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Notes and Comments

With only a couple of days to go the opportunity for merchants to sell Christmas goods will be over for another year. It is most apparent that the buying season in Stouffville started earlier this year than in recent years and we attribute the fact to liberal advertising on the part of the merchants weeks and weeks ahead of Christmas. It got the people "Christmas" minded, and the advertising was followed up with window displays that breathed the atmosphere of the holiday time. All in all it stimulated the Christmas spirit and buying started as a result. We can recall when it was the custom in town to hold back within ten days of Christmas before evidence of it would be seen in the stores. What a mistake that was for the merchant who had a heavy stock to dispose of. While we are not out to "toot our own horn" we think it only fair to say that The Tribune contributed in a large measure to the splendid Christmas trade enjoyed by the merchants. Never before have we been able to offer such advertising facilities as this year, while the circulation of the paper gives a coverage larger than any other local weekly in the county of York. It is read weekly by 3,000 or more people.

"Are you in favor of the village (town) council passing a bylaw to provide for the annual payments not to exceed the sum of \$250 to members of the Council as remuneration for their services," is a question the ratepayers of the town of Bowmanville will vote on January 2 next. It is becoming increasingly more popular to pay councillors in the smaller places, and indeed we hear it mooted in Stouffville that councillors should be paid for their services—Probably school boards ought to be paid too, but it requires a bylaw and the bylaw should be voted on by the people although any council has power to pass it without the formality of referring it to the electorate.

It would be a proper question for discussion at a nomination meeting. Why not take it up and after discussion of the matter, ask for a show of hands. If the writer were a councillor and a nomination meeting strongly favored paying councillors we would lose no time in enacting a law to cover the payment.

In favor of paying village and town councillors it is pointed out that county councillors and township councillors are paid in all municipalities, so why not town and village men?

The people of Canada, through their federal government, pay an average of 2 1-2 cents per capita each year toward the organization and development of peaceful methods to settle international disputes. At the same time they are spending \$35,000,000 or \$20.00 each, a year for military preparedness; and more than \$160,000,000 a year in payment of the havoc wrought by the 1914-18 war. Canada's total contribution to League of Nations work is \$260,000 a year. This vivid contrast was brought out in an address by Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe on November 7th, when he spoke at the annual Peace Week dinner of the League of Nations Society in Canada.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced, on November 8, the fourth session of the present parliament will be convened in January next; and it is hoped a brief, business-like session will permit prorogation prior to the arrival of the King and Queen. The Prime Minister emphasized, however, that no attempt would be made to shorten consideration of public matters unduly. If the members do not see fit to complete their deliberations before the arrival of the royal couple, Mr. King said, parliament will be adjourned until later in the summer. This decision was reached in view of the Government's opinion that members of parliament—both Senators and Commons—will wish to be present in their home localities as the King and Queen move about from place to place throughout Canada.

Smart Penalties for Law Breakers

Six weeks after the close of the speckled trout season three men, whose sporting instincts are a negligible quantity, were caught by a Game Warden in the Pembroke district returning from a fishing foray with some 288 trout, all under the legal size, in their possession. It created quite a furore in the district because it was generally known that the Department had just completed a programme of re-stocking the streams in the County with thousands of yearling trout. Naturally the decent sportsmen were up in arms and loud in their demands that these unscrupulous gentlemen should be vigorously prosecuted. In due course the poachers were haled into court and three charges laid against each. Convictions were obtained in every case and on all three charges with the result that each of the defendants paid fines and costs totalling \$126.75 or approximately \$380 in all.

Sunday Radio Advertising

Whatever restrictions Canadian law may put on the commercialization of the Sabbath, the radio apparently disregards them with impunity. Not only does the radio publish a great volume of advertising on Sunday, a proceeding for which a newspaper would be yanked through the courts, but radio promoters sponsor entertainments which are purely commercial in character. Studio staffs in Toronto and other centres under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation are engaged in Sunday labor which cannot be described either as works of necessity or mercy. Contests in which the participants compete for prizes are staged for the purpose of stimulating the sale of goods, the extraordinary idea being that if listeners like a program they will buy the particular timepiece or teething ring that sponsors it.

SANDERS ARSON TRIAL CONTINUES

Claim Lake Simcoe Hotel Loss \$6,000 Over and Above the Insurance—Tells of Interference

Arthur B. Sanders went on trial before Judge Daniel O'Connell and a jury in the Court of General Sessions Monday on a charge of arson arising out of the fire at the Lakeview House Hotel at Jackson's Point on September 8.

Norman Borins represented the Crown and George Walsh, K.C., appeared for Sanders, who pleaded not guilty.

H. W. Sanders, of Stouffville, uncle of accused, told the court that he and his brother A. B. Sanders, Sr., were joint owners of the hotel. He said he acted as manager and his brother manager of the golf course.

About 11 p.m. on Sept. 8, Mr. Sanders continued, Robert Sanders, a brother of accused, awoke him to inform him the beach house was on fire.

"The blaze was at the southeast corner of the house," witness went on. "When the fire brigade arrived from Sutton the flames were under the roof but they got it under control in about half an hour. The next thing I knew there was another fire across the road in one of the annexes. There was no chance to save it and both this annex and another nearby were destroyed."

There was monetary loss of about \$6,000 on the buildings and contents over and above insurance, Mr. Sanders said. He admitted that he had had trouble with the accused "particularly when he had been drinking." "He was interfering with business in a good many ways and depreciating it to the guests," he added.

Alfred Thomas, porter, said there were no guests in the beach house at the time of the fire and only one in the third annex, south of the road. The beach house had been closed for the season on Sept. 6, he explained.

"I had locked the doors myself," he said.

He said he called the Sutton fire department when the blaze was first discovered. Thomas added he found the front door of the beach house open and one upstairs room was a mass of flames.

"Accused wasn't on good terms with his uncle," witness continued. "About a month before the fire he told me he would 'get' his uncle and father in some way to repay them for all the things he believed they had done to him," he said.

ADJOURNED FOR THREE WEEKS

Bail of \$5,000 was renewed for Burnice D. Preston, Vanderford, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Alfred Wilkins, 7, Toronto, near Vanderford. The case was adjourned for hearing three weeks by Magistrate Woodliffe in police court at Newmarket on Dec. 12.

In 1936, Canadian women purchased 90,602 fur coats, which is a record for all time. The average price was \$93. In 1923 the average price was \$189.



Nearly 250,000 Italian and French troops are reported drawn up along the Libya-Tunis border recently as France heard reports that Germany would back up demands of Italy for territorial expansion in the Mediterranean. This map shows the area.

Revival Meetings Close at Mt. Joy

The series of evangelistic services just closed in Mount Joy M.B.C. Church are now passing into history. Large crowds were the order of the day. In the morning, Mr. Lehman, the pastor used as his theme, "Blemished Sacrifices". Basing his remarks on Romans 12:1,2, the speaker stressed the need of consecrated effort on the part of the church for the carrying out of the salvation program of the Plan of redemption. Comparison was then made with the Old Testament sacrifices which was necessary in order to understand this New Testament text. In accordance with the Bible standard, the consecration of the Christian to-day must be entire, separated from the world and dead to every hindrance to the power of God in the individual life of the Christian.

In the evening, a lively song service was conducted by Mr. Daniel Raymer. The great question, "Will The Circle Be Broken?" was the subject of a stirring message by the pastor. Using the Second Coming of Christ as a background for the message, Scriptural authority was given for the certainty of this event, and the ominous signs around us were enumerated to show that His coming was imminent. The text was taken from Matthew 24:40 and 41 to support the theme, and the service closed with an earnest appeal for preparation for this event, to which several responded. A duet by Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Graham was effectively rendered. This series of meetings was inspiring to the church and the community and it was felt by those present that these services pay in the spiritual benefits obtained.

The duty on Christmas trees has been lowered. However the new trade treaty doesn't become effective until the new year so this provides no additional stimulus for early Christmas chopping. Send The Tribune to absent friends.

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