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Holiday interference seems to be the responsible factor in the Acton Community Swimming Pool Campaign. A flying start-landed the objective over the half-way mark andthere it has stuck. But come September and everyone back again we prophecy that that job will be completed. It certainly would be too bad after such a fine start if it bogged down half-way.

Public Business

One of the chief reasons for the failure of public ownership which is often overlooked is the indifference of the public to the things already under its control. Take our own municipalities for instance. How many of the owners go to nomination meetings? How many of the owner take any interest in the municipality's finance, except where it concerns themselves?

We were interested recently in an article in the National Home Monthly entitled "Scorebox of M.P.'s." It was very frank and very enlightening even if it did pick out members. One member has missed 23 out of 27 votes in 1948. According to this article the C.C.F. had only 12 per cent absenteeism; the Liberals had an absentee record of 26 per cent." That means that when all the divisions were taken in the Commons in the last two years, slightly more than one-quarter of all the Liberals were away at the time.

The Social Credit group is given a 30 per cent mark and the Conservatives 31 per cent. The independent groups and individuals run almost to 75 per cent. If you think that government ownership and control is the best thing for Canada we suggest reading this article in the July issue of National. Look around your municipality and if you still think such management is going to make a good job of all industry then we suggest you think up u new way of selecting people who are interested in their work for government offices.

Signs Along the Way

The other day a branch factory in a Western Ontario town closed down throwing from 40 to 60 employees out-of work. In Eastern Ontario a silver plating concern closed its doors because it could not make the business pay. There was no question of a market for its goods but running expenses had increased so greatly that it simply could not maker a profit on the goods it was marketing. As a matter of fact it was losing money and the management decided to close down rather than face further losses. The reason for these losses it attributed to shorter working hours, repeated demands for wage increases and a

drop in per capita production. In British Columbia a gold mine shut down recently, because the owners had grown tired of losing money at the rate of \$15,000 a month. The shutdown was not from lack of gold, nor for want of a market for the gold, but simply because expenses had increased to such an extent that the mine had ceased to pay. This particular mine paid good wages, but the employees weren't satisfied. As recently as July 1st they were granted an increase of \$1.00 a day. Having won this concession they demanded that the increase be made retroactive to December 8th, which would force the company to pay out another \$35,000. At this point the directors decided to close down the mine. Can these be accepted as signs or warnings of approaching economic danger? It may be that they are merely isolated cases, but we fear that many of Carada's smaller industries may, in the near future, find it difficult to operate profitably in the face of the steadily advancing cost of materi- in recent years, few attack basic problems with als and, the repeated demands for wage in- more intelligence than the women who continue creases, coupled with shorter hours and the fall in per capita production that follows in ion.

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many instances. The employee is entitled to fair wages. Wages must advance because of the increase in the cost of living, but on the other hand if industry is to continue to operate profitably workers must be prepared to give an adequate return for the increased wages they are demanding. There should be no unnecessary wasting of time or loafing on the job during work hours.

Canada Can Give A Lead

"The business of the world is the business of every Canadian," said one of our Members of Parliament, a former House leader, recently. He referred to the two ideologies striving for power in the 'cockpit of Europe' and expressed the belief that the survival of Chnada's democracy depends upon her giving lead to the world and getting away from any aloofness.

We must speak in a united voice and be ready to throw all our weight into the international picture to back up our principles." Here is sound thinking that should penetrate the minds and hearts of Canadians everywhere and make us realize that the fundamental problems to-day are not concerned with systems of government but with a world-wide conflict of ideologies.

Where do we find a solution to this prob- assembled at the Town Hall for

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In this unity lies the one hope of humanity and every Canadian can be part of it.

Nobody Knows the Trouble It's Caused Headlines of these days indicate the toll that Ontario's liquor sales are taking. Here are examples of one day: "Four Beers before Car Crash, Driver 18, Held Responsible." Here's another from Toronto "Ordered from Hotel, Returns Hour Later. Disturber Murdered." Another story from Detroit tells of a mental patient who had a four year debauch on "Skid Row" drinking rubbing alcohol, and taking aspirins. Reformed he was launched on a fine musical career. Just one day in the news. And yet we legalize the sale of the stuff that does these things-in fact our government is busy making more outlets for consumption whether people want it or not. And yet we call the Chinese heathens and really clamp down on their opium and drug habits.

Just for a week read your daily newspapers and note the accidents, murders and crime in which alcohol'is involved. You won't hear of half of it in this way because in many ning. cases drunkeness cannot be proven. Note the ages of the ones involved. The one mentioned here was 18. A week's summary will surprise you even if you are a 'moderate' drinker.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Just another week of school vacation and then back for a new term and advanced work.

By the time the Commission completes an inquiry on the legality of the sale of margarine it is quite likely the butter will have melted.

Canada now has almost 13 mllion people, a gain of 301,000 during the past year. And we have room for many millions more.

A Lions Club Carnival operating at Barrie was closed last week. Gambling games such as Crown and Anchor for money it is said were among the attractions.

Fergus Swimming Club will be host this week to swimmers from all over Ontario who will compete in the Canadian Amateur Championship Swimming Association meet.

A Harvard physiologist reports that men who drink to excess do so because they are either socially misfit, weak-willed, lazy or crazy. And usually they are also drunk adds the Chesley Enterprise.

Readers who follow the reports on the activities of local Women's Institutes cannot fail to be impressed with the very practical discussions and sound conclusions that the members evolve. Of all the forums that have grown up the purpose of this long-established organizat-

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

In connection with the prayer meeting in the Methodist Church n farewell will be tendered to Dr. and Mrs. Uren.

Actonians play lacrosse as well as baseball. The Crescents of Acton won the match with the Old Orchards of Toronto. Geo. Statham was Acton's field captain and Dr. Lawson referes. Miss Martha Graham, one or Erin's most popular and estimable young ladies has accepted

a position in Acton.

Civic holiday this long be remembered. The day was cool and pleasant. The first event of the day was a calithumplan procession with little Johnnie Mullen estride a donkey to the Gold prospector with his mining outfit bound for the Klondike. A baseball match in the forembon between the Victorlas of Guelph and the Beavers cyclists to the number of forty their parade of decorated wheels. Later a lacrosse match between the Tuscarora Indians and the evening was a fitting termination with. Rev. H. A. Macpherson airmin and Miss-Kilgour, Mc McCallum, Mrs. McCarthy, and

Mr. A. P. Symon has disposed of his jewelry and fancy goods business to Mesers. Symon Bros. A fine Chapel organ has been installed in St. Joseph's Church. Mr. Charles Ebbage left on Saturday and Miss Maggie on Monday for Johnstown, N.Y. in which

Mr. Jim Fax providing the en-

entertainment.

future home. BORN FERNLEY-at 1164 College St. Toronto on Thursday, August 18, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fernley, a daughter.

city they hope to make their

MARRIED WARREN-HANES - On August 10th at the residence of the bride's parents by Rev. J. M. Macalister, J. M. Warren of Brampton, to Florence, daughter of G. S. Hanes, Iroquis,

BACK IN 1928

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 23, 1928.

New corn from the local gardens is now on the family menu. Mr. John Walters, formerly of Acton, won the prize for being the oldest man at the Georgetown Business Men's Picnic last week.

Mr Walters is 90 years of age. A social evening in the United Church on Monday was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott and Miss Laura and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Henderson and family who are removing from Acton. Presentations were made during the eve-

Will Ross, of Toronto, formerly of Acton, was a member of the Argonant eight rowing team which represented Canada.

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