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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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1927

THE RECKLESS MOTORIST

The Hon. J. L. Perron, minister of roads for the province of Quebec, is determined to put a stop to reckless driving of automobiles and trucks on the highways of that province. As a result of his instructions, it is reported, six hundred drivers have already been deprived of their licenses on account of offences against the provincial traffic laws, and he has stated that before the present season is ended, he expects that the number so punished will reach 1,500. This is a drastic punishment to inflict on the motorists, but it must be admitted that it is a just one, for the man who deliberately drives an automobile or truck in a reckless manner, is not fit to be trusted at the wheel of a motor vehicle on the public highways.

A SMALLER PARLIAMENT

Considerable interest has been aroused throughout Ontario by the suggestion of A. J. E. Belleperche, president of the Essex County Conservative Association, that there should be a reduction in the membership of the Canadian parliament. The suggestion is not a new one, for it has been put forward time and again by close students of the parliamentary systems of this country. There is a feeling in many minds that the business of the country could be conducted more expeditiously, and on a more businesslike basis, if there were fewer representatives in the federal house at Ottawa, but there has been no one to bring the matter officially before that house. Probably the fear of losing a seat which was not easily gained has deterred any member of parliament from fostering the idea that there might be fewer members, with a consequent reduction in the time of the house wasted in useless speeches.

According to a statement made at the regular session of the Richmond Hill council on Monday night, Reeve Lunau thinks that newspapers are "liars." "I can't make a statement about the road until I know where we are at, or if we did we'd soon be as big a liar as the papers" were the exact words used. Such a statement from the head of a municipality constitutes a wholesale indictment against the press of the land and should either be substantiated by evidence or else publicly withdrawn. If Reeve Lunau meant what he said it is a very serious charge; if he did not mean it he should not have said it.

In the early spring the roadway on Yonge street at the southern end of the village became almost impassable. All summer it has been in a disgraceful condition and at the council meeting on Monday night it was decided to repair the road. It is understood that it can be put in fair shape for about twenty five dollars, and it is not likely that it would have cost more to fix it in early May than it does now. It does not matter whether the council is to blame, or whether the Department of Highways is to blame, the fact remains that the people of Richmond Hill have suffered as a result of the management or mismanagement of our streets. Not only have the people suffered by riding over a rough road but the town as a whole has suffered an inestimable loss in the adverse publicity that Richmond Hill has received on account of the condition of the road. And to think that it could have all been avoided by the expenditure of less than twenty-five dollars.

The Richmond Hill council will have the hearty support of the people in their endeavour to improve the local water supply. It may seem that the expenditure is a large one, but if it is a solution for the problem it means saving the whole water system which is practically useless in its present state. Chairman G. H. Sloan of the Waterworks Committee is confident that the proposed plan will be a remedy for present conditions and this is also the opinion of the Provincial Department of Health.

The trek of pleasure seeking travellers through York County is increasing by thousands every year. What are the people of this district doing to make their journey pleasant and then stay in Canada memorable?

The Prince of Wales is visiting in Canada. He is loved here not only because he is the heir apparent to the British throne, but because he is essentially a likeable fellow himself, radiating personality and at heart a democrat. We in Canada, like to think that he finds real pleasure in being among us. We believe that he wants us to look upon him as a fellow Canadian.

LEVITY OF THE PRESS

When Shakespeare wrote that "all the world's a stage," he no doubt foresaw that all the women in it would dress like chorus girls.—Brantford Expositor.

A clergyman deploras the fact that boys of 14 have their fingers stained by cigarette-smoking. They should wait until they get a little holder.—Montreal Star.

Western housewives must feel terribly at having a tornado muss things up so soon after spring cleaning.—Kitchener Record.

The old-fashioned fellow who never thought anything of walking 18 or 20 miles in an afternoon had a grandson who never thought of it, either.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

If an old man is rich enough he can purchase a young wife; but if he can purchase her, she isn't worth much.—Oshawa Times.

Nasty crack at Henry Ford is the suggestion of a New York paper that the auto horn on his new car will be a jewsharp.—Toronto Telegram

At last accounts Chinese troops were shunting around Shantung and probably getting the orders mixed.—Brantford Expositor.

Now for a season of wet and dry newspapers trying to prove not much and terrible drunkenness under liquor control.—Galt Reporter.

A new show in New York is called "The Bare Facts of 1927." Some kind of play about bathing beaches we suppose.—Kitchener Record.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Councillor Gordon Sloan Discusses Waterworks Problems

Richmond Hill, Aug. 9th
The Editor of Liberal
Dear Sir:—
Owing to the rumors and stories regarding the waterworks which are being circulated it seems to me that a few words at this time might clear the air.

The council realize fully the condition of the water during the past few weeks and know also the seriousness of the situation. It is not our purpose to blunder blindly onward seeking some quack remedy whereby the water may be made to taste a little less objectionable but what we do want is an absolute cure from the disagreeable taste and odor during the summer months. We have therefore taken expert advice.

The Provincial Board of Health whose business it is to investigate troubles of this description, advise us that to pipe the water from the stream above the pond to the filters, will absolutely do away with our difficulty.

Anyone who makes a statement that the water in the stream above the present reservoir is not good water do so either because of their ignorance of the facts or a desire to circulate a malicious falsehood.

We wish to make it known that we will not be satisfied with any half measures but when it is completed we want satisfaction.

The citizens are therefore asked to forbear a short time longer for as soon as we can acquire the necessary property work will proceed with all possible haste.

Yours Very Truly
GORDON SLOAN
Chairman Waterworks

"KILL THE UMPIRE"

Maple, August 4, 1927
Editor Liberal
Sir:—

I have been a close follower of sport in this section of York County and have watched games in almost every centre in this district from Lansing to Newmarket and there is one feature of nearly all games which does not appeal to me. That is the apparently natural disposition of certain players on almost every team to "crab the umpire." In ninety nine per cent. of all the games I've ever witnessed I honestly believe that the umpire called them as he saw them. To razz him unnecessarily is a poor policy for any player because nine times out of ten it reflects against the team responsible.

Not only are the players guilty but the fans as well. Half in jest, thousands of fans have expressed disapproval of an umpire's ruling by shouting: "Kill the umpire!" To say that the effect of the umpire's decision on the favorite team was often of as great moment as the accuracy of the decision would be putting it mildly.

Is such an outburst usually half in jest? Or less than half? Not one fan in a thousand who shout it could tell the degree of jest and the degree of unconscious sincerity it expressed.

That there is some earnest meaning in it is indicated by the fact that actual fights are by no means uncommon in some places. The risk in shouting such things, even though wholly in jest, is shown by the fact that they sometimes eventuate in attacks on the umpire.

The umpire is a necessary official; without him there could be no baseball. He ought to be treated with consideration and sportsmanship. By this one doesn't mean merely that a fan should refrain from killing the umpire. He ought to refrain also from advising that he be killed. For when the mob spirit breaks out at a ball game, some one is more than likely to take the advice seriously.

Remember the umpire is in charge of the game. If you're not satisfied apply for the job and you can likely have it for the next game. Yours for better sport.

"ONCE AN UMPIRE"

"SOMEONE HAS BLUNDERED"

Richmond Hill, Ont.
August 8, 1927

Editor Liberal
Sir:—

I wish to congratulate you on your editorial in last week's issue of your valuable paper regarding the local road situation. The people certainly want information on this subject which is of vital importance to every taxpayer. If the members of the council do not know where they stand they should say so and the ratepayers could take hold themselves and see that the village is not saddled with a great

burden for years to come. Ever since early spring we have been enduring adverse publicity on account of our bad road and have been bumping over the bumps ourselves and keeping out of the hospital only on the periodical promises of the council that the pavement was coming.

The fact that it will not now be paved until well on in the fall is ample evidence that "someone has blundered." If the council knew all along that this was the way it was to be done they have been unmercifully kidding the public. If someone else is to blame we should have a clear cut, open out and out, statement to that effect to clear the air. I'm no kicker and I can take my share of punishment but I will not stand to have it rubbed in. And we're sure getting it rubbed in this year.

Yours Truly
"CIVIS"

Telephone Calls On Daylight Saving Time

An innovation that will be welcomed by local users of long distance telephone service is announced by Manager Harris of the Bell Telephone Company.

"Daylight saving time, as in use here in Richmond Hill will apply from now on on reduced rate station-to-station long distance telephone calls," said Mr. Harris in explaining his company's announcement.

"Heretofore, in order that all over our territory long distance users might be basing their telephone usage on the same system, we have applied Standard Time irrespective of local conditions. Our experience has shown us that we can save the time and meet the convenience of our patrons in Daylight Saving Communities by applying local time to messages originating in such communities. And so, from now on, evening rates on Station-to-Station long distance calls originating here will apply from 8.30 p. m. Daylight Time, and night rates from 12 midnight.

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Secure your application form today. You can get it from any garage or issuer of motor car licenses in the Province. The fee for a License is \$1.

Traffic Patrol Officers may call for the production of Operator's Licenses both on city streets and country highways. If you cannot produce your License you will be subject to a penalty under The Highways Traffic Act.

New drivers, and those suffering from physical disability, have the opportunity to pass an examination by Inspectors of the Department. These Inspectors are located at convenient points throughout the Province. Your garage will tell you of the one nearest to you. The examination fee is \$1.

Ontario Operator's Licenses are recognized in every Province and every State. Wherever Operator's Licenses are required, an Ontario Operator's License is necessary for everyone in charge of an Ontario car. Do not attempt to leave the Province without your Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

A satisfactory measure of support by the great majority of motorists has been accorded the Department in its past efforts to maintain the safety of the highways. The higher speed limit and an abnormal increase in traffic now render this additional measure necessary. The Department therefore sincerely hopes you will indicate your support of safe highway travel by securing your Operator's License without delay.

Ontario Department of Highways
The Hon. GEORGE S. HENRY, Minister

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Just a Convenience

Many there are who make of a legitimate and well-established business nothing but a convenience—a place from which to get odds and ends when there is no time to go farther afield. They do not hesitate to send their good money away for many things they need, and which could just as satisfactorily and much more promptly be supplied by their home merchants and dealers. No business, no matter of what nature, can long exist on this sort of patronage. Nor is it fair to expect that it should. The public expect to receive services as and when they demand it; but many do not do their part in making this possible.

Use The Local Plant

There are manufacturing industries with fairly complete equipment which because of such lack of consideration, are idle much of the time. It must be patent to all that a busy plant can operate much more cheaply than one which is working only on part time. Therefore it should be the policy of all to place their business of whatever kind it may be with the local plant or factory to the end that it may be kept reasonably busy and thus be in a position to give its best service.

When it is printed matter of any kind, remember the plant and equipment of

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