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EDITORIAL

Monday Is Your Day

Monday is election day in Acton. On that date you electors will choose a Reeve and Four Councillors who will have charge of administering a business of \$60,000 for 1947, three members of School Board who administer nearly \$30,000; and a Public Utilities Commissioner of a board whose yearly revenue is nearly \$50,000. It's your money and it's your job to elect to office those best qualified for the positions. You are fortunate in having such a fine slate of candidates willing to render public service. It's your vote, use it as you like, but use it on Monday in Acton.

The Sales Will Go Up

The announcement was finally made last Thursday of changes in the sale and distribution of liquor. Ontario is to have a Liquor Licensing Act, which we suppose, gives way to the Liquor Control Act. One thing can be said, that the new name is more applicable.

The new Act was announced by Premier Drew with a series of excuses for failure of the present system. One omission of Premier Drew's was that he forgot to tell us that the Ontario government had failed in its duty of law enforcement of its own laws and to give any assurance that the new Act will be any better enforced.

The proclaiming of the new Act is plainly a widening of sale. There has been no effort made to secure public opinion in a democratic way by vote of the people. But as far as that goes, liquor legislation has not been voted upon by the people in many years regardless of who was premier or what government was in power. Under the new Act cities of over 50,000 get the sale of liquor by the glass in hotels, taverns, clubs, military messes, whether they want it or not. In the rest of the province a vote must be taken.

There's going to be a re-classification of present establishments and provision is made for restaurant licenses for sale of beer and wine with meals. Oh yes, it's going to be easy to get and easy to drink it most any place. The old Act failed; the new Act has so few restrictions that it cannot fail. Ontario is making it easier to secure and drink intoxicating liquors and more revenue certain. But who asked for this wider distribution? Who will pay for the slaughter on the highways when more drunks wander over them? Control is gone license has replaced it.

What is a School District?

A question that may be asked these days by citizens who have not given the matter strict attention may well be "What is this new High School district?" It has been before County Council in Halton and Municipal School Board throughout the year.

The most simple explanation we can think of is that a High School district is a group of municipalities who come together to have a larger school so that pupils may have the same advantages as those in cities or large centres where the assessment and enrolment are large enough to provide this wider course of studies.

There seems to be little argument that the larger school is desirable, but chief opposition develops in the location of the school and the difficulties of travel to the larger institution, particularly in winter time. It is only natural that no municipality wants to close down an institution such as a High School which has been built up over many years and in which there is reason for much local pride and sentiment. The only solution to that is balancing of which is the greater, of whether the new step will compensate for the seeming sacrifice.

With highway travel in the winter as at present, the matter of transportation has in most cases been magnified.

In the case of Halton County three districts are arranged. The southern districts are Oakville and

Burlington and of course in these districts, no schools were closed; only the two schools established will be enlarged. The Northern Halton district presents a different problem. It means the closing of the present three schools in Milton, Acton and Georgetown and the establishing of a complete new unit in some central location in the district. The district outlined for North Halton would make the largest of any in the county and serve the greatest number. It will be an unusually strong school and with a new building (when available) offer pupils the finest in educational facilities. Even if the district doubles its present population the forming of a district for Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Nassagaweya and Esqueving is feasible and it might also include portions of adjoining townships as the governing factor in the new arrangement is service to a district rather than along any county boundary lines.

It is interesting to note that those who study the plan usually give it approval. The difficulty seems to be that it requires study, which opponents often neglect to give the question. At a meeting in Acton last week with representatives from three towns and four townships, a show of hands showed all voting to be in favor of establishment of a district and none opposed. We should also explain that this decision was reached after those attending the meeting had full opportunity for information and a barrage of questions answered.

Having attended many of these meetings and having heard the explanations of the North Halton district, we are quite frank to say that we have altered our opinion from the first intimation of a year ago and now favor the plan. We are aware that it will take some co-operation of all concerned to bring it into effect but we are convinced that such an attitude will be taken when the need of the present and future is being considered.

A Relief

It was certainly a relief to hear on Saturday that the coal miners were going back to the pits on Monday to get out coal to keep the wheels of industry rolling. This continent had been built up to have too much dependence on coal. Many industries have found that during this period of strikes and many have changed to oil burning or a combination of the two systems. Strikes do not always help the striker and in this case it will be found that a lot of the market for soft coal has been lost through the uncertainty of supply.

It is fortunate that at the beginning of winter the strike was stopped in less than three weeks. Certainly the issues at stake can be adjusted without this needless suffering of many citizens of this continent. The details of the settlement have not at the time of writing been announced but the public regard for John L. Lewis, which was fast going down, is improved by his sending the miners back to work. No other group we know of are so obedient to the dictation of one man and it may not be good for any group to be so docile to the frailties of any one human being.

Worth Inquiry

The Ontario Gazette, December 9, carries official, legal notice of the intention of the Town of Collingwood to redeem all its outstanding debentures. Holders of debentures maturing in the years 1947 to 1957 are thus obliged to accept cash for principal and interest.

A further paragraph serves notice that all maturities as of March 1958 are called for redemption. To complete the formalities the Town Council will on December 16 declare that all interest will cease to accrue and the above issues will be declared due and payable.

No information is given as to the source of funds out of which these maturities will be paid. It will be interesting to learn the facts leading to this enviable position. It may be of profit to the Acton Council to enquire into the matter and it might mean a reduction of high interest rate on some of our outstanding debentures.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Christmas shopping can't be done early now. Those of us who have put it off are in the last scramble.

The man who isn't much good knows he isn't good for much. But the man who is no good thinks he is perfectly all right.

And, talking about price increases, a daily which once sold for \$4.50 a year is now about \$12.00 a year, or, having been 15c a week by carrier boy, is now 24c, while a Toronto paper that used to be \$6 a year is now about \$15, and the weekly rate has gone up from 18c to 30c.

A Toronto motorist had been fined for parking his car in a "no parking" area, and appealed the illegal parking conviction. In allowing the appeal Judge Parker claimed that "a man has a perfect right to park in front of his own door." Now, isn't that a new freedom?

Last week Mrs. K. Marston completed five years as editor of the Elora Express and under her guidance it has come to be one of the brightest weeklies that reaches our desk. Her first five years in the weekly field have been very successful and Elora may well be proud of its newspaper which has during this period won several awards in better newspapers competitions.

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for Acton Council for 1947

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LEMON JUICE 11c
VS COCKTAIL VEGETABLE JUICE 15c
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VEL FOR Dishes 1 POUND 24c
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11:51 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 4:46 p.m.; 6:28
p.m.; 9:06 p.m.; 11:11 p.m.
Westbound
10:38 a.m.; 11:43 a.m.; 2:50 p.m.;
5:13 p.m.; 7:33 p.m.; 8:35 p.m.;
10:23 p.m.; 11:28 p.m.
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days.
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Sunday only: 8:19 p.m.; Daily Flyer at
Georgetown: 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
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Monday only: 12:09 a.m.; daily except
Sunday: 9:01 a.m.; 6:46 p.m.; 7:30 p.
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