The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1919

THANKSGIVING POEM

Thanks be to God for his wonderful love!
Praise ye His name for the gifts from above!
Anthems of gladness pealforth on the breeze,
Echo His greatness o'er land and o'er seas.
Praise Him, ye song of the blessed and good!
Praise Him, ye mountains, and valleys and flood!
Praise Him, ye daughters and children of men!
Praise Him from hilltop and forest and glen!

Thanks for the gift of His only dear Son!
Thanks for His goodness, life's journey to run!
Thanks for the summers and winters between!
Thanks for the autumn and spring ever green!
Thanks for the air, and for winds, and for sky!
Thanks for the sun, and for the stars yon high!
Thanks for the moon and for day and for night!
Thank Him for dew, and for rain, and for light!

Praise His great name! let the nations adore!
Redeemer and Saviour, God evermore;
Enthroned with the angels, blessed above!
Praise Him, O earth, for his wonderful love!
Praise Him, ye smallest and greatest of all!
Praise Him, ye kindred that rise from the fall!
Praise Him, ye children of weakness and death!
Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye that have breath!

George D. Emerson.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER

Well, Well, Well, Well! Didn't get a surprise last Thursday morning when I looked down street from my lofty window. I'd been telling the folks who read this column so religiously every blessed week it comes out, about the members of the Council and the high taxes, and the new automobiles, and that the Reeve was the only member who wasn't quite satisfied with his "Tin Lizzie," when, lo, and behold, there he was proud as a peacock driving down Mill Street with a brand new car, and the ink hardly cold which told about his patience and contentment with the old car. Well, well, well, well, where's this going to end anyway?

The other day a little chap in town who is the joy of his grandfather's heart, had a birthday and the doting old gentleman gave him a $10 bill as a remembrance. Jimmie, who had been listening to some of the thrift stories at school, took it to one of our local banks and received the customary bank book, in which the cashier made the entry, "By Cash, $10." A day or so later Jimmie saw his grandfather again, and in thanking him said: "I was awfully surprised when you gave me so much money, and the man at the bank was too 'cause he wrote in my book, 'By Gosh, $10.'" You should have heard the old grandfather snicker when he told me the story yesterday morning.

Now, to resume my recollections of early days on Mill Street. The thread of my story has been a trifle tangled the past week or two. At the junction of Mill and Young Streets, standing on the right of way of Mill Street where it passes eastward to Seattle and Wellington Streets and beyond was the residence of Dan Livingstone, half a century and more ago. Dan was a millwright and did lots of carpenter's jobs in and about Acton. There was a large family—three boys and three girls, I think. The boys were John, Elam and Miles. I remember Elam at School, and Miles more as a companion in picking beechnuts, sampling farmer's best apples or out fishing on Smith's and Rutherford's creeks. It was the fashion of the scholars in the old school in those days to invent words from the letters of the word PREFACE which stood at the front of the old readers of that time, using the letters both to right and left forming a sentence each way. One of these was always associated with Elam's name. To the right the initials were made to say, "Peter Rogers eats fish and copks eggs; Elam catches alligators, father eats raw potatoes."

After Acton was incorporated it was decided to open Mill Street, as surveyed by Mr. Young, back to the line of the present Emsley property. This necessitated the removal of Mr. Livingstone's house, which trespassed on the street line. He sold the building. It was torn down and rebuilt elsewhere. Mr. Livingstone bought the farm on the first line, between John Walters and William Waldie's homesteads and built a log house and a good bank barn. Both still stand in good repair and are owned by Inspector Harvey. The members of the Livingstone family swarmed from the old home, and finally Mr. Livingstone himself left this section. Wm. Plank bought the property and lived there for years and was followed by E. W. Grace who recently bought the Watson farm on the fifth line and removed there.

After the opening of the street Mr. William Izmond bought the lot on the north side and erected a comfortable brick residence. Both him and Mrs. Izmond remained there until their death. The property now belongs to John M. Warren and is occupied by Mr. Robt. Milligan. Two houses were built later on the same side of the street. In one of them Mr. and Mrs. George Beswick, father and mother of Mr. Ebenezer Beswick, lived for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. John Chisholm and family also made their home here for some years. The late A. P. Thompson lived there until his death, and the home is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Worden. Mr. Wm. Fisher lives in the other house on that side of the road.

The two lots at the corner of Mill and Young Streets were purchased about twenty-five years ago by the late Thomas T. Moore. Mr. Moore was for twenty-five years the esteemed Principal of Acton Schools, and for a long time Municipal Clerk and Treasurer. Shortly after securing this property he built the fine home which stands there to-day. Mrs. Moore and Miss Mae occupy the homestead. From this home there has gone out Mr. T. James Moore, City Clerk, of Guelph; the late Gunner W. J. Moore, who gave his life in service, during the South African war, and sleeps in a soldier's grave at Pretoria, South Africa; Joe M. Moore, the successful publisher of the Georgetown Herald; Mrs. H. P. McKerrihen, of Toronto, who was a graduate nurse from Toronto General Hospital and Miss Mae, of the Acton Post Office staff. The street in the rear of the Moore property, which runs only across one block from Mill to Arthur Street, is Little Street. Whether named in honor of the late Robert Little, one of Acton's best remembered educationists, or because of its limited extent, I do not know.

The next lot is owned by James E. Hnyder, who resides in the house on the corner of Wellington Street. The late Edward Nicklin and family had this for their residence for some years.

Across the street on the other corner the fine brick house was erected by Mrs. James Ryder. Mr. Ryder died at Petrolia and the family returned to Acton and this residence was erected. During the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Burgell this was the Baptist Parsonage. Mr. Charles H. Stevens purchased the property from Mrs. Ryder and lived there for a time. Mr. E. Decew purchased it this year from Mr. Stevens and he and Mrs. Decew now reside there. The little cottage near the line was built by Mr. Lewis, of Glenwilliams. Mr. John R. Kennedy is the present landlord.

A number of years ago Mr. John M. Warren surveyed the property on the north of the row of lots adjoining his property into a subdivision of lots and streets, but it has never been put on the market. It was his plan to arrange with the owner of the Emsley property to extend Mill Street to the third line. This would give a more direct entrance into Acton for the people of the Churchill district.

For many years there was a famous grove of beech and maple north of this street line. Sixty years ago it was the site for popular camp meetings where such divines of the Methodist Church as Egerton and Edwy Ryerson, Rowley Heyland, John Carroll, Alexander Hutherland and Lewis Warner preached with power and had numerous converts.

This completes my reminiscences of Mill Street. Main Street, our leading artery from north and south, and the first business street in town, will next come under review.

THE OLD MAN.

NOT A BAD IDEA

"And where are you going for your holiday this year?" Brown asked his friend Grey.

"Well, said Grey, "I am not thinking of going anywhere."

"What! Not going away?"

"No. You see, the people who live next door to me are going away, and they are taking their baby, the parrot and the gramaphone with them, so I have decided to stay at home and have a rest."

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Village of Acton

BY-LAW NO.....

A By-law to provide for the borrowing on debentures the sum of $25,000 for the purpose of loaning the same to Gourlay & Fogelberg, Limited, to enable them to establish a plant in the Village of Acton for the manufacturing of boots and shoes.

Whereas Gourlay & Fogelberg, Limited of the first part, and the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Acton, of the second part, have entered into an agreement, that in consideration of the said Corporation providing the said Company with a free site for a factory and lending them the sum of $25,000, repayable in twenty annual payments of $2,179.61 each.

The said Company agrees to erect on a site chosen by the said Corporation in the Village of Acton, a factory building costing not less than $10,000, and to instal in said factory all modern machinery and plant required in manufacturing boots and shoes, the total equipment, including buildings, land and the said plant and machinery to cost not less than $25,000, being the amount agreed upon between the said Company and the said Corporation, and the said lands, buildings, plant and machinery shall be free from all liens, charges and encumbrance of every kind, other than the mortgage hereinafter mentioned.

The said Company shall complete the erection of the said buildings on the said property, and shall place the said machinery and plant therein and have the same in operation as a going concern by the first day of January, 1920 and shall during the term of twenty years from the first day of January 1920 employ in the said business not less than sixty employees on the average in each working day of each year, in the said term unless prevented by fire, strike or other unavoidable cause, the calculation as to the number of employees and the amount of wages to be made as hereinafter provided.

The assessment upon the said factory, machinery, equipment, etc., shall be fixed at $9,000 per annum for ten years for school purposes.

The said Company shall execute and deliver to the said Corporation, a first mortgage for the sum of $25,000 upon the said buildings, land and premises, plant and machinery, stock-in-trade, free from all dower, liens, charges and encumbrances of every kind, and all other fixtures, machinery and plant to be subsequently placed upon said premises in connection with the said business which said plant and machinery and fixtures now upon or subsequently placed upon the property shall for the purposes of the said security to be regarded as part of the freehold and the same to be of the total value of $30,000, as a guarantee of good faith and for the faithful performance of all conditions and covenants binding upon the Company, under this agreement until the discharge of the said mortgage as hereinafter provided, and to secure the Corporation loaning the said Company the said sum of $25,000.

The said mortgage shall be prepared and made, in pursuance of the Short Forms of Mortgages Act, and shall contain the usual statutory covenants contained in such mortgages, and such others as the Corporation shall deem advisable for the security there by intended, insurance to the extent of at least 75 per cent. of the cash value of the buildings, plant, machinery and stock-in-trade on the mortgaged premises shall be placed upon the same by the said Company and premiums paid therefor.

The said Company shall, during the said term of twenty years, whenever required to do so, submit to the Corporation a statement as to wages paid and persons employed by the said Company, such statement to be prepared and signed by a regular chartered accountant satisfactory to the Corporation and if required also verified by a statutory declaration to be made by the said Company.

And whereas it is expedient to pass this By-law and submit the same to the electors of the said municipality to authorise the said Corporation to borrow the sum of $25,000 on the debentures of the said municipality for the purpose of loaning the same to the said Company, to enable them to erect the said factory and to carry on the business of manufacturing boots and shoes in the said Village of Acton;

And whereas it will be necessary to borrow the said sum of $25,000, and to issue debentures of the Village of Acton therefor bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, which is the amount of the debt intended to be created by this By-law;

And whereas it is expedient to make the principal of the debt repayable in yearly sums during the period of twenty years, in such amounts respectively, that the aggregate amount payable for principal and interest, in any year shall be equal as nearly as may be to the amount so payable for principal and interest in each of the other years;

Whereas it will be necessary to raise the annual sum of $2,179.61 during the period of twenty years to pay the said principal money and interest as they become due;

And whereas the amount of the whole rateable property of the Village of Acton, according to the last revised assessment roll thereof is $592,073.00.

And whereas the amount of the existing debenture debt of the said Village of Acton is the sum of $64,268.76 and no part of the principal or interest thereof is in arrears:

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Village of Acton enacts as follows:

1. The said sum of $25,000 shall be loaned to the said Gourlay & Fogelberg, Limited, for the purposes aforesaid, and for the said purposes the sum of $25,000 shall be borrowed and debentures of the said Village of Acton shall be issued therefor in sums of not less than $100 each, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable yearly and having interest coupons attached thereto. Each of the said debentures shall be issued within one year from the day on which this By-law is passed and be dated on the day of issue thereof and shall be payable in twenty annual instalments of the respective amounts set forth in Schedule "A" hereto attached, at the office of the treasurer of the Village of Acton.

2. The said debentures and coupons shall be signed by the Reeve of the said Village and the Treasurer thereof and the said debentures shall be sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Municipality.

3. During twenty years the currency of the said debentures there shall be raised annually by special rates on all rateable property in the Village of Acton the sum of $2,179.61 for the purpose of paying the amount due, in each of the said years for principal and interest in respect of the said debt as shown in the Schedule "A" hereunto annexed.

4. The Reeve and Clerk are hereby directed and authorized to convey to the said Gourlay & Fogelberg, Limited part of Lot number twenty-eight in the Third Concession of the Township of Esquesing, now within the limits of the Village of Acton, as a site for their proposed factory.

5. This By-law shall take effect and come into operation on the day of the passing thereof.

6. The votes of the Electors of the said Village of Acton, entitled to vote on this By-law shall be taken on Friday the thirty-first day of October, 1919, commencing at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day at the following places and by the following Deputy Returning Officers, that is to say:

(1) Polling Sub-Division No. 1, at the Town Hall, with W. J. Gould, Deputy Returning Officer.

(2) Polling Sub-Division No. 2, at C. C. Speight's shop, Main Street, with Allan Smith, Deputy Returning Officer.

7. On Friday the seventeenth day of October 1919 the Reeve of the Village of Acton shall attend at the Town Hall, Acton, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to appoint, in writing signed by him, two persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of promoting the passing of this By-law, and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of opposing the passing of this By-law.

8. The Clerk of the Council of the said Village shall attend at the Town Hall, Acton, at six o'clock in the afternoon of the thirty-first day of October 1919 to sum up the number of votes given for and against this By-law.

Passed in open Council this day of 1919.

Reeve.

Clerk.

Schedule "A" referred to in the By-law hereto annexed.

Amount of principal and interest required yearly to retire $25,000 debentures in twenty years at six per cent. per annum, payable by instalments as follows:

Year	Interest.	Principal	Total
1	$1,500.00	$ 679.61	$2,179.61
2	1,459.22	720.39	2,179.61
3	1,416.00	763.61	2,179.61
4	1,370.18	809.43	2,179.61
5	1,321.61	858.00	2,179.61
6	1,270.13	909.48	2,179.61
7	1,215.57	964.04	2,179.61
8	1,157.72	1,021.89	2,179.61
9	1,096.41	1,083.20	2,179.61
10	1,031.42	1,148.19	2,179.61
11	962.53	1,217.08	2,179.61
12	889.50	1,290.11	2,179.61
13	812.09	1,367.52	2,179.61
14	730.04	1,449.57	2,179.61
15	643.07	1,536.54	2,179.6
16	550.87	1,628.74	2,179.6
17	453.15	1,726.46	2,179.61
18	349.56	1,830.05	2,179.61
19	239.76	1,939.85	2,179.61
20	123.37	2,056.24	2,179.61

NOTICE

Take notice that the above is a true copy of a proposed By-law which has been taken into consideration, and which will be finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Acton (in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained thereto) after one month from the first publication in the ACTON FREE PRESS Newspaper, the date of such first publication being Thursday, the second day of October, 1919, and that at the hour, day and places therein fixed for taking the votes of the electors, the polls will be held.

And take notice that a tenant desiring to vote must deliver to the clerk not later than the tenth day before the day appointed for taking the vote, the declaration provided by sub-section 2 of Section 265 of the Municipal Act.

Dated the 2nd day of October, 1919

H. N. FAIRMEN,
Clerk of the Village of Acton

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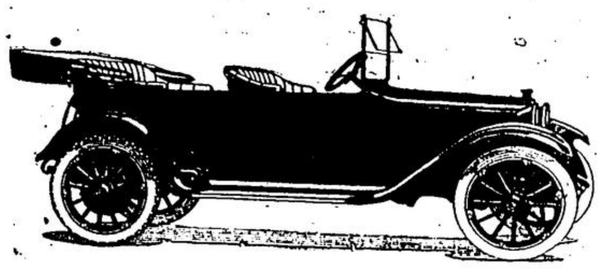

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