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**EDITORIAL**

**Is It Neighborly?**

Any excuse that will throw discredit on the plan of High School districts is seized upon by the editor of the Georgetown Herald to endeavor to prove that Georgetown was "unalterably" right and Milton, Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya are victims of "the folly of leaving such important decisions affecting every taxpayer to the decision of a handful of citizens, some of whom do not even hold elected office." (The quotation is from the Herald.) The discussion and consequent publicity at Port Credit and Streetsville provided the Georgetown editor with one of these excuses last week.

One thing the neighborly editor neglects to mention is that even the Georgetown representatives favored the plan of High School district if the building was going to be built in Georgetown but when this plan was turned down at a meeting in Milton, largely attended by citizens from all five municipalities concerned, it is ridiculed at every opportunity and it appears that the Georgetown editor hopes it will fail so that he may say "I told you so."

The plan, like anything else that is new, will have its problems and difficulties before there is smooth operation. Even the pioneers who first came to Esquesing and Nassagaweya and Milton and Acton and Georgetown met with difficulties in breaking new ground. But thanks to them many of us to-day are enjoying the results of their perseverance in municipalities and systems that have been constantly undergoing change.

We were pleased to note that Mr. Biehn and his right hand man, Mr. McGilvray were both elected and took office on the School Board in Georgetown this year. Perhaps time and experience may work for an understanding attitude but in the meantime it would seem in good taste to let each group work out their own problems without malice and the continuance of petty sniping.

**No Buyers' Resistance on Higher Priced Liquor**  
 Official figures have lately been released showing the 1947 liquor bill in Canada to be almost \$3 1/2 millions of dollars in excess of 1946. The total bill for 1947 was \$370,945,005. The high in per capita consumption fell to British Columbia at \$38.63. The low was registered in Quebec where purchase has always been more readily accorded and the 1947 per capita was \$24.31.

In Prince Edward Island, the only province having prohibition, sale is granted on medical certificates and the bill was \$1,188,855 or about half the per capita of Quebec.

Figures for Ontario were, liquor, \$64,116,000; retail store beer, \$66,879,000; store wine, \$4,780,000 for an approximate total of \$135,776,000 in 1947, compared with \$102,885,847 in 1946.

In socialist Saskatchewan with the government in the business regularly advertising for the prompt return of empty bottles, the bill jumped from \$13,623,000 in 1946 to \$20,602,000 in 1947.

Meantime public clamor goes on against the increase in the price of milk while no complaint is heard about the high cost of liquor. It is also claimed that Baby Bonus money goes into the purchase of beer and milk consumption is on the decrease. We're a funny people.—Bowmanville Statesman.

**Book Keeping for Farmers**

Canadian farmers will receive copies of a remarkable publication. It is a blank farm account book to help Canadian farmers keep track of their business the whole year round, and it will be forwarded to them free of charge.

The new Farm Account Book is a securely-bound 44-page volume, nine by twelve inches in size. Following an introduction, there are 15 pages of information on farmer's income tax and 23 lined and headed blank pages on

which he can list his transactions from week to week.

The last section begins with receipts from the sale of crops and seeds and covers most other items handled by farmers—livestock, poultry, honey, hides, manure and a dozen other sundry sales.

The next section deals with expenses, for seeds, feeds, livestock, custom work, rent, supplies, wages and tools. There are blank columns for capital and revenue from stocks and bonds. The foreword explains how the farmer can calculate his "net worth" and determine what progress, or lack of progress, he has made during the year.

In a few minutes the farmer can put down his day's or week's transactions with a minimum of trouble. The new Farm Account Book can save many farmers money in that it can take the place of an expert. In fact, to have a similar accounting system installed by an expert would be beyond the scope of most men of the land.

The 15 pages of farmer's income tax information, which has the advantage of being official, are in question-and-answer form. In general, the theme is that all Canadians who benefit from the nation's vast resources and facilities should contribute to their upkeep and that graduated income tax is the fairest method known to obtain this revenue. The keynote as stated on page 7, is "fairness and decency."

**Vital Question**

Prime Minister Atlee has disclaimed the half-way position for which his government is sometimes criticized. We represent, he said, neither "watered down Capitalism" nor "watered down Communism". "Our task is to work out a system of a new and challenging kind which combines individual freedom with a planned economy, democracy with social justice."

An economic plan, of course, is intended to dispose of the nation's resources to the best interests of all the people, to distribute plenty fairly, or to ration scarcity. But no plan can serve people's interests till people are interested enough to serve the plan.

Experience under both Socialism and Capitalism proves that a man who can win people's loyalty, rouse in them a spirit of national service and free them from their fears and greeds, free them to give their best, does more for national economy than any framer of a plan.

Social justice, too, calls for moral qualities rather than political beliefs. The man who is socially just, is the man who gives himself in selfless service. And that depends more on his allegiance to God than to the Liberal, Conservative or Labor parties.

Where a man is spiritually guided rather than materially inclined, in fact, his political affiliations are quite immaterial. Any unselfish Socialist, guided by God, will do more for people and for social justice than any selfish power-hungry Capitalist. And vice versa. The only reason a Communist cannot do as much is that he leaves moral and spiritual character out of the picture.

The vital question nations face to-day is, "What are your spiritual and moral practices?" not "What are your economic theories and political beliefs?"

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

This is the last week possible for a January thaw this year and as we write this on Monday it feels very unlike thawing out for some time.

Remember when Councils give out the tax rate they are simply allotting each one's share of the cost of municipal service. The amount is determined by the demands of you, the people.

The Oakville Record-Star has also enlarged its page size to seven columns instead of the former six and appeared in the new size for the first time last week. It looks fine with its larger page and opportunity for better display and arrangement of news and advertising.

Canada now rates as the fourth industrial nation of the world and the third largest exporting nation, although there are only 12 million of us. As the Goderich Signal-Star points out, "people now living may see the country second only to the United States in industry and commerce."

By all odds, the common cold is the most costly plague in Canada and the United States to-day, states the Financial Post. In this country alone, it represents a yearly loss of \$200 millions in wages, production and cost of treatment, not to mention millions of days of personal discomfort.

It is said that government assistance for school transportation will expire next June in all cases where no action has been taken toward larger High School areas. How are the little schools going to compete with larger schools, when the latter have a subsidized transportation system, asks the Chesley Enterprise? The answer is simple. They aren't.

**Recollections of Acton**  
**BACK IN 1898**

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 27th, 1898

Chief McQueen addressed the Council as to certain improvements desired by the Fire Brigade, especially that an effort be made to scrape a satisfactory alarm gong. It is likely a small gong will be placed in the home of one of the firemen. The wires and batteries are already in place, having been adjusted last summer for the large gong which proved a failure as far as its "alarming" qualities were concerned.

At the initial session for 1898 of County Council in the Court House in Milton, George Andrew was elected to the Wardenship of the County.

For nearly five years Rev. Father Haley has been the priest in charge of St. Joseph's Church. He has just been transferred to Maetion in Waterloo County. His successor is Rev. Father Feeney of Bramford.

Rev. N. S. McAlpine accepted the pastorate of Acton and Georgetown Baptist Churches and will preach his inaugural sermons on Sunday, March 6.

Tuesday afternoon John Dickson and his mother were thrown from their cutter at the G. T. R. Station, Rockwood. The horse had become frightened by a train and Mr. Dickson was thrown in front of the train and had his arm cut off. The mother was thrown against the fence but not much hurt.

**BACK IN 1928**

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 2nd, 1928

The low harvest is now at its height. Gangs are busy cutting on both Fairy Lake and Corporation Pond.

On Tuesday evening the young people of the Baptist, Presbyterian and United Churches held a skating party. After a splendid evening of skating lunch was served at the United Church by the Taxis boys and C.G.E.T. groups.

After being closed for three of four years, Sunderland House is to be re-opened next month. Mr. Jos. Jocke has leased the property.

From Clerk Farmer we gathered the following vital statistics for Acton for the past year. There were 39 births registered in Acton, 20 marriages and 17 deaths.

Mr. E. J. Barry, of St. Paul St. Marie, Mich., called on Acton friends last Friday.

Mr. Joseph Leatham, of Saskatoon is visiting relatives here.

A new department is being added to the plant of Acton Tanning Company for manufacturing leather straps and various other articles best made from leather.

**DIED**  
 CLARRIDGE—At the home of her son, Mr. A. G. Clarridge, Lot 28, Concession 3, Esquesing Township, on Thursday, February 2nd, 1928, Frances M. Merry, widow of the late John Clarridge in her 85th year.

The Constable of the Tower of London, now Field Marshall Earl Weyall, at one time could possess every horse, cow, pig or sheep that fell into the Thames from London Bridge.

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