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EDITORIAL

Municipal Chatter

The vacancy in the Reeveship had been only a few hours old when street rumors had three new candidates in the field and a general interest shown in the contest. As the days rolled around other names appeared, coupled with a certain amount of energy in the campaign direction. To-morrow night will tell the tale, when possibly some of the names will be withdrawn. It is however, quite apparent that the honorarium has little to do with securing men for the office, since just as many names are now put forth as when an allowance was made for the office. The vacancy has caused quite a little furore and expression of opinion which will be crystallized, at the Nomination Meeting and solidified when the time for qualification comes, on Saturday evening.

Canadian Trade Makes Big Gain

Canada's merchandise trade increased in value by \$221,000,000, or 26 per cent., during the first eleven months of 1934 as compared with the corresponding period of 1933. During this period, the merchandise exports of Canada increased by \$111,000,000, as compared with 1933, and imports by \$109,000,000. The balance of trade for the first eleven months of 1934 was favorable to the extent of \$124,000,000, a gain of \$4,000,000 over 1933. This is exclusive of a net balance of \$83,000,000 of exports of bullion, nearly all newly-mined Canadian gold. In the first ten months of 1934 Canadian exports to foreign countries increased by \$29,000,000 over the similar period of 1933, and Canadian exports to Empire countries increased by \$78,000,000. Although ranking but twenty-eighth in point of population, Canada holds fifth position among the great exporting countries of the world.

A Breathing Spell

During the municipal elections in the Province, the suggestion has been put forth that a moratorium be declared on debenture debts. There is no suggestion in this that any contract as to interest rates should be broken, that any pledge to bondholders should be avoided. The suggestion only embodies the desire to aid municipalities by suspending payment for one year only of principal payments on debentures. Bondholders would receive their interest as usual. The only difference would be that the portion of principal due would not be paid this year, but would be put back for one year making the entire issue of one year's duration longer than the term of the original contract. Of course any such action would have to have the sanction of the Legislature and would need to be well safeguarded. It would, however, give municipalities a breathing spell and the taxpayer an opportunity to catch up. In 1933 Acton paid \$10,154.86 of debenture principle, which roughly would account for ten or eleven mills on the tax rate. The danger in allowing such a moratorium would be that it would be claimed too often and the financial standing and extravagance of the municipalities might know no bound. If, however, the privilege were granted to each municipality every ten years there would be no hardship on bondholders and quite a breathing spell could be secured for the taxpayer.

Election-Mistakes

No matter how many notices of instructions are posted or how carefully the ballot and election procedure is explained, every election brings forth its spoiled ballots and excuses for failing to exercise the franchise enjoyed. At the last election there were a number of spoiled ballots. Although each ballot fold had many to be voted for each instance, some were spoiled by voting for too many candidates. One voter checked his choice, and did not use the necessary cross. Another took the time to draw a four-leaf clover opposite each of four Councillors' names. Another wrote the word "yes" after the choice, and so on. There is only one way to mark a ballot and that is with a cross after the name. Confusion of time for the poll closing has some excuse, because each election seems to have a different time set. In municipal elections, however, the polling hours are from nine a. m. until five p. m. It is ample time to record the vote. Remember these points at the next election and don't have excuses to offer following the election.

The Home Paper's Opinion

Recently Dr. Daffoe, of Callendar, of quintuplet fame, was invited to New York and Washington, where he was feted and lionized. He was the guest of President Roosevelt and Al Smith and of men and women in the highest walks of American social life. The large dailies of nearly every city recorded his opinions and doings in hundreds of columns of news matter and the editorial columns sang his praises and extolled the demeanor and qualities of the man. This meant little to him. It was what his home town paper said—that really interested him. What did the North Hastings Review, published at Madoc, say of him? That is what he wanted to know. He eagerly scanned its columns, declaring it to be "the greatest newspaper in the world," to observe the comments that meant the most to him. It is the same in every locality. The little country paper comes every week with its flowers of cheering news, picked in the full bloom from the fragrant slopes of community intelligence. Stand by the home weekly and it will stand by you.

Again Without Representation

On Tuesday night, January 22nd, Halton County Council will assemble and the choice for Wardenship will be made. Acton this year finds itself in much the same position as at the time of the Burlington guarantee was put through without representation. An acclamation on Friday night is the only way that Acton can be assured of representation at this important meeting. The race for the Wardenship has narrowed down to Reeve Currie, of Esqueving, and Reeve Clave, of Georgetown. No doubt an echo of the Burlington debenture guarantee will also be seen in this choice as the measure received the endorsement of Reeve Currie and was opposed by Reeve Clave. In the matter of tenure of office in the County Council Reeve Currie has had a year longer service. In the "turn" of municipalities, Esqueving Township had the honor in 1929 while Georgetown's representative last occupied the chair in 1926. Both men can very capably fulfill the office of Warden of the County, and the contest will, no doubt, be very close. It is regrettable that Acton, where a Reeve was elected in early December, will likely now not have a representative at the County Council and a final voice in this echo of the Burlington guarantee deal.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Winter wasn't long in getting back into proper apparel after the January thaw.

K. C. isn't the only title that is being dropped these days for the sake of \$100.

With the Saar election over, there seems a clear field and no counter-election attractions for Acton this week and next.

Canada won first prize for the best exhibit of Empire bacon at the recent dairy show in the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, England.

A second election in Acton is rather a new experience. But apparently there is no dearth of candidates, judging by street reports.

Reeve Thetford has set a record locally for holding office for the shortest time. His tenure of the Reeveship for 1935 was for exactly one week.

A politician can't get elected without stating the reasons why he should get the votes. How can a business expect to be elected to success, asks the St. Mary's Journal-Argus, unless it tells the people the reasons why it should be patronized?

The Georgetown Hockey Club and arena management have, according to reports in the daily press, been having differences. Fortunately these have been amicably settled, and both are again working harmoniously as all organizations of any town need to.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

PETER'S LESSON IN HUMBLE SERVICE

Golden Text.—Gird yourselves with humility to serve one another.—1 Peter 5: 5.

Lesson Text.—John 13: 1-11; 1 Peter 5: 5. Study, also, Matt. 18: 1-6; 20: 20-28; Luke 14: 7-11.

Time.—Tuesday night, April 4, A. D. 30. Place.—An upper room in Jerusalem. Exposition.—I. "Jesus having loved his own that were in the world, He loved them unto the end." 1-11.

Jesus might naturally have had a feeling of relief at leaving those slow, dull, unbelieving disciples, to go to realms of light and faith and appreciation and glory, and been occupied with thoughts of the glory awaiting him. But no, He was entirely occupied with thoughts of His disciples and their need: "He loved them unto the end" (v. 1). His was the perfect love: constant, unflinching, patient, indefatigable, self-forgetting, "unto the end." Two little words, of inexhaustible meaning, marvelously describe our relation to Him, "His own." What a dignity it sets upon us—we are "His own." How clear it makes our absolute security (cf. ch. 17: 12). How do I know I shall spend eternity with Him? How do I know that the mighty and subtle Satan will never prevail to get me? Why do I rise triumphant over the world and its ambitions and its allurements and its blandishments? How do I know I will have upon me all the infinite wealth of His love? "I am 'His own.'" I am His by both gift and purchase. Note that death is "departing out of this world unto the Father." There is nothing, then, so dreadful for the believer in what men call death.—(ch. 14: 28; Phil. 1: 21, 23; 2 Cor. 5: 8). We see the black background of the Saviour's unceasing love—the unceasing malignity of Satan, incarnating itself in a human heart (v. 3; R. V.). Judas got his awful purpose direct from the devil. If Judas had been told at the beginning the depth of infamy to which he would sink, he would have been horrified. What a picture of how the Father glorified Jesus and how He humbled Himself in return.—(v. 3-5). On the one hand, "the Father had given all things into His hands" (comp. ch. 3: 35; Matt. 11: 27; John 5: 22; 17: 2; Matt. 28: 18; Eph. 1: 21, 22; Heb. 1: 2; 2: 9; 1 Cor. 15: 27); "He came forth from God," and went to God; on the other hand, "He reth from the supper," "I laid aside His garments," "took a towel," etc., etc. He did these seven things in full consciousness of His divine authority, divine origin, and divine destiny. When the consciousness of superiority of rank or ability tempts us to think the lowliest services for the humblest of God's children, we will do well to recall this scene and remember that "the servant is not greater than his Lord," (v. 11), and to let this mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2: 5; note context). This was a miracle of humility and grace. So we can make the common acts of life amazingly glorious if we perform them in His spirit. Oh, to think of the glorious Christ taking our vile feet into these hands that by their touch cleansed the leper, opened blind eyes, healed the sick and raised the dead, and washing and wiping them! There is a filth infinitely more repulsive to Him than the filth of the roads, the filth of sin, and He is handling our feet each day and washing it off. Jesus' acts in this scene symbolize His whole work. He "reth from supper"— rises from His rightful place in glory and enjoyment. He "laid aside His garments"—so He laid aside the garments of divine majesty (Phil. 2: 6, 7). He "took a towel and girded Himself"—took upon Him the form of a servant (Phil. 2: 7). He poured water "into a basin"—provided the cleansing word (John 13: 3). "Began to wash the disciples' feet"—applies the cleansing water (Eph. 5: 30). "Took His garments (v. 12)—re-assumed His glory (John 17: 5). "Sat down again" (v. 12)—re-assumed His place as Lord (Heb. 10: 12). As to Simon Peter, note: (1) His ingratitude and humility, but real pride (vs. 6, 8); (2) his failure to understand the meaning of Jesus' acts (v. 7); (3) his failure to ponder the meaning of Jesus' words (v. 9); (4) his talking when he ought to have been thinking (vs. 7, 8, 9); (5) his promise of future understanding (v. 7, 8) he knows all about it now; (6) his prompt and eager repentance (v. 9).

II. "I have given you an example," 12-15. "I know ye what I have done to you?" They did not know it: it was some time before they understood the full meaning of His act, and little do we understand of our own what it is that the Lord has done to us. "What He had really done was to set them an example: whereby He would remove the dirt of pride and self-seeking and self-sparing from their sin-stained souls. They were having a quarrel among themselves as to who should be accounted greatest" (Luke 22: 24). Graciously did they need to be taught to take the lowly place of service rather than to seek the exalted place of honor. "We call Him 'Master' and 'Lord,' and we do well to call Him so; for 'Master and Lord' He is. But if we call Him so, let us not play the hypocrite, but let us rather make Him in our lives what we call Him with our lips. If He, our Lord and Master, performed the lowliest and most disagreeable service for others, for those under Him, we too, must stand ready to perform the lowliest service for all others. Are we ready to do it? Oh! how we

rebel if men do not give us the honor and respect and place that we think are our due. Let us seek rather to do service for others. Then we shall have the right to call Jesus "Master and Lord." But if we seek honor rather than to be humbly useful we shall have no right to call Jesus "Master and Lord." How deep an impression this incident made upon the mind of Peter is evident from a striking allusion to it in his first epistle (1 Peter 5: 5, R. V.). The servant is not greater than his lord, so every Christian should be satisfied with a lot as lowly as that of our Lord. How often we see professed servants of Jesus assuming a dignity and a greatness that our Master discarded. The practice of Christlike humility in service brings blessedness in the heart.

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MACHINE GUN OF 1918

A machine patented March 15th, 1918, by James Puckle has just been loaned to the Armouries of the Tower of London by the Duke of Buccleuch. The patent was taken out by "James Puckle, Gent, of the City of London." W. W. Green in his book "The Gun and Its Development," shows pictures of rough and impractical breech-loading cannon of an even earlier date, but nothing in the nature of a machine gun until the Gatling gun and the French mitrailleuse of the sixties and the Hotchkiss gun of the eighties. In the museum of the London yard, however, there is a double-barreled gun, captured in Korea in 1870, which contains an inscription saying that it was made in China in 1607. It is eighteen inches in length, and weighs fourteen pounds. Each barrel contains a breech—three brass blocks, each with a vent. A sliding matchlock is arranged to detonate the charges in the blocks, beginning with the ones nearest the muzzle; which are then removed and recharged while the others are being successively discharged and reloaded.

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MORE THAN YOU KNOW HOW TO USE THAT WHICH YOU WOULD RATHER NOT DO

When William James, the great psychologist, urged his students to do something every day, for no other reason than that they would rather not do it, he seemed to some people to be giving very silly advice. The fact of the matter is that most people think altogether too much about their likes and dislikes. Many of us eat the wrong sort of food because we do not like that which is good for us and do like that which is hurtful. Some might say that we are all forced to do a great many disagreeable tasks, and that it is silly to go out of our way to add to the number. To form the habit of doing the necessary task promptly and without fussing is important, even when we shrink from it. The plucky conquest of preferences when a task needs to be done, is something that has to be learned by practice. If we succeed in dodging the task we should rather not do, we are like to prove unequal to life's hard tests.

SHOWING HIS INTELLECT

He wasn't very well read and did not want the girl he was courting to know, because she was the daughter of a college professor. Every time the conversation turned toward books, he cleared it away into another channel. One day, however, he wanted to be successful, and so he determined to "blow it out." "Have you read 'Romeo and Juliet'?" she asked. "I've just finished 'Romeo,' and I'm going to read 'Juliet' next," he replied.

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