

EDITORIAL

Grace and Charm

Perhaps we shouldn't admit it but we didn't see the Royal visitors when they were in this district in spite of the fact that we were in Toronto both days. Not that we didn't want to see them and we couldn't say we didn't have the time and opportunity. We've come to the conclusion it must be our years that held us back. Friday evening as we left Toronto by train the crowds were lining along Bay Street fully an hour and a half before the scheduled trip up that street to the city hall. We could have taken a later train but we just don't like so much jostling and such crowds. Time was when even Santa Claus parades had a lure and, of course, the visit of the King and Queen was a must.

Then, too, our sympathy seems to have developed more. We had sympathy for the visitors who had to run that gauntlet of public stare. We know one more face in the throng wouldn't have made a bit of difference to the Princess and Prince but somehow on this occasion our sympathy got the better of our curiosity and our newspaper duty.

We listened on the radio to the description of the city hall reception after we arrived home. We heard of the charm and grace of the royal couple and the enthusiasm of the welcome accorded which also included the stampede through the lines and the splendid work of the St. John's Ambulance in treating the injured and our admiration for the Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip soared with the acclaim. They have borne with real grace the Canadian welcome that even though seemingly boisterous at times was none-the-less sincere.

The royal visitors won a place in the hearts of all Canadians on their tour not only by those who turned out to welcome them but also from those who did not see them.

Responsibility With Power

It's very interesting and no doubt worthy of notice to citizens generally who follow municipal proceedings to see with what care provincial bodies such as Municipal Liquor Boards, Department of Highways, Education, etc. watch over the municipalities. No move or action of any consequence of local governing bodies can be made that does not have the scrutiny of some body of higher government.

No one will agree that all the brains of the country are concentrated in the provincial and dominion government offices and the only thing that is helpful to the municipalities in having so much oversight of the men on the ground is the fact that it constitutes an answer for local governments to give an out when confronted by ratepayers.

There is, however, one thing that should be clear that when the body who finally sanctions acts of municipalities and gives its seal of approval it should be willing to accept responsibility to the municipality and the people of the community.

Too often we do not find this case. Provincial schemes could be named in numbers where the proposal advised by the department in charge has been put into operation, only to find that these departments when cornered shift the responsibility much too quickly back to the municipal officials. If municipal bodies are to be subservient and made dependent on provincial departments it's high time such departments should face the ire of taxpayers and meet the responsibilities they have assumed.

Hunting We Will Go

These are the days when hunters and others get the urge to go to the bush. The price of meat is certainly an added excuse for those who enjoy the hunting trips to reason with the wife that the annual hunting expedition is more than ever a necessity this year. But we've noticed that high or low meat costs have little bearing on that urge to go on a hunting expedition.

There are those who trace it back to the Indians, of course, and the need to fill the larder with meat to last over the approaching winter. We suppose today there are those who will argue of the saving of packing the cold storage locker with a supply of meat against the winter days.

We have never fully understood the need of the argument when both sides know full well that the real need for a hunting trip is the desire to spend a few days in the great outdoors before the snow covers the land. And so the urge goes to the men who have come to regard it as ritual of the year and are fully experienced, to the amateur who gets all the snappy outfit to go on parade and becomes a menace in the bush to everything that moves. Like every other sport, there are all classes of hunters and this is the season when they are all out.

Leaves

These are the days when the leaves are falling. Every wind puts them off the trees and sends them scurrying along the roads and into the corners. About town they are a bit of a nuisance. They are untidy and have to be gathered up and disposed of. Each day seems to bring down another crop and townsfolk seem to consider it is their crop that has to be put away before the winter snows come. In the sheltered spots and corners they will protect the crocuses, daffodils and spring flowers.

But since last spring these leaves have given pleasure to many. On the hot summer days they provided welcome shade and in these fall days before they came tumbling down their color made our highways and by-ways a joy to the eye wherever one may look.

The leaves have had their day of usefulness. They are being burned or carted away. Next spring the budding trees and fresh green on the trees which are now almost bare will again be welcomed.

All Through Your Life

Did you ever stop to think that in all the world there is only one newspaper that is really concerned with you? And that is your hometown paper.

Only you and your family are interested in you when you commit a crime, break your neck or do something equally spectacular or foolish.

But your hometown paper is interested in you all through your life. Over the years it tells the story of you.

The story begins, as good stories should, at the beginning. You are born and in the "birth notices" there is an announcement that your father and mother have been blessed with you.

Then Dad and Mom go away on a trip and take you with them. So your name appears in the social and personal column. The years pass and you go to school. Every so often your name appears in school results, sometimes at the top of your class, sometimes at the bottom, but always there.

You are on the hockey team or the ball team as you grow older and your name is mentioned many times. You golf, curl, go to summer camp with the reserves, take part in the music festival, act in a play—your name is in the paper.

Then comes the great moment of the early part of your life—high school graduation and perhaps a high award. You cut it out for your grandchildren to see. Then perhaps college and home for holidays; your name appears often. You graduate and your hometown paper is just as proud of you as your parents are.

You come home and go to work in dad's business or start one of your own. You meet the one and only girl and your engagement is announced in the paper. You are married and there is a detailed account of your wedding.

As the years roll on your hometown paper tells the story of your social life, your community achievements, the birth of your children, the honors that come to you. Finally at the end of your long and happy life you appear in the "obituary column".

Thus you and your hometown paper are closely connected. Without you there would be no community newspaper. Without your community newspaper there would be no published story of you.

All through your life your paper records your doings—the happy occasions in your life, your sorrowful ones, your achievements. Your hometown paper is your paper.

Editorial Notes

There is going to be an election in England, too, that will be watched with keen interest by many outside the British Isles.

Next item of general interest will be the Provincial elections on November 22nd to be followed immediately by municipal nominations and elections.

Los Angeles daily papers are going up from seven cents to ten cents per copy. Higher costs of newspaper production are given as the reason for the increase.

If you don't get regular delivery of your hometown paper in the cities please take the matter up with your postman. The Free Press is in the post office every Thursday afternoon and leaves here on time. Delays in delivery are in your own city.

Surely before any more distinguished visitors come to Canada we can secure a distinctive Canadian flag—or what's the matter with the one now used so lavishly with the Union Jack and the provincial emblems, or anything that is distinctively Canadian.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 17, 1901.

Count de De Vaux has failed in his attempt to cross the Atlantic in a balloon.

A war between Russia and Japan over Korea is predicted.

While Acton, was not favoured with a call from their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, a large number of our loyal citizens had the opportunity of seeing them at Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph. About a thousand residents of Acton and vicinity gathered at the G.T.R. depot on Saturday morning at the hour announced for the passing of the Royal train. There were hundreds of flags on the station with fringes of red, white and blue bunting running the entire length and both ends of the station. Evergreens and maple branches in beautiful autumn tints were used in profusion throughout the yard and from the top of the big water tank there floated a flag of immense proportions. There was a hope that the engines would stop to take on water but rushed right through without stopping.

A fine young man has "gone west". Mr. Chester Matthews left home for holidays; your name appears often. You graduate and your hometown paper is just as proud of you as your parents are.

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PENSIONERS' TICKETS

Old Age Pensioners will again be invited to be guests of the Canadian National Exhibition this year. Last year more than 700 pensioners were given tickets to Exhibition Park and to the afternoon Grandstand performance. Application for tickets should be made to James Garrick, Office Manager, Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto 2B.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1951
Antiochian Services
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. - Divine Worship.
7:00 p.m. - Divine Worship.

Rev. R. Forbes Thomson, M.A., B.D., D. Canon, Minister of Knox Church, will preach at both services. Special music. Visitors Are Welcome.

Baptist Church ACTON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1951
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School.
11:30 a.m. - Morning Service.
Evening service cancelled for Knox Presbyterian Anniversary.
Friday, October 19 - 4:15 p.m. Mission Band; 8 p.m., R.V.P.H.
Monday, October 22 - Guelph Association R.V.P.H. Fall Rally at Kitchener.
Wednesday 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1951
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, Sermon: "Life's Basic Questions."
7:00 p.m. - Service in Knox Presbyterian Church.
Thought for the Week:
"The best way for a man to train up a child in the way he should go is to travel that way himself."
(Anonymous)

St. Alban's Church (Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Linton, B.A.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1951
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10:00 a.m. - Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion and Beginner's Class.
7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer.
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Westbound
10:17 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:23 p.m.; 11:42 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)

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Daily except Sunday and Monday 7:04 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12:26 a.m. Daily except Sunday 6:48 a.m.; 6:50 p.m. flag stop; 7:44 p.m. Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:16 p.m.; Saturday only 2:36 p.m. Sunday only 9:43 a.m. flag stop; Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

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