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EDITORIAL

Consolidation Rather Than Abolition?

From Peel County comes a suggestion of merging the county jails of Peel, Halton and Dufferin and using the money saved for County road improvement. Changes and consolidation are oftentimes good, but involve so many unforeseen things that they are fought shy of by governing bodies. Perhaps the consolidation process might be used with County Councils, rather than total abolition of these bodies with a similar saving. The present attitude seems to be one of concentration rather than expansion in governing bodies and institutions. It is generally admitted that for a country so sparsely inhabited as Canada, we are over-governed. Perhaps consolidation, rather than abolition would be the solution. It is at least worthy of consideration, following up the suggestion from Peel.

Worthy a Trial

It was interesting to hear at County Council last week of the new type of road—stabilized gravel. It was even more interesting to hear men such as Reeve Duncan Campbell, of Nassagaweya, and County Engineer Smith express such interest in this construction after a tour of inspection. Both men have had a wide experience in road construction and are in a position to pass judgment on types of roads. It would also seem that an ideal place to try out this stabilized gravel road would be on a section of the second line from Acton to Milton. The construction work carried out on this road by the County Council has been splendid. The cutting of hills and the widening of the road have made it a very satisfactory work as far as it has extended. We have advocated the highway connection for this line for some time, but without a great deal of success. Perhaps a half-way solution might be made. A few miles trial of this stabilized gravel road on the second line is worthy a trial.

Making Every Effort

There will be general commendation for the prompt action of the Council in its endeavor to secure another industry for the building being vacated by the Hewetson Co. this week. Negotiations have already been carried on with three firms in an effort to secure an industry, but have not been culminated for various reasons. There is no spirit of waiting for Providence to send a fly. A committee has been appointed and Reeve Harrison and Councilor Mason, with their experience in manufacturing and business outside the immediate vicinity, and Dr. Nelson, who well knows the local situation, will make a committee to ably cope with the present situation. It is a rather difficult problem they have to meet, but Acton is fortunate in having men in office who are in a position to best meet this situation. The arrangement with the Hewetson Co. was advantageous to both parties. It is to be hoped a similar arrangement may be consummated. Citizens can rest assured that their elected representatives are at least making every effort on their behalf to solve the problem.

Continued Improvement

The monthly business summary of the Bank of Montreal notes a continuance of generally improved conditions. In reference to Ontario, it says: "Wholesale trade in general has been slightly better than a year ago. Cold weather has retarded retail sales for summer merchandise, but the advent of warmer days is expected to produce a marked increase in many lines. Summer hotels report an increased demand for reservations over last year. Collections show improvement and are from fair to good. Manufacturing production in most lines is ahead of that of last year. Steel mills have accelerated output and foundries are still well employed. A seasonal reduction is reported in the output of automobiles, automobile accessories and tires. Furniture factories find some improvement in orders for specialties but regular lines continue dull. Flour millers report a fair domestic demand but practically no export business. Tanners are experiencing materially increased sales. Boot and shoe factories are occupied full time. Knitting hosiery, woollen and textile mills continue well employed, while artificial silk mills are operating at capacity. Due to unfavorable weather, business has been disappointing for the dress and cloak trade. Agricultural implement plants are more active. Paint and varnish manufacturers report the best volume of sales for five years. Lumber prices are fairly steady with retail competition keen."

If Every Citizen Was Like You

Here's a poser from the Glasgow Herald that will apply to any place: "Would your town be a better or poorer one if every citizen was like you?" That is a fair question to ask yourself. What are you doing in the way of suggesting something for the bettering of conditions in your town? So many citizens, in fact the great majority of citizens, are content to simply do their daily work, attend to their own business, and give no thought whatever of how conditions in their own town might be improved, socially, from a business standpoint, educationally, and morally. How many suggestions do you offer in the way as to local improvements, and how they might be brought about? Do you ever think of how you might help start, in a small way, some new industry? In other words is your town the better, the poorer or just of no account because of you living here? Make the people you meet from outside feel that they are the most welcome guests who ever came to town. It does not cost anything to be courteous and pleasant to those who come to town even from the neighboring villages. It is the friendly spirit of co-operation and Christian love that keeps the world going. Why not make it a community spirit? Someone has said: "There isn't much to be seen in a little town but what you hear makes up for it." That is very true, but not in the way that it was intended. Sometimes what you hear in the way of gossip may tickle the ears of the evil minded, and stretch the imagination of those who seem to take a delight in spreading false reports, but it is not helpful to the well being of your town.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It seems as if the sunshine is best appreciated after its absence of a week or two. Likewise the rain.

The outdoor functions have all been rather seriously handicapped, recently by the brand of weather being given out.

Every week-end will have its list of casualties. Make sure that you are not included by using care on the highways and after reaching the destination.

Roger Babson predicts the finish of democracy. Like everything else that is not used in moderation, it gets into disrepute and eventually into the discard.

Looks as if was the same usual crowd of agitators is at the bottom of the "On to Ottawa" march. Canada and Ontario has seen plenty of these foolish pilgrimages.

This is Ontario Salad Week. It will be easier for everyone to co-operate in this week than the Adopt-a-Baby Week, and the supply will not be as easily exhausted.

The \$20,000,000 bond issue of Ontario was disposed of, which would seem to prove that some people or institutions with money still believe in the safety of investments in the Province.

Speaking at Niagara Falls, N. Y., recently, Dr. Amos O. Squire, surgeon at Sing Sing prison, suggested four ways in which crime might be reduced. "Deport the alien criminals; give the boy who has made his first mistake another chance; back the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides; and more attention by parents to their own children."

The Pembroke Standard-Observer wonders if the King's Printer got his \$3,000 salary increase because he engineered the printing of the voters' lists at the Government Printing Bureau. Whatever be the pretext, there does not seem to be any valid excuse for a \$3,000 salary boost these days.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 24th

LIBERTY UNDER LAW (TEMPERANCE LESSON)

Golden Text.—It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth.—Romans 14: 21.

Lesson Text.—Roman 14: 13-21; 1 Cor. 8: 9-13. Study, also, 1 Cor. 10: 1-7; Romans 9: 8-14; Gal. 5: 18-24; Isa. 28: 1-6.

Time.—Spring, A. D. 58. Place.—Cordith.

Exposition.—Y Judge Not One Another, But Help One Another, 13-15.

The "therefore" in v. 13 points back to y. 12, which should be carefully pondered. As we are each to render our account to God, we should stop judging one another. "Food is a very dropper thing," and others may lay down laws for us as to what we should eat or not eat, that have no warrant in God's Word, and we may very properly laugh at these man-made laws; yet love is the ruling principle of a Christian life, and if our doing something that in itself is perfectly proper to do, is going to lead him into sin and ruin, how can we do it? Better have our liberty curtailed than have his soul lost. If we magnify our liberty to the sacrifice of our brother's soul we "walk no longer in love." A true Christian will forbear many things about which in themselves he has no compunctions of conscience lest he destroy him "for whom Christ died." If Christ gave up His life for them, we can certainly give up our petty rights for them. The demands of Christian love are more to the true followers of Christ than the permissions of a Christian liberty. Never forget that even a weak brother is a "brother for whom Christ died."

II. The Kingdom of God is Not Meat and Drink, but Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost, 16-21.

Liberty is given us, but we may so use it that it is evil spoken of and becomes a source of evil. The real proof that we are in the kingdom of God and that the kingdom of God is in us, is not found in our scrupulousness, or lack of scrupulousness, in eating and drinking, but in our manifesting righteousness in our lives, having peace in our hearts (ch. 13: 13), and manifesting it toward our fellowmen (v. 19; ch. 15: 18), and being filled with joy "in the Holy Ghost." Many of those whom I have known who were most scrupulous regarding what they drink, have given proof of being in the kingdom by the test of this verse. The object of our pursuit is to be the things which make for peace, the things whereby we may build one another up. How many of our pet hobbies we must lay on the shelf if we obey God's command in v. 9. They do not make for peace and they do not build up. But we are so fond of them and delight to draw them out on every occasion. It is better, however, to obey God. Peace and growth are far more important in the Church than skillful hair-splitting. The true Christian principle of total abstinence is found in v. 21. It applies to the question of the use of intoxicating liquors. It also applies to a great many other things. It will go far toward settling many questions that are troubling Christians as to whether they should do this or that. It is not merely a question as to whether the thing is wrong in itself, or whether you will be hurt yourself by it, but the real question is, will any one be injured, made to stumble, by my doing it? I cannot have meat or drink or any other indulgence as a lover of my fellowman and a follower of Jesus Christ, if thereby I destroy the work of God. I know that all meats are clean, but I know that many cannot eat them with a clear conscience, and they are evil for that man. If any one else will be injured by my indulgence, no matter how innocent the thing itself may be, and how harmless it may be to me, I will not do it. That settles the moderate drink question, the tobacco question, the dance question, the card-playing question, the theatre-going question and a thousand other questions. It is well to have faith, but it is well also to have the love that has faith to itself and does not injure others by the exercise of its own faith. "Happy indeed is the man who condemneth not himself in that thing which he approveth." But if a man does that about which not only others condemn him, but about which his own conscience has doubts, then he is condemned indeed. "Whatever is not of faith is sin." This is a broad and searching definition of sin. You may keep saying to yourself, "I do not believe this thing is wrong. A great many good people do it," but if you yourself have doubts in your mind about it, if you are not absolutely clear it is the will of God, then it is sin in you. The question is not, are you perfectly sure the thing is wrong? The question is, are you perfectly sure it is right? When in any doubt as to whether any action will please God, don't do it.

III. Please Not Yourself, But Your Neighbor, to His Building Up, 8: 9-13.

What a wealth of meaning and suggestion there is in this passage! Our strength is not given us that we may glory over our weaker brethren or lord it over them, but that we may serve them. The question for a true believer in Christ is never what would it please me to do, but what would it help my brethren for me to do? Not self-pleasing but pleasing others in the law of Christ.

THE TRAIN'S GONE!

"Goin' away, Mike?" "I am that!" "Well, if it's the next train ye're after catchin' ye just missed it!"

WON'T LAST LONG

Fortune-teller: "There's a dark woman following your husband." Visitor: "She'll soon get tired; he's a postman."

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And what we should aim at in our pleading should not be to gain their good will for ourselves (that would be but selfishness), but their good, and that to their highest good, "unto edification." If we seek to please men in order to gain their favor for ourselves, we will not please God (Gal. 1: 10). If ever any one had a right to please himself, it was Christ, but "seven Christ pleased not Himself." How unexcusable, then, it is for us to please ourselves. From this time on, then, let us say good-bye to our own pleasure. But it was God's pleasure above all that Christ sought, "the reproaches of them that reproached" God fell on Him. Paul proves this by an Old Testament quotation from a Messianic psalm (Ps. 69: 9). The lesson text closes with Paul's magnificent resolution to do naught that maketh his brother to offend. Here we have a true follower of the Lord Jesus pledging himself to refrain and abjure everything for the sake of his brother's welfare. Noble words! Submit your resolution. "Go thou, and do likewise!"

NIGHT GAMES START IN TORONTO BASEBALL

Thursday evening, June 27th, marks the grand opening of Toronto's 1936 night baseball season at the Fleet Street Stadium, with a gala set of opening ceremonies and the game scheduled with Rochester Red Wings getting underway shortly after 9 p. m., city time, that's 8 p. m. standard time. Last season Rochester won the first night game played in Toronto, and the Boone's lads are more than anxious to reverse the order. Boone has pulled the Maple Leafs out of their recent slump and right now the Toronto club is in the thick of one of the greatest races witnessed in several years around the International League.

Buffalo Bisons resume their feud with the Toronto Leafs with a single game Saturday, June 29th, and then return for two games on the Dominion Day Monday holiday afternoon. The second night game is slated with the Buffalo club on Tuesday evening, July 2nd, and this gives Ontario fans an excellent chance to view their popular Toronto team in action under night and day conditions during the Dominion holiday week-end. Here's a list of Toronto Baseball Club home games scheduled for Maple Leaf Stadium from June 26th and into July: June 26th, 3 p. m.; June 27, night game, 9 p. m.; June 28th, 3 p. m., with Rochester Red Wings. Saturday, June 29, 3 p. m.; Monday, Dominion Day, July 1st, two games in the afternoon; Tuesday, July 2nd, night game, 9 p. m., with Buffalo Bisons. Syracuse—July 5th and July 6th, two games. Albany—July 8th, 9th, 10th, two games. Newark—July 11th, 12th, 13th, two games. Baltimore—July 15th, 16th, 17th, two games. Montreal—July 18th, 19th, 20th, two games.



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