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**EDITORIAL**

**More Practical Tuition Needed**

Some time ago a Royal Commission started to make a study of Ontario's educational system and so far we have heard no report on its findings. It will undoubtedly be made public in due course. We do hope it is brief and easily understood. We hope its recommendations are clear and leave no room to be misconstrued.

Ontario does need a revision of its educational system. Our public schools give children a good general education but in our opinion our high school courses have given consideration only to those who are entering the professions or intent on University education. The percentage of pupils who drop out of high school after the first two years is proof that the subjects hold little or no interest for those who enjoy working with their hands rather than absorbing book knowledge. Much of the work taught has no practical value and is seldom used by students in their everyday life. We realize that our statements will be criticized but it is our opinion that education and our schools will serve a much better purpose in building better Canadians if a more practical aspect is taken in the revision of our curriculum.

**Speaking of Monopolies**

In thousands of angry protests against the margarine ban, the editors in Canada have, we imagine, said everything there is to be said about this outrage. They have also spoken sonorously and well about the highly odiferous action of the House of Commons and the Senate in letting the ban stand. Hereby, both houses have lost in dignity and in decency. But the most devastating comment on the ethics and justification of the margarine ban now comes from a representative of the powerful lobby most interested in maintaining this ban. "Canada will face the greatest butter shortage in history next winter unless steps are taken immediately to avert it," J. H. Duplan, president of the National Dairy Council of Canada, said at Ottawa.

Mr. Duplan makes some suggestions to ease it.

But not one word about the simplest, most obvious way of fixing this situation: lifting that noisome negation of justice and common sense.

It's time for Canadians to put the blocks to their MP's on this miserable affair, pin them down and ask, "Where do you stand on the margarine scandal?"—Financial Post.

**A Pebble to the Ripple**

Announcement is made in another column of the increase in subscription price in your home town newspaper. "We had hoped this increase could have been avoided but costs of every thing entering into production have made it necessary that the subscriber should bear his share of the spiralling prices. We do not believe this is the best method of getting to a normal level but we have no alternative. It's either raise our prices or go out of business; stopping eating, buying supplies, getting haircuts or doing any of the things that enter into everyday life. We didn't start it and we don't know who is going to stop the widening circle of price increases but this week we add a pebble to the ripple.

**Inflexible Rules**

At Orangeville, in Dufferin County, the Ministerial Association has decided upon certain regulations in the conducting of funerals. One of these provides that the casket shall not be opened after the funeral service is over. This decision laid down by the clergymen of the neighbouring town has caused more comment in the newspapers than all the funeral services conducted for many years. It at least proves that folks do not take kindly to changes which, of course, is nothing new.

We haven't a doubt that we do need some changes in funeral services and for that matter too in the obituaries published. Like the body being laid away, they are full of human imperfections and could be improved upon. We are not prepared to argue against the point raised by the Orangeville Clergymen. Nor are we likely to undertake any great change in the style of obituary published. Experience has taught us that at these times of bereavement, things might well be overlooked as to correctness or otherwise as long as they bring some comfort to those who are bereaved.

We think it will be difficult and unwise for clergymen and editors and funeral directors to be too strong on procedure for making all services uniform. Human feelings that have been hurt are being dealt with and individuals perhaps need a little extra consideration.

We recall many years ago trying to persuade a son who had lost a beloved mother that he should not use the wording in the funeral notice "Beloved Widow of . . ." We pointed out to him that the one who had beloved the widow had died many years ago—and all the delicate suggestions we could have to the wording more suitably arranged. We lost out and dropped the argument but we did learn that folks at a time of bereavement are very touchy and we never question any more who has been loving the widow since the death of her husband.

**Putting the Talents to Work**

The practical application of the parable of the talents by the Rev. Gordon G. Smyth of the United Church in Haliburton Ont., is a crystal clear illustration of the effectiveness of the free enterprise system says the Financial Post.

The minister needed funds to renovate the church. He borrowed \$1000 from the bank and lent the money in small amounts to members of his congregation. He preached them a sermon on the parable of the talents and urged them to apply in their daily lives the productive principle it taught.

His people made things and sold them, grew things and sold them, found an astonishing variety of ways in which they could make their services more valuable to others.

Within two months they had more than doubled their talents. The original \$1,000 had grown to \$2,570.

The minister had provided an incentive motive. He emphasized the importance of initiative and resourcefulness and his people responded to these ideas enthusiastically. He used a capital investment to provide tools for the job, an investment that his people put to work with vigor and imagination.

The minister and his people succeeded in their joint effort by applying the basic principles of the free enterprise system.

**Tears and Emotions**

A good cry helps a woman. The indulgence in the same is one of the reasons women live longer than men. Suppressing emotions is bad for the health. Giving them full play helps keep the human machine in good working order. All experts on the subject are agreed that a good cry on certain occasions would help a man as much as it does a woman. Think this over, Mister. The next time your emotions get to the fever point, do not suppress them, but slip away by yourself and have a good cry. It may prolong your life.—Smith's Falls Record News.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

If we don't build a new world ourselves, someone will do it for us, and it won't be the one we like.

Haven't heard of that fellow lately who was always telling us we don't get the old fashioned hot summers we used to experience.

Good looking clothes help a person to make a favorable impression, and nice appearing homes have a similar effect in your community.

Progressive plans in a community frequently cost money, but they are excellent advertising and they indicate that a town is going ahead.

The hay crop is about finished and the grain in the field is ripening fast and will soon be ready for gathering. Indications are at present for a good crop in this district.

It's July and work has at last started on that badly heaved section of highway between Brampton and Cooksville. The frost takes a long time to come out in these parts.

Perhaps by the time this issue goes to the Post Office Canada will have a railway strike on its hands. The difference between union and employees seems so wide that it is not likely to be surmounted. To the average man the hourly wage increases asked seems to be very extravagant to say the least. Everyone will suffer if a strike takes place and no one can win.

**Recollections of Acton**

**BACK IN 1898**

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 14, 1898.

The farmers of Ontario will require more blindefwine this season, if crop reports be correct, than in any former year.

Two more splendid bank barns were added to the number in this vicinity during the week. On Friday Mr. Andrew Scott of the 4th line, had a fine building 56 x 60 ft. raised. On Monday a splendid bank barn 60 x 60 was raised at Clover Hill Dairy Farm, the property of Mr. Martin Flynn.

Misses Ina Clark, Daisy Nicklin and Maggie and Ada Fyfe are home from the Guelph Collegiate Institute.

There was a slight frost here on Sunday night but the crops are too far advanced to suffer injury.

**MARRIED**

STARK-ROSEZELL — At Orangeville on Tuesday, 12th of July by Rev. E. W. Pickford, Mr. James Stark, to Miltre, eldest daughter of Stephen Rosezell, all of Acton.

**DIED**

CAMERON — At the home of her husband, Lot 29, Con. 2, Esquesing near Acton, on Friday, 8th of July, Mangle Van Winck, wife of Thomas Cameron, aged 50 years.

**BACK IN 1928**

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 19, 1928.

Mr. Miller, an employee of the Acton Tanning Company is now using all his leisure time training for the Wrigley Marathon swim at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Miss Annie Carnochan, of Brandon, Manitoba, is visiting friends and relatives in Acton and vicinity.

Mr. A. A. Barbaree and family of St. Paul Minn. spent a few days with relatives and school day acquaintances. This is the first visit in twenty-eight years.

Acton-LOL and LTB journeyed to Galt last Thursday for the glorious Twelfth.

**BORN**

LINDSAY — At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Wednes. July 19, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lindsay, Acton, a daughter, Marion Isabel.

**DIED**

McTAVISH — At the home of her brother, John McTavish, lot 12, concession 2, Erin Township, on Monday, July 16, 1928 Jane McTavish.

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