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I pray Almighty God that the words I write in this house may be pure and honest—that they be dictated by no personal spite, unworthy motive or unjust greed for gain; that they may tell the truth as far as I know it—and tend to promote love and peace—amongst men.
—William Makepeace Thackeray.

The Vagaries Of March

March, the much-maligned month has this year lived up to its reputation. Early in the month we were lulled into a sense of false security and owners of autos brought the old bus out, golfers shook the dust from putters; mashies were brought down from the attic; fishing equipment was inspected; in fact all and sundry could see Spring at hand. Oftentimes however it was short-lived and the snow and wind put an end to our dreams of spring. We can enter the month in our yearbook thusly "March the stormy petrel of all the months behaved in 1927 according to reputation and was violently changeable.

Trucks Must Not Overload

With the coming of springlike weather and the opening up of the roads, the annual warning to truck drivers to load their vehicles to only half of their capacity has been issued. This warning is given in accordance with the provincial highways traffic act, which provides that during the months of March and April, the loads on trucks must be kept to one half of the capacity of the vehicle. This is done in order to prevent the roads being badly damaged by heavy loads while the frost is coming out of the roads and they are in a soft state. The roads belong to the People—Let's take care of them.

Beware Of Whirlwind Talkers

Just as soon as rural highways are in summer condition a small army of purveyors of securities will begin to move up and down the siders and concession lines looking for purchasers of their wares. Some of the bonds or stocks offered will be good; some will be of questionable value; some will be wholly worthless. It is high time to stop this particular leak at all events. Widows with small capital and farmers with limited surpluses, would be well advised to consult reliable sources of information before subscribing to any "get-rich-quick schemes."

Make A Start

Ask the man of forty years of age how long it seems since he was twenty-one, and he will tell you that twenty-one seems only a few summers back. Ask the man of fifty how long it seems since he was forty, and he will tell you that forty seems but yesterday to him. When you are in the twenties it can scarcely be measured, and the laying of any foundations for comfort in old age seems positively ridiculous. When we are in our twenties we are all going to do wonderful things and make our fortune—some time.

The King's English As It Is Murdered

It is surprising to note the prevalence of Murder of the King's English. In every walk of life and in places where we least expect it we hear glaring mistakes in English which very often are due more to carelessness than to ignorance. The word "yes" seems to be disappearing from the vocabulary. A recent authority gives a list of nearly forty words, each of them used in place of "yes" and not one of them to be found in the dictionary. "Yep," "Yeh," "Yeth," "Yah," and "Yup," are samples. We seem to be getting too busy for clear and correct enunciation. And as for grammar, many people regard it as old-fashioned. "I seen him yesterday, and before that I hadn't saw him for a long time," was a statement recently heard.

A Community Standard

One of the greatest forces for community development is the feeling that ones HOME COMMUNITY must come up to a certain standard. It is this spirit of community development which is behind the organization of the Yonge Street Improvement Association which held an organization meeting here last week. The association has as its aim the furthering of every good cause which will boost the North Yonge Street district and is worthy of the support of every public spirited citizen. The formation of the association augurs well for the future of this section of York County. When you have evidence of such a spirit in any community it is bound to operate against any condition which is below par.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Whitchurch Township (1798).

There are twelve towns and villages in England bearing the name of Whitchurch or Blacminster the most important of which is Shropshire, in the neighborhood of three fine lakes, Osmere, Blackmere and Brown Mosswater. King John assembled his forces there in 1211, prior to attacking the Welsh, on which occasion he penetrated to the foot of Snowdon. The ruins of an ancient castle were standing in 1760, but its foundation and history are unknown.

Whitchurch is also the name of an early English printer. After Tyndale's death, when Rogers had brought the translation of the Bible to Isaiah, the English printers, Richard Grafton and Edward Whitchurch, intervened, bought up the book as it stood, and advanced the necessary funds for its completion.

Letters From The People

Geraniums For Town Fathers
Richmond Hill, Ont.
Editor Liberal,

Sir:—
I was pleased to note in your last week's issue that at long last Richmond Hill is to have its main street paved and our citizens thus relieved of a long standing inconvenience. I only hope, Sir, that your prognostications are correct and if it proves to be the case—for one will feel like presenting each member of this year's council with a hand-painted geranium to mark the occasion. My humble opinion is that the work should be done with an idea to permanency and not in a make-shift manner in order to save a few dollars. If the total cost is anywhere near as stated in your paper last week I am sure that there will be few kickers. Your report last week did not state the width of the proposed roadway but I presume it will be the full width of the street and I think the curbs should be built also. We've waited a long time now so let's make a real job of it.
Yours truly,
GLAD TO HEAR THE NEWS.

Suggests Beer Store For Richmond Hill—If People Go To Toronto For Wet Goods Will Probably Buy Dry Goods Also.

Editor Liberal,

Dear Sir:—
Now that the public have been apprized of the provisions of the government Control Act, I would suggest that regardless of political prejudice we should consider this project in the light most suitable to our local requirements and well-being.

The act provides that everyone who has attained the age of twenty-one years may purchase by permit at government stores such liquors, wine and beer as they desire so long as the commission is satisfied that the privilege is not being abused. Regardless of where we live be it wet or dry territory we are to have the privilege of purchasing Mr. Ferguson's soothing syrup, we are to be permitted to drink it in our homes whether our homes are in wet or dry territory. In other words we who reside in Richmond Hill will have the same personal liberty in so far as drinking is concerned as has the citizen of Toronto, but we shall be deprived of the right to purchase in our home town. We may either cross the arid land between here and the oasis of Toronto or we may purchase by mail. Now Mr. Editor there are very few who will deny the fact that the few miles between Richmond Hill and the city of Toronto will not provide a very great obstacle to those thirsty souls who desire to quench their thirst with whatever form of liquor they may desire to purchase. Neither is there any doubt about there being a goodly number of people who still look upon a glass of good beer as the best method of relieving a parched throat. These are all facts and under existing circumstances they all point in the one direction, i. e., loss of trade to the local merchant, for if we are forced to go to the city for our wet goods we shall surely feel inclined to purchase some of our dry goods there also.

There is a provision made in the act where by the municipality may petition the commission for a beer store. And I submit that in view of the fact that the location of such a store in Richmond Hill will neither increase the privilege of the drinker nor permit a greater consumption of liquor in the village but will have a tendency to retain within the village the greater portion of business which would otherwise be lost to Toronto, and at the same time provide the service for which both local and transient trade look forward to. In view of these facts I say we as citizens who are looking to the betterment of conditions in our village should make some move to have our council feel out the sentiments of the citizens in regard to petitioning the commission to open a beer store in Richmond Hill. I feel sure there are many who will be glad of an opportunity to discuss this through the press Mr. Editor and I shall anxiously await their views, I am,
BOTH SOBER AND DRY.

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Minister of Works and Mines in the Nova Scotia Legislature, who has introduced an amendment to the Coal Mines Regulations Act in the Legislative Assembly. The proposal calls for an eight-hour-day for miners and an embargo upon the importation of mine-workers from outside the province.

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Quality And Productiveness Of Our Poultry Brings World's Congress To Ottawa

Why is Canada the best country in the world in which to raise domestic fowl of all kinds? That is the question that many thousands of people, who do not live in the Dominion are asking themselves. They have been led to propound this query because of the magnificent display of birds made by Canada at the World's Poultry Congress in Spain in 1924, and also because of the fact that Canada holds the world's egg production records for both for a pen of ten hens and for an individual hen. As a consequence they will gather in Ottawa for the third World's Poultry Congress from July 27 to August 4, 1927.

A good many Canadians may feel that because they do not know one breed of poultry from another they have no interest in this gathering, but if so, they miss both its national and personal significance. In Europe particularly Great Britain the advancement in poultry breeding is largely due to the personal and financial assistance given by leading citizens. His Majesty King George and the Prince of Wales (both of whom will have exhibits at Ottawa) are amongst the outstanding poultry breeders in the Empire, and their example is followed by hundreds whose purpose is patriotic and philanthropic—persons who are interested in birds because they are more keenly interested in men. It is expected that the Congress at Ottawa will be attended by about seven thousand delegates from outside Canada, hundreds of whom come with the idea of seeing whether a country which produces such fine poultry would not be a good place for men and women from the overcrowded agricultural areas of Europe. The more citizens from different parts of Canada there are at the Congress the more likely the outside delegates will be to learn something of the different provinces and to take back with them an adequate conception of what the Dominion has to offer.

The Congress will include also many scientists, of international reputation in biology, genetics, pathology, zoology, etc. from all the countries of Europe. There will be a large number of British agricultural county agents, and the representatives of the great importing houses of Western Europe. These will be, so to speak, in addition to the world's great experts in all lines of poultry breeding and in the production and marketing of poultry (dead and alive) eggs, equipment and supplies. There will, therefore, be very much to interest all patriotic Canadians, whatever their profession or business.

Representatives of thirty different countries will attend, and there will be one of the greatest displays of poultry ever assembled in which it is believed Canada's part will not be insignificant. The delegates will be welcomed by His Excellency the Governor-General, and by the Prime Minister. The Minister of Agriculture, the Ministers of Agriculture of the various provinces, and other prominent citizens are on the congress committee, which has all the details in charge.

The Congress Officers are:—President, Mr. Edward Brown, London, England; Director, Mr. F. C. Elford, Dominion Poultry Husbandman; Secretary, Mr. Ernest Rhoades, Transportation Building, Ottawa.

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