

In Other Communities
Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance.

Transferred to Durham

Mr. Reg. Simmons, who has been the foreman of the section crew on the C. N.R. at Paisley for the past eight years has been transferred to Durham and went there to take charge of his work this week. His successor here has not yet been appointed.—Paisley Advocate.

It Might Be Anything

In Walkerton car markers bearing the initials DF are being issued. That may mean dandy fellow or dangerous freak, and we believe there is also another and more common wordage associated with DF.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Two Bodies, but One Head

A sow on the farm of William Bremner, 6th line of Grey, gave birth to a freak of nature on Sunday, when one of a litter of pigs arrived with one head and two complete bodies—eight legs and two tails. The head was also decorated with four ears, two in the usual place and two at the top of the head. The animal was dead when born.—Wingham Advance.

Wingham-Grown Lemon

In our window we have on display a large lemon grown by Mr. H. E. Isard. This lemon weighs 9 ounces and is one of several on his tree, and has taken about a year to grow. It is well-shaped and of perfect color with a good strong lemon smell. This proves that practically everything can be grown in old Huron if proper care is taken, added with patience.—Wingham Advance.

An Egg Within an Egg

Exhibited to The Herald a few days ago was a hen egg weighing 5½ ounces. It was nine inches round the long way and 7¼ inches round the centre. The egg was laid by a Black Minorca pullet belonging to Mr. J. K. Black and when broken was found to be an egg within an egg, the shell of the inner egg being held in place by the albumen and yolk of the outer egg.—Dundalk Herald.

Mosquito in February

The Orillia Mosquito Control Committee was almost stampeded into a special meeting Monday when Mrs. Geo. Waltenbury, North Orillia, found a large and healthy mosquito buzzing its hunting song in her kitchen. Swish! Slap! And it went the way of all flesh. "Only the distance of the Waltenbury home from the town proper," Frank Gover, of the Mosquito Control Com-

mittee, is reported as saying, "saved the incident from being a major tragedy."—Orillia News-Letter.

Possesses Heirloom

Last Friday John Robertson of town brought into this office a copy of the Shorter Catechism which was compiled by divines at Westminster with assistance from the church of Scotland by the General Assembly in 1648. The book contains 550 pages and has been in the possession of the Robertson family since 1833. This heirloom will pass out of the male line of the Robertsons when the present owner passes away. When the book referred to was printed the letter "s" was like the "f's" of today.—Chesley Enterprise.

Hockey Club Resents News Item

The Advocate item of last week headed "Visiting Sportsmen Gyp Local Chinese" was copied by the Owen Sound Sun-Times, and its publication there raised strong objections from the Warton hockey club. So far as The Advocate is concerned, there is little explanation to be made. The item was written by an eye-and-ear witness of the incident, and stands as it was written and published. The guilty Warton fellows will sure have their difficulties in explaining it all away.—Paisley Advocate.

Simcoe and Old Age Pensions

In future, requests for old age pensions will be referred to the council of the municipality in which the applicant resides for its consideration and approval before the pension is granted, according to a decision made by the Simcoe County Council, Wednesday afternoon. In addition it was decided that there should be a time limit of 30 days in which the local municipality should report to the Old Age Pensions Board. The vote on the question was close, being 25 to 18.

A. C. Robins, Coldwater, who, with Barry Jebb, Tecumseth, sponsored the motion declared that the spirit behind the motion was co-operation. "I believe in locking the stable before the horse is stolen," he said, stating that this was exactly what the resolution would accomplish. He thought the municipal councils, being in close touch, could forward all information required, and also that they should have the right to disapprove of applications before they were granted.—Barrie Examiner.

The same persons who so loudly proclaimed a new era of unlimited prosperity two or three years ago are now equally convinced that the end of civilization is at hand and that while time still remains we had better sell the whole country back to the Indians for what it will bring.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

Should Be Loyal, Anyway

Peter Veregin, Doukhobor leader, in giving evidence in a case at Yorkton, Sask., stated that he had been twice sentenced to death in Russia, served two years in jail there for political offences, and had accumulated \$720,000 since he came to Canada some four years ago. If Veregin has a keen sense of the fitness of things he should be a booster for the Dominion. By his own evidence, this country has been kinder to him than his native Russia.—Alliston Herald.

State the Reasons

A gentleman from Walkerton recently wrote a letter which in printing made only half a dozen lines or so. He simply wanted to make a remark, he said, and this is the remark:

"Many claim that the mistakes of our age are made on election days, but I want to say right here, that they are not made on election day, but on nomination day."

It is an ambiguous remark and its purpose should be explained.

One is unable to determine whether the writer refers to political or municipal nominations. They are vastly different.

The first, in most instances, is merely a matter of form. The latter is a free-for-all.

Possibly the Walkerton man refers to the fact that not enough of the ratepayers display enough interest in civic affairs and turn out at nominations to give others the benefit of their ideas. Perhaps he desires the fact that municipal nominations often develop into merely axe-grinding contests.

If it is along that line the writer was thinking, we would be inclined to believe that mistakes of our age are made on other days as well.

The general attitude toward men serving on municipal bodies is a mistake. In place of keeping in touch with public servants we stand back and complain and squeal when something takes place that does not exactly suit our ideas. There is too much destructive and not enough constructive criticism.—Kincardine Review.

Canadian System for States

Speaking at Buffalo on Saturday night, Governor Roosevelt, of New York State, probable Democratic candidate for the Presidency, demanded the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and the return of liquor control to the individual states. In so doing he was virtually advocating that the United States adopt the Government Liquor Control system which operates in eight of Canada's nine provinces. One of the main arguments which he used was the necessity of diverting to the state treasuries the immense revenue from the liquor traffic which now flows into the hands of bootleggers and speakeasy owners. He said that never was there a time when the sorely pressed state governments needed money more than they do today. In his view it is essential that they appropriate the hundreds of millions of dollars now going into the pockets of the illicit liquor dealers. If Mr. Roosevelt secures the Democratic nomination for the Presidency he will make the abolition of prohibition and the substitution of the Canadian Government Control system one of the planks in his platform.—Mail and Empire.

BRITISH DIPLOMACY IS NOT SYSTEMATIZED

Writing in Foreign Affairs, Sir Austen Chamberlain disclaims any machievellian subtlety in diplomacy. He endeavors to explain the difference between British, French and German psychology as follows:

"The German is by nature a systematizer. He excels in organization. He likes to see where he is going, to foresee, as far as may be the accidents of the route, and to be assured of good accommodation at the end of his journey 'according to plan'."

"How often did not the phrase recur during the war in German bulletins? 'The plan' was at once their security and their danger—often their most efficient instrument but sometimes their master."

"The Englishman, on the other hand finds such systematic planning irksome and ungenial. He submits himself to it with reluctance even when circumstances impose it on him, even while submitting, he distrusts the process in which he is engaged, doubts his power to pierce the mists of the future, and secretly relies on his capacity to meet emergencies as they arise."

"In difficult times there is no more common ending to a political discussion between Englishmen than the phrase: 'Well, I suppose we shall muddle through somehow.' It could never occur to a German or a Frenchman to seek consolation in such a reflection."

Autobitarians
Shed some tears
For Y. K. Mott;
He had air—
His tires had not.

News in Brief

Interesting Happenings Briefly Outlined for the Busy Readers

Old Waterloo Bridge, in London, England, still one of the finest structures of its kind in Europe, is doomed to demolition. The London County council have voted to demolish the bridge and erect a new one nearby. The decision marked the end of seven years of controversy. For over a century the Waterloo bridge has spanned the Thames. It is the oldest bridge now standing within London and is the work of John Rennie. A massive stone structure of nine arches, carrying a level roadway, Waterloo Bridge was opened in 1817, and its capital cost was \$522,000. Sir Gilbert Scott, architect of the great Anglican cathedral at Liverpool, has been asked to design a new bridge to carry six lines of vehicular traffic and to cost £1,295,000.

Conviction of Leo V. Brothers, for the murder of Alfred Lingle, Chicago Tribune reporter, was upheld by the United States Supreme court. Brothers had been sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Twenty-four persons were made homeless in sub-zero weather early this morning when fire swept five stores in three combined commercial and apartment buildings in Ottawa. Ninety firemen fought the fire for five hours. The loss is \$60,000.

Plans have been laid for the attendance of four generations at the opening of the parliament of New Brunswick. Sir Douglas Hazen, administrator of the province, will open parliament in the absence of His Honor Lieut.-Governor McLean. It is expected that Mrs. King Hazen, mother of Sir Douglas and Mrs. Hugh Mackey, a daughter of Sir Douglas and her daughter, will be present.

A call to 400,000 persons to pay \$1,000 a year for 50 years and thereby write off all the war loan obligations to the United States, was issued recently by Arthur H. Fleming of California, a native of Canada. He asked that pledges to that effect be filled out and mailed on Tuesday directly to the United States treasury. A single individual might make as many of the pledges as he wished, payable on July 4th each year.

Chain grocery stores are barred in East York Township from receiving direct relief orders amounting to \$10,000 monthly. East York's action is similar to that taken in Scarborough. The chain stores are barred because the Township Council decided relief orders could only be filled at stores giving credit, and this affects three chain stores which operate on a strictly cash basis.

With the Government assuming payment of their superannuation dues, civil servant earning \$1,200 a year or less will suffer a net salary cut of only five per cent in place of the ten per cent announced by Premier Bennett.

Short prison sentences being dealt to dope peddlers were nothing but a farce as far as blotting out this evil was concerned, Dr. A. J. Vining, associate secretary of the Social Service Council declared Sunday night in Dovercourt Presbyterian church, Toronto. Detectives and staff engaged in bringing these people to justice were the finest in the world but when the sentences were so short the offenders returned to their old habits. He urged that legislation be enacted requiring sentences which would terrify dope peddlers, that sanitarium be established where dope addicts would be treated rather than punished and warnings against the evil of narcotics be introduced in school curricula.

The Shakespeare play "Julius Caesar" has been substituted in the public schools of the province of Saskatchewan, for "The Merchant of Venice" as the result of objections raised by Jewish people.

Figures which have been compiled by the Immigration Department show a persistent trek of Canadians homeward from the United States. In the past seven years the number has been 281,677, of which 254,889 were native born and the others former residents of Canada who were born outside—either British or nationalized Canadians.

The Morning Post, London, said Saturday it understood the British Government's wheat quota bill, which will be brought down in the House of Commons this week, will require British millers and flour importers to pay a levy of about three shillings a bag on all flour sold in the United Kingdom. This tax, the newspaper said, was dependent on the price of wheat remaining stationary at the present level. With an annual flour consumption in Great Britain of 30,000,000 bags, the levy was expected to provide revenue of about \$4,500,000 annually.

Cat sagacity and intelligence were exemplified in front of the home of a leading Windsor resident. A forlorn kitten had evidently been chased to high branches of a tree, and there sang its song of woe. Four elderly cats, attracted by the appeals for help, gath-

ered at the base of the tree and held conference. Then one climbed up, apparently to give instruction and encouragement to the stranded one. The two then made the descent in safety, and all five scampered away.

The action of the Brantford city council in levying a license fee of \$100 on mint slot machines has proved efficacious in driving most of them out of the city. Only two have had licenses taken out for them. The remainder of the machines have been shipped out to other cities.

Newspapers are far mightier than the pulpit in moulding public opinion, Rev. Allan H. Ferry declared in his sermon at Sunday's service in Long Branch. "The press is sometimes abused by puny individuals who try to take away its inherent freedom," he declared. "No greater service is given to the people than by newspaper reporters. The press compels us to be sure of our facts and sane in our utterances. I am always suspicious of persons who don't want the press at their meetings." He revealed that he had once been a cub reporter.

Miss Kate Ryan, 56, one of the pioneers of the Klondike gold rush of 1898, died Saturday in hospital after a lengthy illness. In the early days Miss Ryan was known throughout the Yukon as "Big Sister". She never hesitated to travel miles over the frozen wastes to attend the wants of a sick miner. Many are the deeds of kindness and good-will ascribed to her.

Plans for reconstruction of the university were launched Thursday night by 300 University of Toronto undergraduates, meeting as the student league for social reconstruction. It was decided to protest the present cuts in the salaries of the University professors and the raising of the annual tuition fee in the Arts Colleges.

The will of the late Sir Thomas Lipton, filed for probate Saturday, showed an estate valued at \$566,068 (approximately \$2,500,000). The death duties will amount to \$225,000 (\$1,200,000).

While cutting ice on Lake Ontario, near Lakeshore House at the sandbanks in Prince Edward County, five men paused in the midst of their labors and rubbed their eyes. For, they say they saw a live seal roll off a cake of ice and disappear into the lake. According to the onlookers, the seal swam away and later reappeared, snorted a few times and then disappeared. All of the party clearly saw the creature and there is no doubt in their minds as to what it was.

Two inquests held yesterday at Ak-lavik, N.W.T., resulted in the return of verdicts that Constable E. Millen died while performing his duties as police officer in attempting the arrest of Albert Johnson, and that Johnson died while desperately resisting arrest.

An early break-up of Lake Superior ice and consequent opening of navigation on the Great Lakes are indicated in an ice survey report issued at Sault Ste. Marie.

Believed to be something new in the history of nature study, two large black squirrels and two grey squirrels were found living in the same nest when William Vader cut down a large maple tree at Salmon Point, in Prince Edward county.

Official announcement has been made that the De Beers mines, the most famous diamond mines in the world, situated at Kimberley, Union of South Africa, will be closed the end of March 31.

Twelve thousand persons have been convicted and punished for civil disobedience, and 3,000 others have been arrested under the emergency powers ordinances since the beginning of the present disobedience campaign, the Government announced from India last week. A considerable decline in the civil disobedience movement has been reported from various parts of India.

The death occurred at the home of her sons, Fred and William Schreiner, concession 9, Bentinck, on Monday, February 15, of Mrs. Herman Schreiner, at the age of 70 years.

The death occurred on Tuesday evening, February 16, at his home on the 8th concession, Bentinck, of William Honess, aged 77 years. Deceased has lived in Bentinck township since two years of age.

Monday the House of Commons established a precedent when it refused Jas. S. Woodsworth, Labor, Winnipeg, the right to introduce a bill amending the criminal code whereby the famous "section 98" dealing with unlawful assemblies, would be deleted.

Dr. D. M. Marvin, economist of the Royal Bank of Canada, told the Canadian Club of Toronto he saw a possibility that, unless countries remaining on the gold standard are prepared to conform to certain conditions within a reasonable period of time, a new system of money and exchange might be developed.

Efforts of the provincial department of agriculture and the Agent-General for Ontario in England, W. C. Noxon, to have two of the big brewery companies in England test Ontario barley to ascertain whether it is suitable for malting, have met with a measure of

success, Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, announced recently.

Japanese airmen bombed the Chinese stronghold at Kiangwan in a furious attack that shook the countryside yesterday, but again failed to blast out the Chinese, who still swept the enemy with an ever-constant rifle and machine-gun fire. Two Chinese airplanes in turn bombed Japanese headquarters near Kiangwan, missing their target by only 100 feet. The air attack was followed by frenzied fighting.

WILL DRILL SECOND WELL

After having drilled to a depth of five hundred and twenty feet on the small park on Charles and Isabella Streets, the Layne Canadian Water Supply Company have decided to seek a new location for the supply of water for Arthur's new waterworks system. On Monday afternoon drilling in the present well was finally abandoned and on Tuesday the work of taking down the drilling equipment commenced. It is now proposed to sink a test well near the Conestoga at the rear of the planning mill. An eight-inch hole will be put down and when an adequate supply of water is found a larger well will be drilled.

The drilling operations which terminated on Monday and which have been in progress for the past four or five months were attended with difficulties almost from the start. Large hard boulders were encountered constantly on the way down to the bedrock which was reached at a depth of one hundred and ninety five feet. In the next three hundred and twenty-five feet of drilling only very slight evidence of water was ever detected. The drilling of late has been in white powdery limestone and geological experts advise that this kind of rock will probably continue to a depth of fourteen or fifteen hundred feet and that if water were found in it it would probably be salty. In the last strata of water-yielding gravel above the rock, the well, which to that point contains a thirty-inch casing, was tested and found to yield at the rate of fifty thousand gallons per day whereas two hundred and fifty thousand gallons is the quantity required. The present well has been constructed in accordance with the most approved methods of artesian well-making and it will be left as it now is for the present and may eventually be one of two or three wells, which will collectively furnish our required water supply provided an adequately strong spring is not obtained in one place.

The London Free Press the other day contained a report that the Layne Canadian Water Supply Co. had just completed a \$90,000 contract with the city of London. It required the company to supply two million, five hundred thousand gallons of water per day. To accomplish this ten wells were drilled only eight of which will be used.—Arthur Enterprise.



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