

EDITORIAL

It's Important

Next week, on Friday, November 24th, nominations will be held for municipal offices. Those who have done public service will take the night to endeavour to answer your questions about your municipal affairs. As towns grow the duties of the men who assume these offices seem to multiply and often it seems the time will come when it will be impossible for men and women to take time from their daily tasks to devote to public service.

We have said it often before and it will be repeated many times in the years ahead, that next year will be an important one and citizens should consider seriously the men they choose to guide municipal affairs. It's being said for many towns in Ontario and many editors go on to list the important measures that will come before municipal bodies during 1951. The years ahead are important and looking over the records the years that are behind have been important ones, too. Yes, it's easy to look in retrospect and see our mistakes. It's easy to place the blame and criticism, but that is all water gone under the bridge.

The big point is what of the future. Will our town participate to its full share in the advancement and progress that is bound to come to Canada in the years ahead? Next Friday's meeting may be more important than you realize. Get out and show your interest in your town. Give a word of encouragement to those who have served you. If you have in mind other citizens who you consider would make Milton a better town, do not hesitate to tell them so and see that they are nominated.

The year ahead is important here. We need the best we can persuade to help guide our town. Friday, November 24th is important.

Taxes Exceed Spending

The Bank of Canada estimates that provincial governments in 1950 will collect a total of \$195,000,000 in gasoline taxes and motor vehicle license fees, says an article in the current issue of the B-A Commentator. Total expenditures of the provinces for highways and other aids to transport in 1950 will be \$109,500,000, which means that taxation of motor vehicles and their use will contribute \$85,500,000 toward other provincial expenditures.

Gasoline taxes now exceed by over \$21,000,000, the total expenditures of the provinces in 1930.

The Products of the Land

The many fall fairs that dot the country every year culminate in November with the opening of the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Canada's most important industry—farming—comes into its own at this time when the best of all the displays of town and village fairs is brought to Toronto to compete against the quality produce and stock of all of Canada and even other countries.

The Royal Winter Fair is by no means limited to special breeders and ultra-scientific agriculturalists with the latest equipment. Farmers of Southern Ontario prove the value of their vital profession every year at this fair in Toronto. Last year, for instance, a boy from Moffat won the King's Guineas for his exhibit in cattle.

Interest centres in the Royal Winter Fair from this district especially. In the first place, the distance is not far, either for spectators to make a day's visit or for farmers to transport stock and produce for exhibit. Then, the soil in the district, of fine all-round value, produces encouraging crops that show up well in competition.

Displays of equipment which cannot be brought to town fairs like ours can be inspected leisurely by the farmer in this show. There is plenty of room for walking around, questioning and considering. A pleasant sight every year at the Winter Fair is that of several farmers sitting on bales of hay in the horse building, talking over the crops.

The Trade Fair is slanted for merchants, with the general public admitted only on certain days. The Canadian National Exhibition is an interesting conglomeration, with all kinds of industries and professions allotted only a little space. Especially for those who live on the land, however, is the Royal Winter Fair. And on first night at the horse show as men in tails and ladies in evening gowns chat with those in overalls the tremendous importance of agriculture is realized by those who live in the cities and larger towns of Ontario.

The other day a group of citizens was asked by the Gallup Poll whether members of the House of Commons at Ottawa were appointed or elected. Ten per cent. replied that they were appointed, 17 per cent. were not sure. This was in Canada.

Planning Does Not Work

There is a shortage of cotton in the United States. It is the result of weather conditions affecting this year's crop — together with some Government planning.

The United States Department of Agriculture felt, last year, that there was a prospect of too much cotton, so the planners went to work, and succeeded in obtaining a reduction of acreage.

Then the picture changed. In place of a general condition of overproduction and poor markets, there developed an active demand exceeding supply—quite probably as a result of the Korean War. That produced a great increase in demand for many raw materials and cotton was one.

That is the difficulty with all this economic planning. It is undertaken on the assumption that a few Government officials can foresee the course of events, and guard against underproduction or overproduction.

It would be a splendid scheme if it would work, but the trouble is that it never seems to work. In this case, the Government officials who had to decide the desirable United States cotton acreage last year did not know that the Korean Communists were going to march. No one else appears to have known of that—except the Korean Communists themselves.

Nor did the Government officials doing this planning know what the weather was going to be in the cotton area. No one could foresee that.

Economic planning has not worked very well so far, but the planners never become discouraged. As one plan fails, they start another — which shows a great deal of courage on their part. Unfortunately, the result is almost always to make conditions worse than they would have been if there had been no economic planning at all.

Squantum

In the old days the people of Nantucket had an enjoyment which they called Squantum. A party of ladies and gentlemen went to one of the famous watering places and had a happy day together. The principal rules were that no one was to speak of disagreeable affairs, no one was to take offence at a joke, and everyone was expected to do his or her part toward creating a general laugh. "Care is thrown to the wind, politics discarded, war ignored, pride humbled, stations levelled, wealth scorned, virtue exalted" and—this was Squantum. (W. Robertson Nicoll in "Letters on Life".)

Caterpillars and Winter

At this season of the year we find the usual crop of forecasts concerning the kind of winter that lies ahead. This has been an autumn pastime for more years than we can remember and many and varied are the signs and methods used to foretell the winter ahead.

Back in the days when there was not such a plethora of reading matter, the almanacs were popular in these fall days. We never did know whether they all secured their information from the one source, but we do recall that each household had its favoured almanac and it was hard to argue it from the place it held for accurate weather predictions.

Then, of course, there were all the Indian legends about the squirrels, the bark on the trees, the supply of nuts, etc. that were taken as guides on the season ahead. Each individual seemed to have a set of standards that over the years they found reliable. In latter years the scientific instruments have come into use and there are times when it would seem they would put the legends and the old signs into the discard.

It was with interest, therefore, that we read last week that the caterpillars on Bear Mountain have been found over the past three years to be fairly accurate in predicting the winter. If these caterpillars had more brown segments it meant a moderate winter. If the bands of brown are narrow it has meant a severe winter. A few weeks ago 60 caterpillars were measured. Most of them had six brown segments, portent of an easy winter. So there you have it from the caterpillars of Bear Mountain who have been accurate for three years past. We're going to have winter surely as we always have in Canada.

The matter of garbage collection by the municipality is to be probed by Brampton Council according to the Peel Gazette. Can it be a town of Brampton's size has yet no municipal garbage collection? Certainly a good probe would seem necessary.

Orangeville has nearly completed a \$350,000 high school building to replace the one destroyed by fire. It is to be officially opened on Jan. 1st and will accommodate 400 students. Cost is said to be \$325,000.



"GOODNESS GRACIOUS, CHUM! WHAT WOULD MOTHER HIGGINS THINK OF YOUR LANGUAGE?"

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the Issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, Nov. 15th, 1900

The excitement in Halton over the Dominion Elections culminated last evening. A more keenly fought contest never was waged here, and the supporters of Mr. Henderson and McKinnon were equally confident of victory. The workers in the Liberal ranks here, though jubilant over the splendid majority, by which the government is sustained, were disappointed in local results at the close of the poll as each polling place gave similarly discouraging reports. Mr. Henderson's election by an increased majority was soon conceded and later reports showed that he was returned by a majority of some 174 votes.

Mr. McKinnon put up a noble and honorable fight, but changes were run so persistently upon the issue of non-residency that this cry had the effect desired.

Snow has fallen heavily all day and the merry jingle of the sleigh bells is once more to be heard. Several farmers were plowing in the morning, but about noon had to retire from the contest.

The Annual Plowing Match of the Halton Mouldboard Assoc. was held on Friday last on the farm of John B. Scott, Milton. There were 23 teams plowing and the work done was first class. In the evening the competitors and judges had dinner at the Wallace House when Landlord McGibbon gave them a first class spread.

John G. Miller died of typhoid fever at his mother's residence on the Base Line near Hornby, in the 19th year of his age. His brother Robert died of the same complaint five weeks ago, and he was the last of his family except his mother who is in a critical state, grief and the work of nursing having broken her down. Her husband, the late John Miller died three years ago.

The man who burglarized the C. P.R. station last Tuesday was traced by one of the company's detectives to Oakville, where he boarded a G.T.R. freight train, heading for Toronto. He is known as "Reddy Smith" of Galt, and is wanted for other burglaries.

The British single-seater glider record is 230 miles.

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the Issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, Nov. 13th, 1930

Col. F. H. Deacon of Toronto, formerly of Milton, was elected Vice President of Rosedale Ratepayers Assoc.

C. A. Early wishes to thank friends and neighbors for valuable services at the fire in Campbellville on October 29th.

Digging operations have commenced on Stanley Agnew's farm in Nelson Township for a larger supply of spring water for Milton. Petty thieving continues to worry the farmers in the neighborhood of Lowville. On a recent Sunday morning, while the family were attending church service, a man visited the home of Mr. Mitchell and loaded up his truck with wood. Other farmers report having chickens stolen.

It is expected the Mayor will soon call a meeting of representatives of all the churches and organizations which dispense charity together with the Town Council to discuss a plan whereby charitable relief can be dispensed without the usual overlapping. It is to be hoped that all organizations will be prepared to respond to the call of the Mayor.

Negotiations are being carried out with Mr. Krangle of Toronto, for the purchase of the shoe factory if the deal is consummated. Mr. Krangle will commence the manufacture of men's pants and children's clothes and expects to employ about 60 hands. Mr. Senior will continue to occupy the building for the manufacture of worsted serge.

Harry Hilson Sr. of Milton Heights, shot a copper-headed eagle near Speyside on Thanksgiving day the wings of which measured 7 ft. from tip to tip. The bird weighed over 40 lbs. and three bullets from a .222 rifle were necessary to kill it. The eagle had been sent to Toronto to be mounted.

DIED
SYER—Suddenly in Wyoming on Nov. 8th at the home of her sister, Mrs. Matilda Anderson, Isabella, beloved wife of Mayor Edmund Syer, of Milton.

Chain stores in a shopping district help rather than harm the adjacent independent stores by attracting more shoppers.

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