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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious to the test of free discussion, i more in love with his own opinion than with the Truth.-WATSON.

Thursday, February 20, 1930

THE BOARD OF TRADE

As announced in our news columns, an effort is being made to rejuvenate our Board of Trade and a meeting is being called for tomorrow (Friday) night in the Town Hall. There should be a good attendance, but like everything else of this nature, this depends on how much interest is taken by the citizens in the welfare of the town and the country surrounding. While the Durham Board of Trade has never been disbanded, for the past some time it has not functioned very strongly, and we feel that this has been a mistake.

There may be some who will throw cold water on the re-forming of this body and point out what they did to us a few years ago in the matter of securing industries that have since gone blooey so far as Durham is concerned. We shall freely admit that we would have been better off if we had bought a few pigs and some pig feed, but there is little argument in this that should make us want to quit. If the town blundered, it blundered in trying to better itself. To our mind this is better than having made no attempt at all.

There are a good many things that a Board of Trade can handle besides securing new industries. An active body of this kind could be of no small help to our Town Council and the town in general in discussing matters that may crop up from time to time. While we have every respect for town councils, we are not prepared to admit that have all the brains. Neither do we think that they should be saddled with the full responsibility of running the town. With an efficient Board of Trade and a sympathetic Council there are many things that might be settled to the advantage of town and country and which would relieve the latter body from full responsibility.

Whether or not you are in favor of a Board of Trade you should make it a point to attend tomorrow night's meeting if within your power, take part in the discussion and see what can be done.

THE LADY SENATOR

Reformation of the Senate by the King Government has been started. A lady has received the appointment. From reading the news dispatches we do not know whether she received the honor for services rendered the Liberal party or because she had eight children. Now what are we to call her? Shall it be Senator, Senatoress or Senatorette? The next move would seem to be to build a nursery to the Red Chamber for the children to play in. And no doubt Miss Macphail will think the addition of a nursery an admirable idea. It might be used later for some of the playful old gentlemen who are already there. With the appointment of the first woman to the Senate the days of sweeping the dust under the rug are over, and now the dusting will have to be done by schedule.

We congratulate our first lady appointee, but tender sympathy to the old codgers who heretofore have been privileged to sit around with their feet on the table and spill their cigar ashes on the rug. Them days is gone forever.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

The Farmer's Advocate gives some good advice to the fruit growers of the province when it says:

"Fruit growers should remember that market values depend upon demand, and demand is created by consumption. And what is being done to increase consumption of Canadian fruit? If anything is being done it is so insignificant and so futile that it isn't noticeable. And all the while imported fruits are presented to the public in a most effective manner. Tariff adjustments will never do for the fruit growers what they should do for themselves."

The Advocate might very well have continued the argument and made it fit a good many businesses of the country which are crying for want of trade and are doing nothing to gain it.

We hear a lot of the plight of the small towns, but what are they doing to remedy conditions? far as can be noticed they are doing nothing, or, if anything, like the fruit growers, "it is so insignificant and so futile that is isn't noticeable."

There's a lot of business to be picked up in this country, but your harvest will be small if you sit around your place of business bemoaning the hard times and having a merry-go-round game with your thumbs. It was once the fashion for the country press once in a while to write up an editorial on home town loyalty. Now the style seems to be the "Buy-athome campaign." In these days of motor cars prospective purchasers of goods can go a long way in a W. E. N. Sinclair, Leader of the Ontario Liberal short time to make their purchases, and whether you will admit it or not they are out for the goods or the business that advertises itself. Advertising, and lots of it, gives a customer confidence in a product; advertising likewise gives customers that same confidence

in a business house. These modern days require modern methods. In the old days it took a long time to Hope to Solve Fate go twenty miles; now it is only a matter of a few minutes. Business, too, has speeded up, and the business man who hasn't kept abreast of the times bound to lose out.

No merchant would knowingly stock goods of which neither he nor his public knew nothing; then why in the name of common sense will this same fellow expect customers to walk into his store when he does not think enough of their patronage to advertise his wares. Buck up. Quit crabbing. Get up on your feet and proclaim yourself and your wares. There's nothing the matter with the business of the country for the man with the know how who has the ambition to get up off the seat of his pants and go

DAYLIGHT SAVING

According to the latest reports, both the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National railway systems are to arrange their time-tables this spring to conform to daylight saving, adopted by a few of the cities of the province. Whether or not the report is true we do not know. In any event the change will do little else than tangle matters up a little more, but perhaps no one will mind. It is just another move in which the larger centres are to be catered to.

With the merits of daylinght saving we do not intend to deal. While not exactly straddle-the-fence on the question, we find little fault with either the daylight saving or standard times. So far we have always managed to get all the daylight we could use in the long months of the summer.

But this thing of having one town on one time and another on the other is not the best thing for the country in our opinion. There is an argument on both sides, however, and we are not bigoted.

It is quite possible that daylight saving is a good thing for the larger centres where the rural trade does not figure so largely as in the smaller towns. It certainly does make the evenings longer and gives more time for outside sports after six o'clock. Whether it is the best thing for business is another matter. In this part of Ontario, if one is going into the city a seven o'clock train is plenty early enough; if the railways advance their time one hour this will make it six o'clock. One distinct advantage to this move would be seen in the arrival of our noon mail train. Even if the old Queen Elizabeth between here and Palmerston limped in an hour late, as is generally the case now, it would be in "on time", that is, it could arrive at two o'clock railroad time and still be here at one o'clock standard time.

There is no gainsaying the fact, however, that daylight saving is spreading all over the country of the leader. The Department of the two splendid interesting and helpful paand very few places that have once adopted it have gone back to standard time during the summer months. But it is hard to convince the rural population that daylight saving is any good. Farmers as a whole are against it and until something turns up to convince them it is in their interests the new time will not be very popular in towns like Durham which depend quite a lot on the business they draw from the sarrounding country.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The tragedy near Dundalk last week when mother and two children were burned to death seems now to have been a case of trying to start a fire with location of Franklin's grave, he directed coal oil. If so, it is but another oft-repeated foolish practice that has so often resulted in fatalties in the past and will do so in the future.

Wednesday of this week might well have been a day in late April. With the thermometer at 50 degrees a lot of the snow disappeared. This was in contrast to Saturday night and Sunday temperatures. The coldest | headed by the United States explorer. on Saturday was 14 below, at 8 o'clock Sunday morning it was still 6 below, but during the day warmed up to 10 above.

London city bird-houses are to be made "up-todate" according to latest advices from the Forest City, but the plan of procedure has not yet been worked out. Probably it may be decided to equip them with bath rooms, kitchenettes and living-rooms. If a change is to be made, nothing should be left out that will make for the comfort and convenience of the birds.

"Rend your hearts and not your garments" is a popular church thought prior to taking up the collection. Intelligently interpreted we suppose it means departmental officers or others. that a person should not make too deep a dive into his hip pocket for the wallet in which he keeps the big bills. He might rip his trousers.

The manufacturers of cigarettes want the tax of twelve cents a pack removed. It hurts their sales, they say. But if removed, what will these same manufacturers do? Will they reduce the price of their commodity accordingly? Why not also take off the tax of four cents a box on matches, which most of us have thought all along was scarcely necessary?

A "prominent" Liberal member of the Ontario House has told the Toronto Telegram: that the Dominion election is to be held on June 30; that Hon. plets recovery. Opposition is to be elevated to a Supreme Court Fay and Dale, of Detroit, spent the judgeship, and that Harry Sifton is to be the new Opposition leader. The Telegram does not divulge the name of its informant, but we'll bet a nickel wo an guess who in from twelve to fifteen tries.

Department of the Interior Secure Interesting Documents Which May Advance Search.

For over three-quarters of a century the fate of Sir John Franklin, and of the 128 officers and men of his expedition, has been wrapped in mystery. Events of the past few months have giv en rise to the hope that additional light may be shed upon the details of that joyed for the early part of the evening heroic adventure, by the aid of documents and sketches which Hon. Charle Stewart, Minister of the Interior, ha acquired for the use of the Department after an investigation by Mr. O. S. Fin nie, Director of the Northwest Terri tories and Yukon Branch,

Sir John Franklin's expedition sailed into the Arctic in 1845 in the two ships Erebus and Terror. The ships were seen by a whaler near the entrance to Lancaster Sound on July 26 in that year and from that time neither the ships nor any members of their crews were seen again by white men. In 1854 Doctor John Rae, an officer of the Hudson's Bay Campany, found a band of Eskimos who said they had seen white men travelling painfully southward along the shore of King William island and that these men had all died. In 1850 Captain Leopold McClintock found in a cairn at Victory Point, near the Northwest angle of King William island, a printed Admiralty form on the margin of which was written, over the signatures of Captains Crozier and Fitzjames, the commanders of the two ships a few terse but very expressive sentences. These conveyed the information that Sir John Franklin had passed away on June 11, 1847, that eight other officers and fifteen men had died, that the ships had been abandoned, and that the remainder of the expedition, 105 persons in all, would start the following morning (April 26, 1848), for Back River on the mainland. Although many other expeditions have sought for Franklin this is the only record that has been found of the ill-fated party.

It has always been held by authori- The scripture lesson was taken by Mrs. ties on exploration that important rec- D. A. MacDonald, Mrs. John White ords of the expedition must have been read the devotional leaflet and the leafdeposited by the survivors before the let on the Study Book was taken by Mrs. effort to reach civilization by way of Alex. MacDonald, Mrs. R. Hastie and Back River was begun, and that the Mrs. D. J. MacDonald. We chose India most probable place was in the grave as our Watch Tower for this month and Interior would not at this late date be pers had been prepared by Mrs. W. Hojustified in equipping and sending out ness and were read by Mrs. H. Weiran expedition to search for the grave of meir. Mrs. John White and Mrs. Archie Sir John Franklin but with the devel- McDougall very kindly offered their opment of Canada's northland, depart- homes for the quilting of the quilts for mental officers concerned with the care the bale. The next meeting will be held of the native population are continu- on Friday, March 7, which is the day ally patrolling through that portion of set apart as the world's day of prayer. the Arctic and it would be an inexpen- This meeting will be held at the home sive matter for them to devote a little of Mrs. Andrew Hastie. All ladies intertime to searching for records which ested in the missionary work are invited would be of the greatest value to Can- to be present at this special service of ada and to the Empire. Therefore, when prayer. The meeting closed by singing a short time ago, Hon. Charles Stewart "Nearer My God to Thee" and the benewas apprised that documents were in existence which purported to give the that the matter be carefully investigated, and as a result the papers and maps have been purchased for the Depart-

These papers consist of a lengthy manuscript accompanied by maps prepared, many years ago, from the statements of a member of the expedition Charles F. Hall. This expedition spent the period, 1864 to 1869 in the North engaged in the search for Franklin. According to the statement, Hall's expedition broke up in disorder owing to internal troubles and on that account this valuable information was lost to the head of the expedition.

Explorers of the Department of the Interior have frequently visited King William island in the course of their regular duties but in practically every case they have been there in winter when everything is covered with ice and snow and, besides, the documents indicate that the graves are in a locality which is not ordinarily traversed by

The study of these documents is being continued and at the first opportunity when an explorer of the North West Territories and Yukon Branch is in that part of the Arctic he will be instructed to make a search for the grave of the famous explorer.

Darkies' Corners (Our Own Correspondent)

Misses Annie and Dorothy Arnett of Toronto are spending this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Arnett Master Freddie has been confined to his bed for some weeks with rheumatism. We hope he soon makes a com-

Mrs. James McGirr and two children. past week with Mr. and Mrs. James Mc-

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lawrence and Anna visited the first of the week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John

Mr. and Mrs. John McGirr and Allis and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weir, attended the gathering at the Binnie home of Friday last, in honor of Mr. Binnie's 80th birthday.

Miss Mary Whitmore of Mount Forest is spending a week at the home of her brother, Mr. George Whitmore. The teacher and pupils of No. 9 en-

tertained the section at a social evening in the school house on Wednesday last week, when a pleasant evening was spent. Quite a number turned out despite the bad weather. Games were enand later Mr. Wm. Weir Sr., as chairman, presided over a short programme consisting of Miss Margaret Anderson, Messrs. Bryson Morlock and Ralph Staples; recitations by Olive Ball, Phyllis Lawrence, and Violet Collinson, and songs by Violet Collinson, James Wilson and Harold Morton, and an organ solo by Allie MiGirr. At the close, Trustees W. G. Lawrence and John Newell offered a vote of thanks to teacher and pupils for the pleasant evening. Lunch was have charge of the next meeting. served at the close, followed by a candy treat by the teacher, Miss Margaret Anderson.

Crawford (Our Own Correspondent)

Mrs. Wm. Lamont and son Stewart of Brant were the guests over the weekend of the former's brother, D. J. Donald, wife and family.

Messrs. Archie McDougall and James McDougall attended the funeral or Tuesday in Hamilton of their brother and father, respectively, the late Mr. John McDougall. The community tends sympathy to the bereaved.

The regular monthly meeting of the Crawford W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Edgar Boyce on Wednesday, February 12. Twenty-three ladies were present and a good programme was enjoyed. The meeting opened by singing "Work for the Night is Coming," followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The roll call was answered by resolutions of great men and women of the Bible. Mrs Andrew Hastie and Miss Blanche Boyce rendered a fine duet, "In the Garden." Mrs. James McDougall led in prayer. uction by Mrs. Edgar Boyce.

The C.Y.P.S. met in the church on Thursday, February 13. Mr. Wm. Campbell and Mrs. Frank Twamley had

charge of the meeting. A splendid pro gramme was given which consisted of a paper by Mrs. George Hastie on the life and works of Robert Burns, the famous Scottish writer, whose birthday was recently celebrated. Following this was one of his songs, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton," sung by Miss B. Boyce and Mr. Edgar Boyce. A very fine paper consisting of selections by the orchestra, on prayer was read by Mrs. Frank Twamley. The scripture lesson was read by Mr. Herman Wiedendorf. A solo entitled "Memories" was sung by Miss Blanche Boyce. Mrs. Wm. Campbell then gave a good recitation. The meeting closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer. A valentine and another contest were enjoyed at the close. Mrs. D. A. MacDonald and Mr. H. Wiedendorf

Ancients Ate Bananas

Bananas have a long history although they have only been imported into Western lands within the last 50 years. The ancient Egyptians are said to have eaten this fruit, and it was certainly known to the Persians, Greeks and Romans centuries ago.

This Week's List

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