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The Editor's Column

A VOID TO BE FILLED

The pending departure of Mr. Gordon McLintock from town leaves a void — or rather several voids — to be filled. We can think of no one who has been more active in all phases of community life during his sixteen years residence here than Mr. McLintock who has given so generously of his energy and ability both in the line of work as manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce Branch and in the numerous "extramural" activities with which he was associated.

The bank has secured an able replacement for his daily work in the person of the new manager, Mr. R. H. Ireland, whose experience in small and large branches and in Toronto head office will serve the public well. But it is another thing to fill such vacancies as treasurer of the Red Cross, president of the Pipe Band, Fall Fair board director, or any other of the numerous offices which Mr. McLintock relinquishes on his departure from town.

He has been one of the most enthusiastic members of the board of directors of the Esqueving Agricultural Society since he came to Georgetown, as well as president of the Girls Pipe Band since its formation. As charter secretary of the Lions Club, he filled that office capably for eight years, and took an extremely active part in the work of Georgetown's only service club. During the nine-war-time Victory Loans, he was an indefatigable worker and the proud record of money-raising set by Georgetown district is due in no small part to his efforts. He worked tirelessly for the Red Cross as treasurer of that organization, and was an active churchworker at the United Church.

As a Mason, he was a member of Credit Lodge and the Scottish Rite, served as treasurer of the Curling Club, as chairman of finance on the Board of Cedarvale School, and was a member of the old Arena Board.

It is small wonder that after 16 years of such activity, Mr. McLintock feels that a rest is in order. On behalf of the community at large, we wish him a happy life in the full enjoyment of knowing that he has done his job well and that we will miss him in the many places in which we came in contact with him.

ON TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

This has been a glorious season of hockey for Georgetown, and although Georgetown suffered a setback on Monday, we still have high hopes that they will emerge victorious in the Intermediate "B" championship. The players need no written tribute — their ability has been recognized all season by the large crowds which have attended every game, and followed them on their out-of-town trips to the neighbouring towns and latterly to Owen Sound and Galt.

What has impressed us most is the clean play of a team which can "rough it up" when the occasion demands, but which never resorts to dirty work and comes out smiling, win, lose or draw. Both the Owen Sound and Port Elgin newspapers have recognized this quality, and have had no ill word to say about the Papermakers as they defeated the lads from the north.

We're mighty proud of Georgetown's brand of hockey and we've got a banner headline all in readiness for the issue when the championship is clinched.

CANADA'S FIRST MACHINE COATED PAPERS

Under the heading "Of Things to Come" a recent article in Provincial's Paper is of particular interest in Georgetown, where paper coating has for years been one of the leading industries. Here is the article:

"In a recent issue of Provincial's Paper we told you that Provincial Paper Limited would be the first mill in Canada to supply Machine Coated Paper — a grade midway in price between S. C. and Coated. Machines for the process are now being installed in our Port Arthur, Ont. mill, and Canada's first "M.C." paper is expected to roll off them late in 1946.

While we're waiting for this interesting new paper development, let's take a closer look at it both from a printing and a manufacturing standpoint.

"Machine coating" refers to a process whereby paper is made and coated during the same operation. The term is perhaps unfortunate as obviously all coating is done by machine, but for orthodox or regular coating this is a separate operation, usually carried out on different machinery, by different crews and usually in a different building.

There is a good deal of difference of opinion as to what the quality of Machine Coated papers will ultimately be. Since they were first introduced, much improvement has been made and the range of grades widened, but at the present time neither the quality nor

the range of grades is quite comparable with regular coated paper. While one end of the range of opinion maintains that Machine Coated papers will ultimately fill every market now supplied by regular coated, and the other end thinks that they are more likely to displace super-calendered papers, a conservative view is that they will create a field for themselves in between the two. That the latter opinion is the more nearly correct appears to be borne out by actual developments, for machine coated papers are filling what seems to be their logical market, namely large publications and catalogues.

Quite a number of different Machine Coated processes have been developed during the past 10 or 15 years. Some of them are very similar in principle. Provincial Paper spent a good deal of time and effort to study the different processes, to compare and actually test out their products, and to seek expert advice, before making the final decision, and feels confident that the first Canadian made Machine Coated paper will be second to none.

CONVERTING TO 60 CYCLES

Because a change in the frequency of the electric power supply will affect a post-war program involving expenditures of possibly \$200,000,000 during the next five years, Dr. Thomas Hogg, chairman of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, has served notice that a decision must be reached soon on whether the 25-cycle frequency in the Niagara district is to be changed to 60 cycles.

Expert technical opinion is unanimous that the higher frequency is more advantageous. Excepting in Ontario, 60 cycles is the accepted standard in North America. Electric motors and transformers designed for that frequency are less costly to manufacture. Illumination of all kinds, especially the fluorescent type, is greatly improved because the flicker, so noticeable with 25-cycle current, is virtually eliminated. So, from an engineering viewpoint, there are overwhelming reasons for changing to 60 cycles. The fly in the ointment is the cost of conversion.

As Dr. Hogg has pointed out, the change-over to 60-cycle service would make no difference to the domestic consumer's heating equipment — electric range, toaster, grill, iron, etc., but it would affect his larger motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, blowers for furnaces and oil burners. In the industrial field, the Hydro chairman said, the changes would be more momentous, and in many cases the cost might outweigh the immediate advantages. He added:

Obviously, it is the consumer who, in the long run, will pay the total cost of any change over. But it is also obvious that it would be inequitable to ask consumers individually to bear the whole cost of the change-over of their own equipment; since all share the benefits and the benefits are not necessarily in proportion to the individual consumer's cost of change-over from 25 cycles to 60 cycles.

Presumably that may be taken as an indication that the cost of conversion will not become an immediate and heavy expense to power users; instead it will be amortized over a period of years, and eventually paid by an addition of some form or other to the consumer's regular bills. It goes without saying that working out such a plan on an equitable basis will be a very complicated problem. Another problem is presented by the necessity for getting consent to the conversion by the various municipalities represented in the Ontario Municipal Electric Association.

More than a decade ago the Niagara Hudson System undertook the change-over of the power supply in Buffalo from 25 cycles to 60 cycles. Being a privately owned corporation, the agreement of municipal bodies was not necessary. The power company assumed the cost of changing, not only its own equipment, but that of domestic consumers too. To-day, all Buffalo with the exception of certain heavy industries, enjoys the advantages of 60-cycle current.

Of course, as Dr. Hogg said, it is the consumer who, in the long run, must pay the cost of conversion to 60 cycles. Undoubtedly that holds true for Buffalo, where consumers have probably been paying slightly higher power bills than might otherwise have been the case. But that has been offset in many cases, by savings in the purchase of 60-cycle equipment.

In any event, the significant feature is that across the river a big, privately-owned utility corporation made the change about 10 years ago. In Ontario, with its publicly-owned system, the matter is still in the discussion stage.

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