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In the right direction. Perhaps the day will come when other steps can be taken. And under the present arrangements no individual will have an exclusive corner on coroner's juries at least.

As Regular as Summer

Once again the summer season rolls around and those two important things in community life that are often not missed until passed, come to the fore. We refer to the Band and the Ball Clubs, without which the summer leisure hours in any community might become a bit dull. Acton is fortunate in having both these features in good measure. Fortunate that we have always had them and fortunate that the members comprising them have always been willing to give of their best in community activity.

Either one of them is a subject for an editorial, but we have this time combined them with the thought that they both deserve the support of all. Such organizations are what keep our community in the public eye and now, just as regularly as summer rolls around they are on hand to fill their places in the community life. We who enjoy them can at least lend our support to their activity.

Choosing a Vocation

In the present day one is inclined to think that his or her vocation is the most difficult and has the most problems to face. It will be surprising and interesting to many to read the following statistics for the different lines of work, which appeared in a recent issue of The Pembroke Standard-Observers.

Table with columns: Occupation, Working Life Span, Present Value of Average Earnings for a Working Life Time. Rows include College Teaching, Medicine, Law, Dentistry, Engineering, Architecture, Social Work, Journalism, Ministry, Library Work, Public School Teaching, Skilled Trades, Nursing, Unskilled Labor, Farming, Farm Labor.

The above figures show that those engaged in medicine receive the largest monetary reward, but do not live the longest. It would seem a case of doctors putting forth every endeavor to extend the life of others, but neglect their own health. It is difficult for us to believe that journalism ranks so high in average earnings. We will wager that weekly newspaper editors' earnings make a big decrease in the average and many subscribers may think that the said journalists' working life span too long. It is shown that farmers receive the lowest income but may be compensated by the fact that they live the longest. Choosing a vocation in life is one of the most important decisions a person has to make.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Certainly no finer season of the year could have been chosen for the Royal visit. Canada in May and early June is a sight for any king and queen to be proud of.

Radio receiving licenses issued by the Canadian Government in the fiscal year ended March 31st, numbered 1,213,723 compared with 1,102,207 in the preceding fiscal year.

In view of the fact that the King and Queen will pass this way next Tuesday, the easterly section of Mill Street is at least due for a bit more decorating. Let's extend a Royal welcome, even if it is only a passing by.

We've been waiting for a certain announcer to say some morning: "Here is... that ever-present talking reporter, with all the latest pains of the world," and maybe the twisted announcement would not be so far out, either.

The output of central electric stations in Canada during the first quarter of the current year aggregated 6,967,268,000 kilowatt hours, compared with 6,597,094,000 kilowatt hours in the same period of 1938. Exports to the United States during the first three months of 1939 totalled 85,828,000 kilowatt hours, as against 424,717,000.

The weekly newspaper field lost another one of its outstanding members in the passing of W. C. Walls, of the Barrie Examiner. We who knew him anticipated that at 59 he had many years ahead of him. He attended the recent Convention in Ottawa and we had the pleasure of associating with him in judging the printing exhibits. It seems hard to realize that his life's work is completed. He lived a life that set a high standard for thoroughness and service and his influence for the better things extended not only in Barrie but over a wider field, where his passing is mourned.

The ROYAL VISIT

By N. J. DORNAN, D.W.N.A., Representative on the Press Pilot Train

First Release Covering the Visit of Their Majesties to Quebec and Montreal

On Board the Royal Train Take a burst of thunder, 100,000 people... The Queen was petite and winsome in a smart afternoon dress of powder blue... Her Majesty's visit to Quebec and Montreal... The weather was ideal for such outdoor events.

Saturday, 20th, was observed as The King's Birthday and as such it added splendor to the celebrations in this city of Ottawa. His Majesty attended the Tramping, the huge crowd cheered themselves tired. Her Majesty witnessed the celebration from a window in the East Block. Shortly after that The Queen, accompanied by The King, drove to the new Supreme Court, where Her Majesty graciously laid the corner stone and dedicated to every detail, it is at such moments as this that the locomotives of both trains are serviced and cleaned, ready for the trip of the following day.

All along the route to Ottawa, there were numerous small communities and each had its full quota of citizens lined along the railway line. I happened to notice one impressive thing, an aged man was standing in the midst of a field of about twenty acres and he was at the salute. I sincerely hope he was there when the Royal party passed; it was noticeable that many children were trained to bow and salute as the train passed.

Arrival in Ottawa, the capital city of Canada was a stirring event. There were miles of bunting and loyal decoration with the usual cheering crowds. The press party was escorted to the Chateau Laurier, the hotel de luxe of Canadian people, where we made our headquarters during our stay in the city.

The arrival of Their Majesties in this beautiful city was greeted with a salute of 21 guns. The arrival took place at a specially erected platform in a suburb of the city, from where the triumphal procession commenced. I had the distinct honor of a place in the Senate Chamber, where history was written; here it was that His Majesty sat for the first time on his Canadian Throne and gave Royal assent to seven bills, which as a result of this gracious act, have become law. Seated on His Majesty's left, on her Throne, was Our Gracious Queen, dressed in royal grandeur and wearing that charming sweet smile which has already endeared her to the millions of people who have seen her. The Senate Chamber was a most gorgeous scene; it was packed with Senators with their ladies and members of the aristocracy of the capital; the galleries were thronged with a galaxy of color, facing the throne were several members of Their Majesties' suite, in their full dress uniform, while the ladies were stunning in their evening attire. Following the formal announcement, the Black Rod retired to the House of Commons and summoned the Member of that House to attend in the Senate Chamber to hear His Gracious Majesty give assent to some bills. There was a huge crowd of the Members packed behind the bar of the chamber. (Members of the House of Commons are not permitted to be on the floor of the Senate Chamber, until, but that's another story.)

During the afternoon the members of the press party each received an engraved card from His Excellency, the Governor General, the Lord Tweedsmuir, announcing that by Command of Their Majesties, the press members were to attend a reception at Government House, afternoon. This was the highlight of the trip so far for the writers; lined around a reception room in single file, we awaited the entry of Their Majesties; some wondered what to do, but this fear or dread was soon dispelled when The King, accompanied by the Queen, entered and in a most informal manner walked around the circle and greeted each one present. Her Majesty came first, and Mr. Walter Thompson, the Chairman of the Press Committee, introduced each one by announcing the name and the paper they represented. When it came the writer's turn, I was designated as Past President of the Canadian Weekly Press and sole representative of almost a thousand weekly newspapers. At this Her Majesty shook hands and said "You have some task." His Majesty said "wonderful." The impression this writer formed can be put in a very few words. Their Majesties are a wonderful pair; lovable and as natural as one could dream; their handshake was no "milk and water" affair. There was a gentle grasp by The Queen which made one at ease, at once, while The King gave a real grasp, as one would expect from their best friend.

The King wore a plain black jacket with striped trousers and his left hand

and did not promise a very pleasant day for the unveiling of the National War Memorial. However, as the train approached, "King's Weather" again prevailed and in beautiful sunshine Their Majesties drove to the Memorial. The crowd around the Memorial and on all available positions within eight numbered 200,000, it is claimed. Standing at the edge of the press stand, but outside the barrier was a small lad, who eagerly eyed my arm band, and official badge. Having had of my own, I approached and handed him a copy of the official program and he shortly said, "Will you kindly autograph it, sir?" However, I assured him the document would be more valuable without that appendage. His mother took a snapshot of the lad and myself and suggested she would send him a copy if I would give my address. This I gave as "Royal Train, Canada." This is just one of the many human touches I have noticed on this long trip.

On the platform before the train left Ottawa was Mr. E. J. Hungerford, President of the Canadian National Railways, and a number of the Directors. They were there to bid an official adieu to Their Majesties.

For many miles out of Ottawa there were crowds along the railway right-of-way and all had a cheer for the train. The Royal Train, I am informed, was given a splendid send-off. Arrival at Kingston, we had five minutes to view the arrival of Their Majesties before the pilot train had to move on. This old and charming city had most elaborate arrangements made for the reception, but owing to the unavoidable delay on the Atlantic, Kingston had to have its program revised. The restricted plans called for thirty-five minutes, drive, following the presentation of certain citizens. Here, by the way, there was an amusing situation, amusing to me but not to those who were affected; whoever was to make the presentation of the Mayor and his wife had been presented, failed to do their job and my, oh my, there were some red faces. Kingston also a march on all the real of Canada for they decorated Their Majesties one hour longer than had been planned, with the result the pilot train was halted in order to keep "the block." On the outskirts of Colborne the both trains were sidetracked for the night, and one minute after the pilot train was stopped, I leaped the train telephone and called my good friend, Clarence Charters, at Brampton, to consult with him.

Arriving in Toronto, the Queen City, the reception was yet another triumphal entry of Canada's King and Queen, to one of the principal cities of the Dominion, and the welcome was a real emotional affair. The press separated on arrival, some going to the City Hall. I was assigned to the Parliament Buildings, there to a reserved seat over but to the right of the two Throne chairs. I had a splendid view of this historic occasion and enjoyed having many distinguished citizens of the Province seated next to me, as they occupied reserved seats on the floor of the Chamber. I was quick to find Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Charters, of Downhamville; and

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EDITORIAL

A King in a Plain Suit or Royal Robes

"King Wears Plain Suit, While Mayor Greets Him in Cutaway," runs a recent heading on a story of the Royal visit. It is just that ability to meet folks in all walks of life that is making the Royal visit such a popular event in the lives of all Canadians. Time and again during this visit the King and Queen have departed from the procedure that was outlined to do the thing that they felt could not be overlooked. They have shown that the visit is not to be in circles proscribed for them, but they have a desire to meet Canadians in all walks of life.

Canadians have found them very human. They are making contacts that will endure in Canadian hearts long after the seas separate us. It has been noticeable, too, that routine that it seemed impossible to break down is being changed since the head of the British Empire came to Canada. Their Majesties, quite evidently have a desire to meet as many as possible of their subjects—and at some inconvenience to themselves have made meetings wherever possible.

We have found that the King wears a plain suit as admirably as Royal robes. That requires a big man with a deep understanding. It is small wonder that Canadians are so enthusiastic over the visit of Their Majesties and are getting a new understanding of Royalty. There is a new enthusiasm in the thought that our King and Queen have a common understanding and can meet us on a common ground.

An Influence for Good

Those who attended any part of the Halton County Scout Jamboree over the week-end could not help being convinced that this work among the future men of the Dominion is a worth-while effort. Such work to be accomplished well requires the leadership and thought of many older ones, too. The fact that the Scout training takes boys from the Cubs up and maintains and provides training for leadership within itself, assures the continued growth and progress of this organization.

Boys are not coddled or pampered, but rather taught initiative and self-reliance. We have found it sometimes a bit hard to thoroughly get a grasp of what was being done in a Scout group, but always we found that the group understood the game or matter thoroughly and best of all, they enjoyed doing it, even if it might be considered work under other circumstances.

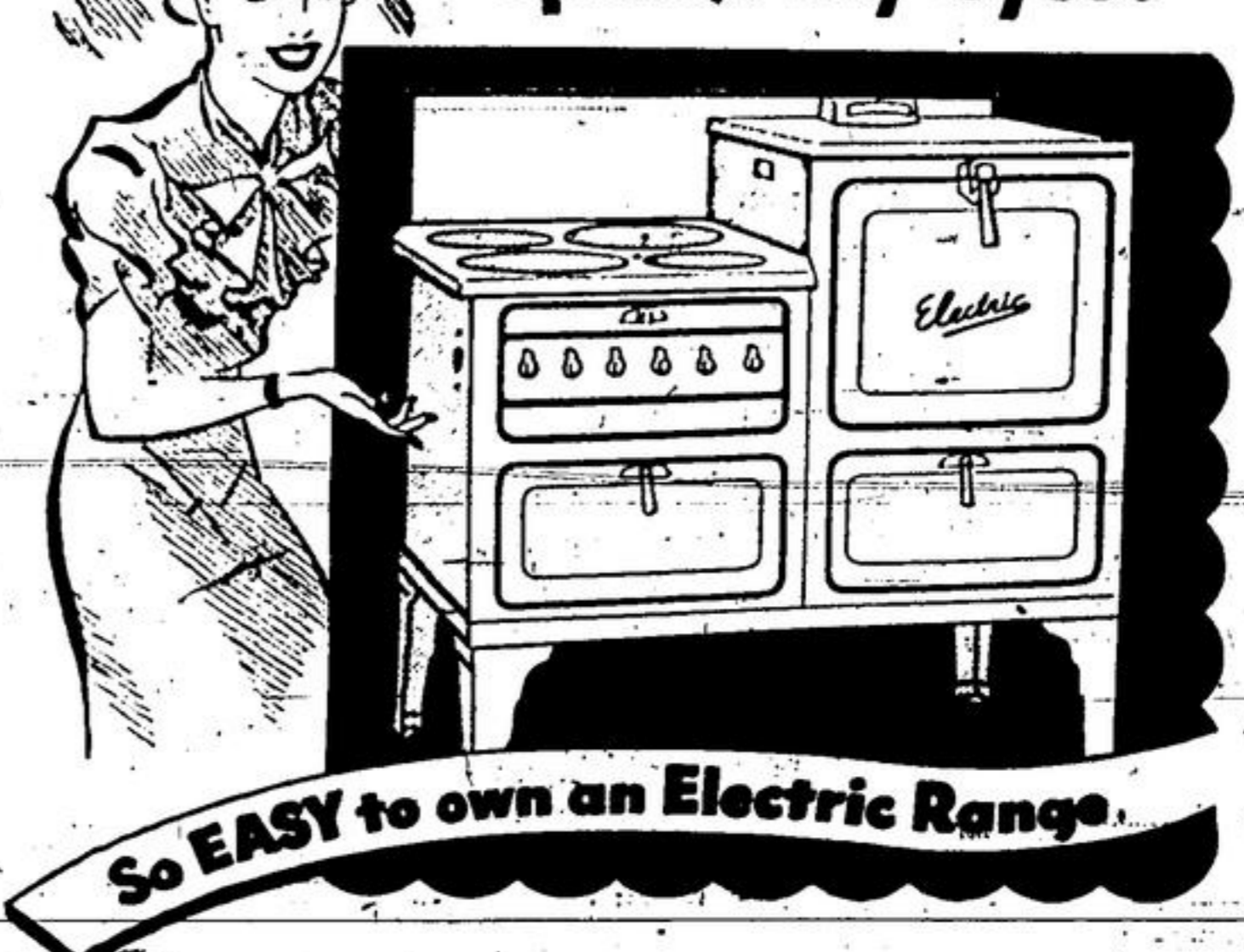
The Scout movement is growing, not only in numbers but in favor in Halton. The Jamboree was the biggest this year ever, and enthusiasm points to continued growth. It is a splendid influence on the boy life of Halton and the thanks of all is due those who back it up and give such splendid leadership.

A Step the Right Way

New regulations are now in effect under amendments to the Coroners' Act, which seem only common sense. Now only five men comprise a coroner's jury, instead of seven, as previously. Another change is that no jurymen may serve who have been on a jury within a year previously. Another important rule is that which provides that inquests will be held only on the instructions of the Attorney-General, the Chief Coroner for the Province, or the County Crown Attorney, except in cases where the statute calls for an inquest automatically.

A good many folks have often questioned the necessity of inquest, since in so many cases nothing has been uncovered that was not common knowledge before the hearing. The new rules are a step

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