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MERE INQUIRY WILL NOT DO

There seems to be at Queen's Park a disposition to "sidestep" a public investigation of conditions alleged to exist in administration of the York County Children's Aid Society. The plan is to have the Deputy Minister of Welfare make inquiries, and let it go at that. This will not satisfy the people of York County, nor the general public.

Officials of the county society are accused of neglect of duty. It is charged that no action has been taken on certain definite reports on conditions in which children were living; that in some cases when anything was done, these little ones were placed in uninvestigated and unsuitable homes, in which both their morals and their health were endangered, and that subsequently there has been little, if any, supervision of these places.

On previous occasions representations have been made to Queen's Park authorities regarding these alleged conditions but no positive action has been taken.

Premier Henry is President of the York County Children's Aid Society, and—perhaps because of that—there appears to be reluctance to investigate charges made. Officials of the Child Welfare Council of Toronto and District are prepared for an inquiry. They have ample data on specific cases of neglect; witnesses are ready to testify, and it is said that there can be produced evidence more startling than anything revealed by the Windsor probe. York County Children's Aid Society is a public body, functioning on public funds, and if its procedure is open to serious criticism nothing less than a wide-open inquiry will satisfy public opinion.—The Globe.

BY ALL MEANS MOVE THE "COOP"

One of the best bits of news from Monday's council meeting is that the Town Fathers are considering moving the "lock-up." For many years there has been a persistent demand for its removal from its present location and the various councils have agreed with all the criticism but the "coop" seems to have had a sort of charmed existence. Just when everything seemed ready for its removal some objection or other or a shortage of funds or something always cropped up to interfere with the plans and the coop remained. Now another move has been made and it is to be hoped the removal will be carried out expeditiously without any hitch in the proceedings. The lock-up as at present situated is a blot on the landscape, marring the appearance of the entrance to the park, and in every way constituting a general nuisance to the residents of the immediate vicinity and all citizens in the south east section of the village. The council will be rendering a useful service by having it removed from its present location and we feel sure that the citizens would unanimously vote the money expended on its removal as the best spent money of the year.

RELIEF A BIG PROBLEM

The statement of A. W. Laver, Chief Relief Officer for Toronto, that there were 4,500 more families on relief in January 1934 than in January 1933 is a fair indication of how the relief problem is increasing. Despite inspired announcements that times are getting better the fact remains that demands for relief are increasing. In the Township of Markham over \$2,000.00 was expended in direct relief in the month of February. In the Township of Vaughan about \$2,500.00 was expended on direct relief in the same month. With direct relief expenditure reaching such proportions is it any wonder municipal men and citizens generally are asking the question "where is it going to end?"

DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS

The evidence brought out at the special investigation now on it Ottawa concerning mass buying and low wages has been very startling. The evidence resembles leaves taken from some social reform writings of the dark ages. In Montreal girls worked up to seventy-two hours per week for \$1.50. One family of six workers obtained only \$20.00 in a week. Men are working in Toronto for as little as \$5.50 per week and some employees are asked to work 100 hours per week. Such deplorable conditions as pictured in the investigation are evidence of the terrible state of economic conditions into which this country has drifted. But times are getting better—so we are told.

AND HOW ABOUT THE FARMER

While the investigation now on is focusing attention at the ridiculously low rate of pay received by industrial workers in our great cities it might be interesting to compare these earnings with the earnings of the farmer in recent years. It has been figured out that dairy farmers in Eastern Canada have been working for eighteen cents per day and further investigation would undoubtedly prove that a great many have been toiling long hours, not only working for nothing, but going behind year after year.

GOVERNMENT TOO COSTLY, SAYS SIR HENRY DRAYTON

"Make the balancing of Government budgets, the reduction of taxation, your business and you will get results," Sir Henry Drayton told the annual meeting of the Brandon Board of Trade, opening a Western campaign for economy in public expenditures.

Sir Henry, a former Canadian Minister of Finance, declared that, although Governments have made reductions, the cost of government in Canada, Federal, Provincial and Municipal included, is still "out of all reasonable proportion."

"Let your representatives everywhere know that you demand economies and you will get them," he said. "It is estimated that a great army of 374,000 work for the Canadian taxpayer. Are we so lacking in initiative, so dependent on Government aid and assistance, that we cannot do with less? So rich that we do not care what the resultant cost is?"

Sir Henry is making the tour under the auspices of the National Economy Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Way Back in the Liberal Files

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO From Our Issue of March 2nd, 1899 Mr. Hopkins who is starting a creamery here is getting in his supply of ice for the summer. The building to be used for the creamery is on Arnold Street near the old fair grounds.

Thornhill Lodge No. 232 A.O.U.W held a successful entertainment Thursday evening. The net proceeds were satisfactory, and an increase of membership is expected.

The Trust Corporation of Ontario has obtained letters of administration from the Surrogate Court for the estate of the late Walter Hulse. The estate is valued at \$5,681.81 of which \$2,000 is in life insurance.

At a meeting of the Village Council and a special committee held on Monday evening the question of erecting an elevator and other buildings was further discussed, but nothing definite was arrived at. Before adjourning a committee composed of W. Innes, J. Sanderson, W. H. Pugsley, H. A. Nicholls and J. Palmer was appointed to make inquiries as to the yearly rent the proposed buildings would yield.

Agricultural Meeting

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill and Yonge Street Agricultural Society was held in the Lorne Hall yesterday afternoon. Vice-President, T. Lloyd in the chair. Present: Messrs J. H. Sanderson, F. J. Gallanough, C. Norman, T. F. McMahon, I. Crosby, W. Eyer, D. Lynett, G. Leek, H. A. Nicholls, G. Padget, J. N. Boyle. Auditors Crosby and Switzer presented their report showing that the secretary-treasurer's books had been well kept, and that there was a good balance on hand. The following officers were elected for the current year: President, T. Lloyd, Aurora; 1st Vice-President, W. H. Pugsley, Richmond Hill; 2nd Vice-President, D. Lynett, Markham; Secretary-Treasurer, H. A. Nicholls, Richmond Hill; Directors, I. Crosby, G. Leek, W. Eyer, G. Padget, A. Quantz, J. Slater, W. Ormerod, R. McLean, R. Elliott, J. T. McElroy, G. Forrester, D. C. Steele, W. Scott, P. Boynton, J. Clark, T. F. McMahon, J. H. Sanderson, P. G. Savage, J. Palmer, H. F. Hopper, T. H. Trench, J. Switzer, A. E. Coombs, W. H. Clubine, J. N. Boyle, F. J. Gallanough, G. Dibb, T. Teasdale, F. J. Jackes, A. Cameron, J. H. Kirby, C. Norman, W. Walkington, W. Wells, T. H. Legge, J. Morgan, W. Thompson, L. L. Hartman, J. Malloy. The Executive Committee are as follows: The officers and Messrs. Crosby, Sanderson, Boyle, Clubine, McMahon, Savage, Palmer, Leek, Gallanough.

The return curling match between Richmond Hill and Thornhill was played on Tuesday when the home rinks won by 3 points. It will be remembered that when the teams met at Thornhill a few weeks ago the match ended in a tie. The following is a summary of Tuesday's play: 1st rink, Richmond Hill, J. Hall, J. Caseley, C. McConaghy, F. Sims skip 16; Thornhill, D. Boyle, H. Brown, H. Ward, J. Morgan skip 11; 2nd rink, Richmond Hill, W. H. Pugsley, A. J. Hume, G. McDonald, J. H. Sanderson skip 16; Thornhill, C. Passmore, R. Cox, R. Clark, F. J. Gallanough skip 18. Total Richmond Hill 32, Thornhill 29.

On the afternoon of Feb. 25th, the Rifle Club of Victoria Square drove over to King City for a friendly match with the King City Club. The match was a close one being anybody's game until the last shot which decided the match in favor of the visitors by 3 points. Wm. Mustard of the visiting team made the highest score. The return match to be shot over the Victoria Square range on the 18th of March.

The Carnival which was to have been held in the rink Tuesday evening for the Village Lacrosse Club had to be postponed on account of the soft weather.

At the conclusion of the Scripture class the teacher asked: "Now, all those boys who want to go to Heaven, put up their hands."

The expected response came from all but one.

"Well, Tommy," said the teacher in surprise, "don't you want to go to Heaven?"

"Please, teacher," said Tommy blushing vividly, "Mummy said I was to be home early, so's we could all go to the movies."—Tatler.

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NEWTONBROOK

The tenth annual Good Friday service will be held in Newtonbrook United Church on March 30th, at 11 a.m.

The W.M.S. will present a sacred Easter Pageant in the United Church on Tuesday, March 27th, at 8:15 p.m.

The Women's Association held a very successful afternoon tea at the home of the president, Mrs. W. T. Wells, last Thursday, and was well attended.

There was a very fine attendance at Y.P.S. last Monday evening. Miss Irene Smith, 1st Vice-President, was in the chair. After the devotional period an interesting topic on "The Church" was given. Mr. Geo. Street rendered a solo in keeping with the topic. Plans were made to attend the Young People's Rally, to be held in Thornhill United Church, Monday, March 26th.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Miss Janet Riddell. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Wiley has returned to her home in Caledonia after visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Galbraith.

Mrs. G. Lockerlie returned home last Sunday after spending a couple of weeks with her father in Cleveland, Ohio, who has been very ill. Mr. Lockerlie met her in Buffalo.

Mrs. George will address the Girls Mission Circle on Wednesday evening at the parsonage.

Instead of the annual sleigh ride the Sunday School children of the United Church will be given a supper next Saturday afternoon, March 10th at 4:30, followed by moving pictures. Prizes will be presented to those who had perfect attendance in 1933.

Rev. A. H. Halbert is preaching a series of Lenten services every Sunday during Lent.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Douglas entertained some friends last Wednesday evening on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary.

Don't forget the Irish Supper to be held in the S. S. room of the United Church next Wednesday, March 14th, from 6 to 8, to be followed by an excellent program. Miss Grace Jolly, elocutionist from Toronto, and Mr. Tees and his orchestra will take part on the program.

GRANNY'S OLD ARMCHAIR

My grandmother she, at the age of eighty-three, One day in May was taken ill and died;

And after she was dead, the will of course was read By a lawyer as we all stood by his side.

To my brother, it was found, she had left a hundred pounds, The same unto my sister, I declare; But when it came to me the lawyer said, "I see

She has left to you her old arm chair!"

CHORUS

And how they tittered, and how they chaffed, How my brother and my sister laughed, When they heard the lawyer declare Granny had left to me her old

I thought it hardly fair, still I said I did not care, And in the evening took the chair away;

The neighbors they me chaffed, my brother at me laughed, And said, "It will be useful, John, some day;

When you settle down in life, find some girl to be your wife, You'll find it very handy, I declare; On a cold and frosty night, when the fire is burning bright, You can sit in granny's old arm-chair"

What my brother said came true, for in a year or two, Strange to say I settled down in married life;

I first a girl did court, and then the ring I bought, Took her to church and then she was my wife.

And you may guess that we were as happy as could be, For when my work was over, I declare

I ne'er abroad would roam, but would each night stay at home And be seated in the old armchair.

One night the chair fell down; when I picked it up I found The seat had fallen out upon the floor;

And there, to my surprise, I saw before my eyes A lot of notes, two thousand pounds or more.

When my brother heard of this, the fellow, I'll confess, Went nearly wild with rage and tore his hair;

But I only laughed at him, as I said, "Now, brother Jim, Don't you wish you had the old armchair?"

Southdowns From Don Head Farms Win Many Awards

The February issue of The Sheep Breeder pays the following tribute to the fine flock of sheep owned by John D. Patterson of Don Head Farms, Richmond Hill:

For the third successive year lovers of good sheep and especially lovers of Southdowns who attended this great International have seen what is without question the finest collection of individuals in one show flock ever assembled by one man in North America. Granted, that is a broad statement. It takes an expansive statement to describe the flock exhibited by Mr. John D. Patterson of Richmond Hill, Ont. In this country our breed secretaries and field men, in writing up a show, make descriptions and comparisons in terms of one individual sheep over another. In describing Mr. Patterson's exhibit, one must talk in terms of groups or pens, for within units of any group it was practically impossible to find distinction. And so this 1933 International Southdown Show will go down in history as the third successive and decisive accomplishment of the Patterson flock. In later years when Southdown histories are being compiled, foremost rank as individual promoter and breeder must inevitably belong to Mr. Patterson. He has not only imported some of the finest individuals produced in England, but he is carrying on from a strong beginning in a manner creditable to a super-flockmaster. Without question the wealth of rams he has supplied to this country will do much to raise the standards of our Southdown breed.

The triumphs of the Patterson flock follow. In the aged ram class, Ford Admiral, champion of 1931, was first, followed by an Imp. Lutton Hoo ram. Last season's fourth place ram lamb was brought out this year to stand second in the line of yearlings. A son of Ford Admiral out of a Lutton Hoo ewe won the ram lamb class, and was made champion, truly a marvellous champion from point of conformation, type, and masculinity. Sons of the second place aged Lutton Hoo ram stood 2 and 4. The winning yearling ewe was sired by Lutton Hoo 108-28, as were the second and third place ewes, the latter pair from Sandringham ewes, he former from a ewe of Luton Hoo breeding. A half brother to the top trio of ewes sired the fourth yearling ewe. The second place aged ram also sired the cham-

panion ewe lamb. Lutton Hoo 108-28 sired the second and fourth ewe lambs. In pens of ram lambs, ewe lambs, get-of-sire, and flock, Mr. Patterson made an enviable showing. Such uniformity in type and breed character as presented by these groups is seldom seen within any breed.

The Patterson winnings were not confined to breeding classes, for in addition to showing the champion wether and pen of wethers at the Toronto Winter Royal, he brought another lamb to Chicago and again won the most coveted and sought-for decision in the fat wether show. The International champion wether was of the neat trim type, with a firm even covering of flesh.

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