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Editorial Comment

Your Opinions are Valued by the Press

The "Mail Box" column is growing, and may it continue to do so. The editor welcomes letters from its readers setting out ideas and suggestions, especially for the advancement and improvement of the local district. We do not even mind writers becoming a little rough on the proprietor of the paper, for perhaps we deserve it, but if attacks are made on other persons the writer must reveal his name to the newspaper, not necessarily for publication, but just that we may know from what source our information comes.

Writers can go a long way in helping municipal councils and other public bodies to attain greater success by offering them suggestions and encouragement through the press.

This week, for instance, a Toronto visitor comes to town and is appalled about the way householders dump ashes right out onto the public streets of the village. Somewhere, we imagine there is a bylaw forbidding dumping ashes in this manner; and it may be that next winter it will be enforced. In any event the Toronto letter will start a current of thought that may become so strong that offenders will be at least much fewer in number.

Reciprocity in Coal

According to a forecast in The Financial Post further restrictions may be made on imported U.S. coal because Canada is so short of American dollars.

Western Canada coal interests urge this restriction on U. S. Coal no doubt in hope Western Canada coal will be forced into Ontario, and their stand is reasonable from the Westerners' view.

Why not solve the situation by having more reciprocity in the coal business? Ontario is nearer the Pennsylvania mine fields and consumers in Western U. S. are nearer our Western coal miles.

If a few million tons were traded on an equitable basis at the border, each country could keep their money at home, and there would be no exchange, and no tariff rates either, all of which would prove untold benefit to consumers, U. S. and Canadians alike.

Canning Should Prosper Here

We have been reading about the German occupation of the Channel Islands, about which we recall our sing-song at school—Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and Zark, remember? Well, according to Leslie Emslie the output of tomatoes since the German occupation, is practically destroyed by a blight, and it occurs to us the tomato cannery at Claremont will do its part this fall to fill the want felt by the loss of Channel Island tomatoes for canning. In fact, if the loss is serious, we have a good plant in Stouffville wherein another branch of the industry could promptly get underway in the Gold Fish Supply building, once a pickle factory. However, what we wanted to tell our readers about is the Channel Islands at the time of evacuation by those brave Britishers.

The Channel Islands, Britain's oldest overseas possessions, are temporarily in subjection to the predatory invader. Their once lucrative export trade in flowers, fruit and vegetables and of Jersey and Guernsey cattle has ceased. But the survival of these two famous dairy breeds is assured, and some of the best blood from both is represented in pure-bred Canadian herds. The climate and fertile soil seem to have imparted to the native cattle their capacity for producing milk of unusual richness, just as the fruit and vegetables are unsurpassed in quality. A visitor to an island on the south shore of Nova Scotia was surprised at the richness of the cream served in the hotel and learned that all the cattle on that island are Jerseys, having been acquired—providentially perhaps—from a shipwreck.

Following the collapse of France, preparations for evacuation of the bewildered people of the Channel Islands began. Under conditions resembling those at Dunkirk half the human population of Guernsey was removed in refugee ships from St. Peter Port, while grey British destroyers kept guard offshore and spitfires patrolled the skies overhead. Nazi troops were already on the island.

The export of flowers had been stopped and 4,000 tons of blooms were rotting. On Friday, June 28, the day the last of the refugee ships sailed, two cargo boats in St. Peter Port awaited the loading of tomatoes from a line of wagons, which extended for over a mile. At 7 p.m. a squadron of Nazi planes dropped bombs and machine-gunned the harbour for an hour. The death toll was heavy, and the merciless attack left the wharves strewn with burning wagons and a mile of blistering tomatoes.

In Canada now canning companies are making contracts with tomato growers for the acreage required in 1941. They consider many factors, such as suitability of soil wherein the local district is said to be just right, its proper tillage and fertilizing.

But in none of their deliberations have they found it necessary to take into consideration the blight from the skies that descended on the tomato growers of Guernsey.

In the Editor's Mail

Markham, April 17, 1941

Dear Sir:

I note that you have been rather "raked over the coals" for divulging information that might be of value to the enemy, by a writer in your valuable paper two weeks ago, and which you bravely printed.

Well, right or wrong, how about the item wherein you reported the sinking of several merchant ships with a lot of mail. We are given to understand that information of this nature is "of value to the enemy." Why does Ottawa not stop you publishing this information in such a flagrant manner.

Yours truly,
"Britisher."

(Note—The item referred to wherein several boats went down with a lot of Canadian mail, was furnished by Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster-General who we imagine knows what he is doing. Apparently it is not a secret and the Department does not consider it "information of value to the enemy." It was publish-

ed in this paper and in many others at the suggestion of the Department. (Editor.)

Toronto, Ontario,
April 14, 1941.

Mr. A. V. Nolan,
Editor Tribune,
Stouffville, Ontario.
Dear Sir:

I read with pleasure an item in your paper early last winter to the effect that no ashes were to be piled on the streets of Stouffville and as had noticed what an awful poor effect these ash piles had on the appearance of nice residential streets during previous winters I came to the conclusion that the old town had at last wakened up.

I was also glad to read a short time ago that an effort to induce some of our American friends to pay you a visit was to be attempted but alas what a disappointment on paying a short visit the other day to find more and bigger ash piles than ever decorating your streets.

I would certainly postpone any invitations for any one to visit the town until you put your streets in decent looking condition and it would not be a bad idea to take some

of the hills and hollows out of your miserable looking sidewalks. Of course you have local option which will prevent any additional tendency to become sea sick whilst walking along your streets. I might say that here in Toronto I have heard frequent remarks by Torontonians that they would like to locate in some attractive town not too far distant and Stouffville should make a bid for this.
Yours as ever,
A Former Citizen.

"In Days Of Yore"

45 Years Ago
(From The Stouffville Free Press, June 4, 1896)

A footrace for a purse of \$100 will take place on the Sporting Grounds, Stouffville, on Saturday afternoon of this week between James Widdfield of Little York and Charlie Callander of Malvern. This is long looked for race and should no doubt bring out a large crowd. Ad. 10c.

Air Oliver Mowat passed through Stouffville on Tuesday morning's train enroute to Oakwood.

Mr. Jos. Brillinger has purchased Mr. David Clark's livery business at Huntsville. He also purchased O. Forsyth's team of white ponies, bus and dray wagon and took them with him.

Mr. D. Stouffer is in Uxbridge this week canvassing and making arrangements for the supply of milk to the Uxbridge separator.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Edgar met with a slight accident here on Tuesday evening and it may be the means of laying Mr. Edgar up for a few days, although fortunately Mrs. Edgar escaped with only a slight shaking up. While they were being conveyed to the Queen's Hotel in the bus, the tongue became detached from the axle, letting down on the horses heels. They became unmanageable and ran away throwing Mr. and Mrs. Edgar out.

Miss Laura Urquhart left for Stouffville-on-the-Lake on Monday last.

Miss Bessie Young spent a few days last week with friends in Markham.

Miss Clara Johnson is visiting friends in Uxbridge.

The first scheduled lacrosse match of the Midland District will be played this Thursday afternoon

at Beaverton between the team of that place and Uxbridge. Stouffville will play the first game in the Sporting Grounds against Beaverton June 12th.

38 Years Ago
(The Stouffville Tribune, Thursday, October 29th, 1903)

A pretty wedding took place at Aurora this week when Mr. T. Caster, merchant, formerly of this town, was united in marriage to Miss Pruner, of Aurora. The bride was assisted by Miss Violet Caster of Stouffville and Mr. H. Fleury supported the groom.

Messrs. W. C. Renfrew, C. Russell Fitch and J. G. Martin of Stouffville and Gordon Renfrew of Montreal left this morning trip in the wilds of Muskoka. They were accompanied by Fred Lewis in a culinary capacity. Mr. Oscar O'Brien of Chicago, son of Mr. James O'Brien of this town was married on Thursday.

It is reported that Rev. Mr. O'Hara of Toronto is about to purchase the premises of Mr. Hiram Johnson on Church St., north and intends to move to this town.

On Saturday evening next the noted play, "East Lynn" will be presented in the Auditorium.

The Mennonite congregation have purchased for a parsonage the brick house of Mr. Arthur Yake, Eastend.

Messrs. J. R. Button, E. A. Button and F. L. Button of Stouffville and Mr. J. Lehman of Ringwood leave this week for the northern hunting grounds.

Mr. Fred Warriner of the Dental School, Toronto, was home over Sunday last.

Mr. David Gray and Miss Nellie Johnston of Ballantrae were united in marriage Wednesday by Rev. Mr. Archbold, Stouffville.

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