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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, SEPTEMBER 22, 1927

A CHANGED ATTITUDE

The return to school of children in this district and every other district in the province of Ontario is evidence of the greatly changed attitude towards school which now exists, as compared with what it used to be when the present generation of middle-aged people was young. The jokesters still like to portray all children as hating school, and playing all sorts of pranks in order to avoid attending it, but, judging from the manner in which the young people of today face their school hours, it is apparent that these jokes belong to an age which has long since passed away.

It is inspiring to see the cheerful and smiling faces of the boys and girls as they troop along the streets on their way to school. They all look as if they wanted to get there as quickly as they could, and as if they enjoyed going. A Toronto principal, for instance, reported that his children came back to school singing, and their song was "Happy Days." And truly, the children of the present day, have much provided for them to make their school days happy. There is a spirit of friendliness between teacher and scholar today which makes happiness. There is an interest in recreation and sports which is something belonging entirely to the present generation, and which makes school more than a place for imbibing the principles of the three "R's". Classrooms are brighter and better than they used to be, and, in every way, school is made so attractive that the reluctant scholar is now a rarity in most communities. Fortunate indeed is the country whose children look upon school as a place of pleasure rather than a place of penance.

SPEED UP THE WORK

The work of construction of the new T.T.C. tracks and paved roadway through Richmond Hill should be rushed with all possible speed. The inconvenience and loss which the merchants and business men will sustain should not be made greater by any unnecessary delays and if at all possible the local council should make an effort to have the contractors work extra shifts to make use of every hour of daylight and if at all practicable at certain times to work during the night. The business men as loyal citizens of the town welcome the construction of the road but their inevitable loss and inconvenience should be reduced to the minimum by the exercise of every effort to SPEED UP THE WORK.

KEEP CHILDREN OFF THE STREET

The many complaints which have reached this office recently about children of tender years frequenting the streets and public places long after they should be in their beds is a challenge to the parents to exercise the authority and trust which is theirs and see that children are off the streets and in their homes at a respectable hour every evening. If parents do not appreciate their responsibility it will be a matter for the authorities to impress on the parents who are negligent of the duty which is theirs according to law.

The date of municipal elections will soon be at hand and those who have had the honor of representing municipalities will be called upon to give an account of their stewardship.

The meanest man in the world is the man who becomes deaf but will not tell his barber.—Hamilton Herald.

The difference between home and a restaurant is that at home you recognize the dinner scraps you get for supper.—Kingston Whig-Standard.



Winter Fire Dangers

SOON now fall fires will be lighted, to burn all through the winter; short days and long nights mean more lights and greater hazards—and it is time that all business and home owners take stock to know if they are fully protected against loss of fire.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

HAS GOVERNMENT CONTROL BEEN A SUCCESS?

Thornhill, Ont.
Sept. 20, 1927

Editor The Liberal

Sir:—
In your last issue I was pleased to note a letter from Thornhill on the temperance question. This is one of the life problems that are of much greater importance to us than our political alliances.

Government Control is now the law of our Province, and every loyal citizen, and every believer in temperance should try to make it a success. We are all partners with the duly appointed officers in securing the fullest observance of law, whatever that law may be.

If Government Control is to have the best results possible it must have the loyal support of the citizens. Its defects must be observed and remedied, and its restrictive powers must be fully exercised. Reliable judgment as to its effect may require more time than has already elapsed since its inception. Some things, however, call for serious consideration. It is already evident that the liquor interests are not satisfied with what they have obtained so far. Further concessions are being demanded, and will be pressed with ceaseless energy. The temperance forces have not asked for the granting of permits for the legal keep and use of liquor on yachts on the waters of our Province. This extension recently announced is surely due to very heavy pressure from some quarter, and the effects will be most serious. All yachtsmen will deem themselves equally entitled to the privilege. The common highways of our lakes and rivers may readily become channels for the easy flow of intoxicating liquor. Some pressure has brought this about. Privilege has also been extended to keepers of hotels to have strong liquors in the private, or family section of their hotels. Under such conditions, where there is a disposition to violate the law, the difficulty of securing conviction will be greatly increased. If a hotel keeper may lawfully keep liquors just inside the door that swings between the public part of his house and the private it will be easy indeed to supply trusted customers with drinks stronger than four four, and difficult for any officer to secure conviction. Surely there has been intense pressure upon the Government, otherwise such a concession, involving untold difficulty in the way of enforcement, would not have been granted.

It has been reported in the daily press as a matter of definite information that the Prime Minister and others in a position to judge have said they are confident that the estimated revenue of seven million dollars will be reached and probably exceeded in twelve months. This is definite assurance from the highest authority that the big Provincial bar-room will do a thriving business. It is assurance that an immense amount of liquor will be consumed somewhere as the outcome of Government sales. It will of course be said that just as much was imbibed under the O.T.A. Such a statement however has no definite proof behind it. It is only conjecture. But there is no conjecture in reference to the immense drink bill represented by seven million dollars revenue tax. It will perhaps be stated that much of this liquor goes to the United States. If so it must go surreptitiously, and in violation of international law and good will.

It is a prime duty of the Act to dispose of the bootlegger and the illicit still. These two things were proclaimed as its distinguishing virtues. Every citizen should carefully watch its operation along these two lines. So far it is hard to see any improvement in Thornhill. In fact it is hard to keep hoping that it is not worse. My personal experience in the discharge of such duties as come to me in my social service tasks assures me that there is considerably more drinking today than there was six months ago. It is a duty devolving on every good citizen to satisfy himself upon definite evidence as to this. Observation will enable anyone readily to do so.

A careful consideration of the problem of Government Control compels one to ask how it comes about that shortly after the incoming of the Act Magistrates began to promise and to impose the heaviest penalties permitted upon persons found under the influence of liquor while in charge of a motor vehicle. The daily press undoubtedly report many more road accidents than prior to Government sales. A sense of alarm is abroad as to the dangers of the road. Why?

Now is the time to study these things rather than six weeks before an election.

B. R. STRANGWAYS

"REGRETS TENDENCY OF MODERN SPORT"

Willowdale, Ont.
September 19, 1927

Editor Liberal

Sir:—
I understand that two million dollars worth of tickets have been sold for the Dempsey-Tunney fight which will be held on Thursday night, and no doubt there are many people in this great County of York, like in all other sections of the world who will follow the outcome with keen interest. To my mind there is something radically wrong somewhere when people have come to the place where they will pay two millions of dollars to see Dempsey and Tunney knock each other over a boxing ring in Chicago, and the promoter of the fight expects to sell another million dollars' worth before the date of the event. Does not this seem a tremendous wastage of money? Is it really worth while to have all that amount spent for what is more or less an exhibition of brute strength? There are those, of course who will be able to see something elevating and worth while in a prize fight, but the thing has become so commercialized that there is very little of the sporting element left in it.

This placing of a great premium on sheer physical brutality, for that is what it amounts to when two men get into the ring with the object of trying to knock each other unconscious, does not indicate a very healthy mental condition on the part of those who contribute to the three million dollars of gate receipts. It makes one wonder just how much they would pay for recreations which tend to benefit the intellectual and moral sides of their natures, rather than pander to the purely physical tastes. The modern tendency is to seek for thrills in everything, whether these thrills are healthy or not, and it is not a tendency which is in the best interests of the development of a high type of citizenship.

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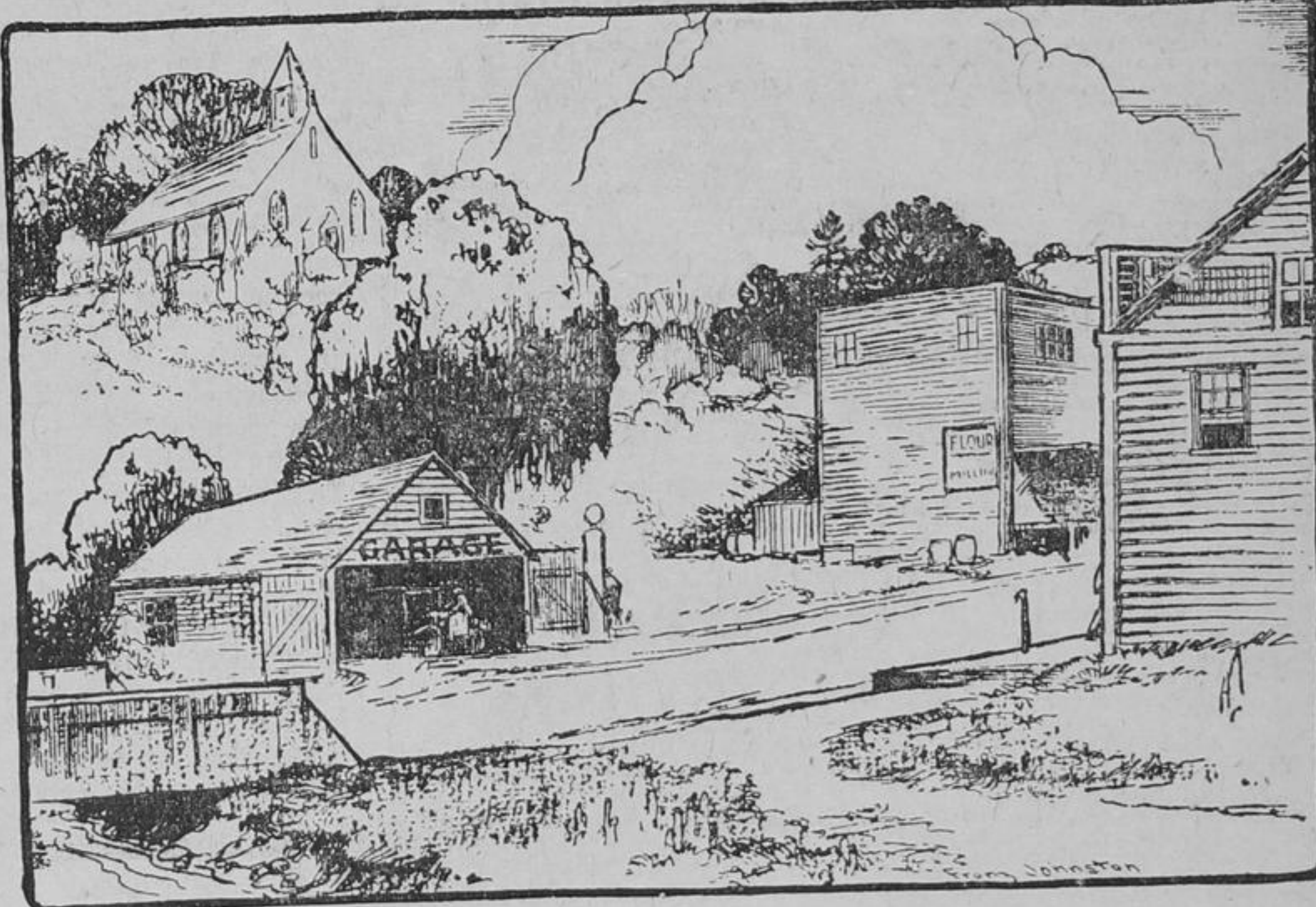
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International Plowing Match NOTICE

The Billeting Committee are desirous of securing well in advance the names of citizens in this district who are able to provide sleeping accommodation for visitors to the Great International Plowing Match and Machinery Demonstration which will be held at the Municipal Farm, Langstaff, Oct. 11, 12, 13, 14, also the names of those who can provide stable room for teams.

Kindly leave name and address and number of people you can accommodate with

J. A. GREENE Richmond Hill.



They bridge the gap between town and country

Improved highways make for a better understanding on both sides

Hard, smooth roads, stretching in all directions over Ontario, have helped rural and town people to appreciate one another's problems. Mutual understanding is taking the place of misunderstanding.

Easy communication has brought communities closer together. It has widened personal and business acquaintance. It has opened up new markets, has saved time and effort. Rural Ontario does not need to be isolated.

No one wants to return to the old days when it was impossible to drive to town because of bad roads, or when town people could not visit the country.

Use the highways. But use them safely. Avoid excessive speeds and careless driving. With the faster moving traffic under

the new speed laws, drivers must exercise every precaution. Watch the road warnings. Take no chances at intersections, railway crossings and curves, near schools, or when passing pedestrians.

See to your brakes. Your life or the lives of others may depend upon your control of your car.

Watch your headlights. They must not glare. A glaring headlight is a positive menace on the highways. Simple instructions, sent free by this Department, show how headlights should be adjusted.

Obey the rules of the road. Be patient. BE COURTEOUS. Do not enforce your rights in traffic if others are inconvenienced or placed in danger.

Always have your Motor Vehicle Operator's License with you

A common courtesy on Ontario's highways will help to bring country and town still closer together for the well-being and prosperity of both.

Ontario Department of Highways

The Hon. GEO. S. HENRY, Minister