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THE BAY BRIDGE PROBLEM

In view of the fact that last night's public meeting had no authoritative opinion before it as to the present value of the Bay bridge, the general resolution adopted was as far as it was wise or prudent to go.

Last summer, at the request of the City Council, the Department of Public Works of Ontario sent an engineer to Belleville to examine and report upon the condition of the bridge. The engineer made a thorough examination of the property and, we are informed made a report to the department.

Why has that report not been given to the public? Of what value to our City council, or the municipalities interested, is a report they have never seen and that is kept carefully pigeon-holed in the department at Toronto?

As parties to a proposed transaction to which they will be asked to contribute 60 per cent of the first cost and 60 per cent of subsequent maintenance the people of the City of Belleville and of the Counties of Prince Edward and Hastings are entitled to the fullest information in the possession of the Department and should insist upon getting it. We can see no legitimate reason for shrouding such a matter in mystery.

To determine the value of a structure like the Bay bridge is a task for experts. The opinions of laymen, upon such a subject are mere guesses, based upon wholly inadequate information. The opinion of one man, who can judge in a reliable manner about how much the steel-work has deteriorated in its 30 years of exposure to the elements and how much longer it may be presumed to last, is more to be depended upon than the opinions of ten thousand men who could not distinguish bessemer steel from cast-iron.

Knowledge of the value of the old bridge is the crux of the whole situation.

Before our citizens can act intelligently, they must know what the bridge company has got to sell and what the article they have to sell is worth at present prices.

In a matter involving so large a capital outlay it cannot be expected that those who will be called upon to pay are going to go it blind. They want to have the fullest and most competent advice available.

The old bridge may be cheap at the \$85,000 asked, or it may be worth only \$25,000 or it might be an extravagant white elephant to us if we got it for nothing and were obliged to keep it up. We are in the dark as far as any accurate knowledge goes.

The value set upon the bridge by experts will determine whether it is more advantageous to buy the old structure or erect a new one.

Assuming that we buy the old bridge at \$85,000 and put upon it \$15,000 additional for repairs that may be immediately needed, we would have a capital expenditure of \$100,000. Allowing reasonable amounts for such items as cost of flooring, painting, upkeep and repairs, depreciation, interest on investment, etc. we cannot escape with an average annual outlay of much less than \$21,000. Some with whom we have talked place the annual charges much higher. \$21,000 represents the interest upon \$350,000 at current rates.

Mr. Lucius B. Allen, who is thoroughly informed as to conditions, has furnished a careful estimate of the cost of constructing an entirely new bridge to the east of the present bridge. The total cost of a modern, permanent bridge with 24-foot driveway, and capable of carrying 20-ton loads, Mr. Allen gives as \$853,000.

On the old structure the driveway is only sixteen feet wide and the Prince Edward farmer is not allowed to draw even two tons of cheese across the bridge to Belleville market. The company is not compelled to permit loads in excess of two tons, including weight of animals and vehicle, to cross the bridge.

The tendency of modern traffic is to the motor-truck. Trucks carrying five to ten tons are now common. Trucks, with trailers,

conveying loads up to 20 tons are frequent sights in all large American cities and upon American highways.

The old bridge is entirely unsuited to modern traffic such as will form a large proportion of all future travel upon the provincial highways. And, equipped as it is with wooden flooring, that part of its anatomy can now be renewed only at enormous cost.

Taking into consideration such facts as these it will be seen that the price set upon the old bridge must be an exceedingly modest one to make it a wise investment.

There is no doubt but that the sentiment of the meeting was decidedly favorable to the erection of a new bridge rather than to dabble with the uncertainty involved in acquiring the old. The applause that greeted Mayor Riggs' remarks about building an entirely new structure was so spontaneous and strong as to give an ample indication of the opinion of those present.

Upon one phase of the subject there was absolutely no difference of opinion—that is that tolls should be abolished. Whether a new bridge is built or the old one purchased, the people are determined that such an anachronism as a toll barrier shall be no longer tolerated.

The resolution carried with unanimity at last night's meeting marks a distinct step in advance but the matter should not be allowed to rest there. We should next learn the value of the old structure from engineering experts and then our municipal representatives would be in a position to go ahead and deal with the matter in the light of adequate knowledge.

A particularly gratifying feature of the meeting was the broad-minded spirit shown in the addresses by Mayor Newman and Reeve Hazel of Picton and also by Reeve Baxter of Bloomfield. These men were big enough to view the subject, not in a narrow sectional way, but rather with the enlarged vision of the general interest. Such vision indicates statesmanship rather than parish politics.

Don't worry, the spring suit will be able to come back.

There is a disagreement as to who is boss on the Bosphorus.

The birds this week no doubt felt that they made a mistake in leaving their comfortable summer home so soon.

France has no illusions as to Germany, and it is well for the rest of the world that this is so. There isn't the slightest doubt but that the Ruhr situation was brought on by influences at Berlin in sympathy with the old regime; that and the German determination to evade, if possible, carrying out the conditions of the peace agreement. The sending of troops into the neutral zone in heavy force will silence those who, of late, have been moved by Germany's whines into pleading for less harshness on the part of the Allies Germany every hour since the signing of the armistice has been moving towards just such a crisis as has developed in the Ruhr Valley Only France seems to have realized this. Clemenceau and Foch repeatedly warned the Versailles conference that Germany was unrepentant for her crimes and would do everything to embarrass her conquerors and evade punishment. France insisted passionately upon the most powerful safeguards against a new attack from the north by the establishment of neutral districts, prolonged occupation of some portions of Germany, the cutting down of Germany's army to a mere handful and the retention of strong allied forces at strategic points on both sides of the Rhine. The wisdom of this is spectacularly shown by France's swift occupation of the Ruhr district with a strong army. Germany has been headed off in a bold attempt to elude payment and at the same time secure a position from which to menace France.

The French can be depended upon to keep an iron grip on the Germans until they have paid in full for their crime. The haven't been bamboozled by the skillful propaganda of the Teuton as have some of the other signatories to the peace pact. France has shown herself ready for any move the Germans may make. The Allies should give her every support.

A MISUNDERSTANDING

A sailor man he left the sea—he thought it would be grand To start a little poultry farm upon a bit of land.

He went and bought a lovely hen and then he brought her home, She was a very tidy hen, she didn't need a comb.

He said unto the hen, "Lay to," but till the day was done, Although she did her very best, she only could lay one!

—The Khan, Toronto, Telegram

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

ONE REASON SOUNDS REASONABLE

Why fee will be high— It was too thick to cut. The snow was too deep. It was too heavy to handle. It was too cold to work out of doors.

CORRECTING THE CHILDREN

'Out in Saskatchewan, where apparently many things are done well, and where evidently there also exists a need for this special legal department, the report of the juvenile court shows that during the two years of its existence four hundred and fifty-one children have appeared before Judge Ethel MacLachlan. Of this number, one hundred and thirty-two appeared for a first offence, and but three for a third time. The report of the year that has recently closed shows that two hundred and forty-four children appeared before the juvenile court judge, which is a little more than half the total for the two years' life of the court. Of this number two hundred and twenty-seven appeared once, thirteen twice and three made a third appearance. In making her report, Judge MacLachlan speaks with deep appreciation of the efforts of the probation officers to assist the children in "making good" after a first offence. The follow-up work in all social reform endeavours is important, and if its officers are not particularly adapted to meet any situation, the results are bad for the offender and discouraging to the welfare department, whose business it is to correct the existing offences. Judge MacLachlan has a system of small fines, paid by the juvenile offenders, which, she declares, is much more effective than a larger sum, which of necessity must be paid by the parents or guardians. This fixes the responsibility and brings to the child a realization that it is a part of a community and as such must take upon its shoulders the burden of its own offences against laws that were designed to protect, and that cannot be lightly regarded.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

MAN'S 'SUPERIORITY'

Lady Astor may have failed in her attempt to have the Equal Suffrage Act amended by the British Commons by having the age at which a woman can vote changed from 30 to 21 years, but she has at least won what may best be described as a moral triumph. She has, at least asserted the rights of her sex.—The provision as to age contained in the Act in question is a crude and discriminating piece of legislation which any fair-minded man should be ashamed to support.

FEDERALIZATION IN BRITAIN

Congestion, immense, growing and crushing, must remain quite inevitable so long as a single legislature attempts to deal with all the domestic politics of forty-six million people, besides controlling the defence and the external affairs of about a quarter of mankind. We have quoted before now some comparative figures from the other English-speaking democracies, and remind our readers, how, in the United States, there is on the average, about one government and legislature to every two million people; in Canada, one

to every 800,000; in Australia, one to every 700,000; in South Africa, one to every 1,200,000; and in New Zealand, one to a million. The logic of these contrasts cannot be escaped. We must make up our minds, as a matter of urgency, to the establishment of a system of devolution and federalism throughout the United Kingdom, in which the government's Irish bill should be only the first step.—London Daily Chronicle.

TWEED

Miss Rosaline Hart of Deseronto spent Easter with her parents at Stocco.

Mr. E. Jackson, of Cobourg, spent the week-end in town.

Mr. A. D. Robertson, of Campbellford paid a business visit to Tweed last week.

Miss Jennie and Irene Elliott spent the holidays in Queensboro visiting relatives.

Mr. L. Frost spent Easter Sunday in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robertson, of Montreal, paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Collins last week.

Miss Millie Whalen of Notre Dame convent Kingston is visiting her home in Stocco.

Miss M. Fawcett left on Friday for Mount Forest where she will visit her brother.

Miss Annie Frost is spending the week with friends in Belleville.

Miss M. D. Taylor, of Ottawa, is visiting her brother Mr. J. D. Taylor.

Mrs. Laura LaFontaine, of Toronto, spent last week, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. LaFontaine.

Miss Madeline Tuft of Toronto was an Easter guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tuft.

Miss Winnie Sleppe, of Belleville, spent over Sunday in town.

Mrs. Doughty and little daughter, Grace, of Peterboro, spent the Easter holiday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Newton.

Mrs. F. J. Thompson and Mrs. H. Letch, of Tamworth, attended the funeral of Mr. R. Gray, in Queensboro on Wednesday.

Mr. Albert Farrar, of Oshawa, and Mr. J. Farrar, of Trenton, were visitors in town last week.

Miss Marion Mouch, of Belleville, spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Mouch.

Seventy dollars a month and board was offered the other day to a young farmer if he would remain in the neighborhood instead of taking up other employment. Another instance is cited of \$50 a month, free house, privilege of planting a garden and potato ground, keeping a cow, pig, hens and in fact conducting a farm of his own on a small scale as the tempting bait handed out to a married man. The farm labor problem is said to be very acute and many farmers will get along without hired help.—Tweed News and Advocate.

NAPANEE

Miss Nellies Miln, of Belleville, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Deak.

Mr. K. J. Valentine spent a day last week in Belleville attending the Holstein Breeders' annual sale.

Mr. Geo. H. Meagher, of "Meagher's", Belleville spent Easter Sunday in town with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meagher.

Miss Winnifred Perry, of Albert College, Belleville, is spending the holidays at her home on Adelphi St.

Miss Dorothy Robinson is home from Toronto spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson.

Mr. Claude R. Young, of Queen's University, Kingston, spent the Easter holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Young.

Mr. Fred Parrott and Master Jack, of Belleville, spent the Easter holidays with the former's mother, John street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Foltz, Miss Helen Foltz and Mr. Harold Barrett, Belleville, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Adams, Toronto, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walsh, John St.

Mr. Reginald Webb, of California, who is attending Upper Canada College, is spending the Easter recess with Mrs. F. F. Miller.

Miss Sarah Carroll, of Hamilton, Ont., and Miss Irene Sullivan, of Chicago, are visiting their relatives in Bath and Conway for a couple of months.

Miss Walton of Belleville, who assisted at the Musical Club concert on Tuesday evening, was the guest of Miss Hattie Wartman during her stay in Napanee.

Mrs. Aikenbrack, Sydenham, spent Easter and the following week in Toronto, and on Wednesday attended the reception given by the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Clarke at Government House to the members of the O. E. A.

Nursing Sister Janet Williamson, M.M., and Nursing Sister Lenora Harrington, M.M., Kingston, spent the Easter vacation with Mr. and

Mrs. W. S. Harrington.

Mrs. M. R. Reid underwent a serious operation in Kingston General Hospital last Saturday. The operation was successful and Mrs. Reid is recovering slowly.

The Misses Lorenia and Grace Wilson as spending a few days in Kingston this week, and attended the wedding of their cousin, Miss Carroll.

Mrs. John Kelly and Miss Mabel Kelly, Gananoque, are guests of Mrs. H. W. Kelly for ten days, on their return from spending the winter in Buffalo.

Mr. Fred Tully, Toronto, spent Easter in the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. S. Harrington.

Mrs. Frank Hall, of Belleville, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ikenbrack, Camden East, spent from Good Friday till Easter Monday with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gordon, Elginburg. — Napanee Beaver and Express.

BANCROFT

Miss Rosella Lindsay spent Easter in town, the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Broad and small son, spent Easter the guest of relatives at Malone.

Mr. J. D. Payne is in Toronto this week, in the interests of the Auto Service Station.

Mr. Roy Payne, of Toronto, spent the Easter festival with his parents in town.

Mr. O. Fuller, C.N.R. brakeman at Hornpayne, spent Easter in the home town.

Mr. W. Wiggins, Reeve of Faraday, is in Belleville this week in connection with the county audit.

Mrs. Chas. Plumley, Jr., is lying seriously ill with pneumonia. Mr. Plumley is also confined to his room.

Miss Josie Fisher, Bell Telephone operator at Madoc, was the guest of her parents over Easter.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Card, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia on Sunday last.

Interment took place on Tuesday.

Mrs. Barnaby (nee Olive Jackson) and babe of Regina, Sask., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Towle and other friends in town.

Mrs. W. J. George went to Wellington on Saturday, where she spent the Easter holidays the guest of her brother, Mr. J. R. Dick.

Messrs. Chas. Thompson and Geo. Bailey, Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Rawdon, were in town on business last week.

Mr. Miles Vardy is carrying his hand in a sling, having had the end removed from his second finger, while coming in contact with the circular saw in Kelusky's mill on Wednesday last.

Reeve Burns of Madoc and Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, accompanied by Superintendent S. Fox, of Eldorado, are in the north this week inspecting roads and bridges and laying out money on same.

Mr. Louis Glenn, of Wood, disposed of his farm, stock and implements last week to Mr. Ernest Bedford of Windsor. Mr. Glenn has purchased four acres of land from Mr. Thomas Maxwell, up on Bridge St., East and intends in the near future to erect a neat little dwelling.—Bancroft Times.

STIRLING

Mr. Harold Payne, of the Bank of Montreal staff, Toronto, spent the Easter vacation with his mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Utman and grandsons, Donald Scott, spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daniels.

Miss Marion Halliwell of the O. B.C. spent Easter with her mother, Mrs. L. E. Halliwell.

Mrs. Jos. Hagerman and son, Carl, of Belleville, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vance.

Miss Jennie Butler, of Belleville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler over Easter.

Miss Nora Halliwell, of Halliway, attended the dance last night and will spend a few days with her sister, Margaret.

Mr. John West, Jr., of Harold, has been engaged as cheesemaker at Evergreen factory for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hogle and Mrs. Hyde and children, of Trenton, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Morton.

Miss Sylvia Dracup spent Easter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dracup.

Mrs. Hodgson and son, of Lindsay, and Miss Jennie Wood and Mr. Alex. Wood, of Burnt River, spent Easter holidays at Mrs. A. Conley's.

Frank Lish came home from Toronto for Easter. He has been transferred to the Union Bank at Dundalk, and left for that place on Monday.

Mr. Martin Murray and Mrs. Clin-

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THADDEUS B. SCOTT, late of the County of Hastings, Esq., deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, Chapter 121, Section 56, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Thaddeus B. Scott who died on or about the Fifth Day of March, One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty are required to send in writing their claims and statements of their accounts and nature of the security, if any held by them, duly verified by a Statutory Declaration, AND TAKE NOTICE that after the first day of May, 1920, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto and will not be bound to take account of any claim or debt or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim or debt shall not have been received by him on or before the said day of May, A.D. 1920.

F. S. WALLBRIDGE, Solicitor for Executor, wa.15.15.22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jena Sine who died on or about the Twenty-seventh day of September A.D. 1913, are required on or before the Tenth day of May, 1920, to deliver to Carrie Sine, Frankford, Ontario, by Statutory Declaration, a true and correct statement of their claims and statements of their accounts and nature of the security (if any) held by them duly verified by a Statutory Declaration.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the Tenth day of May, 1920, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which she shall have received notice on or before the said day of May, 1920, and will not be bound to take account of any claim or debt of which she shall have received notice after the said day of May, 1920.

F. S. WALLBRIDGE, Solicitor for Administrator, wa.15.22.

4TH CON. SIDNEY

Service next Sunday evening will be held at 7.30 p.m., Rev. T. Wallace pastor.

Mrs. H. Langabeer and son Arthur of Peona, Ill., spent Thursday of last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wood and family spent Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. Clapp.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Harris, Mr. J. McPherson and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vermilyea and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dettlor and son took tea with Mr. J. McPherson on Wednesday of last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Wallace and family spent one day last week with Rev. and Mrs. Merrick, of Thomasburg.

The concert given by the mission band on Monday evening was well attended. The proceeds of the evening was \$12.40.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Harris motored to Hart's, Madoc township on Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wood.

The weather is very unfavorable for the farmers to get at their spring work.

MARRIED

Married at the Methodist Parsonage, Caniffton, April the 7th, by Rev. J. S. McMullen, Mr. Clarence A. Martin, of the fourth concession of Thurlow to Miss Annie Pearl Lawrence, of Caniffton.

Mr. Harold H. Lawrence and Miss Alice L. Martin were in attendance.

One hundred farms in Northumberland county have changed hands since the crops were taken off them last year.

Fire which originated in an overheated grate, did \$200 damage to the home of Dr. D. H. Arnold, London.

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A Short Story by M

Last Sunday afternoon said he thought after a shower on Saturday, that a walk back through the see if any rails had big fences.

Well, he had only been few minutes when "Nid cromble came over to them. They took a couple of chairs the oak tree in the yard laid down on the lounge bed to take a nap. Bits of talk came through now, and I heard her say "know." And he said he know right away. She had to ask her pa, and he ask him when he came back.

That's all I remember, ped asleep and was awed the greatest commotion house you ever heard.

When Rastus was com the pasture, he spied the Durham "critter" of SH son's in his field. He went him out, but the "critter" red flannel shirt and made for Rastus, pawing and m

Rastus thought the started for home the bet is so fat he cannot run. He took a short-cut over by the bee-hives, and one rolled and upset one of the bees were very indignant never thought of blaming Rastus.

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