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Editorial Comment

Goodbye to the Mansion House

Now that the Mansion House property has been sold and will shortly be closed as a hostelry, there are expressions of regret heard on every hand. "It is too bad," everybody says, "that the hotel could not be made to go as a successful business venture." For more than sixty years it had carried on, but for the past ten years or over the easier mode of travel enabling folks to get home for night more readily, has robbed the hotel of its overnight business, and proved a serious blow.

The hotel of late has stood much in the position of little Finland for whom the whole world expressed regret and lamentation because the Russian bear overran its borders, but no big brother did anything about it. Regrets and lamentations are not enough. The village of Stouffville and its business men were not disposed to aid the hotel in any way, by offering free light, water and taxes—and so the business is passing out of existence. Even with free taxes and other services it would not likely have helped the situation much, and would not have saved the business. Only the pouring of considerable money into the venture to bring the building up to standard would be any good, and the town would not have been warranted in extending that much help.

It is a blow to the village to have no accommodation for overnight. Guests will have to travel to Uxbridge or Markham for their hotel, and which places will derive any benefit from such patronage. Rooming houses may spring up, but men folk especially do love to lounge in the warm comfortable sitting room of a hotel, and here much business was transacted in leisure way. We will shortly miss this privilege in this town.

Regulating Patriotic Grants

"After the experience which not a few municipalities have passed through in recent years in trying to keep their heads above financial water, some facing bankruptcy, it should not be thought unnatural and dictatorial that the Department of Municipal Affairs should seek to exercise some control over grants for patriotic purposes," says a timely editorial in the Whitby Gazette and Chronicle. To vote large sums of money as an evidence of patriotic zeal, as was done during the last war, is all very fine and admirable if finances will permit, but the provincial government of the day, believes that the municipalities should count the cost. In other words, they should stop to consider whether that which they do will impair their financial standing.

Municipal solvency, or better still, good financing, will play its part in winning the war, and in helping the municipalities to meet new problems sure to arise after it is over. To keep the financial home fires burning is surely a worthy and necessary task.

Most municipalities, we fancy, will be contributing a great deal for patriotic purposes through their county taxes before the war is over. The County of Ontario, for instance, has been asked to make a donation to that very worthy, world-wide humanitarian organization—the Red Cross, and it goes without saying that in January next when the new Council assembles, a substantial donation will be made of probably \$1,000 a month. York County may vote \$5,000 a month for the duration of the war. It will, of course, have to be raised through general levy, payable perhaps, in monthly sums, but the fact to remember is that if this is done taxpayers all over the County will pay their share. The Township of Pickering, for instance, pays one tenth of all county taxes, so that if the County council gives the Red Cross a grant, these taxpayers will pay a substantial share.

There are so many appeals today through this medium and that for money required for the successful prosecution of the war that it hardly seems right that the municipalities should have to put up large sums. It should be remembered that money raised through municipal channels is all chargeable against real estate, so that it is the property owner only who pays. A general appeal, however, outside of municipal channels hits almost everybody, and we certainly think that this is the fairest way.

The Department of Municipal Affairs, in exercising control over money grants for patriotic purposes, has no doubt taken these and other facts into consideration.

Motorists and Funerals

At a recent meeting of the funeral directors of Walkerton held at Harriston they decided to ask the government to make some ruling against motorists cutting in on funerals. Every respect should be shown to the dead, they feel, and they have met with cases where this respect was sadly lacking. In fact, there was an incident the other day that is illuminating. A Southampton man was driving toward Owen Sound says the report when he came to an intersection and saw a funeral cortege coming toward him. Wishing to show respect, he stopped his car, with the result that another car coming along in the rear crashed into his machine, and a third car crashed into the second. Nobody was seriously injured, but the cars will require considerable repairs. Apparently the cars in the rear never gave it a thought that anybody would stop to let a funeral pass.

**Baker Hill Wedding 59 Years ago
 Recalled by Couple now in Aurora**

With the same degree of calmness and tranquility that has marked their whole married life, Mr. and Mrs. James Gould of Newmarket, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary.

"When we were married fifty-nine years ago we had a big celebration," Mr. Gould told The Newmarket Era, "and if God spares us until this time next year we'll be 60 years married, and I think that will call for something special."

Mr. Gould is 85, and his wife is 76 years of age, but despite their advanced ages, and some small physical infirmities wrought by the hand of time, they are both in full possession of their faculties. Weather permitting, Mr. Gould makes his way uptown daily for his paper and mail, while Mrs. Gould, who seldom leaves her home knits quietly her homey-looking mittens for her grandchildren. So far this year she has already knitted eleven pairs.

Mr. Gould was born in Markham township, and was one of ten children born to John Marshall Gould and Elizabeth Towle, both of English descent. Mrs. Gould is a native of Grey county and before her marriage was Mary Sarah Armstrong. There were thirteen children in her family. She is of Scotch and Irish parentage.

Mrs. Gould had come to reside with her sister when she met her future partner, and after a speedy courtship was married to him at Baker Hill by the Rev. William Carey. Life-long members of the Baptist church, by a curious coincidence their present pastor, the newest incumbent in Aurora Baptist church, Rev. A. R. Park, was associated with the Rev. Wm. Carey during his early years in the ministry.

Except for some years spent in Ratcliff's mill at Stouffville, and a three-year period when the couple resided in the state of Michigan near Port Huron, Mr. Gould farmed all his life in Whitchurch and Markham townships before coming to Aurora some 15 years ago. Thirteen times, including his removal to Aurora, did Mr. and Mrs. Gould change their residence in an endeavor each time to better their circumstances.

"We had our early failures but were never discouraged, and always managed to pull through by hard work and perseverance. In the nineties things were really bad for the farmers. I believe the depression then was worse for the farmer than the one some years ago. I remember that barley was 25c a bushel, oats 19c, wheat below 50c, butter 10c a pound and eggs 8c a dozen. It was hard to raise a family on those prices. There were, however, plenty of jobs available but the wages were low," said Mr. Gould.

"We had 11 children ourselves," said Mrs. Gould. "Everyone had large families then, but that isn't the rule today. The farm is the place to raise children, and I'd rather be there, but it's nice for dad here and he likes it, so I'm content." All their 11 children are living and to-day there are 43 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren to sit at the feet of the aged pair. "All our children are married but one boy in the Peace River district," said Mr. Gould.

Mr. Gould, puffed comfortably on his well-worn pipe. Smoking has been one habit he had since he was 18, and it agrees with him he declares. Drinking, he believed, was not as heavy today. "I only took a sociable glass, but as long as a man can handle it, I don't see why we should be too narrow minded. I'm no temperance crank," he said. Asked by us as to his politics he smiled and said, "I've been a Grit all my life. I did vote U.F.O. once, and that was only because Sam Foote was a neighbor and a good friend."

"Do you think you'll live as long as Sir William Mulock who must be one of your friends?" we queried.

"You can never tell; he's certainly a wonderful man," said our interviewer. "I never had a

chance to vote for Sir William, for I never lived in his riding when he was the member. I voted for his grandson though.

Two of Mr. and Mrs. Gould's children reside here, Mr. Wm. Gould, and Mrs. Albert Foster, while the other nine children reside as follows: Oscar in Wellington county, Fred in Toronto, Robert in Toronto, Harold in the Peace River district and John in Whitchurch township, Mabel (Mrs. O. Yake), Mather, Man, Elizabeth (Mrs. R. Major), Orono, Nellie (Mrs. Myers), Pickering, and Marion (Mrs. Rae) in Whitchurch township.

**COUNTY EXPENSES ON
 ONTARIO COUNTY ROADS**

Total expenditures on Ontario County roads and bridges from January 1st, to November 1st, 1939 were \$89,184.69, according to a statement presented to County Council by David J. Kean Superintendent of County roads. Estimated provincial subsidies on expenditures amount to \$43,750. Non-subsidizable expenditures amount to \$21,300.

The amounts expended in the various municipalities are as follows:

East Whitby	\$7,069.87
West Whitby	1,484.32
Pickering	13,251.44
Uxbridge Township	5,474.01
Scott	6,169.99
Reach	7,452.81
Scugog	2,154.29
Brock	4,740.41
Thorah	4,050.14
Mara	3,172.16
Rama	2,269.41
Minor Municipalities, etc.	1,428.98

**BEAVER SEASON
 DECEMBER 1 TO 21**

Hon. H. C. Nixon, minister of game and fisheries announced a limited open season for the taking of beaver in certain portions of Ontario. Licenses, even for farmers trapping on their own lands, will be required.

Such open season will apply in that portion of Ontario lying north and west of the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing (including the District of Manitoulin), as well as the following counties and districts in the southern portion of Ontario: Parry Sound, Muskoka, Nipissing (excluding Algonquin Park), Grey, Victoria, Haliburton, Hastings, Renfrew, Lennox and Addington, Frontenac and Lanark, and will extend from December 1 to 21 inclusive.

Previous to last spring there had been no such open season since 1922 but areas north of the Transcontinental Railway had been open as late as 1935. Between the French River and the Trans-continental Railway, 1928 was the last open season.

It is estimated by the department that approximately 15,150 pelts were taken last spring with a value to the trapper in excess of \$150,000. Survey of areas trapped over last spring shows abundance of beaver and every evidence of care exercised by the trappers.

There will be no open season for the taking of beaver in the spring of 1940.

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The Quaker Oat Company at Peterboro have been running a contest for their dealers. Points were given to the dealers for the quantity of feed they sold and the staff of Stiver Bros., Aurora, were successful in obtaining awards. Mr. J. M. McDowell received an occasional chair and a car robe; Mr. Thaddeus Shanks received a set of aluminum ware, barometer and two car robes; Walter Broome received a club bag and two car robes.

**KETTLEBY MAN RECEIVES
 BRITISH AIR
 PAMPHLET**

Frank Van Mook of the Kettleby district, is proudly showing his many friends a pamphlet dropped by British flyers on the German border during the early days of the war. The pamphlet, written in German, was headed "Britain's warning to the German people." Van Mook received the paper from his brother, who resides six miles from the German border in the Netherlands.

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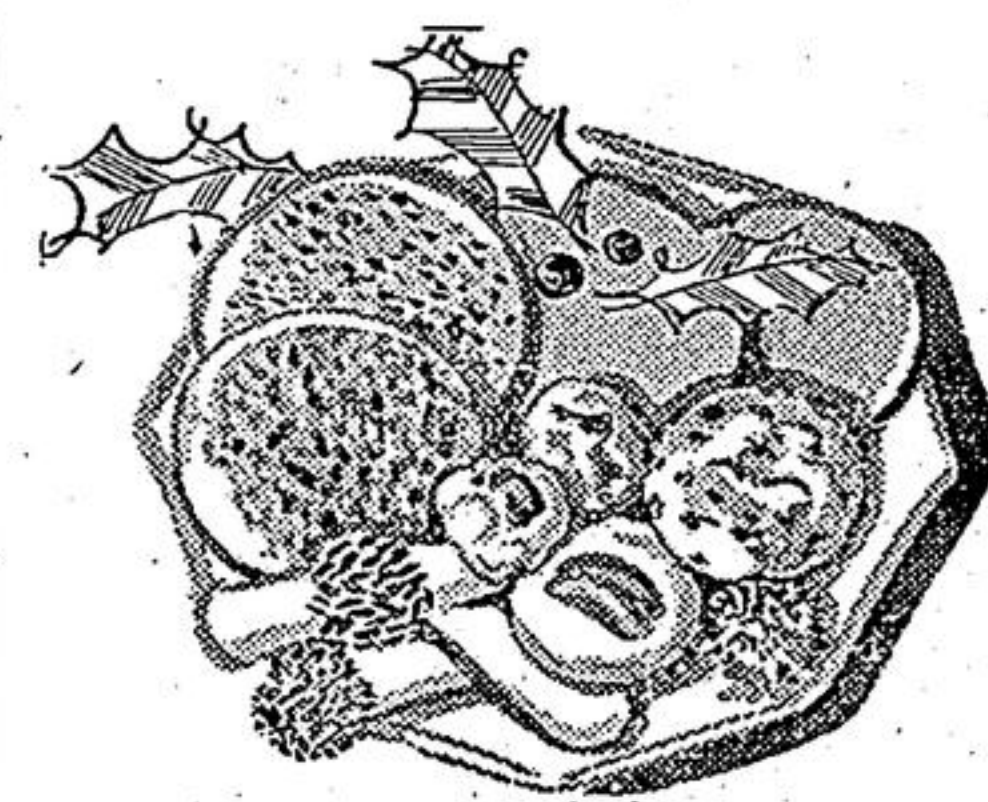
We have a very nice display of Christmas goods. It will be worth your while to come in and look around.

Here are a few Gift suggestions for men:

Kimonas, Sweaters, Windbreakers, Shirts, Pyjamas, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Scarves, Socks, Etc.

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