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- A Memorable Manth

March 1949 will be a memorable month in pose of revenue. Canadian history. No public holiday will mark the entry of the tenth province into confederation. But March 31st is the day on which Newfoundland becomes a part of this great Dominion.

Not likely that any of this generation will live to see the addition of any more provinces. Many of us in Ontario are not acquainted with the new province, its people, industry and resrather hurriedly to make up this lack and become more familiar with Newfoundland.

Many public speakers have made the new province the basis of very fine addresses. The lack of understanding is being made less, but with distances separating it can never be complate. Confederation will strengthen the bonds and make for better understanding and new methods of travel will bring us all closer together.

This is a month of Canadian expansion and we of the former group welcome the new province of Newfoundland into the greater Canada."

Municipal Hampering

Perhaps all the furgre about the change in provincial grants these days is based on the experience that in spite of larger grants the atrings attached by the donating body are such that the gift is lost and the municipal Councils find the tax rate constantly increasing.

Grants to schools are seldom the same as the Board estimates they will be. Grants on road expenditure seldom coincide with the estimate of Councils. About the only thing that ment figure.

The Ontario government has over the past few years added fees and required that municipalities obtain permission on most every phase of municipal government. Plans for new surveys have to be approved; new services must be submitted for approval; and we might go on with many other phases of municipal procedure which comes under provincial observation before it can be passed and might add that most of the supervision requires a fee.

The question narrows down to this: If provincial governments are to give all the advice, supervision and funds, our County Councils and local boards and Councils are unnecessary. Perhaps this is one of the reasons that there is a diminishing interest in municipal affairs in most municipalities. The move on police and fire brigades seems to be the latest example and no one knows what the grants will amount to .-

Just why each governing body cannot atay in its own sphere is difficult to understand. One thing is certain, when control goes to the higher governing bodies, the spending of the taxpayer's money is freer than in the local municipal councils. There's always a tendency to spend more money when away from home. Experts always are expensive and often not too expert.

-Weakening Municipalities

There are grave doubts about the growing habit of provincial governments turning over large grants of public money to municipalities. regardless of whether strings are attached. observes The Financial Post. Few observers will question the need of many municipalities for more revenue. It is debatable, however! whether this handing out of grants is either the best or most economical solution.

spend, there is always more risk of waste. During the slump in the "thirties" there were plenty of examples. In addition to encouraging ex- to visit Washington in a great many years." This travagance these handouts are bound to sap gives Canadians some idea of the type of man the vital independence of local governments. who has taken the place held so long by Mr. That would be a most serious loss. On the King.

municipal level, and particularly in the smaller and rural sections, we have probably the most officient and democratic administration in the country.

How Long?

Charged in police court in Guelph recently with consuming hair tonic for beyerage purpose, a man of no fixed abode was sentenced to three months or a fine of \$100. Just one of many cases appearing every day in police courts across the country under a government plan of selling that was said would stop such incidents and wipe out the bootlegger.

The daily papers are full of criminal acts committed by folks who are temporarily not responsible for their actions and plead in court to intoxication. Men discharge loaded shotguns in their chest and die a few days later. Juvenhes are supplied with intoxicating beverages and contribute to the delinquency - problem. Some parents forget entirely their duties to their children and leave them unattended while they attend to their drinking habits.

Just how long citizens of Ontario will allow beverages to continue is anybody's guess. But with the evidence that is accumulating every day, the trade will soon take the place of the biggest killer the province maintains. It's a heathen system maintained only for the pur-

Something U. S. Should Know

To maintain peace and build a better world the United States must have the fullest cooperation of the other democracies, states The Financial Post. This will be forthcoming if there is respect for and recognition of the contribution others have made to the common cause. On this account the widest circulation Many of us have been strempting of vital facts dealing with this contribution is essential to the general welfare.

So fundamental is this truth that it is difficult to imagine why a significant summary of Britain's v ir effort was omitted in the Churchill memoirs now running in Life magazine. This part did appear in the Montreal Standard condensation.

In it Mr. Churchill stated that up to July 1944. Britain and the Commonwealth had more divisions in contact with the enemy than the United States, that until the end of 1943 British airforces had dropped eight tons of bombs for every one dropped by Americans and that in addition to 90,000 British civilians and merchant seamen who lost their lives, Britain and Commonwealth forces lost 412,000 men killed in the last war against United State losses of 398,200.

Such vital facts, says The Post, most reasonable people will think should be most useful to Americans in appraising their country's major partner.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Spring came on Monday and with it temperwas sure was the grant of a mill on the assess" atures that really made the season seem a re- than the year previous.

> There was a great rush last Friday for 1949 motor license plates. Now that extra days of grace have been allowed don't get in the last day rush again.

Looks as if highway work could get started ; play "Too" Much Married" is best earlier this year since there is little frost in the ground and lots of money in the provincial treasury, thanks to the high tax on gasoline.

By the time this appears in print all will know the best or worst of the new Dominion budget. Here's hoping its best is better than the provincial document which practically gave no relief from high taxation.

_____ The No 25 Highway continues to maintain its unenviable reputation as the worst section of the King's Highway in Ontario. That's not our opinion alone, only we seem to have it inpressed more firmly upon us each day-

Barrie is considering building a new Public School with 24 classooms at an estimated cost of \$720,000-or \$30,000 per class room. On this basis it would cost four municipalities \$450,000 to build a new central high school for North Halton.

News release by the Ontario Government quotes 24 items as being highlights of the new budget, but not one word is said about revenue from the liquor trade. Is this something that the province is glad to get, but nor too proud of.-Chesley Enterprise.

When Prime Minister St. Laurent recently When one party collects for another to visited Washington, a U.S. press reporter wrote "Outside of Winston Churchill, he made a greater impression on the press than any other man

Recollections

of Acton

Proce of Thursday, March 23rd

BACK IN 1899

The Fruit Dowler Co. announced their Millinery Opening and Dress Goods Display next week. They offer a free trip_from Acton to Guelph to every lady going by train and purchasing \$10 00 worth of millinery and dress goods at their op-

Rev. Father Feeney has purchased from the executors of the late William Ismond the brick dwelling and two lots on John and Agnes Streets, and will utilize it as a parsonage in connection with St. Josrph's Church.

Mr. N. F. Moore has leased the farm of Mr. James Brown and will John C. Nelson intends shortly to move to Guelph.

Mr. Robert Ebbage who came from Gloversville, N.Y., on a visit has decided that Canada is good enough for him and will establish new laundry in Ingersoll.

Acton Hockey Team had a very successful sesson, not as to the games won, but as to their showing with the teams they competed against. They proved themselves faster skaters and had a much better combination than any team they played against, although their opponents all had rinks to practice in. Mesars. J. A. Speight and Co.,

have finished a new scrubbing machine for the Muskoka Leather Co., Bracebridge.

MARRITD McGREGOR-LAWSON-In Guelph, on Tuesday, 7th March, Alexander McGregor, Nassagaweya, to

Bella, daughter of Mrs. Andrew Lawson, Acton. ASBY-ANDERSON-At the residence of the bride's mother, Acton on March 20th, Mr. Charles Lasby, Esq. to Rebecca, daughter of the late Benjamin Anderson,

McCLURE-In Acton, on Tuesday, 121st March, Mary Morrow, wife of Joseph McClure, aged 63 years and 11 months

BACK IN 1929

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 11st,

New maple syrup is being report-

Mrs. G. R. Agnew and Mrs. R. L. Davidson attended the Halton County meeting of the Women's Institutes at Milton on Tuesday Acton Free Library has more

readers and more books issued than ever before. There were 104 new readers registered during the year. There were 13,091 volumes issued which is a thousand more Acton Amateur Athletic Club got

off to a good start with a well at-

tended inauguration meeting on Thursday. An athletic meet is being planned for Dominion Day Mr. Howard McComb was appointed delegate to a meeting in Hamilton. The concert under the auspices of the Acton Women's Institute was greeted with a splendid house. The described by the words overheard in a summary of the whole thing. "It was too funny for anything. You

DIFID SNYDER At the Western Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday, March 17th, William E Snyder, beloved hus-

should have seen it."

band of Edna MacPherson.. McDONALD-At the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Sword, Og-ema, Sask., on Tuesday, March 19. 1929, Jeanette Campbell, widow of the late Alex McDonald, Acton

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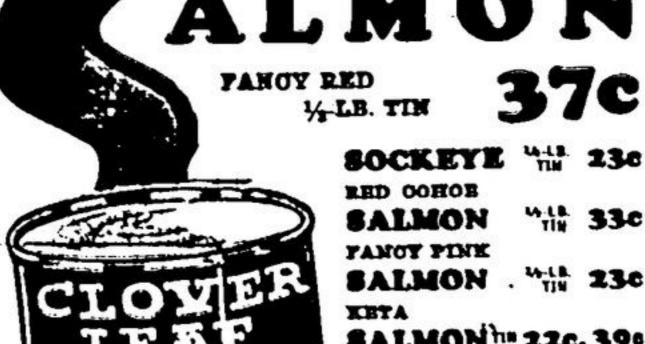
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