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EDITORIAL

A Time for the Citizens

Nomination Day is Friday (to-morrow) night. It is a duty of citizenship to make constructive inquiry into the conduct of affairs. Praise is also as much a duty as criticism. If you have had good service from those in public-office the past year, tell them so, and be sure they are again nominated for the office. If such service hasn't been given, frankly talk it over with them and nominate some other individual, whom, in your opinion would do the job better. Nomination and election time is the innings of the ratepayers. Use the opportunity to best serve the need of the present and the future of the community we all think the best, laying aside personal prejudices.

The Red Triangle This Week

This week is the membership drive for Acton's Y.-M.-C.-A.-and-its-success depends a great deal for the good that this work can accomplish in the community. The response to the appeal to get into harness in team work for a plan to improve the youth and older life of the community, should have the support of every citizen. While everything that is desired cannot be offered the membership immediately, still, it is only with whole-hearted co-operation of all, that the greatest good can be accomplished. The appeal is to everyone, and means are available for everyone to have a share in the work. If you cannot become a member or assist financially, at least you can be a congenial booster and send the individual who solicits your help away with a smile and with a wish for success. It's our opportunity. Let the red triangle be prominent in every window in town this week—homes and business places, or on your car.

Part of A Newspaper's Service

The past week we received a bundle of clippings from a press clipping bureau, containing items reprinted in other papers from the FREE PRESS. One item in particular seemed to have been quite popular with other editors, and out of curiosity, we tabulated the clippings of this one item. It appeared in 123 papers, from coast to coast. Naturally you will wonder what sort of article this was that was reprinted so many times. It was an editorial regarding the trend of the times in auction sales, and pointing out that nowadays the terms specified were usually cash. Not only weekly papers reprinted the item, but dailies throughout the Dominion. One often wonders what material is the most popular and what comments will be stirred up by what is written. We admit we little thought when we took our text from an auction sale bill that the subject would strike such a common chord and be repeated over such a wide area. Twenty-six other clippings referred to the FREE PRESS sixtieth anniversary, and seventeen reprinted an article on the abolition of the County Council. The rest were a varied lot. It is quite evident some of the FREE PRESS articles go to rather a wide area. A similar bundle of 300 or 400 reprints from the FREE PRESS are received from the clipping agency about every six months. It is but part of the service that a newspaper in every community does for the town it represents and is sometimes never known about—the making known of the community it represents.

The Toll of Canadian Highways

A total of 1,108 person in Canada were killed in automobile accidents last year and 17,098 were injured, according to a revised report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Property damage in these crashes amounted to \$1,266,413. Ontario had the largest number of fatal accidents, in which 527 persons were killed. In Quebec the total was 274. British Columbia's list was 81, Alberta's 61, New Brunswick's 52, Manitoba's 41, Nova Scotia's 37, Saskatchewan's 30 and Prince Edward Island's 5. Of the killed 437 were pedestrians and 470 occupants of motor cars. Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and others, made up the total. Among those injured were 9,793 occupants of motor car, 6,066 pedestrians, 1,059 bicyclists and others, with the remainder made up of motorcyclists and others. It's a heavy toll. Individual care is the only thing that will make it less. There's a personal responsibility in the matter.

A Fair Trial

While the particulars of the new reciprocity or freer trade treaty between Canada and the United States are now made public and the articles are signed by the representatives of both countries, it will be some little time before the effect of these arrangements can be felt. The new administration can indeed be congratulated for its prompt action. Canada gives and Canada receives, just as the United States, as the other party to the agreement reciprocates. A casual survey of the rather lengthy arrangements would seem to indicate that it would work to the mutual benefit of the masses of people of both countries. Of course individuals on both sides of the lines, will need a re-adjustment, to meet the changed conditions and they may seem a hardship to them. However the viewpoint must be taken of the whole agreement as it affects the whole of both countries, and viewed in that light it seems very fair. It is quite certain that both countries found that restricted trade did not make for better conditions for the masses, with higher taxes made necessary to secure the revenue lacking from trade. To secure the greatest good, a fair trial is necessary.

Disqualification of Candidates

Changes made this year to Section 53, Municipal Act, will have an important effect as to the disqualification of candidates at the approaching municipal elections, says the Municipal World. A candidate is no longer disqualified for unpaid taxes for the current year. He is disqualified if he has any business or income taxes overdue and unpaid at the time of the nomination or if there are taxes of a preceding year or years overdue and unpaid in respect of the land on which he qualifies. A tenant is disqualified if at the time of the nomination he owes more than three months rent upon the property in respect of which he qualifies. Sub-section (4a) of Section 70, enacted in 1920 and amended in 1930, provides that in cities and towns a candidate shall produce a certificate that there are no municipal taxes due on any of the lands in the municipality of which such person is an owner or tenant. As under the amendments to Section 53 a person is not disqualified on unpaid taxes against any land except that on which he qualifies, and then only for arrears of a preceding year or years, it would appear that Subsection (a) of Section 70 has been repealed by implication and that a certificate as to the payment of taxes is no longer necessary.—Simcoe Reformer.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is quite evident that the turns to Liberalism didn't reach England, but stopped at Canada's border.

For the next few weeks we suppose everything will be a reminder of how short a time is intervening until Christmas.

Retail stores in Canada employ approximately 400,000 persons, including proprietors and partners as well as employees.

After twenty-five years the reciprocity pact between Canada and the United States has at last come into actual achievement.

The Christmas shopping spirit starts early with a lot of folks, and merchants should now be advertising and displaying their offerings.

Judging from reports from communities of this size, Chataqua has continued to leave its trail of deficits for public spirited citizens to make up.

In communities where Remembrance Day was not observed as a public holiday, the press is having quite a time explaining how much better is the two minutes of silence than observance of the day in accord with the proclamation.

Editor A. J. Pettypiece, of the Forest Free Press celebrated his eightieth birthday and is still guiding the destinies of that weekly journal. He has been fifty-two years at the helm, served in the provincial legislature, and was president of the Canadian Press Association. Fellow editors join in congratulations on this enviable record.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

THE MESSAGE OF HAGGAI

Golden Text.—I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord. Ps. 122: 1.
Lesson Text.—Hagg. 1: 2-8; 2: 8, 9; Zech. 4: 6-10. Study also Ezra. 3: 1-4; 22; Ps. 84: 1-12; Hag. chs. 1 and 2; Zech. 4: 1-6.

This—520 B. C. Place.—Jerusalem. Exposition.—I. Promise of Greater Glory, 12-9.

Very little is known of the personal life of Haggai. He comes upon the scene quite suddenly in 520 B. C. and disappears just as abruptly. It has been thought that he was born in Judah prior to the great overthrow of more than sixty years earlier (cf. 2: 3), and saw the Temple in its former glory. His prophecy has almost entirely to do with the rebuilding of the Temple. He calls upon the people to consider their ways, to think on the material benefits they have received and enjoyed. He does not hesitate to remind his fellow-countrymen that although they had been careful enough of their own possessions yet they had neglected the restoration of God's house. As a consequence, their care of themselves had come to amount to very little (v. 9), and if he drew and the first fruits of the earth had been withheld, they had only themselves to blame. This is not the last time in the history of the race that men and women, bent on their own comfort and enjoyment, have learned to their bitter cost, that what they have striven to amass had amounted "to very little" because they had neglected and forgotten God. Nevertheless the word determines that His glory shall be seen again in the earth and that despite the apathy and negligence of His people, "the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former," and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts" (2: 9, 19).

II. "By my Spirit, saith the Lord," 4-6.

The prophecy of Zechariah is one of the most difficult books in the Bible to understand, it is so full of symbolism. Angels play a prominent part in it (cf. ch. 1: 9, 10, 12; 2: 3; 3: 6, 7), and the revelations made were largely communicated by them (cf. Hag. 2: 3, 7, 22). Part of these revelations were made to Zechariah in his sleep, but the revelation of which our Lesson is part, the prophet was waked out of his sleep before the angelic communication was made to him. The purpose of the message was intended to encourage Zerubbabel and Joshua in the work that God had given them to do (cf. Hag. 2: 2-5). There were many discouragements in the way of building the house of the Lord, out the hands of Zerubbabel and Joshua were strengthened by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah (cf. Ezra 6: 14, 15). The latter was possessed by a sanctified curiosity. When God showed him anything he declared to know what it meant. In this, he sets a good example for us. His constant question was "What are these?" (v. 4: 12-14; ch. 1: 9, 10; 5: 6; 6: 4; ch. 1: 12-14; ch. 1: 9, 10; 5: 6; 6: 4; ch. 1: 12-14; ch. 1: 9, 10; 5: 6; 6: 4; ch. 1: 12-14; ch. 1: 9, 10; 5: 6; 6: 4).

III. The Mountain Made a Plain, 7-10.
There was a mountain of difficulty in Zerubbabel's way, but no matter how real it might be, it would become a plain before the divinely sent and divinely strengthened man. Mountains are nothing to God (Jer. 51: 25), nor to faith (Mat. 21: 21). In a coming day the mountain before Jerusalem is to be literally rent in the midst and a great valley caused to be there (ch. 14: 4, 5). Every valley is to be exalted and every mountain and hill made low, that the glory of the Lord might be revealed (Is. 40: 3, 4). As the foundation of the Temple had been laid with shoutings (Ezra 3: 11-13), so also should Zerubbabel bring forth the shoutings with shoutings (cf. Ezra 6: 15-17). He had begun the Temple and he also should finish it. This shoutings is a type of Christ, the Stone which the builders refused but, afterward, made to become the head of the corner (Ps. 118: 22; cf. Mat. 21: 42-44). The fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy would be a proof that the Lord of hosts had sent him (v. 9, cf. ch. 3: 8, 9, 11; 6: 15). The beginning of the Temple had seemed to many a day of small things (Ezra 3: 8-13; Hag. 2: 3) and, doubtless, they had been tempted to despise it. But this day was not, and should not have been, despised, for it was the beginning of very great things. The Lord was with

POLITE

The history teacher was becoming impatient at the poorly prepared lesson. "If there is anyone in this room who doesn't know anything, please stand," he shouted.
Ben, an unusually polite boy, and a good student, stood.
"Do you mean that you don't know anything?" asked the surprised instructor.
"Oh, no," replied the boy. "I didn't think it was polite to let you be the only one standing."

THE NOTE

The wife of an usher suddenly remembering that she had left her Bulldog roused in the oven, hastily wrote a note to her husband and gave it to another usher to hand to him. He however, mistook it for a note to the miltler, who was in the middle of his sermon.

"Thinking it was an important announcement, the minister unfolded the note and read aloud: "Please go home and turn off the gas."

The Oil for the Farmer—A bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the farm house will save many a journey for the doctor. It is not only good for the children when taken with colds and croup, and for the mature who suffer from pains and aches, but there are directions for its use on sick cattle. There should always be a bottle of it in the house.

then all in it, although it appeared so small by comparison (Hag. 2: 4) and the outcome would be more glorious than the Temple Solomon had built in days that were past (Hag. 2: 5-9). He is a foolish man who despises small beginnings (Dan. 2: 34, 35; Mat. 13: 31-33). Better begin small and end great, than to begin great, and end small. God is constantly using the small and weak to confound the great and strong (1 Cor. 1: 27-29). "The eyes of the Lord were upon Zerubbabel; and those eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth in order to show that their Owner is strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect towards Him (2 Chron. 16: 9). There is no hiding from the eyes of God. He seeth all that men do, whether it be good or evil (Prov. 15: 3).

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"Great Scott!" he gasped. "You waiter in this place?"
"Yes, but I don't eat here," replied the other with some dignity.
A NEW LOUIS
"I've got a unique Louis XIX bed."
"But there was no Louis XIX."
"That's what makes this bed unique."
"What happened to your nice lodger, Mrs. Murphy?"
"Oh, I had to get rid of him. He told me he was a Bachelor of Arts from Cambridge, and I found out he had a wife and family in Nottingham."
Customer in drug store (on Sunday morning)—Please give me change for a dime.
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