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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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SHOULD PUT IN SEWERS

We were rather disappointed when we learned the other day that the construction of the stub sewers on Garafaxa street from the main sewer in the centre of the roadway to the property line was optional with the property owner. Until the present year this newspaper has not been very favorably disposed toward paving for the reason that it is only going to be a matter of a few years before we would have to install a more modern waterworks system. In our opinion the putting down of pavement before we had a proper waterworks system would only mean that when the latter was forced on us it would be necessary to dig up the pavement to install it and the increased expense and undermining of the pavement would be bad business from a financial standpoint.

We were won over to paving when it was explained to us that the combination storm-sanitary sewer could be laid down the centre of the roadway, the stub sewers constructed to the property line at the same time, and that these could lie dormant until needed. We were under the impression that this was to be the procedure, but now with the matter made optional there may be some who will not feel like paying the additional forty-odd dollars and taking advantage of having their sewers installed at a minimum cost.

There are several reasons why the residents on the main street, especially where the pavement is to be made the full width should have these sewers laid when the main sewer is being put in.

First, there will be the difficulty of repairing the asphalt paving if it is cut after being laid. These repairs will require the use of special heating apparatus for putting down the asphalt.

Second, there is no question to it that after laid the cutting of it to lay stub sewers will most certainly weaken the pavement.

Third, the cost of installing the sewers, once the pavement has been laid, will be about doubled.

Fourth, there is every danger of undoing a lot of the work already done, by the employment of men not familiar with the paving work. No matter how good men they may be, or how hard they may try to make a satisfactory repair, they will not be experienced.

Fifth, instead of being able to pay for this work over a twenty-year period as at present, it will be a cash proposition.

THE CHRONICLE has learned these things, and while we are not finding fault, or do not wish to appear as opposing the paving, we feel that we would not be doing our duty to the public if we did not lay these points before them.

We are very much convinced that it will be in the interests of every ratepayer whose property lies along Garafaxa street to have these stub sewers installed at the same time as the main sewer. There is still plenty of time to think the matter over, and now is a better time than after the pavement is laid and the cost doubled.

As nearly as we can arrive at the cost, it is approximately thirty-three feet from the centre of the roadway to the property line. This, at one dollar and twenty-five cents a lineal foot, would mean a cost of forty-one dollars and twenty-five cents if put in now, or eighty-two dollars and fifty cents if the pavement has to be cut. About all we can say is to think it over and suit yourself. If our advice were asked we would say "put in the sewers". This is our intention, and we feel that we have given the matter sufficient consideration and asked enough questions to know what we are talking about.

WHO CONTROLS THE RIVER BANKS?

One of our exchanges last week asks the question as to who owns the land along the river. A farmer in that locality had ordered some fishermen off his property, who resented this action saying that he did not own the river banks. If wrong, the farmer says he would be glad to apologize, but as he has always considered he owned the land and all therein contained he would like to be set right in the matter.

So far as THE CHRONICLE can find out this can only be decided by going back to the original Crown Lands patent. For a time when a homesteader took up land he was deeded everything inside his line fences. Later, in some sections, at least, a strip of nine feet was reserved "for fishing purposes" and while the farmer in one sense owned this land, he could not prohibit a fisherman from going along the banks. The hard part of it would be to find which farms were granted one way and which the other. We have some of both kinds in Durham vicinity but there is nobody who can pick them out. From this it would seem that a farmer might be right, or he might be wrong, in ordering fishermen off the banks of a stream on his premises, but who is there to say which?

The privilege of fishing along the banks of a stream, however, did not force a farmer to fence his property in such a way that an unblocked right-of-way was open to the fisher, and the privilege of fishing on the river or from its banks gave the person doing so no other liberties. He could not destroy any of the farmer's property, leave his gates open, fences down, or in any other manner interfere with him. This is the law as we have been told, but it will take a lot of litigation to clear things up so that everybody will understand.

We have often heard fishermen say that such-and-such a stream could not be closed because at some time or another it was classed as one that was "navigable"; that is, it had been used for log driving. No one should fool themselves with this kind of argument. A navigable stream is exactly what the name implies, a stream that is navigable, not for logs, but for boats. The Marine Act is a Dominion

measure over which the Provincial Government has no control, and is not housed about with vague technicalities. The fact that logs, few or many, have at some time in the distant past been floated down a body of water has no bearing at all with the Dominion Marine Act.

THE INDIFFERENCE OF CHURCH MEMBERS

The editor of THE CHRONICLE had the honor, or the misfortune, this year, of being elected to the Wardenship of his church and the experience has already opened his eyes to a good many things of which he previously knew very little. And as the days and weeks go on we expect to learn more. Previous to our elevation to this position we had thought the sole duties of a Warden were to attend church in his Sunday best and, at the proper time tote the little brass plate around the aisles to receive the offerings of those of his fellow church-goers who hoped through this weekly (or should we spell it "weakly") contribution to lay something by for the rainy day that is sure to come when we have our hands neatly folded across our manly chest and make the long trip to the cemetery, to the relief of our enemies and, we hope, the regret of our friends.

"Birds of a feather flock together," is an old saying but it is a rather true one at that. Consequently, since we have been on the financial committee of the church board, we have had numerous conversations with the officials of other churches both in Durham and elsewhere and find that we are all in the same boat, so to speak.

Why is it that so many people nowadays take so little interest in church matters? Why is it that others, who are fairly regular attendants, have become possessed of the idea that the saying, "salvation is free" should be taken literally? A glance at any church financial statement will show that there are members and adherents whose contributions seem to be based on the principle, "not how much but how little". And in making this statement we are thinking only of those who contribute a mere pittance when their financial condition should allow two or three times the amount. This class apparently think that a church is run on the same basis as a windmill—wind—and they leave it to the preacher to supply even this. It is a good thing for these church members that our standing in the life to come is gauged on works, not deeds, for if the positions in heaven were allotted on the same plan as the seats in a theatre, some of us would find ourselves so far back in the gallery and so far away from the throne that we would never hear the angels sing.

On the other hand, take those people who never go to church, never contribute to its upkeep and never evince any interest whatsoever in any of its problems. Why is it that these are the people who require anywhere from one to five preachers to assure them a safe passage across the River Styx and into the land of promise? It may be that they need this number and more, but if a man himself takes no interest in what is coming after this life is through, we do not think for one moment that the exhortations of all the clergy since time began will avail him much.

Most of us expect a decent christian burial, but if we travel this life independent of the church we think it is adding insult to injury to expect the church through its ministers to provide that for us in which we have never taken any part and in which, judging from appearances, we have no interest. In other words, if we, through life, make no preparations for the future we cannot see why, when the time comes, the church should be interested whether we go up on high or sink into the bottomless pit. It is said that it is as easy for a camel to go through the eye of a needle as for a sinner to enter the kingdom of heaven and, knowing this, we think our ministerial body is wasting a lot of time trying to provide the "open sesame" for a lot of people who were too disinterested while living to do anything themselves.

HOOVER AND HIS TARIFF

Last week's news dispatches told of the new high tariffs being adopted by the United States as an aid to the agricultural industry in that country. Some of the comments showed that a serious setback in certain branches of agriculture in Canada was anticipated for the Canadian farmer, and a good many newspapers carried some rather caustic articles on the action of President Hoover and his Cabinet.

But why blame Hoover? Personally we cannot see that he has done anything that could not be expected. Recognizing that their home market is the one upon which the United States farmers must depend for their living and their profits, Hoover is merely seeing to it that they have this market to themselves, and if a tariff can do it, he and his government are determined that it shall be given a fair trial.

The Canadian farmer is in a like fix. The United States market is to be shut to him, but the surplus of the United States is to have entry into Canada. Canada is recognized as the best customer of the United States; likewise the United States under normal conditions should be our best customer. But what gain can the Canadian farmer expect with the United States market door slammed in his face, while the Canadian market is open to his competitor?

With the Canadian market assured to himself the Canadian farmer could then follow the lead of his cousin to the south: get a selected price from his home consumer and compete with the world with his surplus products.

The Canadian farmer has no right to demand retaliatory legislation on the tariff. But he has a right to demand that a market that is closed tight to him, should not be allowed to step over the international boundary and compete with him on his own doorstep.

Miss Macphail, in an interview with a Toronto newspaper, says that "Canada should lead the world in disarmament." Well, lets start with the bandits.

It must be nice to be a County Councillor. The Department of Highways recommended the 7th of Euphrasia as the County-Provincial road; the Council recommended the 9th. The Department suggested that Durham's county road rebates be held back for five years in return for the building of the pavement; the Council made it ten years. Evidently unanimity is not one of a County Council's virtues.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss M. Gault of Owen Sound visited at the home of Mrs. George Sharp.

Mr. W. J. Moran was home from Cornwall over the week-end.

Miss Carrie Mitchell of Orangeville was home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Catton, Toronto, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. R. Catton over the week-end.

Miss Mabel Sharp spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Margaret Arnall of Holstein.

Mr. W. C. McLachlan left Monday morning for Toronto where he will join a mining prospecting company, leaving later for the Sudbury district.

Miss Mabel Stringer and friend, Kincairdine, also Mrs. Keyes of Walkerton, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey, Bentinck.

Miss Alice McDougall of Toronto visited on Saturday with Mrs. N. McCannell and Mrs. McPherson, Lambton street.

Mr. Harry Burnett returned to his home here the first of the week after spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. D. Cooper, Paisley.

Mr. James Rolley of Lawrence, Mass., and his niece, Miss Catherine Stewart, of Lowell, Mass., have returned after visiting at the home of Mrs. Andrew Marshall and other friends.

Rev. E. Hayes, and Messrs. R. Burnett and Oscar Hahn, were in attendance at the meeting of the Synod of the Anglican church at London the first of the week.

Mr. Jack Davidson of Toronto, and Archie, of Port McNicholl, are home at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Arch. Davidson, ill at her home here, and whose condition is very critical.

Mrs. Lidkey and two children, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Chadburne, all of North Bay, visited with the latter's niece, Mrs. J. S. Davey and family, Bentinck, the first of the week.

Miss Florabel Nichol has resigned her position on the staff of Durham High school to take effect in June. Miss Nichol has been a successful teacher here and the Board regrets her resignation. We have not been informed as to her future plans.

BORN

Kiefer.—In Glenelg, on Thursday, May 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kiefer, a daughter.

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CARD OF THANKS The President and the Board of Directors of the Egremont Agricultural Society wish to sincerely thank Mr. Bert Brebner and members of the Dramatic Club for the excellent manner in which the play "Our Wives" was presented on Friday night, May 10, and again on Tuesday night, May 14. WM. McDOUGALL, President. GEO. FENTON, Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM Isaac.—In fond remembrance of the love and kindness of husband and father, Robert Henderson Isaac, who passed away to rest May 17th, 1928.

What is home without you, father, What are all the joys we meet, When your loving smile no longer Greets the coming of our feet? Your presence is ever near us, Your love remains with us yet, For you were the kind of a father, Your three loved ones could never forget. —Wife, Son and Daughter.

INVENTED BRAKE An Ottawa man has invented a brake that will bring a car going 60 miles an hour to a dead stop in 20 feet. He is now working on a device to keep the driver from going through the windshield.



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