

## Notes And Comments

Canadians have not yet become reconciled to the sales tax, and no less than 3,170 persons are in arrears with their payments. The government urging these delinquents to adjust matters without having to resort to process of law.

It was recently suggested in this column that an official test of the milk delivered in Aylmer would be in the best interests of our citizens and might possibly be the means of preventing considerable illness especially among children. So far we have not heard of any move being made in this direction by the Town Council. We notice, however, that the Tillsonburg Council has recognized the importance of such a course, and recently had a test made, the results showing that they were quite justified in doing so. The Council also decided to have monthly tests made of milk in the future. Some people may draw the conclusion that our municipal fathers are not much concerned about the good of the people.

The government is quite prepared to see that all disabled veterans of the war receive a square deal, and six months ago appointed a Federal Appeal Board to consider and determine upon all cases in dispute. Since the Board has been in operation the members have had plenty of work on their hands, no less than four hundred and twenty cases having been dealt with, the result being that some three hundred war veterans were found to have had just cause of complaint, and their claims allowed. As was to have been expected, some appeals entered had no justification, but to the credit of the veterans, be it said, the number of such was very small.

Good farming land is to be found in the Sudbury District, but it has been found that the farmers in that section have suffered severe losses during the past years by having their crops blighted by the sulphuric acid fumes from the nickel smelters. The International Nickel Company has spent considerable money in their efforts to overcome the trouble, even going to the expense of removing their roasting beds far away from the agricultural areas, but without satisfactory results, as the sulphur fumes affect everything within a radius of ten or twelve miles. The company has also paid many thousands of dollars in damage claims to the farmers of the district. The Ontario Department of Agriculture has now taken the matter up, and has established an experimental farm close to Sudbury, where various crop tests are to be made, and will also make experiments with a view to discovering what can be done in raising crops that will resist the sulphur fumes.

Hon. G. W. Henry, Minister of Highways, contends that his predecessor wasted altogether too much money, and this he does not intend to do. At the same time Mr. Henry realizes the importance of improved highways, and his program for this year includes the paving of 115 miles throughout the province, and the grading of another 25 miles, the approximate expenditure being \$5,500,000, as compared with \$11,000,000 which was expended in 1923 under Hon. Mr. Bigg's ministry. An advisory Highway Committee will work with Mr. Henry this year, the members being Hon. Findlay McDiarmid, of West Elgin, T. Mahoney, of Wentworth, and W. Rankin, of Frontenac. Their duty will be to inspect local conditions and advise in matters of public policy. Mr. Henry accompanied by Mr. S. Squires, his deputy, and others, last week took a trip over the road between Aylmer and St. Thomas, and we venture to say experienced a good shaking-up over the bad spots. We were rather surprised to learn that Mr. Henry personally favored a macadam road, simply because it was cheaper. It was gratifying to know, however, that his associates did not agree with him, they advocating a continuance of concrete. This section

of the highway is acknowledged to be one of the most important in the province, and no piece of road has more or heavier traffic. Surely Mr. Henry does not want to see a patch-work effect of this roadway. If he does, the people do not, and will not be favorably impressed with his judgment. We understand that the estimates received by the government for concrete construction are \$10,000 a mile less than in 1923, and as only three miles are to be built this year, surely concrete can be afforded. We have nothing to say about macadam roads properly constructed. But the trouble is that they are rarely, if ever properly maintained. As evidence, we now have a mile of this kind of road just out of Aylmer, constructed by the government, and it is by far the worst piece of highway in this section. Experience and common sense tells us that Talbot Street, with its immense traffic, should be made of concrete.

It is said that the labor demand this year is about six weeks behind that of last year, and appearances indicate that work will not be so plentiful this year. The exceedingly high costs of building make it impossible to carry out the plans of the contractors, and only in such cases where such work is absolutely necessary will it be gone on with. Materials of all kinds are altogether too high, and the demands of plasterers, bricklayers, etc., are claimed to be out of all reason, and prevent the building of homes for investment. The government is practicing strict economy, consequently is not providing much work for laborers. The demand for experienced labor is large at this time and applicants are few, and in many cases the wages asked are more than the farmer can afford to pay. Men who have permanent positions at the present time are fortunate, and will be wise to do their part in holding their jobs.

There are several disciples of Isaac Walton in Aylmer and vicinity who are only waiting for proper weather conditions to try their luck with the wary trout in the streams not far from town. Although the trout season arrived officially on May 1st, the weather has been altogether unfavorable so far for this interesting sport. As those of experience will vouch for, it takes considerable patience and skill to lure the wary speckled beauties which make their home in a stream of pure water, flowing over a sandy or gravel bed. A writer in an exchange, who apparently knows considerable about trout fishing, says: Flies and artificial bait hold forth the most attraction when the creek is swollen by rains and insects along the banks are washed into the water. The trout then rises to the surface for his food, and greedily lunges at everything floating there. At times he will scoot to the top upon the instant the bug touches the water. If this is a lure, and the man behind it expectantly jerks it in, Mr. Trout will probably not be in the least annoyed, for he may have only struck at it with his tail to cripple his prey before seizing it; and he will not come back. If, however, the bug is let lie perfectly still, he will, without fail, strike again, this time with a lightning splash, mouth wide open. Digging down with his spurious food it only remains for the angler to sink the hook in him with a quick twist of the wrist and it is all over with the trout—perhaps. When the water recedes to its accustomed level, after a heavy fall of rain the trout is gorged, and fishing is not so good for the next few days. Always, the manner of approach must be cautious as shaking banks or noises will frighten him off. But with care and skill he may be caught in many streams where ripples and eddies supply the special brand of water that this fish demands. The water must be cool—in fact he can not bear to see the thermometer rise above 60 degrees. No more can he see fit to live in sluggish turbid water.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Strachan and family, wish to thank the many friends for kindness shown them during the illness and loss of their mother, Mrs. Dobson.

## RE AUTOISTS AND PEDESTRIANS

In view of the fact that few motorists are fully cognizant of the laws respecting motor vehicles, rights of way etc., we have often wondered that the highways department did not publish a concise pocket manual containing the essence of the law in this regard for distribution to the purchasers of motor licenses. We are confident that if this were done, much could be accomplished in the way of averting accidents and conserving property, to say nothing of the loss of life and limb, which takes an ever increasing yearly toll.

The law in case of accidents is very one-sided, and in a good many cases manifestly unfair, for, on the shoulders of the motorist, rests the onus of proof. It is not up to pedestrian to prove the guilt or negligence on the part of the driver, but innocence must be proven by the motorist, as the law presumes him guilty until he is able to prove himself innocent. It seems that an old law existing in England years ago, prior to the advent of vehicular transportation, is still adhered to, which gave the pedestrian the right of way over all conveyance, be it horse drawn, steam or motor car. Hence, if when driving your car upon a highway, a foot passenger steps in front of you and is knocked down and injured or killed, the courts attach all blame to you, and unless you have evidence at hand to prove that the accident was due absolutely to the carelessness of the said pedestrian, you find yourself in a very uncomfortable position, and in all likelihood, up against a heavy damage suit. Just the other day a case in point came up where a pedestrian, evidently without any attempt on his part to ascertain whether there was any danger from oncoming traffic or not stepped from between two cars parked on the side of the street directly in front of an auto, which, though proceeding slowly, had no chance on earth to be stopped before the man was injured, and a damage suit was instituted, the result of which cost the motorist a neat sum.

On the face of it this looks very unfair, and, as far as British fair play is concerned, is unfair, but it is the law and the courts can do nothing else but enforce it. It is evident that some modification in the law should be made, but, as long as it is in existence, it must be observed and enforced.

We are free to confess, that some motorists are careless. So also are many pedestrians.

Not long since, a motorist with two children, stood talking with another lady on the Bank of Montreal corner. The writer was at this moment in the act of coasting slowly around the silent policeman off Talbot onto John street south, and when within a few feet of the walk, and without any visible sign or a look in any direction, the motorist grabbed the two kiddies by the hands and started hurriedly across the street. All would have been well had she continued, but suddenly, perceiving the car approach, she stopped and turned back with a scream, right in the path of the car. There was only one thing to do, and that was to apply all brakes and head for the light pole on the corner to save an accident. Fortunately the car came to a stop within a few inches of the pole and saved damages to car and pole. Several other similar experiences could be related here, but this serves the purpose of showing how careless some pedestrians are, and what the driver of a car has to contend with. Had an accident occurred, yours truly would in all probability have been hauled into court and possibly compelled to pay heavy damages. Such is the law.

Another legal case recently, was that of a man driving from one place to another, and passing a small boy, gave him a lift in his car. Subsequently, the car containing the boy was struck by a heavy truck in passing, and both the driver of the passenger car and the boy were injured. Suit was instituted by the parents of the boy against the man who so kindly gave him a ride (the driver of the passenger car), and damages awarded the parents. The motorist hasn't a ghost of a chance for his alley, and it really looks as if the least that could be done would be to place the motorist in possession of the rules, and the law, to give him some chance to avoid, what to him, in case of mishap, means sure disaster. The pedestrian can do his part if he will, if just three words are remembered, "Stop, Look, Listen." It is enough to look out for children. Let grown-ups exhibit what you have a right to expect from the name. Be fair, and have a care for the other fellow.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cline wish through these columns to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness during the illness of their mother and for sympathy expressed in their bereavement.

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## Annual Meeting Aylmer Women's Institute

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Aylmer Women's Institute was held in the Council Chamber town hall, last week. Mrs. Blanche Haight, of St. Thomas, district president and Mrs. G. Winder, Lyons, disinterested in directing the meeting. There was strict secrecy, were present and assisted a large attendance and the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Henry Ball.  
1st vice-pres.—Mrs. John Winder.  
2nd vice-pres.—Mrs. Doble King.  
Secretary—Mrs. Moses Leach, re-elected for sixth consecutive year.  
Treasurer—Mrs. J. W. Cline.  
Directors—Mrs. W. Talbot, Mrs. H. H. Wright, Mrs. Jas. Rogers, Mrs. W. Fairbrother, Mrs. C. James, Mrs. J. Davis, Miss Ashton, Mrs. E. Laidlaw.  
Auditors—Mrs. E. Laidlaw, Mrs. H. H. Wright.  
District Director—Mrs. H. H. Wright.  
Representatives to District Annual Meeting—Mrs. Henry Ball, Mrs. T. Hammond, Mrs. John Winder, Mrs. Minard Smith, Mrs. M. Leach, Mrs. F. Garner, Mrs. Joe Benson.  
Floral Committee—Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Winder.

The following resolution was carried unanimously: "Resolved that the members of this Institute become active workers in favor of the present temperance act, should there be an election to repeal the same."  
The report showed the Institute to be in a very prosperous condition, beginning the new year with 205 paid-up members. They have some important work planned for the year such as play-ground equipment, etc., and are a real live organization.

## BEAUTY EVERYWHERE

The following splendid verses were written by Pauline Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson, Talbot street west, who is attending school in Chicago:—  
A mountain hazy in the distance far  
A robin in the spring  
An autumn leaf—a brilliant star,  
What beauty do these bring!  
A lark—a golden butterfly—  
A flaming sun far west;  
A bit of blue-gray sky  
What beauty these suggest!  
A moon; a purple night—  
Thus beauty may be there;  
A silver, gleaming light  
And beauty everywhere!

## CORINTH GIRL PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Celia May Thompson, the 17-year-old Corinth girl who almost gave High Constable John Hopkins the slip last week when he took her to his home instead of the county jail, appeared before Magistrate Maxwell in county police court Saturday afternoon and pleaded not guilty to the charge of keeping a common bawdy house. The hearing was fixed for next Friday afternoon in Corinth. The girl was arrested on complaint of her parents, who told the court officers that she was beyond their control. Constable Hopkins was inclined to think that the girl was not as bad as she had been painted, and asked that she be remanded to his home rather than the jail. Three days later she took advantage of his absence and departed for London taking with her, it is alleged, about one dollar of Constable Hopkins' money.

## WINTER-PRONG

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage, Kingsville, Wednesday, May 7th, when Miss Stella Winter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron D. Winter, of the Border Cities, was united in marriage to Mr. Leo Prong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Prong, Malahide, Mr. and Mrs. Prong will make their home in Kingsville.

## COURT OF REVISION

A Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll for the year 1924 will be held at the Town Hall, Aylmer, on Monday, May 19th, at the hour of one o'clock p.m. All persons having business before the Court will govern themselves accordingly.

J. M. HALE,  
Township Clerk

## OBITUARY

**CAROLINE M. CHEESMAN**  
Caroline Maria Cheesman, relict of the late William P. Cheesman, died at the home of her son, Charles Cheesman, Summers Corners, on Sunday, May 11th. Although an invalid for many years, deceased had been seriously ill since January last. She was in her 79th year. She was a daughter of the late Jacob Glover and Ann Kirby and was born in the county of Oxford, Ontario. For nearly forty years she has been a resident of Summers Corners, where she leaves many warm friends. Her husband predeceased her twenty-seven years ago. She was a member of the Methodist church and the funeral service which will be held

from her late residence on Tuesday at 2 o'clock p.m. was in charge of the former pastor and close friend, Rev. Maxwell Parr. Interment was made in the Aylmer cemetery.

One son survives Charles Cheesman of Summers Corners; one grandson, Wray Cheesman, Summers Corners, and one brother, Charles Glover, of Detroit.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Albert Hoover and family wish to extend their sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and late bereavement in the loss of a loving wife and mother. Also to those who sent beautiful floral tributes, and to those who so kindly loaned their cars.

Place a sheet of waxed paper on the bottom of your pan before baking fish. This keeps the fish from the baking without trouble. The idea is and the paper can be removed after to make the washing of the pan easy and thus remove the objectionable part of baking fish.

## IN MEMORIAM

**SMITH**—In loving memory of our dear sister, Emma, who passed away one year ago, at Inwood. Dearest to memory than words can tell.

Are the thoughts of her we loved so well. Remembrance sweet, sad to recall. Dearly beloved and missed by us all. Peacefully sleeping, resting at last. Life's many trials and sufferings past. In silence she suffered, in patience she bore.

'Till God called her home to suffer no more. Inserted by sister, Rachael Lamb.

**HOOVER**—In loving memory of our dear mother and wife, Dena Hoover, who passed away, April 28th, 1924.

At the dawn of day God's messenger came. And gently released our loved one from pain. We stood and watched her last long breath. Till she slept like an angel so loved in death. She is gone, but not forgotten, sweet thoughts will ever linger round the grave where she is laid. Morning dawned and found her resting. Evening came and she slept. Inserted by the bereaved husband and family.

## Mothers' Day Held At Corinth Church

Interesting Services Carried Out; Corinth Brass Band Participates

Mothers' Day services of unusual interest were held Sunday. In the morning in the Methodist church, the Sunday School had charge of the program. Appropriate readings were well given by Bessie Kimer, Nellie Dreyer and Mary Cook. A particularly well-thought-out paper on "Mothers of Bible Times and Now," was given by Mariel Floto. The Corinth Brass Band under the efficient leadership of M. Beards, rendered excellent music which was much appreciated. After a short address by Alex. Scott on "Appreciation of Our Mothers," T. A. Konson, on behalf of the Sunday School, presented a bouquet of carnations to Mrs. Amos, the oldest mother and one of the most active members of the school. In the evening Rev. A. D. Whaley spoke from the text, "Honor to Whom Honor is Due," and showed in what ways honor could and should be paid to mothers.

In the afternoon a special service was held in the Latter Day Saints church, which was beautifully decorated with flowers. The large congregation again had the privilege of enjoying the music of the band. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Best, Miss Teresa Pearson and Mr. Weeks assisted Elder Burger, of St. Thomas, in the service. After speaking on the sanctity of motherhood, Elder Burger spoke the word "mother" as follows: My Mother, Only One, Teacher, Helper, Example Rock. His explanation of each letter proved interesting. He also conducted the impressive ceremony of blessing the infant sons of

## Baptist Church, Aylmer

Aylmer, Ontario  
Rev. W. A. Ashmore, B.A., Pastor

### NEXT SUNDAY

10 a.m.—Bible School.  
11 a.m.—Morning Service, Prof. H. S. Carr, of McMaster University, will be the Special Speaker.  
7 p.m.—Evening service. The Minister will preach.  
Mon., 8 p.m.—B. Y. P. U.  
Wed 8 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.  
Friday, 8 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.

Mrs. E. H. Smith, E. C. Monteith,  
Organist, Choir Leader

## St. Paul's

METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. H. T. Ferguson, B.A., B.D., Pastor

Chair Director and Organist—Mr. Charles Howey.  
Superintendent Church School—Mr. Jas. L. Anger.

### NEXT SUNDAY

10 a.m.—Sunday School and Brother hood.  
11 a.m.—The Pastor.  
7 p.m.—The Pastor. The text that was the turning point in the life of St. John Franklin.  
Monday, 8 p.m.—Young People's League, Citizenship Evening.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Midweek Service.  
Friday 8 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal. Ever member present.

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