

# EDITORIAL

## From Coast to Coast

In view of the fact that the editor and his wife spent most of last week at the annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers, it is only natural that our thoughts are still much on this event, and perhaps by way of change from usual editorial discussion, we might use this event as editorial matter. In this annual event, editors of weekly newspapers gather from across Canada—its coast to coast representation gives an opportunity for many opinions and an intimate understanding of the Dominion's communities.

This year the point of assembly had been chosen at St. Andrews in New Brunswick. The railway strike broke up these plans and a second date was chosen and the place, old Quebec City. Frankly, we were pleased with the second location because it had never been our privilege to visit this historic Canadian city, where over four hundred years ago Jacques Cartier discovered Canada and it was known as "a collection of hills".

In our school days we had a vivid imagination of the battle of the Plains of Abraham, the scaling of the cliffs by Wolfe, and the defeat of Montcalm. It came as a bit of a shock to be made aware of the fact that the actual battle only lasted 18 minutes, but it was a great joy to view for the first time all these historic sites.

## Better Sleeping

May we digress a moment to comment on a travel improvement. Recently, the railway designed new pullman cars with accommodation known as "Duplex Roomettes". This was the first trip in which we were able to secure and try these new sleepers. Perhaps you got a glimpse of them in the exhibit at the Exhibition.

In our estimation they are the finest thing brought out since the first pullman cars and we believe we have tried all the offerings in overnight travel. There are about twenty of these roomettes on a pullman car. From the outside they present a peculiar appearance in that windows are staggered in height. In the interior this is easily understood because one pair of rooms are on floor level and the next pair are raised a couple of steps. In the rooms on floor level, the beds pull straight out on a track over the day seat. In the rooms raised by steps the beds are let down from the wall. Both are easily managed but perhaps the lowers are the most simple and they allow for plenty of room to let the feet of the extra tall go fully length below the bed.

Every roomette is complete with bathroom facilities. A light panel gives everything to a dim night light. Privacy is assured by heavy curtains and after the bed has been put in place a still door can be drawn and locked. You get none of the coughs or snores of your fellow passengers. Come too is the rush in the common washroom each morning. Surprisingly the cost is not much more than lower berths.

We hope the railways will have some capital funds left to add more of these new cars to their equipment and that the customers as well as employees may get some benefits of increased rates.

## Summer to Winter

At Montreal last Monday it was cool and windy. Just outside that city it started to rain which later turned to snow. When we arrived at Quebec City shortly after dinner a blizzard of February proportions was raging and we estimated four inches of slush and snow was on the streets. It was our first winter convention. The taxi to the hotel slithered, some cars had difficulty on the hills. Nothing could be seen of the city and even from the hotel comfort one did not enjoy the sudden transition from summer to dead of winter.

That evening the snow stopped and in the comfort of the Chateau Frontenac and the enjoyment of meeting old and new friends the weather had little effect. We attended convention sessions and that evening listened to an address by Hon. Mr. Talbot, Minister of Highways for Quebec province. He was introduced by Ray Wilson, of Shawinigan Falls, and the introduction was in French. "Mr. Talbot spoke in English although it was obvious that both he and Albert Wallot, of Valleyfield, Que., were both much more familiar with the French than the English dialect.

The impression started here and it grew in the days we spent in Quebec that our educational system might well devote more attention to the French as spoken in Canada—that is, of course, if our education is to prove more useful to Canada. My, how we envied those chaps who could handle both languages so well. Such a step in the curriculum would literally be a way to better understanding.

## Bilingual Rotary

The cold welcome of Monday was forgotten in Tuesday's sunshine and the snow soon cleared and we got a view of Quebec. We attended sessions and an eight o'clock breakfast on Tuesday morning but vowed we were going to skip school and see a bit of Quebec in the afternoon.

Tuesday we attended the Rotary luncheon of the Quebec City club. There were about ten other editor Rotarians and about thirty visitors that day. Two across the table were from the Southern States. Again we would have enjoyed knowing more about what was going on but Quebec is bilingual and the English we understood and the hospitality of all we enjoyed. We started in to sing "O Canada". The music was familiar, but after a few bars we found it was best to hum the song and avoid the clash of two tongues.

We were relieved to hear the speaker announce after a few halting French sentences, that we would have to proceed in English. The speaker was the sales manager of the Steel Company of Canada, from Montreal. The spelling of the name we cannot give you. He was introduced in French and we're never just sure of name spelling secured from French pronunciation. We do know that such words as "success" and "association" do not sound the same given by a Quebecker as they do when spoken in Ontario.

At any rate this speaker gave the finest address we heard while on our visit, but we should qualify that by stating that we missed two or three addresses because we were not aware of the convention program before going and made our reservations for the return trip too soon. We learned of the expansion of the steel industry in Canada and that this country has had greater expansion since 1939 than any other country in the world.

## The Old and New

Tuesday afternoon we secured bus tickets on a sight seeing tour of the city. Before going however, we had time to take the elevator (ascenseur) at the rear of the Chateau Frontenac and drop down into Old Quebec and a stroll in the streets of what is known as Lower Town. Quebec City has contrasts that no other city can give in such a short distance. Lower town is over 200 feet below Upper Town. There are the old buildings, the narrow streets, the two foot sidewalks, the cobble stone roads, the river front, the old market places and the old customs.

It seems to have remained unchanged in the centuries and it is just the haphazard development of the waterfront section which seems a bit hesitant to keep up with this day and gets an enjoyment in maintaining the methods and inconveniences of the past. Its antiquity is delightful for the visitor. We hope it will be maintained, but we want no part of its day by day maintenance.

We visited one grocery store which seemed typical. Thought we could purchase some delicacy a bit different. Endeavoured to do it by pointing and interrogating if the article was French and finally resorted to stating flatly we would like to get something different from what we had at home. The storekeeper's reply was well put in perfectly understandable English. "How do I know what you have at home?" From there on we got along better and secured some fine black figs very similar to what we could get at home.

But the conglomeration of that store was amazing. A display rack had all the familiar bakery, the shelves were filled and regularly the clerks disappeared down the hatch behind the counter, or maybe below the river; the stock left room for possibly three or four customers at a time. Here was the modern struggling with the old to find a place in merchandising and our guess is many more years of struggle.

But here our space has been filled and if we are to include our trip it must be continued next week with impressions of the citadel and other historical gems.

## Editorial Notes

The Hanover Ont. Post talks on waste: "Until Korea there were 24,576 civil servants looking after the 49,954 men in the armed forces. That is better than one civilian for every two men in uniform. The wage bill of this civilian force last year totalled nearly about 12,000 civil servants to look after the multifarious affairs of 4,500,000 people. But Mr. Claxton maintains a staff twice as large for his company of 47,000 enlisted men. Is it not time that the Commons took a look? Is it not time that it developed some fortitude and put an end to such incompetence—and that before it adds another penny to the nation's tax bill."

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1900

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Nov. 1, 1960

Capt and Mrs. Kingsmill were in town with Mr. Walter Beardmore on Tuesday. Capt. Kingsmill is commander of the British warship Mildura, and is on furlough during his wedding tour. The Mildura leaves at once for Australia. Mrs. Kingsmill, nee Connie Beardmore, was for a number of years a resident of Acton when her father, Mr. Walter Beardmore, had his out of town residence here.

W. W. Scott, Limerhouse, who owns the property on Main St. next the home of Mrs. Thos. McLam, has considerably improved the premises this fall. A new kitchen has been added and the bath has also been improved.

While at his work at the GTR pump-house on Sunday, Mr. S. Day sustained the fracture of three ribs and also slight internal injuries. He was working in an engine on the track when the engine applied the air brake and the sudden stop threw him against the side of the engine.

At the nominations at Milton yesterday, David Henderson was nominated as the Conservative candidate and S. F. McKinnon as the Liberal candidate. The registration of voters took place at Milton last week for the county of Halton. Eighty five voters were registered. As Wednesday, the day for the polling approaches, the interest naturally comes more intense.

**DIED**  
STEWART At Campbellville on Thursday, 25th October, the wife of William Stewart, aged 52 years.

### BACK IN 1930

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 30, 1930

Brampton staged a night of celebration last Thursday for their victorious lacrosse team and band. Hydro workmen are busy extending the power line from Acton to Speyside. Numbers of farmers along this line are preparing to install this utility in their buildings. A line will also be run along the highway west to Crewson's Corners.

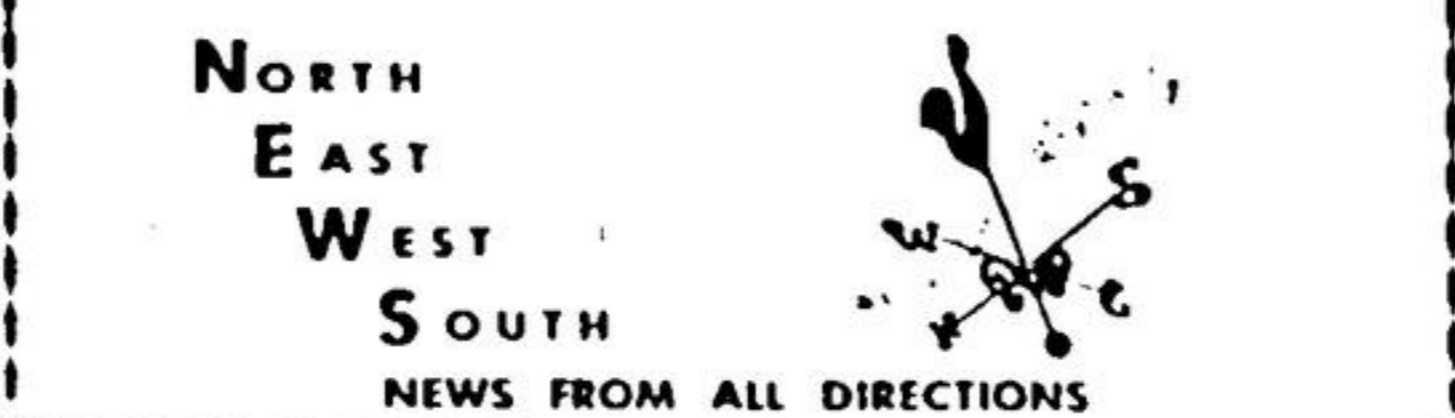
On Monday the Young People's Society of Knox Church held their first debate of the season. The subject was "Resolved that the spoken word has more influence than the written word" and was led by Miss MacMillan and Miss M. Orr. Everybody took part at the society was divided for two sides. More than forty speeches were made.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saunders of Sydney, Australia, were guests for a few days of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Poole.

Campbellville suffered a severe loss on Wednesday afternoon when fire broke out in Earl's garage. The Campbellville Inn garage and stables were completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

The eighty-fourth anniversary of Knox Church was fittingly celebrated on Sunday and Monday. The special speaker was Rev. L. H. Gibson, D.D. of Toronto. On Monday the annual supper and entertainment was attended by over four hundred.

**DIED**  
HILL At Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, October 25, 1930, Katie Reed, wife of James G. Hill, formerly of Acton.



### Community Friend Dies

Mr. Newton B. Vinton, who lived to serve others rather than himself, died in Burlington on October 20th.

Since coming to Burlington from Summit Ont. ten years ago he made himself most useful in many organizations, but probably his greatest work was in the affairs of the Canadian Legion, not only locally but the province as well. He was a great worker for the local branch of which he was a past President, and his untiring efforts in the interests of the branch will be greatly missed.

He was a great yacht enthusiast and was also instrumental in several swimming lessons and safety programs were conducted by the Red Cross.

### 21 Page Paper

After winning the Juvenile B Ontario championship, Oakville's hopes that the Int. A final crown would rest on the dusty but victorious heads of Oakville's ball team were smashed as Strathroy took the championship. Secondary result of the Juvenile B finals when Oakville did clinch the title was the fact that most of the Oakville-Trailfar Journal had been prepared for publication before the news arrived to accommodate an article worthy of the local sons, the editor and printer got together and came out on Thursday with a 21 page paper. Which, you might say, is impossible! Answer—a half page of paper printed on both sides was inserted in each copy. Printed 21 pages.

### Give 'Til It Freezes

The Oakville Trailfar Journal is full of enthusiasm in every word for the Community Centre Arena. Ice by Christmas is the promise with "Give 'Til It Freezes" as the motto. It's an all-out campaign to end all all-out campaigns. There will be five months of skating when the new arena starts operating. A. M. Bell, chairman of the arena association, says hopefully "There's still so much opportunity for the children to skate that they will grow tired of skating."

### As Busy as June

Full of romance is the latest issue of the Georgian Herald, with accounts of five weddings on the front page. Persons of wedding age and accounts of showers are a fine up a good deal of pace. Those who chose October for their ceremonies and Georgetown for the locality were Audrey June Norton (Glen Williams and Aubrey Russell Gray, Corbelen married in Glen Williams United Church on Oct. 21; Olivia Audrey, Durmford (drum major of the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band) and Murray Claxton (Glen Williams United Church on Oct. 21; Irma Evelyn Smith and Eric Arthur Shields, in the First Presbyterian Church on Oct. 16; Lena Heffer and James Huddleston in Knox Presbyterian Church on Oct. 14.

Congratulations to the happy couples with marriage a front page feature in their lives just now.

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**OLD DUTCH CLEANSER** 2 TINS 25c  
**SUCCESS No Rub WAX** TIN 63c, \$1.07  
**Javex BLEACH** — BTL. 15c, 24c, 47c  
**RINSO** PKG. 15c, 38c, 73c

## MAPLE LEAF SOAP FLAKES

1-LB. PKG. 34c, 3-LB. PKG. 95c

JUICY FLORIDA Size 288  
**ORANGES** - - - Doz. 29c

NO. 1 SMALL  
**ONIONS** - - - 10 lb. bag 27c

WASHED  
**CARROTS** - - - 3 lb. 10c

FLORIDA 96  
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