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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

POOR BUSINESS

The ballot is to be asked by the City Council to collect some of the taxes of the city of Owen Sound, though this decision was not unanimous by any means. One of the aldermen objected to the action as there was a danger of "at least two local industries being put out of business if the edict was enforced" and that he "would not be a party to putting men out of employment and children on the street."

We admire the Owen Sound alderman for his thoughtfulness for others, but looking at the matter from a business standpoint (and towns cannot be run on sentiment any more than other businesses), we have come to the conclusion that if a town has business concerns in its midst that cannot pay the taxes, the sooner they are let drift out of the picture the better. Their disappearance will cause regret and a certain hardship for a time, but when the readjustment comes the town and the individuals are much better off.

Business concerns, and especially companies that have received favors from the town and are down at the heel are usually in that position for the simple reason that the promoters or managers are more interested in getting their own salaries, driving expensive cars and the like, than they are in making dividends, thinking, perhaps, that when the time comes that they cannot make their payments some good-souled alderman, or perhaps the whole council, will come to the rescue, and on the plea that they cannot bring themselves to turn the town's workmen out on the street, allow these businesses to go on. They never stop to think on how little sacrifice the "manager" of the plant is making. While the town's tax roll is being extended, the town's credit reduced, and the ratepayers placed liable for the taxes due, Mr. Unpaid Tax Factory Manager can go to the city with his family, stop at the most expensive hotels, smoke the most expensive cigars, drink the best whiskey and have a fine car and an up-to-the-minute radio and what-not.

Our personal opinion, after the experience Durham has had with some of these circus industries, is that if these affairs cannot pay their way after having received money and concessions, they should be allowed to sink. It would be a whole lot cheaper for a town to pay for the upkeep of a few families rather than try to bolster a whole industry, pay for its overhead and keep its executive in affluence, with the certain assurance that it will eventually fall back on the town anyway after its machinery is worn out and its credit gone.

FAIR PLAY FOR EVERYBODY

We have before us a copy of the Vernan (B. C.), News, and note that their leading editorial calls for fair play for the fruit growers of the Pacific province. Frankly, this paper is a marked copy sent us by The News, and an accompanying letter asks us to read it and give them our opinion.

There can never be any question as to where The Chronicle stands on the protection of Canadian industries, whether it be factory or farm. We have always favored protection, more than we have ever received from any government, but instead of asking fair play for the fruit growers of British Columbia we would ask fair play for the farmers of all Canada in the matter of competition in the marketing of their products.

Today Canadian No. 1 Northern wheat is being shipped out of this county to the mills in Minneapolis and other cities in the States, made into American flour, and shipped to Europe as a wholly American product. Had we our way we would place an export duty on this product that would compel the establishment of Canadian flour mills and the placing of a Canadian flour on the European market that would so far outrival all others that it would mean sure sales and thousands more dollars to the farmers of the Canadian West. There are many who will not agree with us in this, but that is their privilege, and we lay no claim to knowing it all. All have opinions and all should have the opportunity of expressing them.

As we see it, the flour mills in the United States are increasing their capacity; those in Canada are on the down grade. A good stiff export duty on No. 1 Northern wheat would mean that more mills would locate in Canada; whether they were branches of the big American mills or not would not matter so long as they employed Canadian labor and the wage money paid would be kept in circulation in Canada. We can imagine the policy of the United States had she the corner on No. 1 Northern wheat, and rather than fault her for it we think that the fault lies more with we Canadians who have the edge on the growing of the best wheat in the world and do not apparently know enough to take advantage of it. Western Canadian farmers are growing No. 1 Northern wheat to support largely American mills and American labor that could just as well be located here in Canada.

We stand for the protection of every industry in the Dominion. The fruit growers of the Niagara peninsula are another class whom we think should be protected. Canada, for the growing of fruit, is about a month behind the United States in the matter of climate. By the time the Canadian fruit is on the market the American fruit has had the run for a month or so, there is no call for the Canadian product, and as a result much of it has to rot on the vines or in the trees, to the detriment and loss of Canadian industry and labor.

By all means let us protect our Canadian industries. Let us protect everything we have to sell. It seems the only way to do it if we are to prosper. Some there are who scoff at protection, but it seems rather funny that since the Great War eighty-seven countries in the world have raised their import duties. One country—Canada—has lowered them. Is it probable that all these eighty-eight countries Canada is the only one that is right?

We haven't much time for this free trade or lower duty argument. It would be ideal were the whole world to adopt the principle, but to us it looks like national suicide for Canada alone of all the nations to try to grow and prosper on lower tariffs when other countries after trying the free trade policy for several decades have finally decided that they must have an import tax on foreign made articles if their own country is to keep her place in the sun industrially.

HIGHWAY LIABILITY

A couple of decisions given recently by Judge Owens, County Judge of Bruce, who spells off with Judge Sutherland of Grey County during the summer months, in which he found two motorists liable for the killing of dogs in Bruce County, has been rather badly handled by some of the local press, with the result that there is considerable misunderstanding as to what the bench meant in handing out the verdict of guilty. From reading some of the comments, one is justified in assuming that a motorist is responsible if he kills a dog on the highway. We are pleased to tell our readers that this idea is altogether wrong.

His Honor Judge Owens was in Durham Tuesday morning presiding at a short session of Division Court, and in the course of a conversation we had with him we brought up the case in which he handed out judgment against the motorists in the now locally famous Bruce County cases.

Judge Owens gave his decision after a careful review of the evidence, for the simple reason that in each case the motorist had been proven guilty of negligence. The Highways Traffic Act is somewhat similar to the old Ontario Temperance Act in that while the plaintiff must lay his complaint and prove his damage, the motorist must prove that the accident was in no wise caused by his negligence.

In the Bruce County dog cases both motorists were proven negligent. The first case was that of a party of hunters, who were accompanied by a very valuable hound. They were on the side of the road when a car came along. They signalled the driver to stop or slow up, and the owner of the dog called the animal to him. In crossing the road the animal was killed, and the car that killed it sped on without even slackening speed. The second case was that of a farmer standing on a bridge with his cattle dog, a valuable collie. A car came over a hill a short distance away, never slackened speed, and when nearly even with the farmer and his dog the driver noticed a mud-hole on the roadway. In swerving to miss the mud-hole he struck the dog and killed it. The motorist was very lucky that

he did not strike the farmer. Both of these famous dog cases are much the same as in the case of a farmer going along the highway in charge of a bunch of cattle. Accompanying them, he is assumed to have them under control, and any motorist who runs into them is responsible for all damage providing he cannot conclusively prove that he was in no manner negligent. In the case of the dogs, Judge Owens held that they were properly under control and the drivers of the cars should have used caution in passing, which they did not.

With both sides of the story before us we can see now that Judge Owens made a just decision; heretofore we took the reports in the newspapers as we read them, and wondered greatly that our Ontario legislature could have been guilty of passing a fool law that would make motorists responsible for the killing of any and every dog that happened to meet its fate on the highway, generally from running out at the car that kills it.

NATIONAL AIRWAYS OFFER TO ORGANIZE SERVICE IN INDIA

Bombay—"A total annual extra revenue of 2,500,000 rupees would accrue to the Government, if the entire mail on the Calcutta-Rangoon and Rangoon-Calcutta service was carried by air and a surcharge of one anna (a penny) per ounce was made," declared the managing agent of National Airways, interviewed by a press representative. In his opinion it would be possible for any aviation company to organize and maintain the service with a yearly subsidy or about 1,000,000 rupees.

He stated that aviation experts were keenly discussing the possibility of air mail service in India with regard to economies in expenditure, as well as providing facilities for training Indian apprentices.

National Airways have already made an offer to the Government of India to organize and maintain an air mail service for the carriage of English mail from Karachi to Calcutta via Delhi, returning with the outgoing English mail every week. A bi-weekly air mail service between Calcutta and Rangoon has also been proposed. On the latter route flying boats of the most modern type, carrying 15 passengers and a crew of five, would be utilized.

Obituary

MRS. THOS. KEELY

There passed away suddenly in the Welland County General Hospital at 1 p. m., Thursday, Sept. 6th, 1928, Isabelle Winnifred Keely, beloved wife of Thomas Keely, and daughter of Wm. J. Ector and the late Mrs. Ector, formerly of Durham, at the early age of 24 years.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, father and two brothers, Louis L. of Niagara Falls, and Ray, at home. Funeral services were held from St. Mary's Church on Sunday, September 9th, at 3 p. m. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

The following acted as pall bearers, P. O'Sullivan, J. O'Sullivan, P. Curtis, A. Fox, L. Fulton, L. Watt.

The many floral offerings were tokens of the high esteem in which she was held in the community.

JOHN ROBINSON

An old resident of the Allan Park neighborhood passed away Thursday in the person of Mr. John Robinson, who died after an illness of about three months from heart trouble. He was 74 years of age and for the past 17 years had resided with Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerr at Allan Park.

The late Mr. Robinson was born in Brant Township and came to Normanby with his mother when a boy, living for a number of years on their farm on the town line of Normanby south of Livingston's Corners and about six miles southeast of Durham. This farm was subsequently sold to Mr. George Henderson, Mr. Robinson retiring and living with Mr. and Mrs. Kerr.

Mr. Robinson, while ailing for the past three months or so, was not considered seriously ill up to a few days before his death. He was able to be up and around most of the time, but at his advanced age heart trouble developed and he passed away. His wife predeceased him by nearly 50 years.

Surviving are his cousins, Messrs. George and James Nichol of Durham, Robert Nichol of Hanover, as well as many other cousins in the district. Interment was made Saturday in Hampden, the services being in charge of Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox United church, here.

RETURNS SATURDAY

Rev. B. D. Armstrong of the Presbyterian church, who, with Mrs. Armstrong and family, have spent the past two months visiting in Great Britain, sailed from Liverpool last Friday and expects to reach Durham this Saturday night. Mr. Armstrong will conduct services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning.

There will be no service Sunday evening, on account of the Baptist anniversary.

When a woman says she hasn't anything to wear, that is, of course, an exaggeration, but not much of one.

SOCIETY

Miss Truax is attending the second Millinery Opening in Toronto this week.

Mrs. Neil McKinnon, Mr. Bobs and Misses Ella and Laura, of Toronto, also Mr. Hector B. of Ottawa, spent the week end with the Weir and Smith families of town. The former had recently returned from a motor trip through the Maritime Provinces as far as Cape Breton, while the latter toured the West to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Lewis McLean, B. A., who has been supplying in the Presbyterian pulpit during the absence of the Rev. B. B. Armstrong, left for his home at Port Perry on Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Park and two children, James and Helen, of Hamilton, were week end visitors at the home of the doctor's mother, Mrs. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Noble and daughter, of Detroit, visited during the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Noble, and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKechnie, of Durham, Ont., announce the engagement of their second daughter, Janet Armetta, to Mr. Joseph Francis Crutchley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Crutchley, of Durham, the marriage to take place the latter part of September.

Mrs. George Whitmore and Mrs. Farr Lawrence attended the funeral of their cousin, the late Mrs. Keely (nee Winnie Ector), Welland, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Banks and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan of Corbetton were in town yesterday visiting with Mrs. J. J. Wilson, mother of Mrs. Banks, who is ill.

Mr. S. Puthurbough of London, formerly of Bentinck, intends going west this fall, according to an intimation received in this office, and with Mrs. Puthurbough will spend the winter at Ladner, B. C. We wish them a pleasant journey and a good time while in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry and son Percy of Shallow Lake, and Mrs. Thos. Reid of Hepworth, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atchison and Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry over the week end.

Mr. James May of Quincy, Mass., is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. R. Barber, here, Mr. J. Hay in Proton, and with other friends in the vicinity. It is two years since Mr. May last visited here and we were pleased to have him call in yesterday for a short chat.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McGowan and daughter of Durham were guests at the United Church parsonage, Kenilworth, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McLean, Priceville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Olive Margaret, to Henry B. Richardson, of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson of Swinton Park. The marriage will take place the middle of September.

Mr. Harry Whitby of Oshawa is visiting with friends in town.

Dr. D. B. Jamieson and Mr. P. Gagnon left today for Hudson, Ont., near Sioux Lookout, on their annual fall hunting trip. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jucksch are attending the Western Fair at London.

Threshing Time

You Will Need Some Extra Dishes

- Clover Leaf Cups & Saucers 10c.
White Cups, 3 for . 19c.
Medium Size White Plates, Each 10c.
Bowls, from .. 10c. Up
Plain White Potato Dishes 19c.

- Saturday Special
1/2 doz. Cups, Saucers & Plates for 98c.
Special Fine Tumblers, 4 for 19c.
Milk Pitchers, about a pint size, Each 19c.
Special 97 piece China Dinner Set \$25.00

Variety Store

R. L. Saunders, Prop. DURHAM PHONE 4

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Darling have returned from their honeymoon and have taken up their residence on Countess street.

Lady Hearst and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hearst, Toronto, visited over the week end with Dr. and Mrs. D. Jamieson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gagnon and family spent Sunday at Southampton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson, old friends of Mr. Gagnon.

Mrs. P. Gagnon and daughter Norma motored to Toronto and spent a few days at the Exhibition.

Mrs. C. M. Bowman, Kitchener, visited with Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Jamieson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stout and daughter of Guelph were guests of Mrs. C. B. Lawrence over Sunday.

Miss Vera Marshall, nurse-in-training in Durham hospital, spent the week end with Miss Gladys Mighton, Bentinck.

Miss Jean Harding was successful in her exams and got her nine Upper School subjects in Owen Sound this year.

Mr. W. Lauchlan of Ottawa is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. Laidlaw.

Eloping Bride—"Here's a telegram from papa!"

Bridegroom (eagerly)—"What does he say?"

Bride—"Do not come home and all will be forgiven."

MOVING DAY

From the number of movings in town one would almost come to the conclusion that it was May Day. We have heard of several changes in residences that have been or will be made, but cannot guarantee that the rumors are in every instance correct. Mr. Peter Hay is moving to the M. Kress residence lately occupied by R. M. Sparling, who goes to the residence in the Calder block vacated by J. Rainford. Ed. Buschlen takes Mr. Hay's place in the J. A. Browne residence; D. McCallum is to occupy the J. J. Smith residence vacated by Mr. Buschlen, and Joe Davison is moving into the Arch. Baird residence formerly occupied by Mr. McCallum. Roy Patton has rented Mrs. Bogle's residence.

There is a possibility that some of these are not correct, but this is as we have gathered them in conversation with several citizens about town.

Father was annoyed. His expensive gold watch had fallen him. It would not go at all.

"I can't think what's the matter," he said. "Maybe it needs cleaning." "Oh no, daddy," objected four year old Henry, "cause baby and I had it in the bathroom washing it all day yesterday."

It will pay you to advertise in The Chronicle.

Advertisement for W. Calder Estate featuring a large graphic that says 'BUY EARLY for COAL economy!' and text describing coal prices and services. Includes contact information: CHESTNUT STOVE COKE BITUMINOUS W. Calder Estate Automobile, Accident & Fire Insurance PHONE 29 DURHAM

Advertisement for J. S. McIlraith School Shoes. Features images of various styles of shoes and text: 'They're Here! School Shoes Every Pair Offers the Thrift Idea in Footwear'. Includes prices like 'PATENT tie; Cuban heel; a rare value at \$4 to \$5' and 'TAN or Black Tie Oxford \$4 to \$4.50'. Contact: J. S. McIlraith The Cash Shoe Store Durham

Promptly Answered. Amongst a host of good stories told by Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, London Metropolitan police mate, is one concerning a woman who, wanting to show wit before some lady friend hailed the driver of one of the prison vans with the iron query: "Got any room inside?" "Yes, for one," replied the driver. "We've kept it for jump in quick." Not entirely disconcerted, the wag had another shot. "What's the fare?" he asked. "Bread and water—same as had last time," said the driver. New York Herald-Tribune. It will pay you to advertise in The Chronicle.

PROGRAM OF Hanover Fall Fair. Wednesday, Sept. 19 OPENING DAY. Thursday, Sept. 20 AFTERNOON: Palmer's Attractions, Hardy High Wire Acrobat, 2.30 Horse Race—Trot or Pace, Farmers' Race—Trot or Pace, Judging Heavy Horses, Hanover Concert Band. EVENING: Palmer's Attractions. Friday, Sept. 21 AFTERNOON: Palmer's Attractions, Hardy High Wire Acrobat, Free-For-All Horse Race, School Drills, Judging Driving Horses, Hanover Concert Band, Horse Shoe Pitching Contest. EVENING: Palmer's Attractions, Hardy High Wire Artist in show of fire, High School Acrobats, Beautiful Display of Fireworks. Saturday Evening: Grand display of Fire Works and attractions as Friday evening.

IF IT'S STOVE WE... SPECIAL FEATURE: oval fire-box—plenty is a shallow fire-box—a large, roomy cooking big oven, 20" deep, trimmed in white enamel stove on our floor. A New Happy Home Heater. It Circulates Heat. It Radiates Heat. It Gives a Cheery Glow. It Burns Any Fuel. This new heater the place of a small one. Be sure and see. A. S. HULL Hardware and Seed