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## It's You

If you want to live in the kind of a town  
That's the kind of a town you like,  
You don't have to slip your clothes in a grip  
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you've left behind,  
For there's nothing that's really new;  
It's a knock at yourself if you knock your town  
For it isn't your town—IT'S YOU.

Real towns are not made by men afraid  
Lest somebody else gets ahead;  
If everyone works, and nobody shirks,  
You can raise a town from the dead.

## DO IT NOW

Get those Rubber Boots, Rubbers and  
Shoes before you get wet feet and catch cold

## The Peoples's Store

A. R. SHARP, Prop.

## Boots and Shoes

**Boys' Boots.** All good strong wearing  
boots made by reliable makers. An assort-  
ed line of all sizes 8 to 12. Special at  
**\$2.48**

**Larger Boys' Boots.** Good heavy boots  
for spring wear, sizes 1 to 5. Special at  
**\$3.49**

**Girls' Boots** in button or lace. Clearing  
lot of different styles and leathers.  
**\$2.48**

See our **Men's Heavy Work Boots** direct  
from factory. A good dependable boot  
**\$3.75**

Our stock of **Dominion Rubbers** is com-  
plete for all the family. All new stock of  
the highest grade. Let us fit you out for  
the wet weather.

## Groceries

### A FEW SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

Home Brand Mincemeat, extra quality 15c

Prunes, all high grade goods 20c to 28c

Golden Net Salmon 1 lb. tin 15c, 2 lb. 25c

Peachlade, a pure fruit Jam, made of fancy  
quality peaches, 10 oz. jar 25c

# EAGER'S

THE STORE OF QUALITY GOODS

Waterdown

Ontario

## A Polyglot Porter



John Cox, master of many languages.

THE smooth-working organism of a great railway which prides itself on being able to meet any situation in an equable manner, received a rude jolt one day when two picturesquely garbed strangers strolled into the Windsor Depot of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Montreal, and, despite the most elaborate and vociferous linguistic contortions, failed in a most deplorable manner to make anyone understand what they wanted.

Someone who had travelled in the east ventured the opinion that they were Arabs, and the polyglot bombardment which had been in progress ceased in hopeless despair, for the stock of available languages did not go into Kipling's country "east of Suez." Then a "red cap," one of the colored porters who make themselves useful about the station handling baggage between the train and taxicab, stepped up. He relieved himself of what sounded like a combination of a badly-running Ford and a Sarcee war chant, and had the situation straightened out in no time at all.

Investigation revealed that the railway had on its staff of baggage hustlers a veritable Mezzofanti, a student who for sheer love of the acquisition picks up languages in the easy manner he does suitcases. He is known about the station as Number Eighteen, though this has no reference to his lingual accomplishments. His name is John Cox and his country of origin is British Guiana, though to satisfy his voracious thirst for tongues that other people employ he has strayed far from his native sugar plantations. Spanish, Italian, English, French, Greek, Hindustani and Arabic he can call into requisition at a moment's notice, while he writes most of them with equal facility. He admits not being as yet equally at home with German, though he has substantial grasp of the language.

Hindustani is his native tongue. Facile English he acquired in England in the employ of a British railway magnate. In the same employ he went to Brazil and Panama, acquiring Spanish in an effortless manner en route. Returning to England with merely his appetite whetted, he took lessons in Italian and French and speedily added them to his linguistic list. The outbreak of the war opened up possibilities of yet more interesting and extensive travel, and he joined the navy as being less likely to remain confined to an area where they spoke the same language all of the time.

Fate played into his hands when he became stationed at Mudros, in the Grecian Archipelago, near the entrance to the Dardanelles. It was not long before he had qualified to keep a fruit store and was looking round for more languages to conquer. He bethought himself of the hordes of Turkish prisoners coming in to the depot, and after hobnobbing with them for a few months, was reading the "Arabian Nights" in the original.

He was demobilized in May, 1921, his one regret being that the part he had played in the war had never given him the opportunity of seeing the interior of Germany, but this lost opportunity he has since made up for by diligent study. He came from England to Canada, and has since been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Windsor Station, Montreal. Now, when picturesquely garbed strangers from unknown lands appear at the depot, and general efforts to interpret their mouthings of weird sounds are ineffectual, officials send an S.O.S. for Number Eighteen.

Will the party who sent the poems on Texas kindly send their name if they wish the articles published.

## Village Council Meeting

The Village Council met Monday evening, March 10th for general business, with the Reeve in the chair and all other members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communications were read from the Hamilton General Hospital, one from the Ontario Municipal Association, and one from the Toronto Casualty Company.

On motion of Councillors Speck and Thomas the following accounts were passed and ordered paid.

### Village Accounts

To Wm. Attridge loan to High School maintenance during February \$150, and March \$800.

To Royal Bank for interest on School Debenture \$664.65, also for embossed cheque book \$4, and a cheque from Waterdown Hydro System to retire debenture 1st issue for 1924, \$401.14.

To J. C. Medlar on salary as village Clerk and Treasurer \$62.50, for registering births, marriages and deaths during 1923, \$7.

For shoveling snow—J. English \$2.45, E. Greene \$1.75, E. DeLong \$2.10, Arlie Young \$1.92, Fred Klodt \$1.92, Wm. Thompson, et al, \$3.50.

To J. E. Gordon, opening street grates \$1.75.

To D. Robson for lighting fire in Township Hall \$1.50.

To Jas. R. Thompson, removing indigent to General Hospital \$5.

### Hydro Accounts

To Village of Waterdown to retire debenture mentioned in village accounts \$401.14.

To J. C. Medlar salary as Hydro Clerk and Treasurer \$150.

A. E. Morden for cartage to and from Hamilton on meters etc. during 1922, \$9.70.

To Gordon Bowman, horse hire for work on Plains Line \$4.

To Eager Estate for supplies for Hydro \$9.47.

To F. Speck for work on conduits for the bridge \$5.

To H. Nicol for work in Waterdown and one 200-watt lamp \$57.30, also for work at Aldershot \$26.40.

On motion the council adjourned to Monday, April 14th, or at the call of the Reeve.

J. C. MEDLAR,  
Village Clerk

## Home and School Club

The next meeting of the Home and School Club will be held in the school on Friday afternoon, March 14th at 4 o'clock. The main feature of the programme is to be an illustrated lecture and demonstration by Miss Buckbee, School Nurse. Miss Buckbee holds an outstanding position in the health work of the Province and county. An unusually interesting time is assured. The second class, under direction of Miss B. Haddock, will provide the musical part of the programme. The committee is very anxious that the parents and all those interested in the school work will attend the meeting and become acquainted with this phase of school life.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. John Mitchell wishes to thank the King's Daughters, Knox Church Club, the pupils of the Public school and many other friends for their kindness during little Ruth's illness.

## Old Boys' Re-Union

A mass meeting of citizens was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, March 5th, to discuss the advisability of holding an Old Boys' Reunion here this year. About 35 were present, and it was moved that the following ten committees be appointed to draft programmes and estimate the cost of such a re-union, and that each committee convenor report the findings of their committees at a public meeting to be held in the near future. Following are the committees.

Sports—J. J. Burns, convener, Miss Ruth Weaver, Miss R. McGregor, Miss E. Richards, Dr. Metzger, J. English, G. Stock.

Reception—Reeve Crocker, convener. Mrs. Slack, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Poole, G. Nicholson, Wm. Edge. H. A. Drummond.

Finance—W. H. Torrance, convener. H. A. Drummond, Dr. Vance, Ed. Sparks.

Entertainment—Dr. Hopper, convener. Mrs. R. J. Vance, Miss E. Sinclair, J. F. Vance, J. E. Brown, F. Speck.

Decoration—A. J. Lovejoy, convener. Mrs. E. Sawell, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Rohr, Wm. Wylie, F. Speck, Austin Alton.

Advertising—G. H. Greene, convener. Mrs. A. M. Slater, Mrs. J. O. McGregor, Miss A. Forbes, J. J. Burns, Chas. Burns, Chas. Richards.

Printing—C. P. McGregor, convener. Miss A. Forbes, C. Burns.

Guarantee—D. Atkins, convener. A. Featherston, A. Henderson, S. Weaver.

Billeting—A. Dale, convener, Mrs. Wm. Drummond, Mrs. G. Nicholson, John Spence, E. Sawell, J. Creen.

Grounds—R. C. Griffin, convener. Mrs. Wm. Horning, Mrs. O. Horning, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. R. B. Gillrie, Mrs. J. F. Vance, Miss E. Sinclair, and chairmen of all the other committees.

Dr. J. O. McGregor was made Honorary Chairman of the Old Boys' Re-union.

## Locals

Mrs. Albert Slater of St. Catharines is visiting with friends in the village.

Mrs. E. T. Sawell spent a few days this week with her mother at Millgrove.

The Poultry Association will hold another dance in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, March 28th.

Mr. Hendershot, who is employed at Slater's mill, has moved into Mr. Nichols's house on Dundas street.

Mr. Fred Thomas has opened an office in Burlington to take care of his growing business in that place.

At the organization meeting of the Waterdown Tennis Club held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, March 4th the following officers were elected. President, J. E. Brown. Vice-Presidents, Miss M. Shaidle and Dr. F. H. Metzger. Secretary, Miss Ruth Weaver. Treasurer, E. A. Robson. Grounds Committee, E. J. Sparks, W. Langford, Major Sawell. Entertainment Committee, Dr. Gillrie, Miss F. Slater, Miss M. Metzger, Miss E. Richards, Miss J. Davidson, A. C. Mullock, G. Burns. All desiring to become members kindly notify the Secretary.