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LET US MAKE HASTE SLOWLY

Prohibition has been rejected in Ontario and the remarkable and decisive landslide of December 1 gives cause for reflection. For years temperance forces in Ontario have been battling with the liquor evil and ten years ago succeeded in having prohibitory legislation enacted. On December 1st it was cast aside in favor of a system of government sale. It leads us to the conclusion that in all things we must make haste slowly and that it is a mistake and disastrous to the cause, no matter how worthy to legislate in advance of whole-hearted public opinion.

It may be a good idea to hitch our wagon to a star, but it doesn't follow that star-gazing is the best thing for a permanent occupation. Star-gazing is all right to gain a general direction, but for steady progress we must lower our eyes somewhat. We do not travel in the freedom of the upper air (as yet), but we must surmount the bumps and ruts of the lower world. We need the idealism, but with it a goodly amount of plain common sense. Hitching is all right for a time also, but to make the best progress we must break loose and start forth on our own power.

There's many a perfectly good ideal and many a needed reform which are shattered because we forget this. We cannot ignore the prejudices of others, we cannot over-ride prevailing conventions or settled conditions or customs. The fact may seem brutal, but it's there just the same. No overwhelming desire on our part can alter the truth.

Reforms come very slowly, and never can they move ahead of general sentiment. We must first lay firm foundations for the new regime, we must clear the road of all foreseen obstructions, and have in reserve plans for removing every possible obstacle which may be raised. We must look at matters not only from our own viewpoint, but from that of others as well, and be prepared to answer all objections of our opponents. They will present some, we may be sure.

If the jackdaw of failure once lights on any proposition it becomes very difficult to scare him off and imbue others with renewed confidence and enthusiasm. So it's always wise to think deeply and go slowly before we attempt radical changes.

Municipal Elections

Within another month the ratepayers of Richmond Hill and surrounding municipalities will decide who are to be the civic legislators for the year 1927; it is a matter worthy of the serious consideration of every elector.

The municipal council of 1926 has done very well; they have worked hard, they held many meetings and they have been extremely careful in the expenditure of civic finances. They have not accomplished all they would like to, because progress and development in a civic way requires money and there is only one way in which money for a municipality can be procured and that is by taxes; more money means more taxes and as the tax rate is already too high the council endeavored to get along without any large expenditures. A municipal council handles a great deal of money in a year, but when education and county levies are paid there is a very small proportion left for their own use. These are matters that are not properly understood by many ratepayers, and some attention and study should be given to them before nomination day.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Children Do Not Get enough Sleep.

Editor, Liberal.
Richmond Hill, Dec. 3, 1926.

Sir:—
Another reason that country children are not as healthy as city children is that they do not get enough sleep. They very seldom go to bed before their parents and while nine o'clock is early for grown people it is too late for little children. The tiny tots should be in bed by seven at the latest and those of eight-thirty no later than eight or eight-thirty. Children should not be taken to evening entertainments except in very exceptional cases. Besides being up too late they are likely to get overheated and catch cold on the way home. In the city if a mother has no one to leave with the children she stays at home herself.

Yours truly,
INTERESTED.

Thanks His Supporters

Editor—
Richmond Hill Liberal.

Dear Sir:—
I want to thank all supporters in the late Election contest and all workers of the O. T. A. I do think a good fight was put up although late in the field and handicapped by the absence of any permanent organization. Yet the electors headed by Mr. Bruce were soon under way with a working organization. The north of the riding, Markham, Scarborough and part of North York gave a magnificent dry majority. The south part of Scarborough voted mostly wet, although a fine band of workers, including the ladies, led by Mrs. Graves made fine progress and deserve the thanks of all upholders of the O. T. A. East York Township with its 50 polling sub-divisions, all wet, overwhelmed the North.

To Mr. Harold Sanders, manager of the campaign is the credit for carrying out a most complete and thorough organization all over the riding in the short time at his disposal, and with him James Stirling shared the burden of much work as financial agent. Mr. Young, Mr. Honey, Mr. Wright and many others gave splendid support. Speaking at two meetings each evening during the latter part of the campaign at some of which the going was exceedingly heavy for the dry candidate.

But our opponents were fair, for we must realize it was an election, I also want to thank Hon. Mr. Henry for his courtesy towards myself. We have been friends in the past, and I am sure he will continue as I am determined to the end.

We entered the contest with the utmost and determined vigor, and tried our best to win. We failed, but have no regrets and would repeat the effort should the occasion arise.

As well-wishers for our beloved province, let us continue to stand by principle and follow the dictates of our conscience.

Your sincerely,
LEVI E. ANNIS.

"Glenwillbur,"
Scarboro,

Dec. 4, 1926.

Markham Twp. Council

At the last regular meeting of the Markham township council the members listened to many complaints as to the state of the roads in various parts of the municipality.

The Council was sympathetic, but pointed out that there had been so much unfavorable weather that it was impossible in many cases to attempt to fix the roads without doing more harm than good. It was decided, however, to repair several of the worst sections if possible this fall.

Foster Wagg was heard regarding a dog of his which worried sheep, for which the council had to pay damage. He admitted that he saw his dog after Mr. Brown's sheep, but thought that Brown's own dog might have done the damage, and said it was spite work on Brown's part. He had a long tale to tell about Brown.

The Reeve cited the act and after conferring with the Council, it was decided that Mr. Wagg and Mr. Brown be later heard at the meeting of the Council on December 15th.

Mr. Pinder of Buttonville was heard asking grant towards prizes for the Christmas Market at North Toronto on Yonge Street.

An estimate was received from James, Proctor & Redfern for work done on Harper bridge, \$1200, less \$240, 20% held back \$960 in favor of Lewis Construction Company, contractors.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay these grants.—N. J. Smellie, treasurer, Thornhill Public Library, \$15; York Market (R. Poole, treasurer), \$10 in aid of Christmas Market.

The clerk was instructed to have the furnace pipes cleaned and the Township Hall wired without delay.

The council adjourned to meet on Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 10 a.m., when the financial report will be submitted and the business for the year cleaned up as far as possible.

York Mills

A very enjoyable meeting of the North York Township Branch of the Red Cross Society was held last Friday at the home of Mrs. Van Nost-rand, Green Gates, York Mills. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Spalton took the chair. The meeting opened with the National Anthem. The chief interest of the meeting was centred in the discussion of the Christmas comforts which the Branch is providing for needy children. During the afternoon the members made Christmas stockings which are to be filled for the Christmas tree for which the Branch is working. After tea Miss Mary Paterson gave a recitation. About thirty members were present.

His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto took the morning service at St. John's church, York Mills and introduced the new vicar, the Rev. A. C. McCollum, to the parish.

Newtonbrook

(Special to the Liberal)

Mis Doris Goulding of MacDonald Hall, Guelph, spent the week-end at her home.

Miss Reed of Toronto visited Mrs. G. C. Charlton on Saturday.

About thirty University students taking a special nine month course in school nursing visited Newtonbrook school on Thursday afternoon to make observations of an out of town school. Dr. Fair of Toronto was anxious for them to see the special health exercises which are used in Miss Russell's room. Dr. Fair was greatly interested in them when he visited here sometime ago with Dr. Hill of Lansing.

A good number turned out to the Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. E. R. Young last Thursday and many hands made light work and another quilt was finished.

This was followed by a splendid meeting Mrs. Douglas Bales presided and Mrs. G. Goulding gave a talk on the Bible Lesson. A very social hour was then spent.

Newtonbrook received its share of snow on Sunday and greatly lessened the attendance at Sunday School and church.

A number from here attended the Odd Fellows Fowl supper and dance at Willowdale Municipal Hall, Friday evening.

On Thursday evening last Mrs. A. G. White gave a trousseau tea at her home here to her former Sunday school class of the Willowdale Baptist church, Misses Doris Smith, Alma Chipchase, Alice Jones and Florence Jones, Miss Harriet Morris their present teacher was also a guest and also Mrs. G. C. Moore, Mrs. H. Moore Mrs. Chipchase and Mrs. F. Sanders. Miss Wakefield of Toronto, assisted Mrs. White. The members of the class took this opportunity of having a surprise shower for the bride-to-be as well as presenting her with a beautiful gift from the class itself. Miss White's many friends will miss her from the community.

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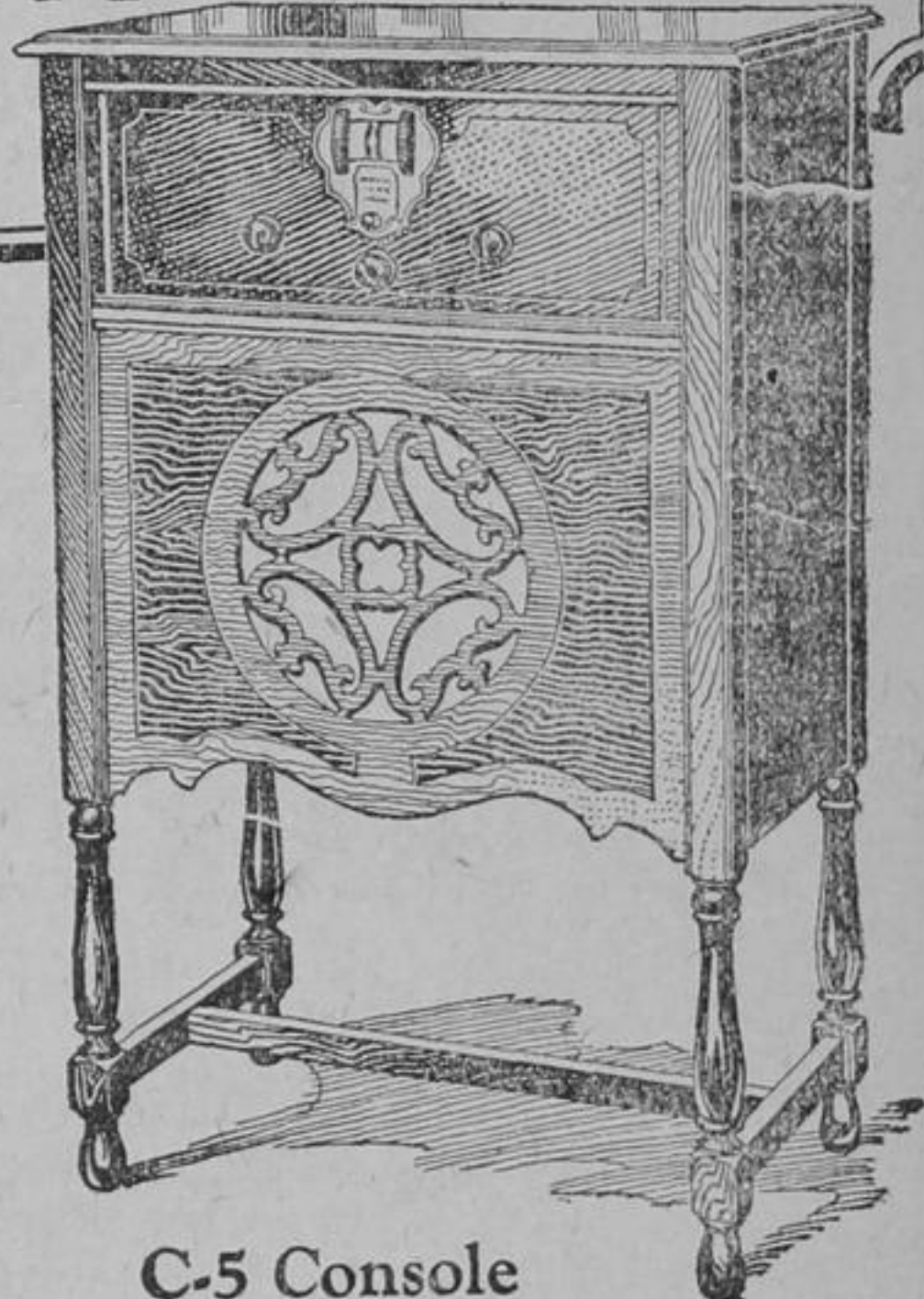
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