

What makes a good citizen?

The autumn edition of the I.O.E. magazine Echoes contained an article on Citizenship. At their last meeting, members of the Duke of Devonshire chapter here heard the report and felt they should share it with parents, teachers and students at the local schools.

What makes a good citizen? the article asked.

Citizenship means the state or right of a citizen, but what is a citizen?

We read the word, we hear it, we speak it—but how often do we really look at it—examine it? Native born or naturalized, being a citizen is a continuous process, a responsibility, and to be a good citizen we must work at it. Let's tear the word apart and find out what good citizens we can be.

Seven letters—CITIZEN.

It begins with the letter C—our country, Canada. C is for the many cultures and customs brought to this land for several centuries until these cultures and customs are Canada. C is compassion, concern for others. C is citizenship courts and C is also the challenge of the future.

The first I is the Individual—you—I. But I, an individual word, cannot be a good citizen locked up in a self-indulgent world of my own, living only for myself, indifferent to the problems of others.

Therefore the T means togetherness. I an individual, must take my talents and work together with you to make our community a better one. Touching other lives wherever we can, teaching, training.

Now that we are working together, it naturally follows that the second I is involvement—with Indian friendship centres, safety instruction. We are interested in anti-V.D. programs, drug

addiction and we are involved with services in hospitals and senior citizen homes. We identify ourselves with current issues.

The fifth letter is a zany one, but when, with zeal and zeal, we zero in on problems, the letter Z then becomes an important one.

The letter E encompasses so much. E is for environmental programs. We put our energy towards beautifying our community.

We are concerned with education in all its forms and on all levels. We believe in equal rights for all citizens.

Now we have reached the end of the word, the last letter—N—our nation, of course.

But we cannot stop there. What about the vast amount of work by our members with newcomers of all nationalities—as well as the neighbor next door?

Convention policy

Halton Regional Councillors will be presenting a new policy concerning convention attendance some time in the near future. Until now guidelines concerning who and how many councillors should attend these events have been loose.

The regional Finance and Administration Committee discussed a report by county treasurer Jim McQueen. McQueen suggests a by-law should be passed outlining convention policies.

In his report McQueen suggested councillors should forego the \$30 per diem payment they now receive for attending conventions. He pointed out councillors are to be paid an annual salary and their actual expenses at conventions are covered anyway.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington said any convention expenses incurred by

regional councillors should be charged back to their local municipalities and that way, "you'd need to get approval back home."

"The practice that everyone goes to conventions doesn't serve the region well. We've reached a point in time where we should get away from the idea that conventions are three day parties and it's nice to have friends along," he said.

Waste
Oakville councillor Mac Anderson said there was a big difference between a conference and a convention. Conventions in Anderson's opinion are an excuse for a holiday and a waste of time and money.

All regional councillors will be asked to submit their ideas on the matter to the Administration and Finance Committee. That committee intends to incorporate those suggestions into an overall policy.

Churches grace greeting cards

As jubilant bells ring out the good news of Christmas, churches of this community stand as symbols of the true spirit of the season.

Landmarks in the history of Christendom, these churches are the living centre of current activities, especially at Christmas when choral programs, pageants and other special services express holiday joy.

Across the country, and in other lands, soaring steeples and ringing bells beckon worshippers to "Come to Church on Christmas."

Small wonder, then, that churches are a favorite subject for Christmas greeting cards. This year the 95th anniversary of Christmas cards in North America is no exception.

A look into the past shows three well-known churches which were favorite Christmas card features. The Little Church around the Corner and Trinity Church,



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both in New York City, and Westminster Abbey in London are pictured on cards dated around 1925.

The oldest of these church buildings is Westminster Abbey, a national shrine and the Mother Church of the Commonwealth of Great Britain.

In 1966 the Abbey celebrated its 900th anniversary, and thousands of people from all over the world visited the church where both commoners and royalty have worshipped for centuries.

In commemoration of the event, Westminster underwent a 10-year program of cleaning and repairs that cost \$1,120,000.

It was on Christmas day that William the Conqueror

was crowned at Westminster, and buried there are Newton, Darwin, Keats, Tennyson, Browning, and royal personages such as Queen Elizabeth I and her rival for the throne, Mary Queen of Scots. Richard II, Henry VII and St. Edward, whose shrine is the most sacred spot in the Abbey.

In September 1965, a tablet was added in memory of Winston Churchill.



Greetings of the Christmas Season

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