

## The Acton Free Press

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### EDITORIAL NOTES

The London Daily Mail says: "Four years ago \$2,000 English people went to Canada. Last year the total was 126,121. This year it will probably be 180,000. For every one who 'went' who went four years ago there are now leaving."

THE CLEMENT ESTIMATE that can be made at present shows a surplus of \$16,000,000 in Canada's revenue over expenditure for the past fiscal year. The Department of Finance puts the revenue at \$170,000,000 and the total expenditure at \$154,000,000.

THE HON. JOHN RICH intimates that another reduction is likely to be made in the hydro-electric rates before long as a result of there being a surplus of \$13,000 a month at present. If there is a surplus of \$20,000 by October, it is planned to apply it to the sinking fund and depreciation, and reduce the cost to municipalities.

THE DISCOVERY of Dr. Friedman the German scientist of a serum to cure tuberculosis in the talk of medical profession today. It is now reported that he is ready to give the secret of his turtle serum to medical practitioners. Inasmuch as Dr. Friedman announced that he would not make the secret known until his own confidence in its efficacy was fully established, his decision to now make it known is doubly important.

THE following resolution, adopted by Pitham township citizens at their celebration last week of the fact that the township has under the Dunkin act been barless for forty years, has been sent to Sir James Whitney, Hon. Mr. Hanna and Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C.: "That we, the citizens of Pitham township do seriously deprecate the sale over the bar of bottled liquors in licensed communities, [inasmuch as we believe such sales to be a serious injury to adjacent non-Bosom communities.]

IN THE MAPLE SUGAR CAMP  
The Process by which the Delightful Maple Syrup is Made

Canada's national emblematic tree, the sugar maple, is gay and attractive in autumn, but it is sweetest in April when the sap is flowing. Few fail to relish a taste of maple syrup, even when they buy it at the family grocer's, but in the maple bush, fresh from the trees, the maple sap evaporating process, it is true "Sap of Life."

A visit to a sugar camp where the sap is being gathered and boiled is, in the opinion of most people who have experienced it, an event of springtime of more than passing interest. There is the bewitching spirit of approaching spring in the air, besides the assurance of good things when the camp in the woods is reached.

On Tuesday afternoon the editor and his English friend, Mr. Thomas Goulet, while taking a springtime stroll through field and forest, made the sugar camp of Mr. A. T. Mann, a mile or so north east of town, the objective point. Here we found Mr. Mann at his ancient industry, a gathering map from two hundred maple trees, and operating the evaporating pans and purifying filters. Until this week the run of sap has been very intermittent, but for the past three days, because of the bright sun during the day and the sharp frosty nights, copious supplies of sap have been gathered. For awhile it was satisfying and interesting to linger among the trees and taste the sap as it flowed so freely, into the bright covered buckets, but we later found ourselves in search of the more interesting process of manufacture and the more substantial delicacies of the sugar house.

Mr. Mann demonstrated the process very well. The old-time methods were all soon discarded. The sap is collected from the bucket in bright tins and drawn on a jumper by a horse to the evaporating house. There it is all strained into a tank elevated at the side of the boiling pan. Thence it gravitates automatically to the pan, by gravitation and syphon processes through seven stages of boiling until it reaches the finishing pan. In this pan when it comes to a temperature of 210 degrees, having attained the Government standard of consistency, it is drawn off to be filtered and clarified. From the time the strained sap reaches the pan until the finished product is drawn off, absolute cleanliness is maintained. There is no possibility of smoke or ash, chaff or other foreign matter getting into the sap as by the old method. The new process adopted by Mr. Mann is continuous, and the syrup is drawn off about every three hours. He engages in it more as a pastime at a quiet time of year than for any profit from the operations. The bulk of his crop is consumed at home, the balance being distributed among friends and a few special customers.

Mr. Mann is pleased to have any who are interested in the process of sugar making call his camp, but he does not appreciate the surprised visits of school boys on Sundays when he is out to church. Last Sunday the young boys had been told to bring condensed syrup consumed by the uninvited visitors.

If you have ever spent a day in the sugar bush the memory of it will stay with you long after the more important matters have been forgotten.

### OBITUARY

#### Mrs. SCANLON

Readers of the Herald will hear with regret of the death of Mrs. Scanlon, of Nelson, B. C., which occurred early last week, after a long and trying illness. Mrs. Scanlon was formerly Miss Minnie Lamb, daughter of the late Fred Lamb, who died near Acton. In her youth she was a great favorite with her community, and will be missed. Her mother was held in affectionate regard. The sympathy of many friends will go out to her husband and five children who are left to mourn.

### THE SCHOOL ADDITION BY-LAW

Resolution to be Read on Monday, the 13th of May.

#### ENCOURAGING THE FALL FAIR

Council met on Monday evening in regular session.

Members present: G. Hynd, Reeve, and Murray McDonald, Wm. Smith, Wm. Cooper and A. T. Brown.

The Committee on Finance presented their seventh report and recommended payment of accounts as follows:

#### GENERAL ACCOUNT

Canadian Rubber Co., Inc. .... \$165.00

T. J. Moore, Debenture Acc't ..... 6.00

Geo. Hill, Supplies ..... 1.00

Jas. Harvey, Postage, etc. .... 1.45

Acton, Paving, Roads, Co. .... costs, cap, boots, etc. .... 120.50

..... \$304.95

#### HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

Paved Electric Co., Inc. .... \$ 4.00

Can. Gas. Esso Co., balance of account for regulator. .... 398.00

Construction Supply Co., Inc. .... 4.45

Davis, Holt Co., Supplies ..... 3.00

Packard Elec. Co., Motors ..... 3.00

..... \$304.45

Total ..... \$1,012.00

The report was adopted.

The Clerk presented the By-law to authorise the issue of debentures for the amount of \$6,500.00 for the erection of an addition to the Public School House in the Village of Acton.

#### EASTERN EXAMINATIONS

Memor Roll for the High and Public Schools

#### STANDING OF PUPILS IN MARCH

The results of the Easter examinations are as follows:

#### HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### MINOR CLASS

Class I—19; Nelson, N. Williams, M.

Macdonald, M. Massey.

Class III—N. Kenney, M. Brown.

Ancient History—N. Williams.

Latin Composition—M. Macdonald.

English Composition—M. Massey.

N. Kenney; in Latin Authors—M.

Massey.

#### JUNIOR CLASS

Class I—K. Gibson, E. Anderson.

Class II—M. Henderson, J. T. Moore.

J. O'Brien, E. White.

Class III—H. Clark.

Highest in Algebra—M. Henderson.

In Ancient History—I. Anderson.

Latin Composition—I. Anderson.

English Composition—J. Moore.

Latin Authors—I. Gibson.

Literature—I. Anderson.

#### LOWGER SCHOOL

#### MINOR CLASS

Class I—N. Anderson, T. Henderson.

H. Warren, M. Gould.

Class III—H. Clark.

Highest in Algebra—T. Henderson.

In Ancient History—I. Anderson.

In British and Canadian History—I. Anderson.

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The by-law was upon motion read first and second times, the date for the election being fixed for Friday, April 13th, 1913.

Mr. T. M. McLeod, George Havill, Wm. H. Kenney being appointed duly returning officers.

Mr. Gen. J. Wallace and N. Patterson, waited upon the Council, in behalf of Acton Fall Fair, to ask what encouragement the Council could give the movement.

The Reeve and members expressed full accord with the proposal and agreed to donate \$40.00 and give free use of the park and town hall, and electric lighting of same.

The Council adjourned at ten o'clock.

#### LOREME

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