social and moral life of Ontario.

A vote for the Conservative candidate is a vote for this policy of control.

YOU Can TRUST ROWE VOTE CONSERVATIVE

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