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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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Editorials

SMALL TOWN COMPETITION

It is a common saying that the small town merchant is gradually being put out of business by the mail order houses. This is scarcely putting the matter in the right way. It would be more near the truth to say that the citizens of the towns themselves are causing the detriment to the local mercantile establishments. They support the mail order houses of their own volition, not through any compulsion. To save a few pennies they are willing to sacrifice their fellow townsmen—a plain case of "penny wise and pound foolish."

However, judging from the number of traveling representatives of mercantile wholesale establishments that visit Durham regularly, it would seem that this town, at any rate, is far from being sent to commercial oblivion by the mail order opposition. Week after week they make their rounds, and it stands to reason that their visits must be profitable or they would be discontinued.

We have often thought how much would be gained by having the traveling salesman taken off the road and have the merchants order direct by mail or phone. They should certainly be able to buy cheaper in that case and this saving could then be passed on to the customer. Competition is so fierce, however, that such an agreement among the wholesalers is entirely out of the question.

It is not uncommon to hear merchants, here and elsewhere, complain about the overabundance of soliciting. They should not, however, for this show resentment to the salesman. His is no easy occupation, especially at this season of the year when traveling is so uncertain and uncomfortable. The past week has been one to try the soul of the most patient and hardiest who have to make the rounds in this northern section of the Province. Late trains, cold cars, uncomfortable hotel accommodation, early rising and days lost waiting for the resumption of stalled transportation are some of the drawbacks to a traveling salesman's vocation during the winter months. Of course in summer it is different. With motor cars they can get around quickly and comfortably except in occasional places where roads have not been put in good condition.

The traveling man seems to be a fixture and the small town merchant seems destined to continue, though, where competition is carried to excess, there must necessarily be a case of survival of the fittest.

This competition is seen to be ruinous in many lines, where good judgment would have prevented its being brought into existence at all. How many towns we see oversupplied with businesses of different kinds. General stores to the number of a dozen where half that number would be sufficient; three or four barber shops where two would be enough; three or four blacksmiths where the work could be done by two; garages at every corner; places of amusement to the number of double what is necessary; butchers and bakers far in excess of what a profitable business calls for. So it is in every line. So many in each that a bare living is provided for those engaged instead of

a profitable business being done by half the number. Of course, the whole trouble lies in the fact that when any one line shows a moderate profit being made, others rush in to secure a share, with the result that no one makes anything to speak of.

While on this line of thought, we might mention the fact that too many people seem to think that they are fitted to conduct a general grocery store without any previous experience. It is a loss-provoking idea.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

We heard a farmer remark recently that it was hard to get rid of all the feed he had this winter. At the same time he was driving home several head of young cattle he had just purchased. That certainly was the most sensible way to reduce his store of feed. It is a complaint not often heard, and one not hard to suffer.

The local train service was badly disrupted the latter part of last week. It was 3 a.m. Thursday when the C. N. R. Toronto train arrived here and both the Friday morning C. N. R. and the afternoon C. P. R. were cancelled, resulting in the prevention of the departure of several travellers.

Some complaint was made by the latter, because they had not been notified by station authorities that the morning train would not go out, before they had made the early trip to the station.

Speculative circles in New York have been lately treated to one of the old-time bull movements in General Motors' stock. The rest of the market with few exceptions, continued to drag with no marked tendency either up or down. The mining shares on Toronto exchanges have not changed much during the past few weeks. This dullness may be the lull before a spring campaign for higher prices.

George (Kid) Lavigne, remembered in sporting circles as lightweight champion a generation back, died in Detroit a few days ago. Like many athletes who attain success, he was not able to stand prosperity, and dissipation led to his death at a comparatively early age. He was a native of Saginaw, Mich.

Rodman Wannamaker, who succeeded his father, John Wannamaker, as head of the great department stores founded by the latter, died at Atlantic City on Friday last. His stores are located in New York, Philadelphia, London, Eng., and Paris, France. They are show places as well as centres of business activity. Many foreign governments recognized Mr. Wannamaker's activities as an early supporter of aviation, a patron of arts and a benefactor in many other lines. He was the backer of Commander Byrd in his Atlantic flight.

The railways of Canada continue to do a prosperous business, as indicated by the report of the C. N. R. for the week ending March 7th, 1928. The gross earnings were \$4,481,273 as against \$4,333,087 for the corresponding week last year—a gain of three per cent.

The President of the United States has signed the Alien Property Bill providing for settlement of American claims against Germany and for the return of seized property. The claims fall principally under the categories of ships seized during the war, and of patent rights.

SOCIETY

Mr. Percy Willis of Kitchener is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Willis.

Mrs. R. Sparling returned Monday after two weeks' visit in Goderich.

Mrs. Rev. Smith is spending a few days in Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong attended the Presbytery in Palmerston Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Herman Carpenter spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Mr. John Whalen returned to Hamilton Monday p. m., having spent the week-end with his mother here.

Mrs. Wm. Burnett, who has been in Winnipeg for the past couple of weeks, visiting her son, Charles Stewart, who is ill, will not be able to return for an indefinite period, owing to the seriousness of the case. Mr. Stewart was in the employ of the Dominion Express and is suffering from tubercular trouble.

Mr. Wm. Erwin, Jr., Mr. W. R. Watson and Rev. Ernest Hayes left Durham for Barrie on Tuesday last to attend the Orange Grand Lodge meeting.

Mrs. P. Gagnon and daughter, Norma, and Mrs. Geo. Gagnon, are spending a couple of days in Toronto.

Mr. Mark Mervyn has leased Peter Reid's house on College St. and will move in shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams of Pinkham, Sask., returned to their home the last of the week. Mrs. Adams came home to see her mother, Mrs. J. McCracken, who has been in poor health of late.



With Arab hordes from the trackless desert of Nejd reported already on the march against the British mandated territories of Iraq and Transjordan, feverish preparations are under way by the British authorities to meet the serious threat offered by Ibn Saud. The map shows the positions of Iraq and Transjordan in relation to the desert of Nejd. Warring bands of Wahabites are already reported raiding the Transjordanian frontier, while the redoubtable sheik, 'Ed Dolaish, at the head of an Arab column, is reported moving against the British air base at Basra at the head of the Persian gulf.

TOWN TATTLE

The chairs for the Town Hall are expected to be in place some time this month. There will be 285 of them, this allowing for a three-foot aisle and comfortable seating arrangement. They are being installed by the Canadian Office and School Furniture Co. of Preston, Ontario.

Mayor Murdoch had a complaint about the price he charged for coke, his correspondent claiming that, while he sold at \$12.00 a ton it could be bought in Arthur at \$8.00. He wrote to the dealer there and was informed that a shipment of pea coke sold from the car at that price, but that Semet Solvay such as he handles, was selling at \$13.00 per ton in that town.

A sense of humor is what many of the residents of Durham need to cultivate. It is a saving grace and tends to make life pass much more pleasantly. A laugh beats a frown every time.

W. R. Watson and Wm. Erwin left Tuesday for Barrie to attend a meeting of the grand lodge, L. O. L.

The dance given by the Boys' Athletic Club in the Town Hall on Friday night last was attended by a good-sized crowd, and all seemed to be having a very pleasant time. The receipts amounted to \$68.00, of which \$25.00 was profit. The music, hall and printing, accounted for the balance.

John Hunter, who has been suffering from a lame knee, left on Saturday for a two-weeks' visit to his niece at Chatsworth.

The mask carnival to be held in the rink tonight will probably be the last of the winter entertainments and should be well patronized. The Amusement Co. should receive full support from the town. Durham has a large population of young people who must have the entertainment youth calls for, and it is well for parents to realize this and support anything in the sport line that is clean, healthy and productive of enjoyment.

There was great craning of necks on the street Monday afternoon when an aeroplane circled the town and passed off eastward. It was probably someone from Camp Borden taking an airing.

Mr. Pascoe Saunders has transferred his mail carrying route to Mr. Philip Lawrence, the change to take place immediately. Pascoe suffered a slight stroke of paralysis recently, and has not recovered sufficiently to enable him to carry

on business. His route, No. 4, has been looked after by Mr. Wm. Davis since Pascoe's attack.

Mr. Lawrence has purchased the stable outfit from Pascoe and the latter will be free to visit his daughter, Mrs. R. Lindsay, of Brantford, where he will remain until his strength returns.

The Durham Stone and Sand Co. is running night and day to reduce the remaining 2-inch stone to smaller size. It is the desire of the management to have this work completed by April 1st.

Frank Irwin and Cam McLachlan, who have been in the hospital for the past three weeks, are sufficiently recovered from their operations to be turned loose in a few days. The hospital staff are waiting anxiously for the appointed time.

We will not be sorry to relinquish the editorial chair. Notice the plural "we". Till Frank returns, that will be our privilege. Only three persons can properly use the plural pronoun applied to them individually. These are a member of royalty, an editor and a person afflicted with tape worm. So, as we said, we will be glad to turn over the reins to the editor. We have enjoyed the temporary occupancy of Frank's chair and have filled it to our best ability. Some we have pleased, perhaps, and some we have, no doubt, offended. We have been threatened with incarceration, annihilation, assassination and constipation, but we have gone on with our eye fixed on duty and deter-

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WEATHER BECOMING MORE SPRING-LIKE

Mostly Milder With One Day of Rain.—Colder on Wednesday.

The weather for the past week has been of quite a different brand from that of the preceding week. Thursday last was an ideal day, mild and bright, a decided change from the blizzards of the week before.

On Friday, the 9th, however, all was changed. A fierce east wind blew all day and the roads were packed worse than at any time this year. R. R. carriers were unable to make their trips, the morning C. N. R. train did not get out nor did the C. P. R. afternoon train. The noon train on the C. N. R. got through after the plow had come up. There was a moderate snow-fall with the high wind moderating only towards evening.

Saturday was clear and cold with a light southeast breeze. Sunday and Monday were cloudy and mild, the temperature slightly lower on Monday. On Tuesday the snow banks were further reduced by a mild south breeze, followed by rain. The streets were a mass of slush and walking was very disagreeable. During the night it grew colder and yesterday morning presented solid ice for pedestrians, with temperature not far from freezing all day.

BORN

Hopkins—In Bentinck, on March 13, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Hopkins, a daughter.

Schiessler—In Allan Park, on March 5, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schiessler, a son.

mined to Hugh to the line, let the chips fall where they may. It's a great life, though, "no use as talkin'."

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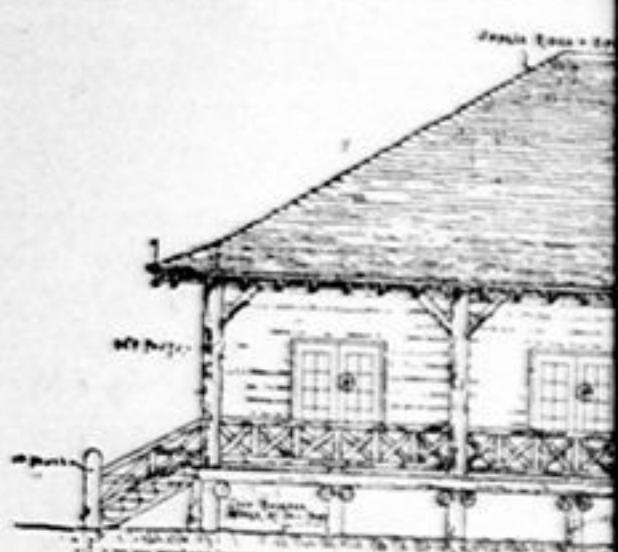
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The popularity of Jasper National Park has grown tremendously the charms of this magnificent natural playground have become better known. To provide accommodation for those who desire to visit this wonderland, the Canadian National Railways built and opened Jasper Park Lodge on the beautiful Lac Beauvert, where visitor finds every comfort, modern city hotel awaiting the surroundings of natural grandeur.

With the additions being made year to the buildings of Jasper Park Lodge, there will be accommodations for approximately 500 guests at the same time, additional dining camps are being made which will increase the facilities for the ever-increasing number of people who seize the opportunity of enjoying trail to distant scenic spots in the Park.

Announcement is made by J. Pratt, General Manager and McLean, General Superintendent of Hotels, that this year the

CHURCHES

QUEEN STREET MISSION CHURCH

The Young Ladies' Mission Church of Queen St. United Church met at the home of Miss Etta Twamley Thursday evening, March 8th. There was a lovely evening and there was a very large attendance. Mrs. A. Kinnee, president, presided, by 37. There's a wideness in God's Mercy" was followed by the prayer repeated in unison. Emily Smith read Romans 8:35-39. The next hymn "Yield to temptation" was sung. Miss Len Hay read a missionary letter from China. A piano duet was given by Misses Florence Bailey and Eunice Moon. Miss Etta Twamley gave briefly a portion of the St. book. This was a pathetic description of the hardships endured by women of India who toiled hours each day in mines and homes and children. To be quiet the children were given opium.

The banquet to be held on Friday night next was then discussed and arrangements completed. A real feast will be furnished and excellent programme rendered which Dr. Morrow of Hanover, Miss Fraser, elocutionist, will present prominent parts. Admission 25c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Hymn 138 and the Mizpah prayer by all closed the meeting. The hostess served a very good lunch.

HELD ST. PATRICK'S SUPPER

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Durham Presbyterian church at St. Patrick's supper in the club on Tuesday evening last. The decorations gave the right tone to the proceedings which were presided over by Mr. Joan Morrison.

There was a good crowd coming after the weather and the refreshments provided, those present were treated to a very enjoyable program of music interspersed with interesting talks by Rev. Mr. Fiddes, Rev. Spencer and Allan Bell. The music consisted of vocal selections by Mr. J. H. Harding, Leonard Comb, Miss Elizabeth Harding, Mrs. M. McFadden, and a solo by Miss Jessie Whittin.



In discussing the current of Ely declares that in so proximate to man's attire (regard of the social or who cannot afford to be modern women. Some Ely as to suggest that the flapper is just as much of as the gaitered leg of presents the contrast.