

EDITORIAL

Printing Education Week

It surrounds you constantly, it greets you no matter where you turn, it plays an important part in your life, it guides your path, it educates you, the printed word is one of the most important items in our everyday life.

Since Gutenberg astounded the world with his invention of movable type and the days of the painstakingly illuminated manuscripts passed into obscurity the world has been increasingly educated and benefited by "The wonder world of printing".

This week is International Printing Education week in an attempt to accentuate the use and power of the printed word. Gutenberg's Bible is one of the most distinctive and certainly one of the earliest pieces of printed material ever created. With great skill and effort the inventor worked with the single pieces of wood or metal to create in print the most important book of all time.

The importance of the printed word can never be fully understood. It is an industry that has grown by evolution rather than revolution. Constant inventions have contributed to the progress of the industry. When all the material for newspapers was set by hand, letter by letter, one man could set only two to three columns in his ten-hour day. Today, with Mergenthaler's machine that almost thinks—the Linotype—an operator can produce at least a column an hour.

Automatic presses and paper cutters have been produced, and the industry has continued its progress placing high the use of the printed word and putting it to ever wider use and enlightenment of mankind. This week your attention is called to the power and use of printing.

Your newspaper and local printing plant has attempted to keep abreast of the times in the printing field. It is a field of speedy development in new methods, new processes and new materials. The future has many more improvements in store and it will be our constant endeavour to bring this better printing service to you as quickly as possible.

Don't File Hope

Since the Hope Commission report on Education has been handed down, little has been heard of it except the criticism that came so soon after the details were given that it is doubtful if they were well considered criticisms. The public will await with interest this session of the Ontario Legislature and note what recognition is taken of the report.

A report that required over five years to make and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars is surely too valuable a document to be filed and forgotten. It is quite evident that the government of six years ago deemed it advisable to make such a comprehensive review of Ontario's educational system or the commission would never have been authorized.

Since its appointment the Department of Education has side-tracked every issue it was not able to solve until the report was presented. Ontario still needs some modernization of its educational plans as every member of any school board in the province will vouch.

Well, we have the report and if the present Minister of Education is too busy to give it attention it would at least be advisable to appoint a man who can give it the attention required.

Too Lopsided

Our export trade is getting far too lopsided, warns The Financial Post, which points out that except to the United States and Latin America everywhere else our shipments are falling down seriously. Comments The Post:

"We are glad to be selling so much of our surplus production to the United States. But if anything happens to Uncle Sam's booming prosperity, even temporarily, then our foreign trade is certainly going to suffer. And when it suffers that means everybody in Canada feels the pinch. We are getting all of our export eggs into one basket. While we don't want to take any of these eggs out of that particular basket, what we really need for our future prosperity is still more eggs and many more baskets."

"We can't sit back and rest easy about this foreign trade business until we have recaptured a good deal of our lost markets in Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth, and in Asia, as well as retaining our expanded outlets in this hemisphere."

Certainly the time of year is here when the driver who proceeds cautiously is more likely to arrive safely at his destination. Winter driving is bound to be hazardous.

Secure Security

The quest for security is obvious in every walk of life these days and so it seems to be a selling point that is included in every sales argument. Such has always been the case, only in earlier days the individual considered it to be his or her duty to assure that security, while the present trend is to have some other group, employer, government or anyone else who will agree to arrange this security.

We often wonder if the new type of security will be as sure as that acquired for ourselves. Pensions and security provided by employers can only be assured as long as the employer is able to find sale for his goods. Governments at any level can only provide security as the taxes are collected. It's a collective trend that eventually returns to the individual in the final analysis and his or her ability to produce and distribute wanted articles.

In the meantime, it might be well to ask ourselves how secure is our present security.

This Democracy of Ours

Much in the news lately the City of Windsor has been the scene of many surprises. A border city it seems to have become notorious for its alleged illegal practices.

Starting with the much-publicized investigation into the police of that city Windsor has been leading in the headlines since then. Most important in the border city, developments have come from the election recently held there in an attempt to elect the city fathers for the coming term. One reporter for a Toronto daily told us of it being the crookedest election ever held.

The results have struck a lot of unfavorable notes in our opinion. A recount is certainly not a new thing but the results are seldom changed by a recounting of the ballots as they were in Windsor. In the original counting Thomas Brophy was 32 ballots ahead of his competitor, Arthur Reaume. The recount brought a swing of 16 ballots in favour of Arthur Reaume. Thomas Brophy on being defeated took the result with a statement to the effect that he had done his part. He didn't say what he had done his part for—it might be in his fight against a political machine that might be operating in that city.

Windsor can teach any Canadian municipality a lesson. When difficulties are encountered in staging the democratic exercise of franchise it is time that citizens took a more active part in the administration of their municipality.

Nominations are as important to the democratic way of life as an election and both should be participated in as extensively as possible by those citizens.

Free exercise of the franchise is the one safe guardian of a democratic way of life; it should be protected as violently as it was won and any interference with it should be fully and extensively investigated. It may be that our fight for our own democracy might be waged on the home front as well as in Asia. Which is the most important is a matter for more than casual decision.

Editorial Notes

Everything is subject to change, except of course, the taxi driver.

The best of motorists, unfortunately, often take turns for the worst.

Today's bedtime stories often begin "Once upon a time and a half".

The talk that is cheap in peacetime is liable to be very costly in wartime.

Clannish people, we Canadians. Even the folk who can't get seats on street cars hang together.

The pedestrian trusts the autoist and the autoist trusts the pedestrian—which is why they are both careless.

A Canadian car buyer pays a federal tax of \$340 on a \$2000 car. In addition, in some provinces the buyer must pay provincial and municipal sales taxes, and while he drives he pays gasoline taxes—as much as 14 cents a gallon. The same story of course can be told on almost everything we buy today, and it should be pointed out that while taxes may be necessary, particularly when we are entering a period of military preparedness, the onus of responsibility for high prices should not be placed on the shoulders of business.



"NOW HUTTON HAS A COMPLETE FOLLOW THROUGH."



Double Perfection

No "blue Mondays" for Peter Nichols of Burlington. The Gazette reports that two weeks ago Monday at the Brant Bowling Alley he bowled a perfect 450 game. When he topped the top, he bowled another all strike game the next Monday. Next week's Gazette will reveal what happened this Monday!

Flood Treat
Glen Williams, near Georgetown, faced the worst flood in years last week. The river is jammed with ice, causing cellars to be flooded in all the houses in the district. The Georgetown Herald reports that Esqueving Township officials arranged to have the ice dynamited to clear a passage for the river.

O.B.A. Secretary Dies
Known throughout the province as the "Daddy of the O.B.A.", Wm. J. Snyder, died in Hamilton on January 11 in his 67th year. He helped to organize the O.B.A. and was one of the original officials, being secretary for 24 years. He was president four different times and in 1945, in fact, he was both secretary and president.

At a Business Efficiency exhibition in London, the loud speaker system broke down.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 17th, 1901

Last Wednesday afternoon, Fred, the five-year-old son of Reeve Williams had a very narrow escape from drowning in Henderson's Pond. Elsie, little daughter of electrician Milax, courageously went to his rescue. She first caught by the lad by the ear and then by the coat collar and affected his rescue. A very interesting item of family history was enacted at the home of William Hemstreet, Esq., Main St., when he and his life partner celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Now that the splendid reception and presentation to Gunner Gould are over, attention will be more directed to the proposed monument to be erected in memory of our brave soldier-hero Bombadier W. J. Moore. Gunner Gould, who has just returned from Africa, is much interested in this project and appreciates the action very much.

The annual meeting of Esqueving Agricultural Society was held last Thursday night. Those elected to office from Acton were J. McQueen first vice-pres., Jas. Flynn, director, and John Williams, Hon. director.

A very pretty wedding was held last Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 9th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, Esqueving, when his daughter Maggie Jane was united in marriage to James Edward Campbell of Ballinacred. The bride presented an ideal picture in her bridal robe of pearl grey, suiting trimmed with white satin braid and velvet. She wore in her hair white carnations and maiden hair fern and carried a bouquet of the same.

MARRIED
CAMPBELL-JOHNSON — At the residence of the bride's aunt, Young St., Acton on January 10th, by the Rev. G. Milne, Ballinacred, Mr. George C. Campbell of Esqueving to Miss Ada Elizabeth Johnson, Acton.

More than 500 sets for radio listening have been given away free in Britain by the Wireless for Bedridden Society.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject "Barriers to God."
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Subject "Our estimate of ourselves."

Thought for the Week
Worry is a kind of insult to the Lord. It's like throwing His promises and assurances back into His face and saying they're no good and you don't trust Him.
Joe Fletcher

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(Anglican)
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1951
Septuagesima Sunday
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginners' Class.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
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