

In Other Communities

Reforestation Scheme Adopted

At the final session of Dufferin County Council in Orangeville recently, a reforestation scheme which has been before the council for several years was adopted. One thousand acres of ground, costing about \$7,500 will be purchased in Mulmur Township and work will commence early next spring.—Arthur Enterprise.

Teeswater Chief of Police Arrested

Chief of Police Louis Warner of Teeswater, was arrested on Sunday, charged with stealing \$51 from the cash register of Eldine Tilker, local baker. The money was produced by Warner. Provincial Officers McLevis and Whitty, of Walkerton, made the arrests and placed the chief in Walkerton jail. Chief Warner came to Teeswater about four years ago from London. He was a former turnkey at the Middlesex county jail.—Kincairdine Review.

Hockey Prospects in Markdale

Prospects at present are bright for two good hockey teams in Markdale this winter. An intermediate team has been entered in the Ontario Hockey Association and has been grouped with Owen Sound, Durham and Walkerton. A junior team will represent the village in the Northern Hockey Association and will defend the cup which the boys won last winter. Flesheron and Chatsworth boys, who are fast hockey players will again wear the Markdale colors and with their help the locals should make a creditable showing.—Markdale Standard.

"Broke His Neck" Getting Up

Who ever heard of anyone "breaking his neck" to get up in the morning? When Ivan Lockhart, of Victoria Corners, got out of bed yesterday morning he dislocated the muscles of his neck. He was rushed to a chiropractor at Durham for treatment. After this, he won't be in such a hurry to get up and start doing the morning chores.

Stuffed Chickens

Dishonesty takes many forms, but a sly trick engineered by someone in this district just about "takes the cake." Stones with a combined weight of about half a pound per bird were found stuffed into chickens purchased by a local store. The discovery was made when a Dundalk lady undertook to clean a fowl and found she had been paying for some extra ballast. The trick connected with such a dishonest

practice would seem to be very much out of proportion to the gain derived.—Dundalk Herald.

Postmaster Has Christmas Spirit

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conkey of the village of Priceville, have through the Public Service Bureau of the Toronto Daily Star, offered to give a real old-fashioned Christmas to any poor mother and kiddies from the city, inviting them to spend a whole month with them. There are no conditions attached except that the mother and children be clean and in good health.

They will also provide their return railway transportation.

Such a kindly act on the part of Postmaster and Mrs. Conkey, will assure for them a "Very Merry Christmas"—Markdale Standard.

A New Swindle

A new scheme to get money is reported in Windsor. This one is for unscrupulous persons to prey on women drivers. The idea is to get an old car at the junk dealers. Just so long as the vehicle will go it is suitable. Then the driver waits until she sees a woman piloting a car. Following the woman, he waits until she stops quickly for a stop light or a stop street. Instead of stopping also, the driver of the decrepit car crashes right into the one driven by the woman. Next he jumps out and makes a song and dance about damages and paying on the spot. He will accept ten, fifteen or fifty dollars as the case may be to call it quits. If the woman is not wary, she is liable to pay without thinking. That is what this new menace to society hopes for. He gets the money and goes away to look for another innocent woman motorist.

Refuge Pensioners

There are 27 inmates of Bruce County House of Refuge who are drawing old age pensions of \$20 per month. Of this \$17.50 is returned to the county treasurer for their support and \$2.50 per month goes to each inmate. As these inmates are provided with food and clothing at the expense of the county, it is very likely that the county council of 1931 will give the keeper of the House of Refuge permission to invest the \$2.50 per month due each inmate, for whatever use they may direct.

In Grey County the matter of pensioners being paid to each member of the House of Refuge over 70 years, was discussed by the Pensions Committee with Dr. Jamieson. The Act does not provide what disposition shall be made of the balance due each pensioner but Dr. Jamieson's suggestion is that each of such inmates should receive \$2 a month for their personal use, the balance to be assigned to the manager of the House of Refuge to pay for the pensioner's keep.—Kincairdine Review-Reporter.

Prepared for Big Season

Exhibition games with the Owen South Greys and the C. C. M. team of Toronto will be staged in Walkerton in the near future to give the hockey team a work out and the local fans an insight into their prospects of lamping the silverware.

The Walkerton team will take the ice with Geddes and Red Doran, two of West Toronto's last year's Stanley cup contenders in goal and on defense, respectively, with Len Trushinski, a local star defenseman, doing his stuff in this department, while last year's speedy forward line composed of Joe Raybould, "Nig" Walker and Pete Blum, will again be in action. Another hockey flash, Agar Dudgeon, has joined the locals, while some of the excellent talent from the neighboring villages of Paisley and Mildmay which assisted the locals last year, may be found wearing the Walkerton uniforms this season. Roland Ellinghausen, Gordon Tanner and Clarence Becker form a trio of homesters that will be given a chance to "strut their stuff" when the program gets under way.

Walkerton has been placed by the O.H.A. executive in Group No. 16 of the intermediate series, along with Durham, Markdale and Owen Sound.—Walkerton Herald-Times.

SCHOOL CHILDREN PREFER SPAIN

School attendance was made compulsory in Spain as long ago as 1837; but there is only room in Spanish schools for half the 4,000,000 children of school age.



FAMOUS RUSSIAN SINGER LUNCHESES WITH PHILIP SNOWDEN. This picture was taken when M. Chaliapin, the famous Russian Basso, lunched with Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, at his residence in Downing Street. The party at lunch is as follows, left to right: Mr. Snowden, Mr. F. A. Szarvasy, Lionel Powell, M. Chaliapin and Mrs. Snowden.

Our Ottawa Letter

Democracy is facing a very serious challenge in these months of acute economic depression. The situation is not peculiar to Canada. It is world wide. In fact, while there may be cold comfort in the assurance, conditions here are immeasurably better than in ninety per cent of the countries of the universe.

But being better off than another country does not give employment to our unemployed, does not raise markets for our produce, does not wipe out the solemn fact that a vast army of people in this Dominion—potentially the richest country on earth—know want.

Nor is it helpful to recall that we are in the position we occupy because another Government failed to meet its obligations by forestalling, in a period of world-wide prosperity, a situation such as now obtains. There is unanimity of belief that—with our vast store of new wealth—we might well have so directed our business so that when older and less happily situated people felt depression we should be immune.

But we did not do so and we are not immune.

There are ugly and inescapable facts to face. There are barriers to surmount which call for a broader knowledge, less of heat and more of light, than we have been called upon to exercise. We have to think in terms of the world and of our children.

More than ever does the success of democracy depend upon leadership, upon alert minds and cool heads.

National recognition of these facts is epitomized in the welcome home extended Premier Bennett at Ottawa by people of all political prejudices. There was unanimous recognition of the fact that he had reflected the heart of Canada at the Imperial Conferences and there was acknowledgment that he had seen into and endeavored to deal with the problems which confront the Canadian mind.

Patently the present government of Britain had considered its own political well-being rather than continued and strengthened existence of the Empire. Mr. Bennett's dignified and pregnant reply to the music-hall outburst of Hon. Mr. Thomas about "humbbugs" was a deliverance which may well take its place among historic utterances.

Thomas may never understand it, Macdonald may be so dominated by Snowden that he cannot take warning, or cannot translate that warning into action. There may be little to hope for until the people of the British Isles take the matter into their own hands.

Thomas, evidently speaking for the Macdonald government says "humbbug" of a proposal which would give Britain a ten per cent preference over foreign countries in all duties on imports into a country which imports some \$1,200,000,000 worth of goods and products each year. He says "humbbug" unmindful of the fact that for more than twenty years Canada has given a totally unreciprocated preference to British manufacturers. He says "humbbug" when all that is asked for Canada in return is a fair market for the basic product of the senior dominion in the Empire partnership.

Mr. Bennett's answer to Mr. Thomas embraced no threat but it embodied a warning, which, coming from one whose allegiance to the Empire can not be questioned, is thrice a warning.

Gossip has centred a lot around the possibility of a native born Canadian being Canada's next Governor-General. It was fanned of course, by the action of Australia in naming a native born Australian to represent His Majesty.

If all Britons were as loose tongued as Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas there might be ground for the rumors in Canada. But they are not. The Governor-General, particularly since the appointment of a British High Commissioner to Canada, represents His Majesty alone and there is no disposition at Ottawa to tell His Majesty who shall so represent him in this Dominion.

It is the usual custom to submit two or three names to the Dominion. The most acceptable is recommended for appointment, but the names are submitted and the appointment made by the King.

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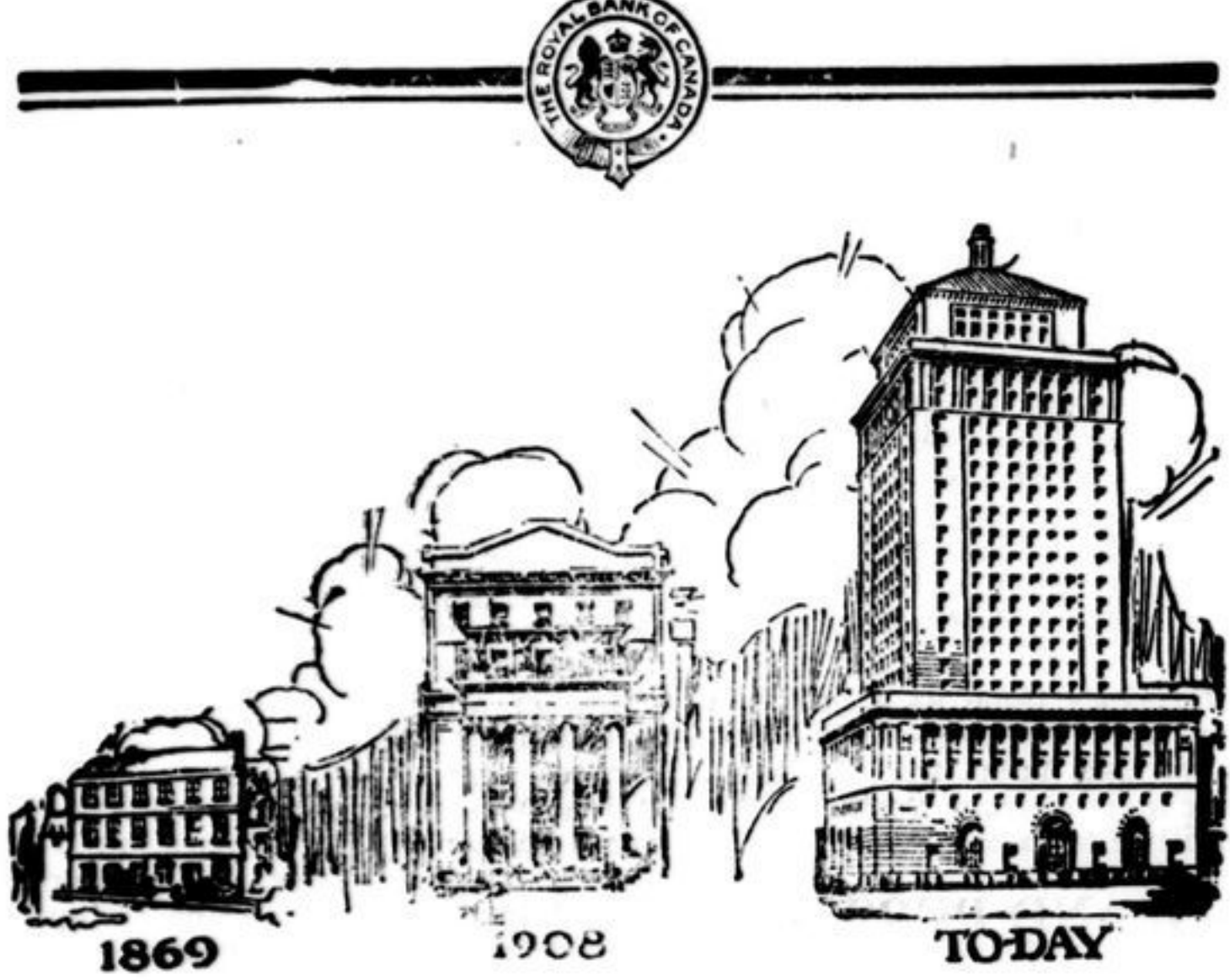
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