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The Editor's Corner

CAN OUR TOWN BE IMPROVED?

There's no doubt about it, Georgetown is growing and thriving. We've interviewed the boys who have arrived back home after two or three years overseas, and all remark on the same fact—the number of new buildings and in a couple of cases, practically whole new streets. But the growth has been so rapid that we didn't need the testimonials of those who have been away for some time. It is very obvious and remarkable even to us who have been living here all along.

Very soon now, a new industry, The Federal Sales and Engineering Company Ltd., moving out from Toronto, will begin to operate in Georgetown. They have built a fine new brick factory on the site of the burned-out cement walls of the Woollen Mills on King Street, and will bring many of their workmen from Toronto, in addition to the local men employed. This means more new houses, more business for the town, and more use of the town's facilities, such as schools, churches, parks, etc.

We've remarked before, that Georgetown's growth is not of the war-boom variety. Even the new factory has excellent post-war manufacturing prospects. This is a time when all over the Dominion, communities large and small, are taking stock, as it were, and planning how to make their towns more attractive and better communities in which to live, after the war. We see it every day in the daily papers, and every week in the weekly papers. This trend in thought made us turn our eyes to Georgetown, to look at it and compare it with other towns. We found two things lacking, and a possible third, which we consider vital community projects, and which merit careful consideration. First of all, a sewage disposal system. This is badly needed, as natural drainage in many parts of town is poor. We believe that this particular improvement is practically assured after the war. Then there is the matter of a good clean place to swim in. Georgetown has no suitable river running through it that could be dammed up and made into a swimming pool, so the undertaking might prove fairly expensive. But we believe it could be done, if all the organizations in town got behind the idea, and each one established a swimming pool fund, appointed a central representative committee, and made it a real community project in the truest sense of the word. It would be a good objective for our Board of Trade to aim at. The "possible third" we mentioned, was extensive improvements to our High School. The time is coming when the whole secondary school curriculum will be radically changed, to combine matriculation studies with more practical forms of instruction for both boys and girls. The improvements and additions will have to be made then. But in the meantime, we feel it is a shame that our High School students haven't a proper auditorium or gymnasium. When there is a school gathering of any kind, the students have to assemble on the stairs facing a cramped little hall space. The auditorium and gym could be combined in the one room. It's something we would very much like to see built, and soon.

As our town grows in size, we'd like to see it keep apace in conveniences and facilities. We've mentioned the three things we consider most important, and when we accomplish these, Georgetown will be second to no town its size in the province. It will be a better place in which to live for your wife, your children, your neighbours and you.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CO-OPERATIVE

Imagination, skill and industry—these are the underlying requisites of any work of art. They're qualities which become more and more highly developed as the person uses them. In producing a work of art, we have a twofold benefit—a beautiful object and a widening or improvement of the personality; and the natural result of this, a more interesting person.

Thus it is always a good sign when a cultural organization flourishes in a town. We read as many Ontario weekly newspapers as possible each week and gain a pretty fair idea of what people in towns throughout this part of the province are doing and thinking. It is only occasionally that we see reports of meetings of such an organization as we have here in Georgetown in The Arts and Crafts Co-operative. These ladies all have an "art" or "craft" and their occasional exhibitions and sales are looked forward to very much by all who like lovely things,—and who doesn't? Some of the members paint pictures, some make children's stuffed toys, some transform old furniture into attractive household

pieces with an artist's paintbrush and a good dash of originality. But by far the most popular "craft" at present is hand-loom weaving.

We were surprised when we learned of the number of looms there were in town and of the yards of multi-patterned material being woven and made into coats, suits, hats, handbags, scarfs, place-mats, luncheon sets, etc. Not so long ago we received a circular at the office telling of efforts being made by Ontario to attract the tourist trade with some provincial specialty in the line of food or clothing. We understand that hand-loom weaving has become very popular in the cities of this part of Ontario too. So having seen the beautiful and useful products of this creative pastime right here in our own little town, we'd have no hesitation in recommending to the Bureau that they concentrate some of their tourist publicity on Ontario hand-woven materials.

Going back to our local Arts & Crafts Co-operative, Georgetown people will have a chance to see their exhibit at the Fall Fair. The work is beautiful and members are to be congratulated on their skill, initiative, and enterprise in joining their efforts into a thriving organization to encourage the development of Canadian Arts and Crafts in Georgetown.

WHEN CHILDREN DIE

The tragic death of children in an English community when a military airplane crashed in their midst aroused widespread pity and sympathy. Ironically, nothing has been said about some 240 children in England and Wales who were choked to death by diphtheria in four weeks ending April 29 last—or the hundreds of other British children who have fallen victims to preventable diseases this year. Are our tears to be confined to those children who die dramatically?

According to statistical reports, there were 2,420 cases of diphtheria in England and Wales during the four weeks mentioned. About 10 per cent of diphtheria cases today are fatal. Many of the patients who recover suffer serious complications.

Thus, like falling aircraft or enemy missiles, infectious diseases take their toll in dead and maimed. The difference is this: All the valor and skill of the armed forces, and all that parents can do, cannot protect all children against the violence of war or accidents associated with warfare. But loving parents can and should protect their little ones against preventable diseases for which simple, safe immunization procedures are available.

Our tears for the little children who died and were maimed in the crash of the airplane cannot bring them back. But we can protect children against diseases which kill and maim just as surely as violent accidents associated with war. This applies in Canada as well as in the British Isles. This is the objective of National Immunization Week September 10-16, sponsored by the Health League of Canada in co-operation with Health Departments throughout Canada.

LANDLORD AND TENANT

Many in recent months have undergone a change of status. They are now owners instead of tenants of their homes. In most cases the change did not come about through any particular improvement in their financial position, but was forced upon them by the current housing shortage. Their landlords sold the house in which they were living, and the evicted tenants, rather than take the chance of being moved out of the next home, raised a down payment and assumed responsibility for a mortgage. In the process, they evicted another family, but their sensibilities were well hardened by their own experiences in moving and house-hunting, and they had no compunction about the troubles they might be passing on to total strangers.

A by-product of this common experience may be a new sympathy for the landlord, always hitherto deemed the natural enemy of the tenant race. When the tenant becomes a homeowner he finds that he has been leading a sheltered life, particularly if his move is from an apartment to a house. When he is paying rent for an apartment, he can budget his living costs with some accuracy. Heating costs, plumbers' bills, taxes and mortgage payments all come out of the landlord's pocket. As a tenant, he favored the freezing of rents by the W.P.T.B. As owner, he quickly discovers that taxes are not frozen and that maintenance costs have a steadily upward tendency in spite of price control.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the change in status appears in the matter of decoration. When the Blanks were tenants of an apartment some years ago, they felt aggrieved if it were not completely redecorated every other year, and as Jane Blank had a more forceful personality than her landlord, she usually carried her point. Now, after three years' residence in their own house, the wall-paper still needs renewing. Jane has found that new roofing, exterior painting, furnace repairs and countless other items have prior calls on the budget. Jim, her husband, who hates the domestic upheavels associated with paperhangers' visits, smiles secretly. For him, home-owning has its compensations.—The Printed Word.

SCHOOL AGAIN

By Mary I. Ritchie

Dick cannot find his rubbers,
And Paul has lost his slate;
And Peggy's in a fearful fuss,
She's sure she will be late.
Big Brother Ben picks up his books
And tries to look so cool,
As if it were a little thing,
This starting back to school.

While Mother hunts up caps and books
And handkerchiefs and ties,
Wee Baby Sue sits patiently
And watches with surprise.
She wonders if it is some game—
They're trying all to play,
For nobody has told her yet
That school begins today.

A Progressive-Conservative Letter

(Continued)

TO THE CITIZENS OF HALTON:

For long centuries, men and nations have accepted, applied and capitalized mechanical and scientific truths and inventions. They have hardly yet tried the acceptance and application of moral and philosophical truths. Even Christianity has been found hard and has been tried only here and there where consecrated leadership has been given to the people's thinking.

The observations contained in this and in our previous letter contain the key to the solution of our national problems, internal and external.

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