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The Ideal Citizen

An ideal citizen is the one who sees clearly and ever something good in the town and never loses the opportunity to spread that good news abroad that others might derive the benefits therefrom, whose unselfishness prompts him to want others to share opportunities, health and pleasure which his home town offers., Loyalty is the first requisite for the ideal citizen. The love for the place and his neighbors which dismisses the thought of self interest or policy and resolves itself into the knowledge of duty when he does all in his power to make the town a better place in which to live. There are three distinct attitudes which a citizen may assume towards the place in which he lives, which furnishes him food, shelter and association for himself and family to boost, to remain quiet or to knock. The booster is that ideal citizen who is never forgetful of the obligations which is due the home town. He is ever found at the front when any movement is launched which might tend to advancement of the interests of the town. While others see darkly to him good is visible at all times. The quiet citizen is satisfied to let the neighbor do the work and content to lull the town asleep and let it rest. The knocker is the man who is without a country. There is no room for him anywhere, his presence dampens the enthusiasm of every man or group of men who unfortunately come in contact with him. Having no faith in his own ability to go forward, he naturally lacks faith in his home town to do so. You have the chance to belong to either of the three classes. If you are a booster, your neighbor knows it well and will boost you. If you are aligned with the quiet class, you will not be regarded one way or another for the man who selects to steer in the middle of the stream gets no support from either side. If unfortunately you are knocker, get ready to be knocked, for eventually it is coming to you. As you give so will be meted out to you.

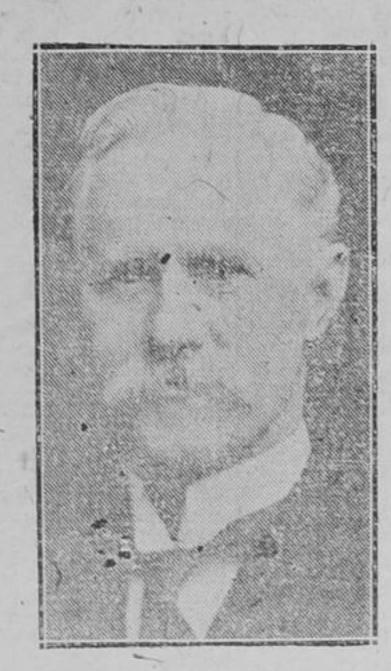
Let Everyone Vote

Honest men may differ in the conclusions they draw from the evidence before them. One man observing the operation of the Ontario Temperance Act concludes that it is a success. Another man also after observation concludes that it is a failure. And it is admittedly true that both are sincere and conscientious in their decisions. Honest and intelligent men may differ, and actually do differ on the merits of the issue now before the Ontario Electors, and therefore it is very important that every vote should be cast on December 1st, so as to give a real expression of the popular will of the majority of the people. The franchise is not only a privilege but a trust. MAKE SURE YOU CAST YOUR VOTE ON DECEMBER 1st.

Assist The Teachers

Are you doing your part in assisting the teaching staff of the public school in getting results? Many parents willingly pass almost all the work in the education of their children. Never by any possible chance do they attempt to assist the children with their school work, and worse still, in some cases actually criticize the teachers in the presence of the pupils thereby actually decreasing the influence of the teacher. Often the parent fails to impress upon the children the importance of making the most of every school day, failing to recognize the fact that time wasted in school years, will never return and that the child will suffer from the handicap to the end of its career. Assist the teachers.

Retain the O. T. A. VOTE FOR



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Voting Day, December 1st

Letters From the People

A Time to Be Silent And a Time to Thornhill, Ont.,

Dear Editor:-I, with my workers have received con- vance. siderable publicity. I hope you will be kind enough to publish my letter that all and sundry may view both sides of the situation. In view of the fact that I have been subject to many misrepresentations I feel that I should make one statement and then turn a deaf ear to whatever is said in future. I do not believe any good can Editor, be accomplished by long newspaper battles over trifles. The first item I Sir:wish to mention is an article in a Toronto paper of October 16 in which | there appeared a letter from "Urbanthe Reeve is quoted as stating that lite" mentioning the poor physical conhad he been home the previous week dition of rural school children. One there would have been a by-law pass- of the chief-causes of this is the poor ed that would have prevented the conditions in most rural schools. holding of meetings in the main Str- When cold weather begins the child-

person inform me, has the preaching dren huddle around the stove all day of faith in the atoning sacrifice of with their overcoats on. The ventilathe Son of God become a SORT of a tion is provided by badly fitting doors religious meeting? We were then ac- and windows, the sanitary conditions cused of affecting a merchant's trade | are bad, the water supply is not easi-I must say I feel sorry for any man ly accessible with the result that the who would be capable of making such | children often do not have a drink a statement to intelligent people. from the time they leave home until Then the emphasis is laid on the fact | they return, the air is dryer than the that I am blacksmith in Thornhill air on the Sahara desert with the re-I rejoice in the fact that my Saviou sult that colds and sore throats are was a carpenter of Nazareth and very prevalent, and the floor is so made Himself of no reputation. Then I draughty that they sit all day with am accused of defying the consta- their feet cold. And add to this the ble. The facts are that I simply fact that thoughtless teacher somewarned the constable of his folly. times makes them keep their lunch Next the copy of the invalid by-law pails in the cold entry where the food itself which appeared in the Star freezes solid before dinner time, October 19th mark you this was special to the Star following the late faults is to have a woman on every meeting of the council on the 18th. Rural School Board. We were not bluffed by this The Star did not report their interview with me correctly. They are mistaken in the number of services and size of our congregations at the Gospel Hall, Langstaff, but stated correctly my statement that we were about to cease open air meetings on account of the weather.

I am heartily grateful to Mr. Walter Dean of Toronto for his very kind Christian warning to the Reeve in defence of Gospel meetings. I am not acquainted with Mr. Dean but hope to meet him one day. I am also thankful to Free Speech of Thornhill for his splendid letter in your paper. I hope to find out who he is that I might have opportunity to express my thanks to him personally. I wish to call attention to an article which appeared the week following Free Speech's letter in your paper under the heading "Misunderstood." The Reeve is quoted as stating that the intention was to safeguard the public. Pray where were the safeguarders of the public every Saturday evening from July 1st until Oct. 9th, is this a joke? He then makes mention of permits. Let me inform the Reeve that while Britain rules the waves that no person will require a permit from any misinformed Reeve or V Council to hold Gospel meetings on quiet streets like Arnold Street, that are used largely for parking motors on Saturday evenings. And to save the Reeve any more delusions better have some intelligent person read and explain Section 491 of the Municipal Act, which Sec. has absolutely nothing to do with meetings and does not cover his invalid by-law. Whatever I may be accused of I have a sense of humor still. The nearest approach to danger that I have noticed during the series of meetings on Arnold St. was that all the speakers warned the danger of the judgment and of being on false ground. I met the Reeve in the Clerk's Office, October 20 He accused me of showing the wrong spirit. Since then he has accused me of being very stubborn. I plead not guilty to both charges. But will state most emphatically that when I know I am in the right I will be very firm and will not change my course on account of other people's mistakes or folly. The Reeve stated lately that some horse and rig had very nearly knocked down one of our workers at one of our meetings he also expressed a wish that they had knocked some of us down. Be careful of your spirit, sir. None of our workers or myself can recall an incident of that kind. He also stated that had we held our meetings on Hallowe'en night the Boys of Rich-mond Hill would have rotten-egged us. Pray what kind of a reflection does the Reeve wish to cast upon the boys, young men and their parents of Richmond Hill. I have a much higher opinion of the people of Richmond Hill and their children than the Reeve has expresed. I must say that I most heartily thank the people for their very kind treatment towards us and the many kind remarks from many of the business people and others, and the courtesy of all vehicle drivers not forgetting the younger boys who were always on hand to conduct themselves creditably. In spite of the fact that I am very busy with the Langstaff work and new work

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may be with you when the roses bloom again, or in view of the nearness of Jan. 1st Mr. Reeve, we must credit the citizens with good judgment, and we may be more correct in saying we may be with your successor and his supporters. It is with regret November 15, 1926. that I say the only unkindness shown us was by the Reeve and his very tim-I have read with amusement ar- id constable. However my heartiest ticles and letters in Toronto papers | wish to all is a joyous Christmas and and in your valuable paper in which a prosperous New Year, weeks in ad-

J. B. GILLIES.

Unsatisfactory Conditions in Rural Schools

Elgin Mills, November 12th

Richmond Hill Liberal.

In your issue of November 11th he long walk to school does not do hem any harm but when they arive trouble begins. The heating and ventilation are bad, those who sit ear the stove, roast, while those a ew seats away freeze-there is one school where on cold days the chil-

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Good Word For W. I. Maple, Ont., Nov. 15, 1926.

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Richmond Hill Liberal.

There came to our address by mail recently the "Report of Women's Institutes of the Province of Ontario." Being somewhat of an inquisitive person I was anxious to see, just what our lady friends in the province were preparing for the future rising gen-

I took a quick glance over the 63 pages of the report, got interested, and started with "I beg to present herewith the Annual Report of the Women's Institutes of Ontario for 1925" and etc., and gave the report a careful study for considerable time I would sum the conclusion arrived at, by the old familiar phrase that our young folks quote so frequently-"all work no play makes Jack a dull boy;" or possibly a better way to express it would be to say: be interested

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(Special to the Liberal)

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