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The Editor's Column



As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we can look ahead to a year of peace when we can all begin to live normally again, free from the tension and strain which six years of world warfare have brought to every home in Georgetown. Already the town is looking more like itself as each boat from Europe brings more of our overseas veterans home, and before the close of 1946 every family circle should be completed.

The new year will bring no pressing problems to town. No war boom has characterized Georgetown's growth in the last few years, and we shall not be faced like many other towns with any marked reconversion to peace-time industry. Rather, our local industries—paper, electrical appliances, shoes, machinery, textiles, will be even more active in peace than they were in war and full employment will not be a theoretical problem, but an actuality. The merchant trade, with more goods on the market, will be more brisk. For the first time since we came to town six years ago, there are no vacant stores on Main Street, which is an indication that the town's business life is growing. New homes, of which several dozen have been built in 1945, should continue and with a growing population we expect to see many more in 1946.

The expected installation of a sewerage system is a forward step from which many benefits will derive, both directly in the matter of public health and sanitation, and indirectly in the encouragement to industry and home-builders to choose Georgetown as a location. 1946 may see a second bank in town to take care of a growing population, if the efforts of an interested group meet with success. A community athletic program, sparked by the newly-formed Recreational Council, promises to give our young people their fill of clean, wholesome sport under the direction of a qualified sports director.

All in all, it looks like a truly Happy New Year to come for what we like to think is the best little town in Ontario.

CANADA YEAR BOOK AVAILABLE

The 1945 Canada Year Book is now available for distribution and the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. James A. MacKinnon, has announced that this publication will be supplied to the public by the King's Printer, Ottawa, at a price of \$2.00 a copy. As in the past, teachers, university students and ministers may obtain paper-bound copies at \$1.00 each.

Special articles in the book include a chapter on the Activities of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in Controlling Prices, Rents and Supplies and changes in Canadian Manufacturing Production from Peace to War. A new section explaining the Manpower and Selective Service organization is introduced into the Labour chapter and appendices giving detailed results of the voting at the Dominion election of June 11, 1945, and the first tabulation of Family Allowances have been compiled.

Full of facts about Canada, it is a book which should be in every home and we trust that many of our readers will take advantage of the opportunity to purchase one.

CRIME WAVE IN TORONTO

We have been shocked to see the startling increase in crimes of violence in Toronto recently, culminating in the brutal slaying of a suburban clothing merchant this week. Early apprehension of the gang of youthful criminals is anticipated and it is to be hoped that the sentence which they are bound to receive will put a stop to the crime wave which has been sweeping the city.

Georgetown has been fortunate so far in being free of crime, due in part to an efficient police force

and we hope that we shall continue to be ignored by the citizens who have been relying on law-abiding citizens. However, we must not be complacent. Atton and Milton have had their share of recent robbery attempts and we would advise anyone who notices suspicious characters in town to communicate immediately with the police.

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January 7th — 10th
 at 8 p.m.

THEME: "Our Christian Calling"

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Tuesday at Knox Church — "Its responsibilities" — Rev. R. C. Todd

Wednesday at First Baptist Church — "Its Resources" — Ven. W. G. O. Thompson

Thursday at St. George's — "Its Relevance" — Rev. J. E. Ostrom

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