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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, JANUARY 26, 1928

BOOSTING YOUR HOME TOWN

Boosting the home town and the home town merchant is the duty of the local newspaper. In nearly every town you will hear the wail of a merchant who bemoans the fact that the mail order house is getting business that he should have and at prices that he can and does meet. The newspaper is aware of the fact that many dollars are being sent daily out of town for goods that can be bought right at home and at prices that will compare favorably.

The latest method to combat the mail order house is introduced by Mr. I. E. Pedlow, an enterprising and successful merchant of the town of Renfrew. Mr. Pedlow picked out several items from the "Special Catalogue" that flooded the country as soon as the Christmas season was over, and sent away to the mail order house for them. On their arrival he compared them with what he had in his own store, only to find that in each and every case, he had for sale, goods that were of better quality and at prices from 10 to 20 per cent. lower than the "bargains" that he had received. In bringing the matter to the attention of his customers, Mr. Pedlow used three full columns of advertising, which will no doubt satisfy the most sceptical that the so-called "bargains" were not bargains at all.

CRITICISM OF PUBLIC MEN.

Grattan O'Leary, a well-known journalist, in an address to the Women's Canadian Club at Ottawa, made the statement that unless there was some effort to stem the present flood of criticism of public men, it would become more and more difficult to induce men of ability to stand for public office. On account of undue criticism, he said, the quality of the members of the United States Congress of today was the lowest in fifty years, and he was afraid that Canada would soon find itself in a similar position.

There is much to be said in favor of the viewpoint of Mr. O'Leary. It is true that many men of great ability, who could be of service to their country and community, decline to stand for public office because of the storm of criticism which they know will be showered upon them. That reason is in many ways justified, because the moment a man steps into the limelight of public life, there are always those who will make it their business to dig up some excuse, either real or imaginary, for a storm of condemnation.

It should not be imagined, however, that criticism is not a good thing for men in public life. Honest criticism should always be welcomed, for it often leads to more wholesome and effective legislation and administration. It would be fatal to the conduct of public affairs if there were to be no criticism, for that would mean no opposition. There is a vast difference, however, between criticism and abuse, and it is true that there are many who believe that abuse of public men is an effective form of criticism. Public men themselves, however, are often guilty of this mistake in the heat of election campaigns, and should not complain if the pot resorts to the defence of calling the kettle black.

UNUSUAL WEATHER

There is no subject of more universal interest, probably, than the weather. When men greet each other on the streets, the weather comes first as the subject of comment. The little item giving the weather probabilities for the next day has been found one of the most widely read items in any newspaper. When every other subject of conversation fails at a party, then the weather is always convenient. Therefore it is not out of place that it should be made the subject of an editorial comment, particularly in view of the unusual weather conditions which have prevailed here since the year 1928 made its bow to the Canadian people.

In January in Canada one expects snow blizzards, temperatures at least below freezing, if not near the zero mark, and expects that outdoors and ice sports will be in full swing. Instead, one reads of butterflies fluttering about, of snakes coming out of their winter quarters to bask in the sunshine, and of golf-lovers finding it possible to indulge in their favorite sport in mid-January. It does seem as if Ontario this year is enjoying all the phenomena of a winterless winter.

Over in old England, where severe snowstorms come about once in a decade, and the frost is seldom serious enough to cause the streams to freeze, conditions have also been reversed. There are stories of railway lines being hopelessly blocked, communities isolated, and rivers frozen by the most severe visitation of winter experienced in many years. It would seem as if the Canadian winter has gone east to the old land, and the English winter has decided to hibernate in Canada. It is hardly possible, as scientists have pointed out, that the relative positions of the countries have altered to such an extent as to reverse the weather conditions, but nature is nevertheless playing a strange joke on both Canada and Great Britain this winter.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?
This Week of 1890

When the Vaughan Council met at the Town Hall, members present, Andrew Russell, Reeve; George High, 1st Deputy-Reeve, Samuel J. Arnold; 2nd Deputy-Reeve; R. Watson and W. Watson, Councillors.

When at the residence of Mr. Wm. Nichol, Vaughan by Rev. W.W. Bates rector of Thornhill and Richmond Hill, Mr. John A. McKinnon, son of Mr. John McKinnon, Vellore, to Miss Isabella Tiffin, daughter of the late John Tiffin, Vaughan.

When the anniversary services were held in Headford Methodist Church, sermons were preached by Rev. J.M. Simpson, and Rev. W.W. Percival. Several choir readings were given by Mrs. N. Munro.

When Mr. Thomas Kelly of Brandon, Man was in town a few days and left an order with W. Trench, carriage builder, for thirty-five buggies to be shipped to Brandon on completion.

When the annual meeting of the York Township Agricultural Society was held at Jackson's Hotel, Eglinton the following were the officers elected for the year of 1890:—President, D. G. Holmes; Vice-President, John Morgan, Secretary, Thos. A. Lackie; Treasurer, Thos. Boucock.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1896

When in Richmond Hill, William Atkinson passed away in his 66th year.

When the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church here, was held in the church on the evening of the 22nd 1896. With Rev. Mr. Grant in the chair the following officers were elected:—Messrs McConaghy, Kennerley and Moodie were appointed trustees, and Messrs Thomas Newton, John In-

nes, Fred Jackes, John Savage, Frank McConaghy, Andrew Newton and John Brydon were elected managers.

When Mr. John Sanderson was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy caused in the Council by the lamented death of the late William Atkinson.

When a pleasant event took place at Cedar Side Farm, the occasion being a wooden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Bell.

The following are the names who were promoted from Senior 1 to Junior II in the Public School here: Bertie Sliney, Karl Storey, Starr McMahon, Binnie Redditt, Laura Lyons, Herbie Claffey, Baldwin Mintern, Jno. Leece.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1906

When a Bank Social given by the Maple Women's Auxiliary was well attended, a short programme was given by local talent aided by Miss Beatrice Smith of Kleinburg who gave a couple of solos. A short address on "Work" was given by Mr. J. G. McDonald, at the close refreshments were served by the ladies.

When at his late residence, Dollar, Ont., George Gohn passed away in his 70th year.

When a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. Perry Piercey, Teston, when his only daughter Sophia was united in marriage to Mr. Malcolm Hart of Yorkton, Sask., by the Rev. Newton Hill of King City.

When the following program was given by members of the Epworth League. Solo, Miss Mortson, Trio by Mr. D. Derry, Mr. A. Glass and Miss L. Wright, recitation by Miss Horning, solo by Miss Duncan; reading by Miss Scanlan. Mrs. Sloan was in the chair for the meeting.

King Township Council

Pursuant to Statute the Council elect of the Corporation of the Township of King, met at 11 o'clock a.m., at Community Hall, Nobleton.

Members all present and having subscribed to their declaration of office, took their seats as follows:—

Reeve, E.M. Legge; First Deputy-Reeve, Elton Armstrong, Second Deputy Reeve, Frank A. Egan; Councillors, Norman D. MacMurchy and J.P. Jefferson.

The Reeve asked for communications which were presented and read. On motion Council went into Committee of the whole on accounts, with Councillor Armstrong in the chair, when the following bills were presented and ordered paid:—

McDonald & Son:—Balance on account, \$7.00; J.E. Archibald, coal for Mrs. McGill; W.H. Black, Tile \$41.50; John Thompson; balance on account \$8.05.

Wesley Proctor, repairs to culvert, and gravel \$11.40; Richard Harman, Maintenance \$8.00; Goodfellow, supplies for grader, \$3.40; L.B. Wells, maintenance \$5.40; Ernest Hollingshead, cement \$8.40; Harry Flatt, gravel \$0.80; Jerome Campbell, maintenance \$9.50; Samuel Davis, \$12.78; Charles Cassey, repairs to culvert, \$8.40; Wm. Riley, maintenance half to E. Gwilliambury \$133.20; Gordon Jackson, on account \$100.00.

E. Armstrong moved, seconded by J.P. Jefferson, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Deputy Returning Officers and their mileage, Poll clerks and Polling Booths and Returning officer for their services in conducting the Municipal Election for the year 1928, in accordance with the By-Law governing said payments.

Egan—Jefferson—That the Treasurer pay to Albert Hill \$20.00 rent of Hall for Nomination and Council Meetings.

Egan—Jefferson—That the Treasurer refund \$2.00 to Aubrey Stewart re Dog wrongly assessed.

Jefferson—MacMurchy—That Cecil Walker be appointed School Attendance and Truant officer in lieu of Mr. Heains and Jas. McClement.

Egan—MacMurchy—That the usual donation of \$15.00 be given to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

By-Law No. 497, re Board of Health, By-Law No. 498, re appointing Assessors with the names of H.C. Webb and Samuel Armstrong and By-Law No. 499 re place for holding Council meetings received there several readings and passed.

On Motion Council adjourned to meet at Temperance Hall, Kettleby, on Saturday, February 11th, 1928 at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

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SNOWSHOERS GATHER AT MONTREAL



Upper left: Ice Palace erected at Lachine, on the occasion of the 1927 Carnival; upper right: The Montagnard of Lewiston, Me., first ladies' snowshoe club to join the Federation of the Canadian and American Clubs; Centre: Mr. C. H. Lalonde, President of the Snowshoers' Convention Committee of 1928. Lower left: One of the clubs to take part in the Snowshoers' Convention which will be held in Montreal; lower right: Snowshoers' parade.

The Annual Convention of Canadian and American snowshoers will be held this year in Montreal on the 3-4-5 and 6th of February. Some 2,500 members of Canadian and American Clubs will attend the Convention and take part in costume in the big parade which is a yearly feature. The city of Montreal has issued a special invitation to the snowshoe clubs and the General Committee of the Convention, presided over by C. H. Lalonde, has prepared an attractive program of receptions and sports.

On Friday, February 3, the outside snowshoers making the journey to Montreal on snowshoes will be received officially and will be present-

ed with special diplomas. Some of the snowshoers will have travelled over a hundred miles on foot. At night, the Queen of the Carnival will be crowned.

On Saturday morning the snowshoers from the United States and different Canadian points will arrive in special trains, the majority of them travelling over the lines of the Canadian National Railways. At the station they will form ranks and headed by their respective bands and buglers will parade to the City Hall where His Honor Mayor Martin will present them with the keys of the city.

The snowshoe races for the championship of the world, including the

hurdle race will be held on the M.A. A.A. Grounds.

At night, after a "Bean Supper" the snowshoers will parade with torch lights in the streets of Montreal to Park Lafontaine where a huge fireworks display has been arranged. A ball will follow in the N.A.A.A. club house. Sunday will see the church parade to Notre Dame one of the largest churches in America, the civic Lanquet and the inauguration of the Carnival at Lachine, where the ice palace will be attacked by the snowshoers armed with Roman Candles and other fireworks. This picturesque display will mark the end of the Convention which will attract many tourists.