

EDITORIAL

The Community and Business

In one of our exchanges we read this week of a hotel in the northern section of this Province that had changed hands. For the good of the tourist business we felt that was good news. We recall being in that section on different occasions and of visiting this particular place and selecting it as the most likely to appease our hunger. We found the management argumentative and unwilling to induce business. We heard of others who were avoiding the town because of the treatment given.

The town is excellently located for tourist business. We visited stores there and found them doing well, but the management of the hotel was certainly not assisting the community. We decided we would never stop in that town again until the hotel did change management. Now we are anxious to see what effect the new management will have.

We often wonder if those serving the public realize what effect their attitude to the public has on their own business and the business of the community. One poor businessman can leave a poor impression for the whole community. Perhaps that's the reason for the sign, so often displayed, "Under New Management". Don't give your town a bad name by your treatment of the stranger or visitor. The folks in town usually know you but the visitor has only a moment's acquaintanceship and a hurried valuation of your friendship.

Year of Stark Tragedy

Canada, last year suffered the greatest fire loss in more than a quarter of a century, Resources Minister Winters recently announced.

A total of 7,046 forest fires were reported to have consumed \$9,000,000 in timbers and fire fighting. In damage to timber, young forest growth, and other property it represents a financial loss of nearly \$6,000,000.

Cost of fighting the forest fires last year rose to more than \$3,000,000. But the financial loss is not the only thing that affects the public and the general good of Canadians. No reliable estimate or approximation can be given of the loss of wild life or natural beauty in Canada by the ravaging flames of a forest fire.

It was with great interest that we noted the establishment of a Junior Forest Ranger camp for the training of youth to assist in fire watching during the summer months.

The 2,500,000 acres that were burned over last year would indeed present a stark and somewhat ghastly appearance if these areas were placed together and allowed to stretch their barren appearance in what would seem an unending expanse.

With vacation time at hand, the people flock to the vast forest areas in an attempt to return to nature. The flight is not usually complete and the man-made matches and inflammables are usually included. Careless handling of these things is what creates the stark tragedy and annual spread of burned out timber.

The Junior Forest Rangers and fire watchers that dot the north timber lands can only spot the blaze when it has started and is sometimes beyond control. It is the duty of everyone to protect an extensive natural resource by attaching care with fire and forest. Perhaps in this way the number of man-made fires will decrease this year rather than increase.

Any Season Open Season

Any season of the year seems to be opportune for strangers to make a descent on towns to collect money at the expense of the community. The Walkerton Herald tells of one of these when two strangers came to that town to solicit ads in the Clifford High School Year Book at \$50 per page. One can easily figure out what this pair were making if a comparison is made of the usual charges of any local organization with this \$50 per page of 6x9 inches.

Local organizations require and deserve the support of the public and the merchants. It will be found their charges for soliciting advertising are reasonable contributions to the project. We suggest however that it is good business practice to turn down flat the solicitation for advertising offered by strangers. From all across the country you can find examples similar to that reported in Walkerton. They are reported often in every community and always the same story that the local merchant has been the victim.

Beware of the stranger who asks for advertising in an unknown publication. Its a waste of good money and a poor value. Your local newspaper and the local organizations you know can give you value for your advertising dollar and at a reasonable price. They are here to back up their claims not only to-day, but every day of the year.

For Serious Consideration

With the new sewerage system in operation a lot of old difficulties will be cleared up, but there is one that deserves some very sound consideration—the question of public washrooms.

Milton as a shopping centre attracts a great number of people from the surrounding district. With the paving of No. 25 Highway, and the building of another in the offing, this town will have its share of tourist trade. Without any distant glances to the future, however, the need for public washrooms is quite evident now.

This is not necessarily a matter for the Town Council. They have had their share of grief in getting the sewerage system into operation. This is a thought for Milton's organizations to band together in a common unit for the good of the community and delve into the matter of public washrooms.

It is a proposal which deserves serious consideration and the difficulties and advantages are easily foreseen. If this project is considered and approved then it would be the duty of the people of Milton and District to retain the respectability of the proposed washrooms.

With an earnest desire to impress we repeat that this necessity demands serious consideration and complete understanding of difficulties and advantages. Any group or organizations that wish to assist in making this addition to the town, for the town, should definitely receive every cooperation.

A Raging Controversy

A controversy has been raging in the nation's capital that threatens to bring about a social revolution. It is quickly spreading to other centres too.

Briefly, it is the question of shorts. The right of sweltering citizens to cool off by exposure is being queried. In fact the right of citizens to dress as they please is inducing controversy on both sides of the dominion. Apparently British Columbia has definitely decided, however, that the doukaboros should wear something. To get back to this short discussion, however, various opinions have been expressed by organizations and editorialists across the continent.

One editorialist claims that in the mammal classification of the animal world, man is the only naked creature; and in all animal life the earthworm most nearly resembles man, from the standpoint of nudity.

To be only fair in this discussion, however, we feel that the types of people involved should be scrutinized and if a law can be made on measurements perhaps it would be advisable. The middle aged man, expanded from long hours of sitting, we don't think is the type for shorts, and of course that includes members of the fair sex. The thin, scrawny person, briefly attired, provokes a feeling of pity. The aging woman who clings to the notion that vanishing years can be obliterated with a careful paint job, cannot camouflage her years in shorts.

This by-law before the Ottawa Council seems to us rather foolish. In the earlier days laws such as these were passed to exert pressure on the morals of the citizenry but this question of shorts seems to be one that should be governed by the law of discretion. It is a private law. Those who wear shorts should make their own decisions, considering timeliness and occasion.

Editorial Notes

Accidents on the highways and at the bathing beaches are marring the summer vacation time again.

Halton County's Beaver Dam drew comment and a very fine illustration in the magazine Sylva, a publication of the Department of Lands and Forests.

We do hope you liked the new format and would appreciate hearing your comments on it. After a short time you will become accustomed to the relocation of several of the features.

Grey County has established several new High School Districts at the June meeting. Evidently it is beginning to become evident that High School districts receive the best consideration in grants.

Until Council can arrange to remove the curbs on Main Street it seems that angle parking should be abolished on the one side of the street. The condition of the centre strip does not add to safe driving either.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the Issue of the Canadian Champion of July 12, 1900

The Twelfth—There is no local celebration of the Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, but Campbellville and Milton Orange Lodges, in full regalia, took the G.T.R. to Hamilton.

Canada was awarded at the Paris exhibition 5 first class prizes and 4 seconds for fresh fruit also the grand prize for forestry, fish and game, mineral and agricultural exhibits.

Guelph ladies ran the street cars for one day for the benefit of the General Hospital.

Ashgrove: On June 26 as the carpenters were working on Mr. Hardy's barn a rope broke and Wm. Currie, of Acton, fell to the ground a distance of 56 feet. He had one leg and one arm broken. We are glad to report that he is doing well and hope to see him around again soon.

The C.P.R. has notified Imperial authorities that it is prepared to transport from Quebec to Hong Kong as large a body of troops as the latter considers necessary to send to the seat of the present struggle in China.

Wheat harvesting was begun in this vicinity this week. J. M. Bastedo and his son Chilver are enjoying a wheeling trip eastward.

The band has been engaged by the Streetsville Orange Lodge to accompany them to Brampton on the 12th.

It is rumored that the town is about to have another industry, a box factory.

Mr. Capell, who has been in charge of J. A. Zimmerman's drug store here for about two years, will leave Milton next week to manage a new store about to be opened at Hamilton by Mr. Zimmerman. Mr. Capell's departure will be greatly regretted. He is popular with Miltonians and will be missed in the band and in the Grace Church choir.

Miss Gertrude Holinrake of Milton in the music course junior vocal won the Verilyea prize, presented by Rev. C. W. Watch, at the commencement exercise at Albert College. Bellville and Miss Mary Holinrake's name is among the list of graduates from the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Miss Grace Featherstone, daughter of David Featherstone, Drumquin succeeded in carrying off the silver medal this year at Whitby Ladies College.

Thousands lined the banks of the Niagara River on Monday afternoon July 9th, when Capt. Nissen alias P. M. Bowser, made his attempt to navigate the river below the falls. After various vicissitudes including a threat of arrest by the Canadian authorities, he got his patent boat "The Fool Killer" started about 4 o'clock. At the first attempt it drifted back into a current that carried it back toward the falls and had to be towed out. On the second attempt he succeeded in keeping the boat in the main stream. On striking the waves opposite the incline railway bridge, the boat was tossed about unmercifully, but quickly righted itself after each attack. When it struck the tossing mountain of water opposite the foot of Whirlpool Rapids promenade, as it neared the death hole of Capt. Webb, the seething rapid sucked the "Fool Killer" into its jaws like a chip, broadside, keel upwards, the iron bar weighing 1,250 pounds fastened with rods at the bottom was on top. Crash it went, high in the air, Bowser clinging for dear life to the sides of the cockpit as he was smashed with hundreds of tons of water, which in its fury, completely submerged the boat and its occupant for some seconds. Everyone yelled, "There is his end" but a moment later the boat was through, right side up,

and Bowser waving his hand to tell the people he was still all right in his boat. Down he went riding on the crest and under each successive rapid, when the cheering broke out that re-echoed to the gorge, announcing that the boat had entered the whirlpool all right near the Canadian side, where Bowser was finally brought ashore.

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the Issue of the Canadian Champion of July 10, 1930

Thompson Clan held their 1st reunion at Eldorado on June 21st, descendants of the late Major Geo. Thompson, who came from Longford, Ireland in 1820.

Howson family met in Guelph for 5th Annual reunion on June 28 with more than 100 present. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Howson in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Cudmore, Melvin and Frances entertained a few of their friends at their new steel barn on Friday last.

Percy Lee of Tanley met with a painful accident when an emery wheel he was using suddenly burst breaking three fingers and cutting his right hand badly.

Fifteen years ago the average hen in Canada laid 50 eggs annually, according to Professor E. A. Lloyd of B.C. This number has now grown to 70. From extra eggs alone, Canada has produced an increased revenue of more than \$200,000,000.

The first four months of the current year saw 503 homesteads filed upon in Western Canada than during the same period last year. The increase was furnished almost entirely by Alberta, though B.C. showed a small gain.

The ending "worth" in the names of places signified that the town stands on the point of land made by a bend of a river or a tongue of land between two rivers.

BORN

WHEELER—In Milton, on Friday, July 4th to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Wheeler. (nee Ada Warbey) a daughter, Alice Marie.

OAKVILLE

Instantly Killed In R.C.A.F. Training

F.O. Mariatt was instantly killed Saturday when the plane he was flying during R.C.A.F. training exercises crashed into Sturgeon Lake.

Good co-operation was received from nearly all householders in Bronte and Trafalgar Township whose premises were inspected in the recent check-up for fire hazards. Fire Chief George Wright and F. Alec Phillips, of the Trafalgar brigade told township council Monday evening in making their reports.

In closing its book for the current year, the Oakville High School student council has forwarded a \$20 cheque to the Journal for the John Black Fund. This latest contribution, one of many made by town organizations, brought the fund total to date to \$5,811.96.

Tests show the water at Bronte beach and in Sixteen Mile creek above the sewage plant is safe for swimming, Ross Campbell, sanitary inspector for the Halton County health unit, told the Journal yesterday. A report on lake water here has not yet been received.

George S. Duncan, for the past six years manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch here, leaves here in one month's time to take charge of the bank's Picton branch.—Journal.

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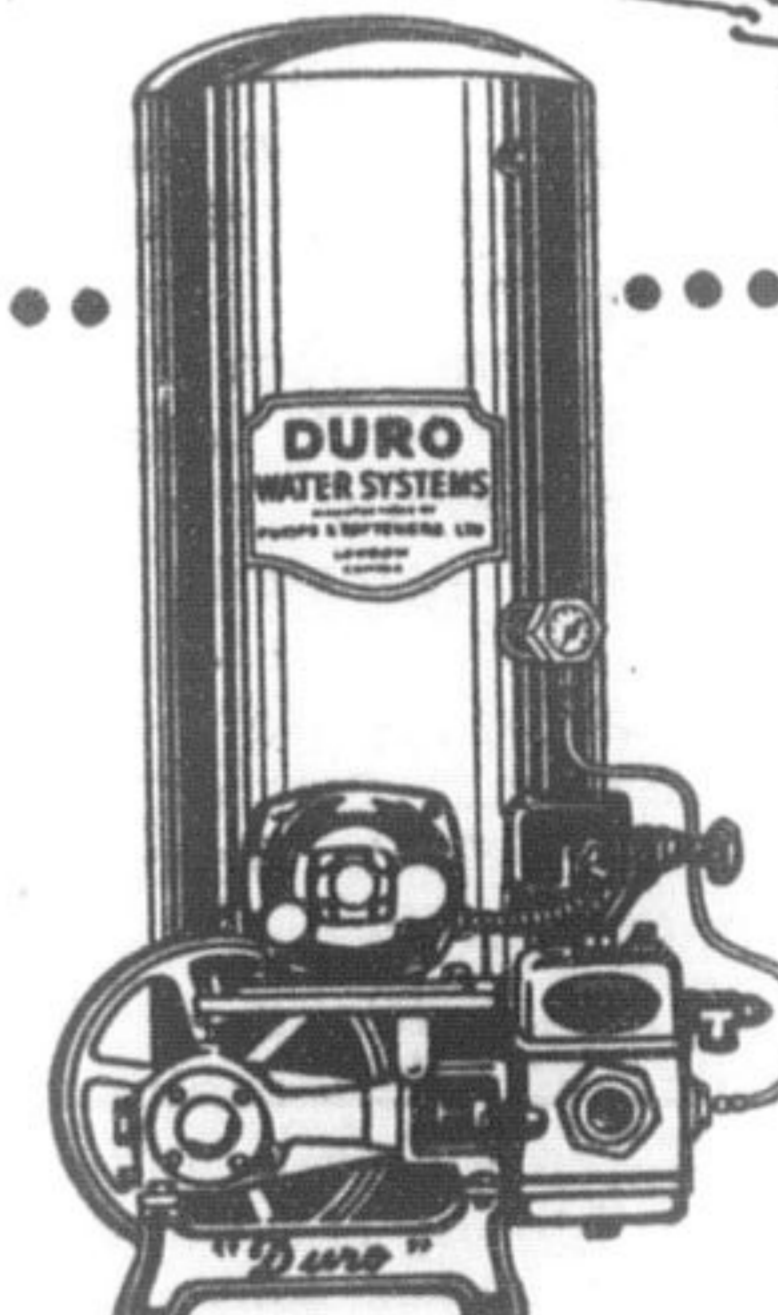
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