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**EDITORIAL**

**An Interesting Symbol**

In the British House of Commons, when a Speaker is chosen, this is done before hand, and when the House meets the Clerk of the House rises and points his finger silently at the Member who has been chosen.

Then two members catch him by the arms and force him to the speaker's chair, with every evidence of unwillingness on his part—those going to the point of shaking his fist at those who escort him. The point is that being Speaker years ago meant being the officer of the House of Commons who spoke to the King, very severely sometimes, about the liberties of the people and the amount of the people's income which the King was spending. It was sometimes a rather risky post to hold.

The full symbolism is not used at Ottawa. There is not the same clear evidence of unwillingness on the part of a new Speaker. It would be a good thing perhaps if the old-fashioned ritual were perpetuated in detail.

The theory of democratic government is that the man who serves the public does so at loss and inconvenience. He risks unpopularity. He undertakes an unpleasant and unprofitable task, because it is his duty to do so.

It seems a long time ago since anyone mentioned this in Canada. It seems many years ago that the idea was changed, and Canadians were given to understand that election to a legislature or public office of any kind, was a sort of privilege, paying very good returns, and to be sought after—not avoided.

This is all evidence of the change which has come over the idea of government in democracies. Where governments and their officials were supposed to be servants of the people, elected to serve the people well, they were paid and treated about as poorly as servants often are. There has grown up the idea that Ministers, Members of Parliament, and the civil servants are a specially favoured class of people, who have won great privileges, for which they must be well rewarded. It is now becoming rather improper to say that a government is badly run, or that it wastes money, or that it tries all kinds of experiments without sufficient thought. People in this country have been heard to say that anyone who says that the Prime Minister at any time is not fit for his job is being a disloyal citizen.

Probably it is not possible to go the whole way to the old system, but sensible men will agree that it would be a good thing if there were a little more of the idea that public office of any sort is sometimes undertaken unwillingly, at loss and inconvenience, even at the risk of unpopularity, for the solitary purpose of serving the nation unselfishly.

**A Resting Place**

Every town of any size has a library which supplies citizens with a wealth of reading material for a very nominal fee.

What we have in mind, however, is something that compares with a library, namely a museum. A wealth of material lies hidden in attics, cellars, and trunks. Invaluable amounts of historical information lies buried and would only be uncovered by a concentrated search.

On several trips to the United States we found a very interesting time in surveying the great number of monuments that mark all famous historical events and locations. Museums were located in towns and although they could not be compared to our Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto they were satisfactory resting places for the items of historical value that are continuously being found.

The history of Halton County is rich in intriguing historical items and this municipality has contributed its share. If the town does not feel the matter is worth consideration perhaps it could be considered a County project and a museum be located in the County town of Milton.

**Endangering Beauty**

The beautiful countryside that follows the roads of Halton and Ontario is being endangered by a careless few.

People who deliberately dump litter in beauty spots along the road should not go unnoticed. Nor should the people who misuse the municipal dumping facilities by not dumping in the proper places.

Nature's despoilers are at work everywhere and the majority of them do not realize that they are contributing to what might eventually be a national problem. Posting up signs is a remedy suggested by one editorialist whose opinions we have read. It seems unnecessary, however, to again mar the beautiful scenery with blaring signs. The only remedy we can suggest is a little care on everyone's part.

Disposing of waste presents a great problem as municipalities expand and the country's population increases. Burning is one method but this endangers a rich heritage of forest land and leaves the only sensible solution to the problem burning.

When camping, vacationing, or travelling in open-country resist the temptation of easy disposal, that mars the beautiful summer country, take the few extra minutes and bury the refuse.

In this way you will be contributing to the future generations by contributing to the beauty of your country.

**A New Age**

God of our Fathers, who were men of worth, Bring in through us our native land's rebirth, Throned in ten million sports firm, strong and free,

Have Thy Dominion, Lord, from sea to sea. From many nations, we her children stream, Make this, our land, the Empire of Thy Dream."

Every year on July first, Canadians silently and verbally affirm their belief in this Canada of ours. This year, possibly to an extent never before experienced, individuals and families streaming in from countries all around the world, will celebrate our national holiday. They have founded new homes in Canada have they found the true democracy they came so far to seek? They are discovering the untold wealth of farm and forest, mine and mill are they finding the counterpart in the hearts and minds and spirit of the Canadian people?

Many newcomers have escaped, literally, through a chink in the Iron Curtain. Do we make sure they do not find here a "steely curtain of selfishness"? They have fled from hunger and hurt, disease and death—physical, moral and spiritual. Must they encounter here the contagion of materialism and the disregard of moral law which increases divorce, industrial disputes, traffic accidents and crime?

"We who are your children, know you, O our land," so do not let us fool ourselves and thus strip our country of her mightiest opportunity. With homes that can be bulkworks, with educational facilities unsurpassed anywhere, let us keep remembering that the leadership of the future goes to men of moral courage; that as a well-known philosopher said, "A nation that has grown up intellectually, must grow up morally or perish."

For this, we need a re-dedication of our people to the elementary virtues of honesty, unselfishness and love and we must have the will to find what unites people rather than what divides them.

July first, 1950, can become for Canada the symbol of a new era—a new age leading on to a new world.

**Grim Reminder**

Black headlines have turned their shrieking voice to the newly declared war between North and South Korea. Once again headlines report fights and planes downed, once again a part of the world is doing pitched battle.

Countries are speeding arms to the sections and leaders are busy laying plans of strategy in an effort once again to annihilate fellow man. Five years ago the entire world was recovering from havoc that rocked the nations and now a war, with unknown possibilities, has been started.

Truman's warning to Russia informed them that the U.S.A. took a very dim view of the aggression in Korea. Defence Minister Claxton had his huge budget for defence approved recently. These two factors may point out the far reaching effect that this war could achieve.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The Gananoque Reporter recently issued a very fine edition marking their 90 years of service to that district.

Korea made the headlines by declaring war. This declaration may yet have far reaching effects on the world at large. Perhaps we should consider the situation.

Last call this week for extra copies of the special Anniversary Edition to be issued as a supplement to the Acton Free Press on July 6. Hours of good reading are contained in this historical issue.

**Recollections of Acton BACK IN 1900**

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 28, 1900

Mr. James Price, Esquimaux, was the first man to bring in new potatoes this season.

Rev. Joseph M. Hagar, M.A., the new pastor of the Methodist church will commence his pastorate here next Sunday.

Many improvements to the homes in town are in progress. Notably the residence of ex-Reeve Nicklin on Lower Avenue and Mr. Angus Lawson on Agnes Street have been transformed by the united efforts of carpenter and painter.

Owing to the epidemic of diphtheria and scarlet fever at Georgetown entrance examinations will be written here by the Acton and Limehouse pupils.

The Municipal Council is taking the proper course when it considers seriously the putting down of permanent pavements on the local improvement plan. By this method entire streets are laid in one season and the cost is largely borne by the properties which profit by the improvement.

When the County Council met on Tuesday the members were pleased to see a coat of arms decorating the interior of the court room. This is a present to the county from His Honor, Judge Hamilton.

Dr. C. I. Kelley, who succeeds Dr. F. J. R. Forster, arrived from Hamilton on Tuesday and is now getting settled at his residence on Frederick Street. He is an honour graduate of McGill University, at Montreal.

A new tank has been put in the boiler room at the power house, above the boiler to refill the boiler after cleaning. Both the electrical and fire brigade will appreciate this move.

**BACK IN 1930**

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 26, 1930

Acton's tax rate will be the same as last year—47 mills.

An unusually large class are writing their Entrance examinations at Acton this year. There are thirty-three pupils from the Acton Public School and forty from the schools of the district.

The secretaries of the United Church of Canada held a luncheon in Toronto in honor of Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, General Secretary of the church who has completed fifty years in the Christian ministry. Fifty years ago this week he left his home in Acton to drive to his first charge at London North.

Mr. Frank Beattie, of Elora, has been transferred to Acton as C.N.R. station agent and Mr. Middleton who has been the agent here for the past four years has assumed duties at Granby.

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