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A Bit Personal

It's been some years since the name of the editor of this paper appeared on a ballot paper in Acton. Perhaps we may be pardoned if we give a personal expression in these columns which belong to the editor. Last week we preferred to make no comment on the election as such would have been an unfair advantage.

We have attended meeting of public bodies in Acton fairly regularly for over twenty years. While not a voting member, we have been accorded a lot of freedom at these meetings, a privilege we have always tried not to abuse. But this attendance gave us almost the same interest and privilege as if we were a member of the body. It is therefore evident that we could not get a thrill out of being made a member of an elected body. The election did, however, give us a thrill that was different. Practically all of the life of the editor has been spent in Acton. For the past twelve years the opinions of the editor have been given freely in these columns. Many of them have been contrary to those of our readers.

The thrill the editor received was the loyalty of friends shown in the vote and of those who have known him all his life giving an endorsement in electing him to any office. It's pleasant to have the assurance that these friends are back of you. We hope we will never betray that confidence.

High Cost of Distribution

The chief single fact emerging from a survey of distribution costs made by the Twentieth Century Fund is that it costs considerably more to distribute goods than it does to make them. The special research staff found that out of every dollar spent by the consumer, about 59c goes for the service of distribution. In 1920 of all gainfully employed workers 25 per cent. were engaged in distribution and service activities. By 1930, the workers in production had dropped to 50 per cent. of the total, while those in distribution had doubled. Right here in Bowmanville we have a glaring example of overlapping and tremendous waste in the distribution of bread with 177 different bakeries either selling or peddling bread in town. The government in its war program of eliminating waste in distribution might well consider this problem as it exists in most municipalities in Ontario.—Bowmanville Statesman.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Just fourteen shopping days and three Sundays before Christmas. The time is short.

One can now wish to friends the "compliments of the season" without being accused of using the phrase as election propaganda.

It's great to have the municipal elections cleared away before the Christmas season starts. Nothing now to interfere with the Christmas spirit.

Barrie has a population of 8,527 and had an attendance of about 80 at the nomination meeting. In comparison Acton didn't do so bad, but it was still much below what it should have been.

Hanover has not organized yet for Red Cross work and the Post says that a meeting will not be held until after the elections for organization of this work. Surely that progressive community is not one of those one-man towns.

If you had bought, at \$100, one share of General Motors when it was organized in 1908 and had exercised all rights and privileges subsequently, you could have sold the equivalent of your single share at \$33,000 at the peak of the 1929 boom market. Neal O'Hara, in New York Post.

Upon the merits of this war-time prohibition of the time-honored right of municipal voters to change their elective bodies there is some difference of opinions, though a majority seems to be adverse. But as to the arbitrary imposition of the government's will upon the people of the Province there can be little division of opinion.—Woodstock Sentinel Review.

Municipal Councils frequently have difficulty in impressing on merchants and others the necessity of sending in their accounts promptly. Perhaps one of the most outstanding cases of delayed payment occurred at the last meeting of the Gananoque Council when a voucher, issued in 1930, was apparently lost sight of until discovered by the executors of the estate. They presented it to Council and this body honored the document and applied the amount against the outstanding taxes on the estate of the deceased.—Carleton Place Canadian.

Ontario News of the Week

By Mardie McDonald

There are those who are speculating now about what world-reaction will follow Russia's attack on Finland. While we can leave the field of world speculation to others, there is no need to speculate on the effect this action is having in Canada. Generally speaking, citizens of this country have been tolerant in their attitude toward the group, which would set up in this country a system of government patterned after Russia's. We have inherited the British idea of bending backwards in our effort to cherish free speech, freedom of thought.

There are several indications now, however, that in official government circles and among voters everywhere, decision is being made not to tolerate any longer the continued preaching by Communists of the doctrine of their friends, the aggressors. Stiffening of this attitude was noticeable when the Russians joined with the German bands in overrunning Poland. And now that Stalin has shown his hand in Finland, this country is even now a dangerous one for the Communist.

More and more, it is becoming apparent that one of the results of the present world war will be the curbing of free speech wherever that free speech strikes at the general of democracy, the cradle of free speech. Now that the dictator, Stalin, has presented himself to the world as an aggressor, just as unprincipled as Hitler, it is safe to assume that many in the ranks of communistic organizations in Canada and the United States will desert. Those who elect to continue will find the going hard.

This situation lends added interest to the forthcoming municipal election in Toronto, where at least two Communists will likely seek re-election: Aldermen Salberg and Smith. Significant fact in the news is the announcement by Claude Pearce, former Controller for Toronto, that he will run for Alderman in Ward Four. That's the ward now represented by Salesberg, the Communist, and Pearce has entered with the avowed purpose of fighting Communism. It will be interesting to see how the electors respond.

With war the main item of business before Canada's governmental bodies, there are several peace time pursuits which will be neglected until the unpleasant business of fighting is concluded. But you can be sure that there is one of these that will prove to be the exception. That is the encouragement of tourist trade from the United States. Right now those officials responsible for the conduct of this business are hard at work making plans to entice every last tourist available across the border during 1940.

Before the snow has cleared away in the spring, Provincial and Municipal governments will be co-operating with Ottawa to clear away every last obstacle in the path of United States visitors. Customs officials and police at the border points will be instructed to make entrance into Canada as convenient as possible; financial houses will facilitate the changing of American money into Canadian money so that the tourist gets full advantage of the difference in the rate of exchange; hotels and tourist camp operators will be asked to continue their policy of good will among the visitors, and all branches of the automobile industry will attempt to keep down the cost of motoring in this country as low as possible as an added inducement for the car driver from the United States. You do not have to go far for the reason: these tourists bring in new

money to the country, and with war costs constituting a heavy drain on this country's resources, this money will be doubly, welcoming during the next year. A partial idea of how big this tourist industry is, may be seen in figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In 1938, United States motor tourists alone brought \$178,000,000 into Canada—and left it here. And of that sum, Ontario got \$116,000,000. Then bear in mind that the sum set aside by the Federal Government this year for was expenditure was \$150,000.

Not since the days when Hon. Howard Ferguson denied the Toronto Star access to the Parliament Buildings has such a situation arisen as the fight between Premier Hepburn and Dr. A. J. Irwin, Secretary of the Canadian Temperance Federation. When the deputation waited on the Premier last week, Hepburn declared that he would not be responsible for putting soldiers on the "Indian list," and if they were to be prohibited from entering beverage rooms, the military authorities would have to apply the ban themselves. Dr. Irwin says the Premier introduced the matter himself, and that he (Dr. Irwin) made no such request. Mr. Hepburn just as emphatically asserts that Dr. Irwin certainly brought the matter up. Rev. T. P. Summerhayes, a member of the deputation, comes to the Premier's support by stating that Dr. Irwin was the first to raise the question. The upshot is Mr. Hepburn declares that in future Dr. Irwin will be barred from the Parliament Buildings.

Mr. Hepburn made it clear to the de-

putation of Temperance Workers that there will be no modification of liquor regulations in Ontario during the war. He did intimate, however, that there might possibly be a change in the closing hours of beverage rooms to make them uniform throughout the Province. The request of the deputation for County Local Option met with no response from the Premier.

SAXON WORLD'S "WAE HAE"

Christmas fare has always occupied a big part in Yuletide celebrations. Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers were excellent trencher-men, and eating and drinking were a necessary part of every gala day. Stuffed boars' heads, peacocks, geese, capons, pheasants, mince pie, plum pudding—these decked the board. The turkey was unknown. That excellent fowl did not enter the bill of fare until the discovery of the New World. Of course, there was drink aplenty. Punch was the customary wassail bowl. This takes its name from the Saxon words, "wae hae," meaning "be in health." It was a great bowl of punch into which laked apples were thrown to enhance its flavor. Mince pie originated in 1596. It first was made from mutton. The Puritans condemned it as an ungodly dish, and the Quakers would have none of it.

HELPS SOME

Adult to schoolboy just finishing his egg breakfast—I do wish you would lay a good slice of toast under that jersey of yours. Schoolboy—Well, I have just laid an egg there.

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SALLY'S SALLIES



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Advertisement for Scott's Scrap Book featuring illustrations of a car and a person, with text describing the book's features.

Advertisement for "Queer Quirks" by the Old Philosopher, featuring a radio script and contact information for W. F. Mooney, Acton.

Large advertisement for Lovell Bros. Meats, featuring a Santa Claus illustration, the word "MEATS" in large letters, and details about their products and location.

Editorial section titled "Just Around the Corner" discussing the Christmas edition of the newspaper and the local business community.

Editorial section titled "Christmas Tree Devastation" discussing the impact of Christmas tree cutting on the environment and the local economy.