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## Notes and Comments

### The Royal Visit

When he reads of the plans being made by various official bodies for proper celebration of the royal visit, the average private citizen may thank his stars for his obscurity. If their Majesties planned to remain in Canada for a year it might be possible to arrange for every citizen to have an opportunity to demonstrate his or her enthusiastic loyalty. As it is, many communities and thousands of individuals will be deprived of the privilege.

The fact will not mar the visit as far as our guests are concerned. Every town that is omitted from the tour will understand that it is a matter of bad luck. Cheering crowds will greet the King and Queen wherever they go.

The recriminations will fall on the heads of those who arrange the tour. One can picture Ottawa statisticians already busily engaged with their slide-rules and tables of population, calculating that if Toronto, for example, is entitled to eight and one-half hours of the visit, Squashville is entitled to three-quarters of a second. But, when they total their results, they find that they still add up to several months. So they resume their calculations with the knowledge that whatever decision is reached, many places are going to be offended.

With malice towards none, The Printed Word asks its readers to remember the old Western saloon sign, "Don't shoot the pianist. He's doing his best."  
—(The Printed Word.)

### Law Reform Overdue

Very seldom do our newspapers undertake to point out defects in the administration of the law but when these defects are pointed out by some one in a position to effect necessary changes the unanimity of newspaper opinion on the subject points clearly to their unspoken or unwritten thoughts.

So much acclaim greeted the appeal made by Attorney-General Gordon Conant to Crown Attorneys and judiciary to exercise the utmost caution to see that the humblest citizen receives a fair trial and every help in presenting his defence, that we take it that some such appeal had been long overdue, also Mr. Conant's further remarks when he said:

"We must admit that the science of law has not kept pace with progress in other fields of science. Although there have been enormous developments during the last century in practically all the other sciences, we are still administering justice in very much the same manner as we did 100 years ago. Well, I think we might as well acknowledge that there is something wrong and that changes and reforms are long overdue. The necessity of relieving our people from the burden of too much legal machinery, and the delays and expense of legal procedure is almost as great and as urgent as the need for relief from the expense and waste of too much government."

A Gordon, if not a Daniel, has come to judgment.

The statement has been made that if Japan succeeds in destroying China's freedom it will be largely due to the part played by the democratic nations,—United States, England and Canada in providing materials for munitions. Seventy-two per cent of such supplies have been provided the Japs by so-called Christian nations. If the Japs should win, democracy will pay dearly for its commercial efforts.  
—St. Mary's Journal-Argus.

### Monday Holidays

(Financial Post)

Belleville Chamber of Commerce has added its voice to those who favor Monday holidays. At a recent Open Forum it approved a resolution that Victoria Day and the King's birthday be fixed by statute to fall on Monday.

The Chamber was not able to agree that Dominion Day should fall regularly on a Monday. Various members express the view that July 1 was too sacred a date to be tampered with.

Discussion of this sort often breaks down because argument centres around dates rather than the event itself. The press account of the Belleville Forum, for example, makes no mention of the words "Dominion Day." Discussion apparently centred around July 1.

Much of this confusion would disappear if the discussion were carried on in terms of Dominion Day rather than July 1.

A Dominion Day which falls on the first Monday in July can have just as great historical and sentimental value as our present celebration. In fact it can have much greater spiritual significance because the preceding Sunday can be set apart as a day of special remembrance and consecration in respect of the best things in our national life.

### Conant Scores Patronage System

The agitation for better and cheaper government appears to be spreading. In the House of Commons Tuesday members came out in no uncertain language against the extravagance of government as we have it today; and in St. Thomas the same day, Attorney-General Conant spoke along similar lines.

The patronage system, said Mr. Conant, undoubtedly constituted one of the weaknesses of democratic government. As long as political favours continue to be the price of political power, he continued, so long will patronage "continue to torment the public men and to impair and increase the cost of governments."

Mr. Conant put the remedy directly up to the people; elimination or reduction of the system, he said, depended on the people themselves. (Which is just another way of saying that we get the kind of government we deserve.)

That Mr. Conant "puts it up" to the people is interesting. For, after all, the remedy lies in the hands of the electors. If enough of them could be persuaded to join in a demand that patronage be wiped out—and we believe enough of them could—to insist that appointments to office under a government should depend on merit and not on party service—the problem would be solved over-night.

## If Sunday Goes Church Goes Too

Markham Pastor Challenges Youth to Preserve Our Sabbath Heritage

"People to-day don't realize that the Lord's Day Alliance Act was made for their benefit," stated Rev. H. Woodhouse, in a sermon on our observance of the Sabbath, in Markham United Church Sunday. "If Sunday observance goes, Protestantism will go too, said Mr. Woodhouse, as our religion is definitely dependent upon the Sabbath for its existence."

"People today insist that their children go to day school to fit themselves for the world, but they neglect to insist that they go to Sunday School to fit themselves morally and religiously."

Mr. Woodhouse did not condemn non-Sunday observers in so many words, but he stated that, a man who slips over the line and does things contrary to the Sabbath is laying the foundation for a godless community.

## COWS ON ROAD

Cost Brant Township Farmer \$104 When Automobile Ran Into Them

(Hanover Post)

A case of considerable interest to farmers and motorists was tried in division court at Walkerton in which Alex. Thompson of Port Elgin sued Herman Wedow of Brant for damages to the former's car.

Thompson was motoring past the defendant's farm on the county line between Hanover and Elmwood, on the evening of the 7th of October, when he encountered a herd of cattle on the highway. When 150 feet distant he applied his brakes but the condition of the road was such due to fresh gravel and potholes that the motorist feared that he might be ditched himself. He released his brakes, but applied them again, and finding this too dangerous, he took a chance on dodging the cattle. He got past three but hit the fourth, injuring it so seriously that it had to be slaughtered. Thompson's car was badly damaged, and his repair bill was \$160, and he asked the court for judgment in this amount.

Mr. Wedow said he had his cattle pastured in an adjoining farm and that they broke out and jumped over the line fence onto his farm. From there they found their way to the highway. Evidence appeared to indicate that Wedow had been notified that his cattle were in danger of getting onto the highway, but did not do anything to prevent them from doing so.

His Honor Judge Owen found that Thompson exercised due care in the operation of his car, and that Wedow was obligated to see that his fences were in proper condition. Judgment was given against Wedow for \$104 and costs.

## STOLE \$7,229 TO HELP THE POOR

This Township Treasurer Called Modern Robin Hood.

Robert Wales, 61, pleaded guilty in county court at Windsor to stealing \$7,229 from Mersea Township during a four-year period as township treasurer. He was remanded until Saturday for sentence, after Magistrate Arthur Hanahan termed the case "most unusual."

Wales told the court he had taken township money on a number of occasions to establish township residents on farms so they would not have to go on relief. He denied taking any money for his personal benefit. "What I did was not right from a legal standpoint, but it was right from a humane standpoint," Wales said. His lawyer termed him a "20th Century Robin Hood."

"What has happened over a period of years may be shown by one case in which a man was about to lose his farm," said C. E. Awrey, Wales' counsel. The mortgagee was about to foreclose because it was in arrears for taxes. To save the farm, Wales gave him a receipt for taxes he had not paid. He had no right to do that.

"He would collect moneys from those who were hard up and give it back. I have letters of thanks from those whose property he saved. As far as he was concerned, his emolument was \$500 a year and a percentage of arrears. But people were in trouble and he would not collect his percentage as he should have."

"The effect is here we have a man who should never have been in this office. Instead, we should have a man there without too much heart. He and others feel that he saved the township thousands of dollars by keeping people off relief so they might carry on producing crops."

## FARMERS ADVISED TO PROTECT MARKET

Producers of hogs in Canada are reminded that the increase in the number of overfinished and overweight hogs now being marketed is creating a very serious and acute problem in the export of bacon and domestic pork trade. Farmers are therefore strongly advised to refrain from overfinishing and to endeavour to market their hogs before reaching weight of 230 lbs. at the farm.

### ANOTHER PRESERVE

The Township of Whitby will in all likelihood be declared a regulated shooting preserve, subject to the various rules and regulations of the Game & Fisheries Act, following the action of the Council at their meeting in Brooklin last week, when they passed a motion to petition the Department of Game and Fish-

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## THIEVES TAKE CAR AND DOCTOR'S BAG

Gang Damages Second Vehicle and Robs Gasoline Station to Secure Fuel

Dr. Charles Noble, of Sutton West, had his car and satchel containing \$50 worth of medical supplies stolen early Saturday night but the theft was not reported to police until some 11 hours later.

Dr. Noble believing his son had taken the vehicle out on Lake Simcoe while he went fishing, didn't report the theft until his son's return late in the afternoon.

William Parks, also of Sutton had his car tampered with but the thieves abandoned the vehicle after pushing it a short distance. The same gang abandoned a smaller car, one mile north of Sutton.

The gas hose of the W. C. Evans garage was cut, but no gas taken. The thieves then stopped at Pefferlaw and broke open the gas pump at Harry Corner's store, filling their tank, to make good their escape.

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While the weatherman's blasts in North America have driven snow over highways and frozen many an ear-and finger, two weeks of rain and snow in England have caused rivers and streams to overflow banks, in-

undating farmlands, isolating villages. At least two deaths have resulted in the floods. Hundreds are homeless. Automobile club scouts are shown helping a woman passenger from a marooned car near Ely, Cam-

bridgeshire, while its driver ponders the best way out of the difficulty. Shopkeepers in some English districts are making deliveries only in boats. Numerous children have been unable to attend school.