

EDITORIAL

Changing Elections.

Ontario is going to have an election and for those who have seen many elections both in the province and Dominion, there cannot help but come reflections on the methods and conduct of the elections of today in contrast with a few years back.

Before the day of the radio and the filling of the air with oratory from every corner of the world, the local candidates could count on a good attendance at meetings to discuss the issues of the day. Today the public meetings in connection with elections seem on the way out. We have so many issues under discussion, so many promises of easier living at lower costs that there seems little left for the hustings in the election.

No leader of any party has time to appear in every community, but he can make a recording and have his address sent out on the air. He, however, never has the satisfaction of meeting the electors or of knowing how many listened to his message. More and more it appears that the closest contact is through the local member and his time to meet and mingle with the electors. There is no "ear to the ground" provided by radio.

There was a day too when the party workers had the electorate pretty well tabulated before election time. That appears a thing of the past and in these days of lavish promises of government care there is often a tendency of every man for himself—even if he doesn't really believe fulfillment is possible.

Yes, elections are changing, the campaigns are shortening and the promising becoming more inclusive. There just doesn't seem to be the leisure for them there was a few years back and we are not prepared to agree that the trend is in the right direction.

Indian Summer

Every period of warm fall days brings the query "Is this Indian Summer?" and the hope that it isn't another longer period of nice fall weather is yet in store. We still have thoughts similar to those of the Indians and a desire to delay the approach of winter.

Advent of Indian Summer, or, as it is sometimes called, St. Martin's Summer, is unheralded. In Canada the weather may change during October and November, in place of autumnal cold, the genial influence of warm lazy summery days is felt for a time.

The air is usually dry and in the woodland away from the hurry and bustle of the city, there is a pervading stillness, the only sound the rustling of fallen leaves stirred by some vagrant breeze, the plaintive note of some migrant bird, the vibrating bark of an inquisitive squirrel.

Origin of the term Indian Summer is uncertain. There are a number of interesting explanations as to how these days of delicious mildness preceding the boisterous winter season come to be so designated.

The one we like best to accept is that of the old Indian legend that a beneficent Providence gave the Indians warning that they should get supplies in for the winter by sending a cool spell in the early fall. Then, in order that they might garner their crops and lay away provisions against the coming of the long season of winter, when the earth, blanketed in snow, gave not of her bounty, there followed weeks of glorious weather—bright, sunny days born of misty mornings with a tang in the air.

But we are more interested in the delightful days that accompany this between seasons visitation than we are in the origin of the name. It is a phase of a variable climate that we find very acceptable and one which is too often interrupted by the sudden advent of dreary November days that portend the rapid approach of a season of snow and storm.

The only thing the matter with Indian Summer is that it does not last nearly long enough.

If inflation is here to stay, what about increasing the size of our fines, asks the Windsor Star? "If the fine for assault today is \$50, will it be a sufficient deterrent, 20 inflated years from now, to curb the bloodlust of even the poorest among us? The Romans, apparently, ran into this very thing, to such an extent that they abolished fixed fines and set up boards of arbiters to appraise damages at current rates."

It is estimated the airplane search in Ontario's northland for the missing hockey player, Bill Barilko, has cost close to \$250,000, involving the use of three Lancasters, four Dakotas, one Norseman and one helicopter. This is only one case of hours of search and the cost in locating those who venture into the vastness of Ontario's Northland. The Maple Leaf Gardens reward of \$10,000 doesn't seem unduly high.

Those Who Dare

We've been reading the past week Hough's "Once More the Thunderer" and getting a thrill from a country editor who put into interesting form the things that go to make up life in a small community. We also like the reasoning and conclusions that the editor makes in dealing with the many problems that confront every weekly newspaper.

Most every community provides the material for such a book as Hough writes or of which Stephen Leacock wrote in his "Sunshine Sketches of Little Places" but there are few who can tell the story as these two put it into print. Most of us would like to give such stories, but few seem to have the time and the ability to tell of the human interest and interpret the philosophy and the people of the smaller communities as can Hough and Leacock.

Leacock, of course, writes of a day that old timers remember while this latest book on community life has its background in more recent years. We've wondered as we read "Once More the Thunderer" how folks in the community in which Hough lives are receiving the book. Most every editor soon finds out that often the most interesting stories are not always the best received—especially by those who are the subjects. But one cannot help but enjoy those gems that are given to us by those who dare to write and muse and draw conclusions and present such books about the places they know so well and have been so close to their lives.

Of Personal Interest

In the world of newspapers, the big city daily wields a powerful influence in the direction of national affairs. It gathers news of world importance from the four corners of the earth, and it details the important happenings within our own borders. We can pick up our copy from the doorstep each morning, and absorb all this while we drink our breakfast cup of coffee.

But news that is of sufficient importance to make the headlines of the metropolitan papers is usually depressing. War, and threats of war, grave political crisis, and a pessimistic outlook for the national economy; train wrecks, and plane crashes; bank robberies, hold-ups, and murder, with a running recital of fatal fires and highway accidents; these make up the bill-of-fare dished up to us by the daily press. Most of these occurrences do not touch us personally, but they have a bad effect on our morale. After all, it is the small, and seemingly unimportant things that make up our daily lives, and command our greatest interest says The Bowmanville Statesman.

That our neighbour, Bill Jones, threshed his oats last week, and got a yield of 34 bushels to the acre, interests us more than the fact that the pound sterling has advanced two points on the world money markets. That the Women's Institute held a successful quilting bee, is perhaps not so important as a session of the U.N. Council, but we can understand its significance more clearly.

It is in the reports of the small neighborhood happenings that the weekly newspaper fills a more intimate place in the lives of the average reader, than does the impersonal city daily, and the backbone of the weekly paper is the country correspondent.

Week in, and week out, these loyal contributors send in their budget of news. The average country weekly cannot afford to pay them for their services, but the men and women who report the neighborhood happenings, and the coming and going of their citizens, do it because they are public spirited and take a lively interest in the affairs of their communities, and feel a sense of pride in keeping the public informed of their achievements. We have often commented the service they render is equal in many cases to that of the minister or school teacher.

The weekly newspapers and the communities they serve, owe a debt of gratitude to their loyal corps of country correspondents, and again we are glad to pay a tribute to their worth.

Most any time now the Christmas shopping lists will become active and, of course, the early Christmas suggestion lists get the early shoppers.

Injections of pure alcohol into the scalp is a new way said to prevent baldness. We've seen plenty of bald headed men who were always well injected with alcohol!

It looks as if setting of uniform prices is now being frowned on by governments. If it's not right for one line of business it ought to be frowned upon in all lines and perhaps government price fixing is our most serious form. A little example would be helpful in reducing living costs and do away with expensive boards and administration.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 24, 1901

Erin township agricultural society... was the usual success. Notwithstanding cold weather 5,000 visitors gathered last Friday and the gate receipts at 15 cents aggregated to \$572.15.

Acton Tanning Co. has a staff of carpenters who are constantly engaged in rebuilding or enlarging the immense works at the foot of Elgin St. The firm has just completed the purchase of the land south of Queen St., belonging to the estate of the late William Masales.

Mr. Hugh Mann, son of our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Hugh Mann Sr., and brother of the well known railway magnate D. D. Mann, has invented and put into successful operation a track-laying machine which performs the work of 100 men.

Mr. A. T. Brown secured an excellent picture of the Royal Train as it passed through Acton last week.

The first taste of winter came last Tuesday. About an inch of snow fell, but it was all gone by noon the next day.

The new military "Dolly Gro" is the favourite air with the whirling rufuses about town at present.

Mr. Abram Stauffer and family have settled in their new home at the corner of Church and Elgin Streets.

A fellow who was recently asked to subscribe for a paper replied that his father had left him a lot of old papers that he had not read yet.

BACK IN 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 24, 1931

Already some of the hockey fans are getting anxious for the colder weather.

A. Nelson, of Hornby, won the Eaton prize at Ferris Fair for the best dairy calf.

The Girls' Softball Team is now rounding into shape for the fall season. They held their first practice in the arena on Tuesday night.

District Deputy E. F. Kennedy of Acton, was in charge of the installation of officers at the L.O.O.F. meeting in Georgetown on Monday.

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The congregations of the United churches in the district have undertaken to load a car of food stuffs for shipment to the West.

Mr. Edith Groves, member of Toronto Board of Education and sister-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mowat, died as the result of a heart attack on Saturday evening. Mr. Groves was a noted educationist and a writer of verse.

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AT THE Churches

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KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class
11.00 a.m.—Baptismal Service
7.00 p.m.—United Church Anniversary
Visitors are welcome
"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving."

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 1951
Trinity XXIII
9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Beginners' Class
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
A Welcome Awaits You

Thought for the Week
"And what greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship?" (Emerson)

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 1951
Anniversary Services
10.00 a.m.—Bible School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Anniversary speaker, the Rev. J. W. Oliver of Rockwood Hotel, Mrs. K. Handell of Milton.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Anniversary speaker, the Rev. E. W. Jewitt, B.A., of Runnymede United Church, Toronto.
Anniversary music, Runnymede United Church choir, and organist.
(See Order of Service in this issue)

Baptist Church
ACTON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 1951
10.30 a.m. Sunday School
11.30 a.m. Mr. Douglas Shuter.
Evening service cancelled for United Church Anniversary
Wednesday 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Friday 4.15 p.m., Mission Band; 8 p.m., B.Y.P.U.

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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., 11:13 p.m., 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)
Daily except Sunday and holidays
Saturday, Sunday and holidays

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m., Daily except Sunday 9:34 a.m., 7:10 p.m., Sunday 8:35 a.m., 12:30 a.m., daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m., 6:30 p.m. (flag stops) 7:44 p.m., Daily except Sat. and Sun., 6:10 p.m., Saturday only 2:36 p.m., Sunday only 9:41 a.m. (flag stops) Sunday only, 8:41 a.m. at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

Westbound
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