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EDITORIAL

It's Your Choice

Monday is election day in Acton. Several citizens have in a public-spirited way offered to serve on the various elected bodies. It is the opportunity of ratepayers to choose from among them those who will carry on the business of the municipality for the next year.

There is one thing that should be kept in mind, Municipal business is big business. The financial report presented to ratepayers shows total expenditures by the Municipality this year in an eleven month period of \$92,528.21. That's a lot of public money to handle. Such expenditure should have warranted an attendance of more than 30 out of a total of 1441 voters at the nominations meeting on Friday.

The point is that ratepayers still have a duty to perform and can make up for their laxity on Nominations by getting out to vote on Monday next. Don't put the blame on anyone else. Vote for who you like. But remember it's your money that is being spent. It's your town that is being represented by the men you choose for office. The majority decision next Monday is a reflection on your judgement.

Absorb Another Toronto Daily

The purchase by the editor of the Globe and Mail of the Toronto Evening Telegram, pretty well lines up the political viewpoint handed out by the city dwellers into two parcels. The price paid by George McCullagh of \$3,160,000 was, it is said, well over the reserve bid of the trustees.

Time was when Toronto had three morning and three evening newspapers to serve its reading public. To-day there are just half that number and instead of six owners, there are just two groups. Like many another business it can be easily understood why the number of papers and owners has become less.

Modern production and high investment in machinery and equipment has forced the ownership into the higher money brackets. Mr. McCullagh and his associates have since entering the newspaper field, absorbed three of Toronto's daily newspapers. Time alone will tell if the new arrangement will entail closing of one plant and concentrating all the mechanical and editorial work under one roof, but this would seem a logical move with equipment at its present high prices.

Juvenile Delinquency

W. H. Ellis, a former juvenile court judge, told Estevan Rotarians recently that the greatest blessing that could overtake Canada in these days of unsolved national problems would be the re-establishment of the old-fashioned home, where character was built, where good neighbors developed, where Christian ideals and goodwill grew side by side. Most boys' education never gets them so far as to face up with the difference between right and wrong.

Delinquency is fundamentally and essentially a manifestation of some maladjustment, at some time or place in a boy's life. And if this is true, that it comes as a result of some lack of moral or spiritual adjustment, then it becomes obvious that it cannot be attacked as you'd attack a nest of hornets or the immoral cesspools of the larger city.

Where you find a community in which the people have no interest in worthwhile things; where children are allowed to run around without any guidance; where crime picture shows and books are the popular literature and entertainment — you will only need to wait a few years to reap a harvest of children who will become inmates of jails and other corrective institutions.

Tax Cuts in 1949?

As a taxpayer, don't get discouraged with current Ottawa pessimism about the budget surplus and next year's tax cuts, says Kenneth R. Wilson, Ottawa editor of The Financial Post.

It's the fashion now to "play down" the \$523 million nest-egg which Ottawa has salted away in the first seven months of the fiscal year.

It is also being rumored that because of larger defense spending next year, and possible Canadian military aid to Europe, hopes for a 1949 tax cut are dim.

This reporter takes all these rumours with a very large grain of salt; would go further and predict that tax cuts, perhaps of a highly satisfactory size, are inevitable for the 1949 budget address.

An Absurd Amendment To The Municipal Act

Candidates for municipal office, under a new amendment to the Municipal Elections Act, are required to be present at the nomination meeting, or to have sent word to the Municipal Clerk that, if nominated, they are prepared to accept such nomination. If he is nominated for say Mayor and for Council, which is a common practice, he must before 9 p.m. on the date of nomination, determine the office for which he intends to run, otherwise he will assume to be nominated for the first office for which he is named, and has no alternative, however subsequent developments may alter the situation for him. One sometimes is forced to conclude that amendments to the Municipal Act are made for the mere purpose of changes, without consideration as to the amount of intelligence involved in such amendments. We agree with the Orillia Packet-Times which thinks some law makers should have their I.Q. tested. There is ground for this course, in the monstrosity which now governs municipal nomination.

Right of Newspapermen Upheld

A case of interest to newspapermen and one which may be enlightening to many people was recently heard in England. The Court of Appeal upheld the right of a newspaperman to refuse to answer questions about the source of information he had published.

The case in question involved a suit for libel against Odhams Press Ltd., Sports writer A. J. F. Hoby and Stuart Campbell, managing editor of the Sunday newspaper The People.

The suit was brought by F. T. Lawson and G. F. Harrison, in connection with an article by Hoby. Their statement of claim said he suggested a boxing tournament they were promoting was not genuine, an allegation they denied.

At the initial hearing the judge permitted Lawson and Harrison to ask: "From whom did you obtain the information on which you relied in writing the said expressions of opinion?"

The defendants appealed to a higher court, which ruled in their favor, a decision which was upheld by the Court of Appeal.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This is December and there are just 19 shopping days until Christmas or just three weeks from Saturday.

When winter does come there can still be recollections of a delightfully long fall that has been experienced this year.

Monday will be election day in most of the municipalities in this district. The Municipal arrangements will be over before the Christmas season comes in.

Tourist automobiles entering Canada during October totalled 128,000 (126,000 in same month last year). Ten-month aggregate of foreign entries was 1,702,000 (1,558,000 in 1947 period.)

It's predicted that after January 1st auto insurance rates will be increased, but not for all classes. Higher claims is given as the reason for higher premiums.

A good time to change your summer driving habits and make allowance for the ice and snow of winter and the inability to stop quickly and safely as on dry pavements.

With the shortest days just ahead it's comforting to learn that some rainfall came where it will help ease the Hydro shortage. There is, however, still a need during these dark days to save all power possible. The increased quotas will allow for some of the seasonal heavy demands.

There are few business men who will disagree with the Ottawa Journal when it stated: The amount of work every business office must do for the Government, and free would astonish those who are not familiar with it—the forms to be filled out, the payroll deductions, the intricacies of tax computations and adjustments. Every employer is a tax collector for the Treasury, working under very rigid regulations and subject to constant official supervision.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 1, 1898.

A. T. Brown has materially improved the appearance of his drug store the past week the result of the skill of the paperhangers and painters.

Last Thursday was an ideal day for Thanksgiving with the various church services well attended. Driving was tough but skating good and hundreds gilded happily over the congealed surfaces of the ponds here.

The old three-cent-per-mile tariff went into effect again on the CPR and GTR roads on Monday. The rate was 1s over. Citizens who for the past nine months have paid 85c for the round trip to Toronto will now pay \$1.85 if they go to the city at all on ordinary occasions.

The anxiety of members of the Council is considerably abated. The haggard, hunted look which had prevailed for several weeks has given place to the customary smile. The reason for this change is due to the fact that the army of representatives of boiler manufacturers, electrical apparatus houses etc. who began to camp in town the day after the lighting-by-law had been passed, has decamped. Matters are progressing favorably. Electric poles and wire will be erected within a couple of weeks, while inside wiring will commence immediately.

Mr. E. J. Moore and Miss Ada Fyfe had an unpleasant experience while skating on Henderson's pond on Thanksgiving. The young couple were skating over a part of the pond where scores of others had passed over a moment before when suddenly the ice gave way and both were precipitated into the cold waters. Young Moore, being accustomed to the water, and possessed of a cool head, supported Miss Fyfe so that her head was well out of the water and they were rescued as soon as a scintling was obtained.

A chartered bank for Acton is within the probabilities of the near future. Officials of both the Traders and the Merchants Banks have been here prospecting recently.

BACK IN 1928

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 29th, 1928.

A few venturesome young people enjoyed a skate on Corporation pond a day or so this week.

The Maxwell car of Mr. H. L. Harrison, shoe merchant, which was stolen on Tuesday night of last week, was recovered in Windsor on Saturday.

Knox Young People's Guild held a St. Andrew's night on Monday evening. It was indeed a real Scotch evening.

The election slate for next Monday has two for Reeve, nine for Councillors and six candidates for the School Board.

The annual commencement of Acton High School was attended by a large and appreciative audience of parents and numerous other citizens.

Mr. H. S. Wilson is making alterations at his property on Mill St., preparatory to the installing of a chopping mill.

MARRIED

FINDLAY-STALKER At the Presbyterian Manse on Thursday, November 22, 1928, by Rev. A. C. Stewart, M.A., Mr. Joseph Findlay, Toronto, to Minnie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Stalker, of Acton.

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