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The Editor's Corner

GEORGETOWN'S HISTORY Continuing a series of articles from an 1893 edition of the Toronto Daily Mail. AGRICULTURAL

The land in Esquesing and adjacent townships is of mixed soil, and exceedingly fertile, producing wheat, oats, barley, hops, peas, roots of every variety, and fruits both large and small, while this immediate neighbourhood enjoys a national reputation for its live stock, especially horses. The Esquesing Agricultural Society, which has had a prosperous existence for forty seven years, holds its annual exhibition at Georgetown. For forty years the late Col. John Murray was secretary of this society; since his demise Mr. L. Grant, clerk of the 2nd Division Court, has filled that position.

MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE

This institute was organized at a public meeting held for that purpose on the 24th of February, 1880, many of the prominent citizens taking an active part in the proceedings. Mr. John R. Barber was elected president, and has held the position ever since. Much of the success of the institute was due in the beginning to Mr. John Holgate, the secretary. There are now about thirteen hundred volumes in the library, The reading room is supplied with several of the leading Canadian and American papers and magazines.

MARK THIS DATE

Monday, December 4th should be marked on the date pad of every person in Georgetown. It is the evening of the annual nomination meeting when candidates for council, school board, and hydro commission are proposed. Much more important, it is the opportunity for those who have served in this capacity this year to give an account of their stewardship and for questions to be asked from the floor about any matter of public interest.

In ten years of attending these meetings it has always been a source of amazement that more interest is not shown by the public. It is in reality a meeting of shareholders, for everyone, owner or tenant has a healthy share in the municipality by payment of direct or indirect taxes. We don't buy clothes or groceries sight, unseen, yet we venture to say that there are many in the municipality who don't even know our councillors by sight. Try this out yourself - write down the names of the mayor, the reeve and deputy reeve and

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the six council members. Maybe that's easy. Then write down the names of three hydro commissioners, six public school board members. Getting harder? Name three local members of the North Halton High School board and six members of the Board of Parks Management.

If you can do this, maybe you have some slight excuse for missing the nomination meeting. But chances are you will be the very person who will be there. If you can't, better come along and have a look. 'The essence of democracy is in such meetings for it is in-our local government that the roots of Canada lie. It is ours to respect and cherish.

COMMUNIST TURNED COLUMNIST

An article in the current issue of MacLean's Magazine tells some unpleasant facts which have already been known in a general sort of way since Canada's spy trials. This time a former member of the Communist Central Committee for Canada, T. G. McManus, who "broke with the party over the issues of Korea four months ago" to quote him, is attempting to reestablish himself as a loyal Canadian citizen, no doubt aided by a substantial fee for the story privilege from the magazine, by telling all about his former comrades in crime. It shatters our last illusion about honour among thieves while at the same time making interesting reading.

Regardless of one's views on the rightness of a confessed plotter against his country's armed forces during the recent war making a profit on his expose, the story does have interest for every Canadian. warns that we cannot be complacent about our domestic Communists. No bearded Muscovites these. Their black hearts are the only point of dissimilarity to other, Canadians and one has no means of readily recognizing them unless he pierces a chink in their carefully-contrived armour. Some of them, of course, are open about their allegiance and Tim Buck, Stewart Smith, Norman Freed and J. B. Salsberg have become household words.

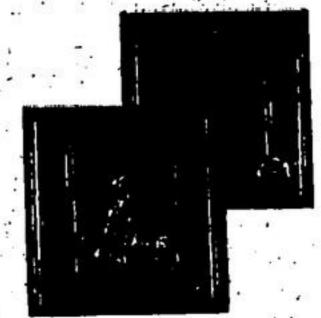
It is not these men, powerful as they may be, who cause the most concern. It is the undercover men, known by few but, according to Mr. McManus each with a job to do if the time comes, who should be feared and ferretted out by the RCMP whose job it is to guard the forces of law and order in the Dominion.

Mr. McManus states that should war occur with Russia, the Canadian Communists have plans made to sabotage as much as possible war production and the recruiting and training of armed forces. Communists are even now in battle dress, charged with doing everything in their power to lower morale in the forces. Hiding places have been chosen and party members assigned their various tasks.

Startling allegations these and ones which bear much further investigation. The least that can be done immediately is to establish a Royal Commission for a full-scale inquiry into the facts. It is not enough to let it go at a mere magazine article. If Mr. McManus is correct in his statements, the full force of the law should be turned on those who would betray their fellow Canadians, and the repentant should himself receive his due share of the punishment. If he is using a serious world situation to make himself a few spare dollars by calumny against his erstwhile political friends, it is only fair that this too be exposed.

POT POURRI

It's cheaper to live in a small town. The Ronald Stewart concerts which so many people have enjoyed in the county at 50c are exactly one-third the admission charge in Toronto. When Mr. Stewart appeared in recital on Saturday at the Museum Theatre, ticket price was \$1.50 Allan Walker, who works at Carroll's was interested in the news account last week of the finding of an old coin and showed us two which he has acquired. They bear dates 1833 and 1852 and are both Bank of Upper Canada tokens. The "Upper" was the missing word on Don Arthur's coin and completes the story . . . Since leaving his work with the hydro, Jim Fallow has taken a position with Frank Murfin's Sheet Metal Works. Francis Carter has replaced him at the hydro . . . The popular Kidd Baker show which has played in Georgetown several times will liven up the Glen Town Hall tomorrow night. The Kitchener cowboy outfit, which plays for dancing after the show, is tops according to those who have heard them. Glen Ladies Softball team is sponsoring them and Fred Leeder, store and taxi operator has given them a boost by footing the bill for advertising and printing. It is a good will gesture on his part for no mention of his business has been made in the advertisements . . . The Lions Club was slighted at their last meeting when this member-reporter was unable to attend and neglected to get a meeting account from the secretary. It was the official visit of District Governor Mansell Ketchen of Credit Valley and he brought an interesting message to the locals . . . The Hockey Club is planning an ambitious program this year. It will be a standard booklet giving information about team, club, coach and hockey history with a centre page for each game. Extensive advertising will be done by national advertisers . . The article 'Strength in Adversity' which appeared in last week's issue was a partial text of an address by University of Toronto president Dr. Sidney Smith given to the Windsor Chamber of Commerce last month. While it might be considered heavier reading than most of the material which we are accustomed to use its subject worth was such that we could not delegate it to the waste basket with the hundreds of other items which come in the mail . . . Negotiations. are being made by the Public School Board for a suit-



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able property for the site of the new public school and it is expected that an announcement will be made in the near future when the deal is completed . . . Back on standard time this week end and no more confusion about visiting businessmen and club speakers turning up an hour late. Personally we'll miss fast time because, when one works till six it means darkness has set in by the end of the working day and it seems to make a short evening

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