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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

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"STOP STREETS"

During the past summer several of the smaller towns throughout Ontario have adopted a practice followed in larger cities for a couple of years in designating certain streets as "through" thoroughfares and compelling motorists coming in from the side streets to come to a full stop before proceeding. While the idea is a good one in certain cases, in our opinion there are a lot of smaller towns who have fallen in line more because they wanted to "keep up with the Joneses" than for the preservation of order on the highway. Some municipalities seem ready to adopt anything that their big brother does and do so without investigating the benefits that may accrue.

Through streets in a city or large town may be a good thing, but this does not mean that they may be of the same benefit in smaller places where traffic is not heavy. Rather they give an officious constable another weapon with which to summon the motorist before the magistrate and have him fined, more in the spirit of making a little extra money for the municipality than for the infraction of any driving rules.

The town of Listowel is among the latest to adopt the through street practice and if rumor tells the truth the place is rapidly getting a black eye among motorists and if the practice of pinching all and sundry keeps up may find that the tourist traffic will go around rather than through the town. From several quarters we have heard complaints of motorists being summoned to appear for a breach of the stop street by-law, some of the offenses having been committed in the middle of the night when there was no traffic on the through thoroughfare at all.

While the constable at Listowel, if reports are true, had the privilege of arresting all and sundry for this small infraction of one of the town bylaws, and the magistrate was perfectly within his rights in registering a conviction, in our opinion the idea of the law is being abused. "Stop" street legislation was put on the Ontario statutes with the idea of preventing accidents at busy corners. Any motorist who disregards these regulations in the middle of the day when traffic is heavy deserves a fine. In the middle of the night, however, it is an altogether different matter. Motorists should at all times, more especially in town and villages, approach all corners carefully, and this applies to those driving on to main highways from side streets as well as the man who is motoring along the so-called "through" highway.

The fact that you are motoring on a highway through a town which has designated it a "through" street gives you no privileges. Even on this highway the statutes demand that you slow down at intersections to ten miles an hour, and, failing to do so, you are liable to arrest and conviction.

It is quite possible that the Listowel officials may have a good alibi in this particular case, but the fact remains that the town is getting quite a reputation as a good town for motorists to stay out of if they don't want to pay a fine. We have always maintained that it takes a good man to make a good constable, and the funny part of it is that in the city the policeman who makes the least arrests is always regarded as the most efficient official, providing, of course, that he maintains law and order on his beat.

Laws are made for the maintenance of order, not for the collection of fines, and a sooner a lot of the smaller towns of Ontario find this out the better it will be for themselves and the public at large. At the same time motorists and

citizens generally should bear in mind that they, too, have a duty to perform in assisting in the maintenance of the laws of the land. If they refuse to perform this duty, then, of course, there is nothing left for the authorities to do but to make an arrest, but this latter step should never be necessary until all other means fail.

A BUSY TONGUE

We were in attendance recently at a police court case in which three well-known farmers aired their views before the police magistrate. We did not consider the case of sufficient public interest to demand publication, and the more we think of it the more we feel justified in acting as we did. We are not very well versed, perhaps, on the function of a newspaper, but do not think it is intended that every petty difference of opinion that happens to be aired in the police court can rightly be considered as "news." Sometimes it is only "gossip," for if it is not of at least a little public interest, then the less that is said of other people's troubles the better.

The scrap referred to was one of those. At its commencement there was very little to it but valor got the better part of discretion, there were hot words, and finally a charge of assault. The whole thing should never have happened in the first place, and would not have occurred except for a certain hot-headedness on the part of the principals.

After hearing the evidence we came back to our office, picked up a magazine, and almost the first thing we read was an article on "Tongues and Fire" which so fitted the case in question that we reprinted it in the hope that it may perhaps deter others from committing the mistake of allowing their passions to get the better of their good sense. Of course the article does not fit the present case in every way, but it contains a lesson that the principals in the recent court case could well take to heart. If they do there is every hope that instead of being at logger heads with each other, they may yet become reconciled, bury the war hatchet, and become as good, or better, friends, as before. The article says:

"Tolstoi once told a parable of two farmer neighbors who were very good friends, ever ready to help one another. If one's cart was broken his neighbor would offer the use of his own. If one was short of sacks, he had only to make known his needs and his neighbor would lend. One day Gabriel's wife and Ivan's daughter-in-law had words over an egg, and presently all the members of the family were engaged in a quarrel. They abused one another and as the feud developed, went to court and threw away more money than they could afford in legal expenses. Then one set fire to the house of the other, his own house also caught fire in the conflagration and half the village was burned down."

"Something of what that grim story illustrates is constantly going on in human communities. Some disagreement over a paltry matter sets a whole neighborhood ablaze, burning up good feeling and kindness and forbearance. There is hardly a home or a school or a college, hardly a playing field or a business house or even a church, where tongues in this evil sense prove to be fires.

"Many hundreds of years ago, in the Cathedral city of Canterbury, a great crowd watched a strange sight. Along the narrow streets of the town came a man, barefoot and clad in a rough woollen shirt, slowly making his way to the Cathedral. His head was bowed and his feet bloodstained, for the stones were sharp and cut the flesh. That man, so humbly attired, was no other than the King of England.

"There, in a tiny church outside the town he had stripped off his ordinary dress and in penitent's garb approached the Cathedral where, years before the Archbishop a Becket had been murdered, stabbed as he was coming from prayers.

The king made his way to the stone where Becket fell, and kissed the stone. Then he went to the tomb and with groans and tears,

DURHAM MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods like Live hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, etc.

knelt and confessed. He promised great gifts to the church, then he removed his cloak and, kneeling at the tomb, he was beaten, receiving five strokes from each bishop and three strokes from each of eighty monks.

That was a King's penance for a few hasty words.—He and the Archbishop had not been good friends. Becket had stood in the way of his desires. "Who will rid me of this man?" he had impatiently exclaimed, not expecting that any of his retainers who heard him would think of turning the hasty words into bloody deeds.

"A few words flung down as heedlessly as a boy may throw down a lighted match, yet how great a forest may be consumed by a fire so kindled!"

THE COMING ELECTION

Premier G. H. Ferguson has set the date for the Provincial General Election for Wednesday, December 1. From now on there is little doubt that we shall have to take our "daily dozen" politically and politics will be the main topic with many until the polls close four weeks from next Wednesday. The announcing of the date came as no very great surprise, as it was generally admitted by those in a position to know that a general election this fall was a sure thing.

Briefly, Mr. Ferguson's manifestos are returned to power:

Purchases of liquor to be governed by a card-permit system, such cards to be issued to all persons over 21 years of age who may apply, and to be subject to cancellation for the abuse of the privilege.

Sale of beer by the glass in standard hotels to be secured in those municipalities which, by a sufficient number of residents, shall petition accordingly, providing that the municipality concerned does not nullify such a petition by passing a bylaw to prevent the sale under a local option bylaw.

Municipal income tax exemption to be increased to \$3,000.

Motor license charges to be reduced by \$5.00 per license.

Amusement tax to be removed from all places of entertainment which do not charge more than 25 cents for admission.

These proposals are in addition to the attention called to the Government's administrative accomplishments.

While these changes will undoubtedly receive considerable attention from the electors in the days to come before the polling of the vote, the big issue is bound to be the changes contemplated in the liquor policy of the Province as enforced under the Ontario Temperance Act.

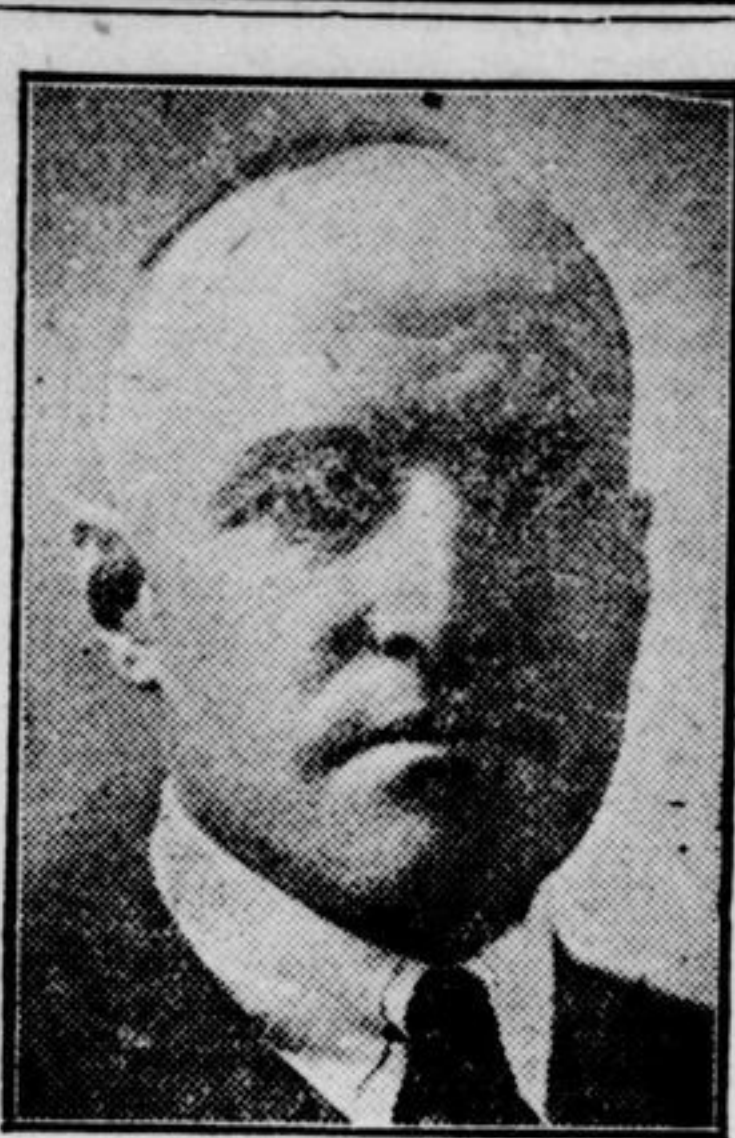
Electors would do well, before they express an opinion on the matter, to consider well the situation. Premier Ferguson has spoken well when, in an interview with the Toronto Globe, he said:

"It doesn't serve any good purpose to simply declaim and shout 'Ferguson is tied up with the wets.' What 'Ferguson' desires of the general public is to consider seriously this great question, which touches so closely the moral welfare of all manhood and womanhood of this Province.

"If they will do that in a quiet, deliberate way—dealing with the matter as a condition, and not as a theory—I'll be quite content with any verdict they may pronounce at the polls."

There are a lot of temperance people who are not at all satisfied with the Ontario Temperance Act and do not hesitate to say so. It will do little good to charge them with falling from grace, for they are fully as anxious for the control of the liquor traffic as others who possibly do not agree with them. The question is a big one and is worthy of full discussion and we would ask all to do so with the desire to accomplish something rather than force all and sundry to agree with their personal opinions.

No matter what a man's personal opinion may be on the question, it is getting nowhere to simply make the statement that "Ferguson is in



COL. THE HON. J. L. RALSTON Minister of National Defence in the Dominion Cabinet. He will stand for election in Shelburne-Yarmouth, N.S.

league with the liquor interests." We would think that he or any other man in authority is entitled to be regarded as working for the best interests of the Province until it is proven otherwise.

We feel that there is little need to caution our readers to think this question out for themselves. They will doubtless get a lot of advice from many quarters, but it is for the people themselves to decide.

The big thing is to control the liquor traffic, and Ontario's big crop of bootleggers, and the rapid growth of this "industry" are matters worthy of serious consideration. There are none, or should be none, of our citizens who could take objection to the curtailment of the sale of poisonous liquor, but the manner in which to go about it is still a conundrum. Two sides of widely divergent opinions may both be working in the interests of the control of the traffic, and the chances are that both are partly right. The various angles of the situation should be discussed, but discussed in an open-minded manner and with the idea of bettering the conditions.

FORMER DURHAM RESIDENT DIED LAST WEEK AT LONDON The death on Saturday of last week in London of Mr. Robert Jamieson, removes a former resident of Durham who upwards of 30 years ago conducted a tailoring business here. The deceased was 80 years of age and death was caused by a paralytic stroke. Interment was made Monday in Mount Pleasant cemetery at London.

The late Mr. Jamieson was an uncle of Mr. Robert Macfarlane of town and also of Mrs. J. P. Hunter and Mrs. A. H. Jackson.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Francis Hopkins attended the Mid-Winter openings in Toronto the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burnett, Miss Victoria Ball, Miss Mary Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Saunders attended the funeral on Monday of the latter's sister-in-law Mrs. Hugh Ball of Mount Forest.

Mr. Fred Corbett of Detroit visited with friends in Durham and Ben-tineck during the past couple of weeks.

Miss Laura Truax is in Toronto this week attending the winter millinery openings.

Mr. Harold Dalgarno visited in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Haws and family of Meaford spent the week end with friends in town.

Miss Lottie Dean of Toronto spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moorhead visited in Toronto over the week-end.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Wolfe were in Collingwood on Tuesday of last week attending the funeral of a nephew, Dr. McFadden, who died suddenly in that town after only a few days' illness.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hay had the misfortune to fall out of its crib last week and receive a broken collar bone.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stothart and Mrs. M. McComb, and Miss L. McComb, of Holland Centre, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burgess the first of the week.

Miss Mabel Tucker visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, near Priceville, for the past few months, and left Wednesday for De-

roit, to resume her duties as trained nurse. While in this vicinity she also visited with friends in Durham.

The man who pays as he goes may go broke.

The faster a girl is, the easier for trouble to overtake her.

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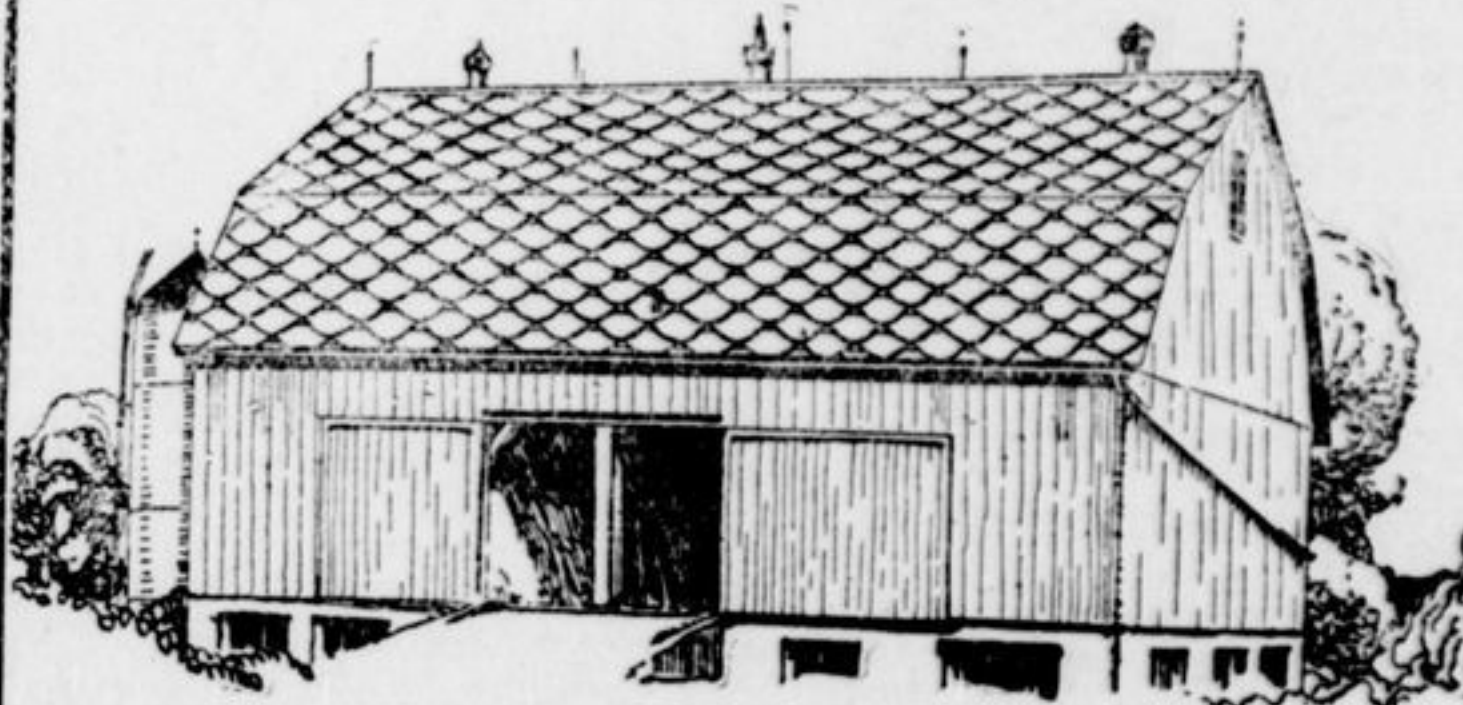
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CANADA'S NEW



1.—Crayon sketch of Viscount Willingdon to the vessel's departure for Canada. 2.—Misty Inset, Cairn Terrier, before the vessel's departure for Canada. 3.—Menu card designed for use on a map of the world the sailing. 4.—Canadian Pacific Flagship Empire.

Their Excellencies Viscount and Viscountess made many friends on their voyage Quebec on board the Canadian Pacific Scotland, when His Lordship came here Governor-General of the Dominion. The parts of the vessel chatting with now presiding at the various functions that during an ocean voyage. Sharing their Cairn Terrier, Misty, who was friendly perhaps a plump Chow who looked to develop into a dangerous rival. Canada's thirteenth Governor-General when the ship docked at Quebec. He when he told his French-Canadian claim descent from the Normans and in his veins equally as in theirs. "The descendants of our two races 40 years under the British Crown for a

A GALA NIGHT WITH HOLSTEIN FOLK

Presbyterian Congregation Give Another of Their Celebrated Fowl Suppers Monday Night Which Was, As Usual, Well Attended. Held Annual Anniversary Service on Sunday.

The Rev. J. T. Strachan of Owen Sound was the special preacher in charge of the annual anniversary services of the Holstein Presbyterian congregation last Sunday. He preached excellent sermons to a well-filled church both morning and evening. The congregation were delighted with his discourses and the 126th anniversary is said to have been the most successful in the history of the church.

On Monday the usual fowl supper and concert were given, the former in the basement and the latter in the auditorium of the church. The too, was well attended, and the Holstein ladies well sustained their excellent reputation as hostesses. The patrons being served plentifully with the many good things that were offered, and even when the supper was over it would seem as if they were concerned to do it all over again.

The concert this year was a departure from the usual talent, instead of local entertainers, arranged by talent from nearby communities the committee in charge had secured the services of the Rupert Gate Concert Company of Owen Sound and a really fine program was given. Miss Ayscough, the pianist, gave several selections in good style showing her ability in both light and heavy offerings. Her partner the boy violinist, made a hit with the audience, as did also Mr. H. Dunbar, pianist and lady impersonator. Rupert Legate, in his humorous singing, captivated the audience in his first number and in the instance the members of the company were forced to respond to encore.

The evening was anything but ideal for so large an attendance. The annual entertainments of the church have gained a most excellent reputation and it takes more than a cold night and a little rain to prevent those from a wide circle attending the annual fowl supper.

FIRST SNOW FELL HERE LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Durham experienced its first fall of snow for the 1926-7 season Sunday morning. The fall came sometime between midnight and break of day. About two inches but it soon disappeared when the sun rose and by the middle of forenoon nothing was left but water on the rooves and a considerable amount of mud on the sidewalks. Other places near here received more liberal helping of the "white stuff" than Durham. Dundalk reported as having enjoyed quiet snowstorm, there being snow on sides of the streets when the night train came through. The snowfall was an aftermath