

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Christmas is just four weeks from to-day. Can you realize it?

In Toronto during the past three weeks fifty-four bootleggers have been given jail sentences without the option of fines. That's the kind of medicine to give such people, and it will be found much more effective than fines.

One of the big items of expense in Ontario during the past year was the payment by the Government and municipalities of \$1,612,000 in mothers' allowances. And certainly no one will be inclined to criticize money distributed in such a worthy cause.

It is a well-known fact that the business men of every town are hit rather hard for contributions for every conceivable purpose, and the difficulty is that usually the canvassers are either friends or customers who are hard to refuse. It matters not whether the merchant is in sympathy with the cause or not, they are expected to loosen up just the same. They are likewise expected to buy tickets for local entertainments, even though they may not be able to attend. Business men as a rule are always ready to do their share in supporting worthy movements of any nature, but sometimes they feel as though they are imposed upon, and that the rest of the people should also put up at least some share. The business men of

Port Elgin have evidently found such calls burdensome, and have unanimously decided that in future solicitations for donations, purchase of tickets for entertainments of any nature, etc., made at their respective places of business during business hours will be absolutely ignored. That is perhaps going the limit, and farther than the majority care to go, but business men everywhere will quite understand why such a conclusion was reached.

The Attorney-General makes the announcement that farmers who find that squirrels are destroying their property may shoot them without violating the law, even though it is out of season. They may not, however, sell or barter the skins, and it is up to the farmer to show justification for his action, if called upon to do so.

We note that an Ontario town has passed a resolution to the effect that no boy or girl under 15 years of age be permitted to attend a moving picture theatre. There is no question but that the movies has a big influence upon moulding the character of people, especially those of tender years. It is also the fact that many pictures shown are by no means educative or beneficial. Realizing this, twenty-one distributing companies have agreed to produce pictures only that are morally and commercially clean. Following is the resolution unanimously passed, and if carried out should remove most of the objections made: "To establish

and maintain the highest possible moral and artistic standards of motion picture production; to prevent the prevalent type of book and play from becoming the prevalent type of picture; to exercise every possible care that only books or plays which are of the right type are used for screen presentation; to avoid the picturization of books or plays which can be produced only after such changes as to leave the producer subject to a charge of deception; to avoid using titles which are indicative of a kind of picture which could not be produced, or by their suggestiveness seek to obtain attendance by deception, a thing equally reprehensible; and to prevent misleading, salacious or dishonest advertising."

The town of Sturgeon Falls is receiving no small degree of notoriety these days through the town Council having instructed their chief of police not to enforce the Ontario Temperance Act. The town gave a majority in favor of government control at the recent vote, and this is the reason given for defying the provincial authorities. It is just such fool actions as this that foster and encourage anarchy in a community, for if some people ignore this law, others who object to other laws will adopt the same attitude, and a lawless town would quickly be the result. It is rather a startling attitude for a municipal body to take, and if persisted in, will no doubt cause provincial officers to be stationed at Sturgeon Falls at the expense of the town.

Many cities and towns held their municipal nominations on Monday, and it would seem that in every instance a gratifying interest was shown by the ratepayers, large fields of candidates having been nominated. Possibly if Aylmer were to make the date for such purpose earlier, our people might also show more concern. Our nominations now come at a time when the people seem to be particularly busy with holiday duties. If the change in date would do away with the indifference shown in recent years. Let us by all means secure permission to do it.

In the October edition of "La Revue Nationale", the official organ of the society of St. John the Baptist, Mr. Victor Morin, President of the Society in Montreal, in a plea for greater national unity and a closer understanding between the French and English races in Canada, quotes from an article, contributed by D. H. Price, Postmaster at Aylmer, in the St. Times-Journal of September 20th, 1924. Mr. Price after a tour of New York State and of Quebec, expressed his admiration of the condition of the French-Canadian farmer and compared him most favorably with those of Ontario and the United States. He also stated that the greatest crime of these two races in Canada was in not knowing each other better, for if they were better acquainted they would appreciate each other more and their friendship would be for the common good. Mr. Morin pays a strong tribute to Mr. Price for the expression of his

sentiments in this manner, and says it is a mark of true patriotism for a citizen of the sister province to so recognize his fellow countrymen and that an extension of this good feeling would make for greater national unity.

There are still Home Bank bills which have not been redeemed to the amount of about \$113,000. Holders of these notes may be of the opinion that the Bank having failed, they are worthless. On the contrary, these outstanding notes are not only worth one hundred cents on the dollar, but command a premium in addition by way of 5 per cent from November 1, 1923. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Bank Note Redemption Fund of the Dominion Government. So if the readers have any Home Bank money lying around with which they desire to pay their subscription to The Express, bring it along and it will be gladly received without hesitation.

## ARRIVED IN CALIFORNIA

This office has received a card from Mr. J. P. Strong, Carlsbad, California, stating that his father, Charles Strong, had arrived there on Sunday, November 9th and stood the journey in fine shape. Mr. Strong is more than pleased with that part of California. The weather is fine and most everything is growing there, gardens are being planted and they have the fourth crop of corn and a second crop of watermelons. Mr. Strong, who is 95 years of age, is certainly a wonderful traveller, for many people a score of years his junior would have hesitated to make the trip to California alone. Uncle Charlie's many friends in Aylmer and vicinity will be glad to know of his safe arrival.

## Farewell at Luton

On Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the community of Luton met at the home of Mrs. John VanPatter to bid good-bye to Miss Alice Pritchard, who left on Wednesday for Detroit, to spend the winter. The afternoon was spent in music and contests, and after a dainty lunch Miss Pritchard was presented with a cabinet of stationery. Her many Luton friends hope that her visit will prove most enjoyable and that she will return in the spring much benefitted in health.

## 82 Years Old Walks Half a Mile

Among the smart and active old people who are still left with us, is Mrs. Eliza Bain of the 2nd. concession, who walked half a mile on Sunday, the 23rd, to spend her 82nd birthday with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd. May she live to spend many more birthdays in the wish of her friends.

The last regular sessions of the Elgin County Council of 1924, opened in the Court House, St. Thomas, on Tuesday afternoon. The session promised to be one of the quietest on record. Reeve McKenney, of Aylmer, and Reeve R. B. McKenney and Deputy, Reeve H. B. Westover, of Malahide, township, are in attendance.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking all the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy extended us during the sickness and since the death of our wife and mother, and for the many beautiful floral tributes.

W. H. Prowse and Family

## "Stop Thief" A Screen

Farce Comedy Presented To by Avalon Rebekah Lodge under the Direction Gibney.

A farce comedy "Stop Thief" presented by members of Avalon Lodge, Aylmer, under the direction of Sarah Gibney, in the House, here on Tuesday evening, drew a large and enthusiastic audience. It was a beginning to end and was presented. There was no outstanding parts, all members had their full share. "Stop Thief" was a three acts and the entire took place in the residence of Carr, in Providence, Rhode Island. The scene was the living-room of Carr's residence. The Carrs' maids through a struggle of their daughter's wedding on the day of the wedding forced to hire a lady's maid, to be a thief and she had an accomplice, who posed as a detective hired to clear up mysteries, which were occurring in the home. Every value finally disappeared, and even the safe was broken and bonds taken. At the crisis the thefts were discovered, occasionally were replaced thieves to cover up their final. Everyone in the family final suspicious of each other. Even detective lost his watch, the words of his song. It turns out all right at the final, stolen valuable are recovered marriage ceremony final place.

## Cast of Characters

Ern Millard was Wm. Carr, absent-minded head of the household. Wm. Carr, the b. George Orron, was the b. Mr. Cloney, who was afraid kleptomaniac; Charlie Ha the part of Dr. Willoughby, Cloney's, and in love with daughters of the house; J. Clarissa Miller, Caroline O. Jersey, Madge Carr, (the b. Sealey, were daughters of the Nell, the maid, the thief in Sarah Gibney; Jack Dooga, complice, Walter Orron; A son, in search of his securities; Gifford; Rev. Mr. Spelvin, the Azel Finch; Joe Thompson, mate detective, Fred Sealey of the police, Harold Sawy officers, O'Malley, Cecil Co. Marsh McMillan; O'Brien, W. Chauffeur, Wyn Christie. A six-piece orchestra furnished musical music between acts, were rendered by Jack, W. Starr, and H. M. Hambidge.

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