The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1923

MY MA, SHE KNOWS

My Pa he scolds me eat hours,
He says I'm gettin' tough,
He says my face is never clean,
My hands are always rough;
I'm not behaving like I should,
An' goin' wrong, I s'pose,
But Ma she takes and pats my hand
An' smiles, becuz she knows.

My Pa ain't got no use fer boys,
He wants them always men,
I wonder if he's clean forgot
The boy he must have been,
For Ma she says they're all alike
'Bout face an' hands an' clothes,
An' says I'll learn to be a man,
An' Ma she always knows.

My Pa, he says I ain't no good
At doing anything,
I'd rather find away my time
An' whistle, play and sing;
But Ma she smiles and says I'm young,
An' then she up and goes
An' kisses me and shows me how,
For Ma, you bet, she knows.

My Pa he says I'll never be
A business man like him,
Becuz I hain't got any "drive,"
An' "get up," "pluck" and "vim,"
But Ma she says, no smilin' like,
The man's a boy that grows,
An' boys must have their playing spell,
An' Ma's a trump, an' knows.

My Pa he shakes his head and sighs,
An' says he doesn't see
Where I get all the careless ways,
That seems jest born in me,
An' Ma she laffs and laffs and laffs,
Till Pa's face crimson grows,
An' then she says, "'Tis very queer,"
But somehow Ma she knows.

My Ma she knows 'bout everything
'Bout boys and what they like,
She's never scoldin' 'bout the muss
I make with kites and bike,
She says she wants me to be good,
And conquer all my foes,
An' you jest bet I'm goin' to be,
'Cus my sweet Ma she knows.

—Ulrich Arnold.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 21, 1903

Mr. William Erskine has purchased the drug business of A. Turner, Orangeville, and will shortly take possession.

Acton Fire Brigade has arranged for an excursion to Niagara Falls on June 12. The fare will be $1.25.

A number of the men who went to Stratford to take work in the railway shops are already back again and at work in the tanneries.

Rev. H. A. Macpherson has accepted the call to a wider sphere, and will say good-bye to Acton in two weeks. Messrs. Alex. Waldie, Geo. Hynds, Hugh Wallace, Robert Kinnard and A. T. Mann were appointed from the Board of Managers and the congregation of Knox Church to go to Guelph to attend a meeting of Guelph Presbytery on Tuesday, held in relation to the call from Chalmer's Church, Toronto. After hearing the delegates from both congregations the call was placed in the hands of Rev. Mr. Macpherson and he accepted it. Rev. A. Blair, B. A., of Nassagaweya, has been appointed moderator to act during the vacancy.

During the past week about thirty young Englishmen have arrived in town to take employment with Messrs. Beardmore & Co., and the Acton Tanning Co. The tanneries are short of hands. The management is prepared to give employment to all able-bodied men who apply.

Mr. D. Graham is the champion fisherman of the season. On Wednesday morning he caught with his hands in Henderson's pond a fine large trout, 14½ inches long, weighing 1½ lbs. This is not a fish story, but an actual fact.

MARRIED

FAWCETT-HYNDS—At St. Phillip's Church, Toronto, on Thursday, May 14, 1903, by Rev. Canon Sweeny, Mr. Robert Ross Fawcett, to Chaxie, youngest daughter of the late George Hynds, of Toronto, and sister of Councillor Hynds, Acton.

Worms are encouraged by morbid conditions of the stomach and bowels, and so subsist. Miller's Worm Powders will alter these conditions almost immediately and will sweep the worms away. No destructive parasite can live in contact with this medicine, which is not only a worm destroyer, but a health-giving medicine most beneficial to the young constitution.

EARLY SEEDING GIVES LARGEST YIELDS

Save only at harvest, there is no work on the farm so urgent and so profitable as that of getting the grain crop seeded early. With no additional cultivation or seed, cereal crops planted early in the spring, produce much larger yields than those seeded later. Accordingly, more profit will be made on the farm if the spring seeding is done as quickly as possible after the land is ready. These views, it must be said, are not new, they have been stated before many times but they are so important that at this season of the year especially, they should be remembered and, where possible, acted upon.

The advantage of seeding wheat, oats and barley early in the spring has been very outstanding at Ottawa. While in the Maritime Provinces where the spring is later, experiments have not shown such advantages, the results at Ottawa have been confirmed by those at Guelph and McDonald College and prove beyond all question of doubt that they are applicable in the Province of Ontario and in most of the Province of Quebec. In 1890 experiments were commenced at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in which the first seeding was made as soon as the land was ready to sow, and five successive seedings were made at one week intervals. The best results in every case were secured at the second date of seeding, that is, seven days after the land was ready to sow. However, inasmuch as this land was well drained, the second date of seeding might fairly be said to represent the earliest date on which the average farmer would commence seeding.

The decrease in yield of grain by delaying seeding one week beyond the period which these experiments have shown most favorable has entailed a loss with wheat of 20 per cent., with barley of 24 per cent., and with oats of 15 per cent. By delaying seeding two weeks a loss has been entailed with wheat of 40 per cent., with barley 38 per cent., and with oats 22 per cent. By delaying seeding three weeks a loss has been experienced with wheat of 58 per cent., with barley 40 per cent., and with oats 33 per cent. Finally, by delaying seeding four weeks a loss has been suffered with wheat of 58 per cent., with barley 46 per cent., and with oats 46 per cent.

These heavy losses show the urgent need of seeding the crop as soon as possible. They show that to make the most economical use of time during seeding, the grains should be planted in the following consecutive order—Wheat first, then barley, oats and finally peas.—E. S. Hopkins, Dominion Field Husbandman.

Praises this Asthma Remedy—A grateful user of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy finds it the only remedy that will give relief, though for thirteen years he had sought other help. Years of needless suffering may be prevented by using this wonderful remedy at the first warning of trouble. Its use is simple, its cost is slight, and it can be purchased almost anywhere.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1923

DAVID, THE POET-KING.—2 Sam. 16; 1-13).

Golden Text.—Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life (Psa. 23: 6).

The Text Explained

Verse 1.—Jehovah said unto Samuel—The manner in which Jehovah communicated with Samuel is nowhere explained. We need not, however, think of an audible communication in words such as is necessary between men, since God has many ways of bringing His will to the consciousness of man's inner soul life. Our strongest convictions of duty come to us through the hidden channels of our consciousness. Fill thy horn with oil—Preparatory to starting on a mission in search for a divinely chosen successor to Saul. The oil referred to was the sacred oil of anointing, such as Samuel had used in consecrating Saul to the kingly office. Jesse the Bethlehemite—He was a grandson of Ruth, the Moabitess. Through the line of his male ancestors he belonged to the tribe of Judah (Ruth 4: 18-22).

Verse 2.—Take a heifer with thee—From this and other passages we infer that Samuel was in the habit of conducting sacrifices and worship in different localities. It was necessary, for the sake of David's safety, as well as that of Samuel, that the more important purpose of the prophet's errand be not generally known.

Verse 4.—Bethlehem—The name means literally house of bread. Our interest in Bethlehem centres principally in the fact that it was the birthplace of Jesus, but we recall also that it was the home and birthplace of David, and still earlier the scene of the picture of domestic life portrayed in the book of Ruth. The elders came to meet him trembling—Samuel was judge as well as prophet, and his visits were doubtless dreaded by the people of some places which he visited.

Verse 5.—Sanctify yourselves—By means of the customary ceremonial purifications, including the washing of the body and clothes, together with other symbols of spiritual preparation. The word "sanctify" means literally to set apart for some sacred or divinely appointed purpose.

Verse 7.—Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature—Both had apparently been determining elements in the choice of Saul as king. Jehovah seeth not as man seeth—Another fundamental principle of religion and morals, for which we are indebted to the first prophet of Israel (1 Sam. 15: 22).

Verse 12.—Ruddy—Referring to his red hair and fair skin, which are generally considered marks of beauty in the southern clime where complexion and hair are usually dark.

Verse 13.—The Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon David—As it had upon Saul at the time of his anointing. The name David means literally beloved or darling. It had been given to him, doubtless, as being the youngest.

Lesson Themes

David, "the Darling."—We come to David, "the Darling." He is easily the chief of all the biblical heroes, for no fewer than ninety-one chapters of Scripture are given to him, and the story is full of stirring incidents. More space is given to him than to any other man of the Old Testament, exclusive of the psalms ascribed to him. David was evidently a fascinating youth. Though he was not tall, he was ruddy and fair, strong and agile, a swift-runner, and a bold fighter. Think of assailing single-handed a lion and a bear! David did this and slew his prey. David was not of the priestly tribe of Levi, nor of the eldest son, Reuben, nor of either of the princely Joseph's tribes. He came of a race of fighting men—"the lion tribe" of Judah. There were at least two heathen strains in his ancestry, and both were of women, Rahab and Ruth. Indeed, as it took three generations to become assimilated to Israel, David only just got in, his father Jesse being at least part an alien. The name of David's mother we do not know. But he testifies that she was a godly woman, and it has been fondly conjectured that he was but one of those great characters that have been formed by the prayers and pious teachings of a good mother.

"It's a Go."—God is always calling young men. There is not one person, boy or girl, whom He has not called by His Spirit. It is a day of momentous importance when this call is heeded. The joy of memory is very great," says H. R. Calking, "but my grief to-day is almost greater, for Edwin Tomlinson is dead. He was president of the Sheffield Avenue Yokefellows, and by common consent their leader. He was correspondent in the Albert Dickinson Company, Chicago. Many years ago, in a big tent near the church, he heard the call of Christ and answered it. I remember it as yesterday. We stood near one of the guy-ropes of the tent and watched the pennant flying from the flag-staff. 'Christ is King.' How I coveted that boy for, God! He was just nineteen, clean and strong and manly. He was struggling, thinking of what he must give up. I think I helped him to see the joy of surrender to such a King. 'Ed, is it a go?' I said. He hesitated and tried to move away. I held him. 'Ed, is it a go?' I said. His looked at the flying pennant, and then into my eyes. 'Mr. Calkins,' he spawered, quiet and strong, 'it's a go!' Twenty years have passed, and for Edwin Tomlinson it was a 'go' through all those years without the deviation of a hair."

A Monarch Among Men.—David was one of the Orientals and one of the ancients. He was crude and barbarous in many things. He had a stormy career and the evening of his life was dark with lowering clouds. His strong passions were sometimes uncontrolled and his sins are puzzling and amazing. Still, he was greater in his repentance than in his sin. He reacted toward righteousness. Though he sinned against Jehovah, he never thought of turning away from Him for the following of idols. His capacity for friendship was extraordinary. His magnanimity toward Saul was princely, and, so far as we know, he filled his kingly office in the main with wisdom and strength. The errors that were exceptional in his life were common among other Oriental monarchs. In spite of them all, King David was a monarch among men. He gathered the tribes and established the kingdom, and filled it long reign with dignity and with honor. Besides this, his religious genius was extraordinary. Warrior and statesman as he was, he was also a poet and seer. Some of the loftiest expressions of prayer and praise, of penitence and of longing, of trust and of devotion, are found in the psalms attributed to him. He was Israel's king, and he was one of the world's greatest religious teachers. While we may not slight anything that enters into a true picture of King David, there can be no adequate representation of this notable man that does not include his devotion to Jehovah in his kingdom, and to the loftiest religious ideals as felt in the world to-day.

For Study and Discussion

What were some of the considerations that entered into the choice of David to succeed Saul? What was the training and what were the qualifications of David for the high office to which he was called? Was David's generous treatment of Saul typical of the time in which he lived? If not, how can you account for it? Should we honor men for the sake of the office they hold? What was the secret of David's success? Which is the greater test of a man's integrity—success or adversity? What elements of strength in David's character can you mention? What elements of weakness? How far was David responsible for his sons' conduct?

Daily Readings for Next Week

Monday, May 7.—David Before Saul (1 Sam. 16: 19-23).

Tuesday, May 8.—David and Goliath (1 Sam. 17: 45-51).

Wednesday, May 9.—David and Jonathan (1 Sam 20: 35-42).

Thursday, May 10.—David Before the Lord (Psalm 51: 1-13).

Friday, May 11.—David, the Poet (Psalms 8: 23).

Saturday, May 12.—David, the King (2 Sam. 7: 18-26).

Sunday, May 13.—The Blessed Life (Psalm 1).

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AN OLD-TIME DAIRY FARM

The old-time dairy farm was a picturesque place, especially when butter was being made. The late John Burroughs in the story of his boyhood, in Harper's Magazine, gives an interesting account of butter making on the farm that his father owned in the Catskill Mountains.

At eight o'clock every morning in summer, he says, the old sheep or the old dog was brought in and tied in the big treadmill of the churning machine. Sheep were usually more unwilling churners than dogs; they rarely acquired any sense of duty, or of obedience as a dog did. The endless walking, and arriving nowhere soon made them protest vigorously. Sometimes a sheep would pull back, brace himself and choke, thereby stopping the machine; and once a sheep threw himself off the treadmill and choked to death before he was discovered. I remember when the old hatchel from the day of flax dressing did duty behind the old churner and spurred him on with its score or more of sharp teeth whenever he settled back to stop the machine. "Run and start the old sheep," was a command we heard Jess often after the hatchel was in use.

The churn dog was less obdurate and perverse than the sheep, but he would sometimes hide away as the hour of churning approached, and we would have to hustle round to find him. But we had one dog that seemed to like the task and would go quickly to the wheel and finish his work without being tied. A few times when neither dog nor sheep was available I have taken their place on the treadmill. In winter and in early spring there was less cream to churn than at other times, and we did it by hand; two of us would lift the dasher together. The work was hard even for big boys, and sometimes when the butter would not come until the end of an hour the task would try our patience.

I never grew tired of seeing mother lift the great masses of golden butter from the churn with her ladle and pile them up in the big butter bowl, with the drops of buttermilk standing upon them as if they were sweating from the ordeal they had been through. Then when the butter had been worked and washed to free it from the milk and at last was packed into tub or firkin, what a picture it was! How much of the virtue of the farm went each year into those firkins! Literally the cream of the land. Ah, the alchemy of life that by means of the bee can change one product of those wild, rough fields into honey, and by means of the cow can change another into milk!

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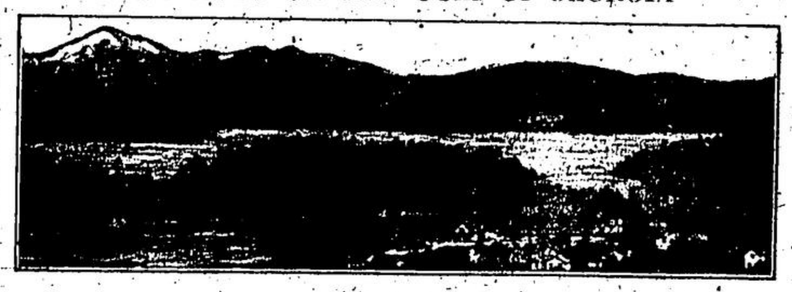
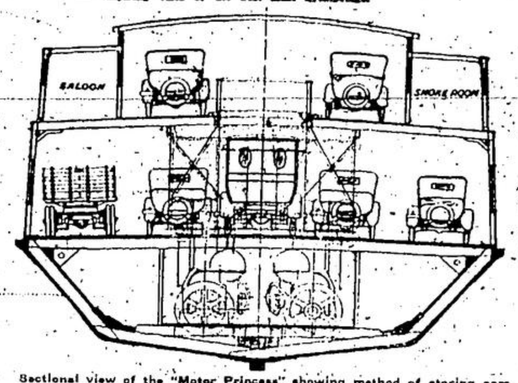


An inspiring vista of the west coast Archipelago.

Who has not heard of the thousand isles of the Gulf of Georgia? This Gulf is a ramification of the great strait of Juan de Fuca famed in legend and history, through which the Spanish navigators sailed hundreds of years ago, and which is now one of the important trade routes of the world. It separates Vancouver Island from the mainland of British Columbia and the State of Washington, and is one of the most beautiful waterways known to man.

The city of Victoria, at the extreme south end of Vancouver Island, has several ferry lines connecting it with the mainland, but as the steamship services in the past have proved inadequate for the large crowds of summer visitors and motor tourists, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has put into service a fast-going vessel which operates twice daily between Victoria and Bellingham, Washington. The ferry is an important addition to the Canadian Pacific fleet and its name, "Motor Princess," is appropriate in that it is the first vessel of the company, operating on the Pacific, to be equipped with internal combustion engines. These engines give the boat a speed of about fourteen knots. On the two main decks there is parking space for fifty automobiles, and there is well appointed accommodation for two hundred and fifty passengers, saloon, restaurant, smoking room and deck spaces for promenading.



Sectional view of the "Motor Princess" showing method of storing cars

The route travelled by the ferry is marked by islands, some of them many miles in extent, others gem-like little islets which make the waterway a succession of magnificent pictures. The traveller is further entranced by the magnificent view of Mount Baker standing garbed in its everlasting mantle of snow among its satellites on the mainland near Bellingham, and, beautiful and inspiring, it is seen at its best when travelling to or from Victoria.

HOSPITALITY TO IDEAS

The friendly mind is as necessary to the peace of the world as the friendly heart. An unfriendly mind and a friendly heart cannot dwell together in the same person; but often, though the heart may be friendly enough, the mind is cold—not kindled to interest or understanding. Sometimes the lack of interest or understanding arises from mental incapacity, and then it cannot be corrected; more often it comes from a habit of closing the door against certain subjects, or modes of thought, or ideas that are unfamiliar.

Nothing could be more pernicious than to advocate hospitality to bad ideas, false doctrines, evil sentiments. It would have been far better for the world if fewer people had been hospitable to the ideas of militarism in Germany and to the theories of Bolshevism in Russia. But in fact the people who were hospitable to those ideas had become, through training or through ignorance, of any inhospitable disposition mentally. And supposition, argument or assertion that supported the preposession already implanted in them they welcomed; every idea that was antagonistic to that preposession they rejected.

Most Canadians know that their hearts are friendly. They think that because they welcome enthusiastically and advocate with fervor certain ideas that seem liberal their minds are also friendly. But from the very enthusiasm of the welcome is likely to ensue indifference to the claims of other ideas that may be no less important and worthy than those which receive special hospitality and honor. In our zeal to make the world a better place to live in we must not be unwilling to consider whether our conception of an improved world is really sounder than our neighbor's—which may be quite different. The best progress is made when people who are equally earnest and devoted co-operate to bring about the reforms that they agree are needed instead of antagonizing one another in individual efforts to attain ends that are irreconcilable.

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WHY YOUR "COAL" REFUSED TO BURN

Amazing revelations are coming from the coal regions of Pennsylania, where, according to a newspaper report, the great coal companies that monopolized the anthracite of the nation during the bitter winter just passed, shipped to market and made $150,000,000 profits from the refuse—slate and clay and stone and dirt—of the great culm-banks that have been accumulating the waste matter of the mines for nearly a hundred years. With unbelievable avarice, the coal barons are said to have shipped hundreds of thousands of tons of this waste incombustible material to market and sold it as coal, mulcting the public of millions of dollars for stuff that would not burn.

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WROTE ON GLASS

A pane of glass from an old inn was sold recently because it had a verse written on it by Dean Swift a century and a half ago. The author of Gulliver's travels was not the only man to write on this material. Burns himself wrote several of his poems on glass, and some of these are still in existence. One of our most famous hymns, "Our Blest Redeemer, ere He breathed," it will be remembered, was also scratched on one of the panes of the church at Haddeadon, in Hertfordshire; and was to be seen there for many years. It is thought that a workman in renovating the building destroyed it, for all traces of it has now been lost.

DAILY BLESSINGS

The outside air is pure and sweet,
The birds are singing in the trees,
And to the soul there comes a treat,
In every cool and balmy breeze;
Within our reach comes all of this,
For rich or poor, low or high
'Tis our own fault if we should miss
These blessings as they're passing by.

"I NEVER THOUGHT OF MY MOTHER"

One of the largest bank robberies on record occurred some time ago in Chicago. A young employee of a trust company, less than seventeen years old, absconded with Liberty bonds valued at $772,000. He was arrested in the little town of Heyworth within a few days and was returned with practically the whole of his plunder to Chicago, where he was indicted by the Grand Jury. So far as is known he was an exemplary youth and was guiltless of the small vices of his age. His mother was a godly woman, and he had been brought up under Christian environment.

When his sister, on seeing him for the first time after his arrest, reminded him of his mother, he is said to have exclaimed: "Through this whole thing I never thought of my mother. That is what I regret." He never thought of his mother, and that omission brought the first tears to his eyes. What a lesson for mothers and sons alike!

A great French economist has said: "We may forget our fathers, but we never get away from the early teachings and principles of our mothers." How true the words! In the whirl of our present-day life fathers, even Christian fathers, give little time to their children. They leave home early in the morning and usually return late at night, worn with the day's work and usually too tired to be troubled with household matters or the training of their children. It has been said that we take our talents from our fathers, our characters from our mothers. The Roman Catholic Church fully understands this principle when it lays down the maxim: "Give us the child until he is seven years old, and then you can have him." It is the home training that counts. The old Romans used to say: "A vessel long retains the odor wherewith it has been imbued when new."

The first awakening of conscience took place when this young bank robber, led astray for a moment by the glitter of the thousands which had been committed to his care, "to count them over," obeyed an insane impulse and absconded with all this wealth. Fortunate is the boy who can weep at the memory of his mother; there is still hope for him. Home-training in almost every case is mother-training. The memory of a prayer made at mother's knee cannot be effaced; the tears in mother's eyes when we have committed some youthful offense will never be forgotten.

We would imprint this little bit of contemporaneous history on the hearts of all Christian mothers. Grip your children with hooks of steel; keep them close to you; let them never get away from you! Whatever your children may do or may become later in life, see to it that your memory ever stands between them and whatever sin may allure or tempt. God only knows how many sons have been kept straight in an hour of great temptation by that memory, by a godly mother's tears and prayers and admonitions. If that boy had only remembered his mother when the temptation came! But "ifs" do not avail when we are in the grip of some horrible catastrophe.

To all young men reared in Christian homes we would say: In every instance, when you are at the parting of the ways, remember "mother," and, above all, remember your mother's God. Our misguided world needs God and Christian mothers and their potent influence for good as never before.

PROHIBITION INCREASES THRIFT

John Jay Abbot, vice-president of the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, testifies that since the date on which national prohibition went into effect the savings deposits of his bank have increased approximately $10,000,000 or thirty per cent. Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, says: "In every community men and women have had an opportunity now to know what prohibition means. They know that debts are more promptly paid, that men take home the wages that once were wasted in saloons; that families are better clothed and fed. The liquor traffic was destructive of much that was most precious in our life."

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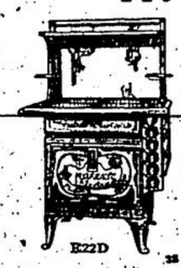

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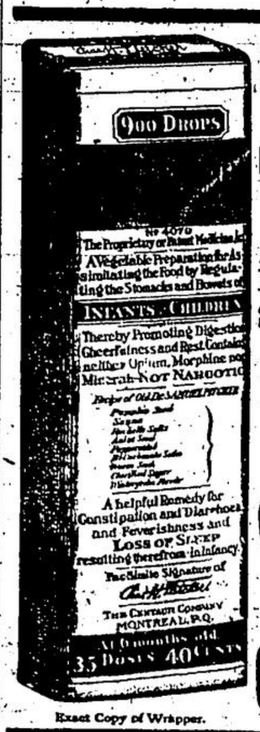

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Prompt attention to repairing of all kinds will be attended to as usual at our new story, just around the corner from Mill Street.

T. E. Gibbons

MILL STREET ACTON, ONT.

EDWARDS' Bakery and Grocery

Bread is your best food. We have White Bread, Brown Bread, Rolls, Buns and Coffee Cakes, fresh every day.

You don't have to go out of town for your Wholewheat Bread, made right at our own shop. Also Pies, Cakes and Pastry, fresh every day.

All fresh Groceries. Give us a call or phone 77 and wagon will call. Goods delivered at any time.

M. EDWARDS & CO.

The Public Health

CITIZENS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

Notice is hereby given that all residents of Acton are required forthwith to clean their cellars, drains, yards, pig styes, water closets, outbuildings, and other premises, and remove therefrom all dirt, manure, and other substance which may endanger the public health, and to have the same completed by the twelfth day of May next, on which day the Sanitary Inspector will commence a general inspection; and further take notice that the section of the Public Health Act prohibiting the keeping of hogs between the 15th of May and the 15th of November, except in pens at least 70 feet from any dwelling house, and 50 feet from any street or lane with floors kept clean from all standing water and regularly cleansed, will be strictly enforced.

All citizens are earnestly requested to keep their premises constantly clean and thoroughly disinfected.

GEORGE BARBER,
Reeve of the Municipality.

Acton, May 2, 1923 44-2

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