

# The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1920

This Acton Free Press is published every Thursday morning at the Press Building, Mill Street, Acton, Ontario. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year, in advance. Postage is charged additional to office in the United States. The date to which subscriptions are paid is indicated on the address label.

ADVERTISING RATES—Transient advertisements, 10 cents per line single measurement for first insertion and 6 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Contract display advertisements for 100 lines or more per annum 10 cents per line each insertion. Advertisements without specific directions will be inserted till forbid and charged accordingly.

H. V. MOORE, Editor and Publisher.

## EDITORIAL

The electors acted the part of wisdom when they filled the vacancy in the Council last week without the expense of an election contest. In the election of E. J. Haysard by acclamation a councillor is secured who has had a successful business career, and who is prepared to apply business methods to the transaction of public affairs.

Another result of the H. C. L. was seen in a bill introduced in the Legislature last week by R. L. Broekin, Liberal member for West Kent. The bill proposes to increase from \$10 to \$20 the amount a magistrate may order a deserting husband to pay weekly to his wife. The bill is an amendment to the Deserted Wives Maintenance Act.

In an illuminative article in last number of the Canadian Courier, Hon. J. A. Calder takes the same position that immigrants to Canada must be really good citizens before they can become good voters. Ira Stratton, of the educational system of Manitoba, is of the opinion that the school must begin where the immigrant train leaves off, and keep right after the young idea with real Canadianism. Both of these thoughtful public men are right.

This report should open the eyes of farmers to the adoption of methods to prevent fire loss. According to a return issued by the Ontario Government there were in the province last year 277 barn fires, where the loss exceeded \$100, with an aggregate insurance paid of \$102,720. Of this total \$345,355 of loss in 102 fires took place in unroofed barns from lightning. In case of rodded barns no fire loss is reported. The figures speak for themselves.

The continued cry in certain quarters for reduced hours of work is unfortunate. Let the wages be the highest obtainable, but hours should not be further curtailed. F. H. Sisson, a prominent New York financier, addressing a Toronto gathering on the subject of the world's financial situation, said that the depreciated currencies are due to under-production of the necessities of life; to a dearth of work rather than a dearth of gold. And so it comes to the rock-bottom fact, that what the world needs most is more work.

The peace treaty is still being shunted about by the political forces of the United States. Last Friday, for the fourth time, the Senate voted to send it back to the President, with a note that it had refused to advise and consent to its ratification. The result is regarded everywhere as having put over into the political campaign for decision the long and bitter fight between the chief executive and the Senate majority. And the United States is still no farther on in the matter of the war than the armistice. That country is as far behind in declaring peace as she was in taking up her fair share in the war.

The United States authorities are sincerely endeavoring to cope with every phase of violation of the liquor laws. The following item appeared the other day in the Wolland Telegraph: Bridgeburg and Fort Erie citizens will no longer find it easy to purchase liquor through brokers across the line. Following the refusal of several of the distillers to accept orders from concerns that did not carry their goods in stock, the United States has stepped in in connection with violations of the mail order regulations in regard to the U. S. postal laws, which prohibit liquor transactions of any kind. The last of the "fly-by-night" brokers across the line closed up Saturday, of the half dozen that sprang into existence there.

Ontario and the Prohibition Situation

Referring to the question of prohibition in the Legislature last week Premier Drury confessed that the Government was not satisfied with the temperance situation as it now existed. It would be impossible, properly to enforce the Ontario Temperance Act, so long as inter-provincial trade existed. He affirmed his belief in the principle of a referendum on the question of prohibiting the importation of liquor, and expressed the hope that the temperance forces of the Province might come together and reach an understanding with the Government, whereby the question might be submitted to the people and answered once for all. With the Government taking this attitude there is every reason to hope for satisfactory action within a reasonable period.

No Corresponding Benefit to the Consumer

Co-operation in the marketing of products will be the salvation of agriculture in the Province of Ontario, says the new Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Doherty surely has an unique opportunity as head of the Department of Agriculture in what is largely a Farmers' Government, to do a great service. It is true, as he says, that this Province is far behind a number of other countries in economical transfer and distribution of products. The need of co-operation in marketing and distributing, and the elimination of unnecessary middlemen, has been recognized for several years, and never more than now. The United Farmers' Co-operative Company movement has grown in many directions. Hon. Mr. Doherty says that the business it does at the Toronto Stock Yards exceeds a million dollars a month. In view of this it seems passing strange to the average consumer in the province, with this vast quantity of meat products alone handled co-operatively, with no expense of middlemen, that he has so far received no diminution in the prices he is obliged to pay for meats, fresh and cured.

## Not a Clean Sheet to Start With

The public accounts presented to the Legislature last Friday showed that the Ontario Treasury had a deficit of \$1,530,802 for the financial year that closed on October 31, 1919. Friends of the late Provincial Treasurer claim this showing is merely a different method of book-keeping. It is intimated, however, that Hon. Mr. Smith, the new Treasurer, has sought expert advice in so framing the financial statement of the Province that it will give in the clearest possible manner a true picture of the position of the Province. This is as it should be. The people of the province are anxious to know exactly year by year how our finances stand, without any juggling of capital and current expenditures merely to make a good showing.

## A Higher Type of Politics Aimed at

In the debate on the address in the Provincial Legislature last week the new Premier said he believed the people were looking for a higher type of politics than had prevailed in the past. "They are tired of the old game of politics, the battle of the in and outs. They want to see the creation in some way of a new order of things. We must have higher social ideas. We must have a stricter adherence to the principles of justice. Popular Government has entered on a new phase," he asserted; "when the people themselves should be taken into the confidence of the Legislature. In the interests of the Dominion of Canada the time has come when Governments and parliaments must quit laying plots and conspiring. We don't want anything hidden, we want the people, the court of last resort, taken into our confidence from the first," the Premier affirmed.

## Canadian Money for Canadian Trade

The Canadian Reconstruction Association has adopted this very impressive slogan: "Canadian money, Canadian made, should stay in Canada for Canadian Trade." It has also prepared a list of Ten Commandments for Canadian Trade which are sure to make Canadian people think. Here is its decalogue: 1. Buy Canadian products. 2. Import only necessities. 3. Produce to the limit in field and factory. 4. Co-operate, conserve, specialize, standardize. 5. Develop export markets. 6. Utilize Canadian services—ship by Canadian carriers through Canadian ports. 7. Manufacture raw materials in final stages in Canada. 8. Use science for the determination and development of natural resources. 9. Make quality the hall mark of Canadian products. 10. Be fair to capital. Canadian money should be encouraged to invest at home and foreign capital, attracted to promote Canadian industrial expansion.

## Old-time Marketing and Buying

The old-time public market was a place of bartering. There the housewife matched her wits against the seller's, and the better man won out by a penny or two. And this was true of the old-time stores as well. Some of us well remember when stores were fewer and stocks were smaller here. When our mothers went to Guelph to do their special shopping, returning, they would recount with great glee, how they succeeded in getting the storekeeper to cut down the price on a certain piece of dress goods from 50c to 40c; how he threw in a couple of yards on another piece, and all hooks, eyes, buttons and trimmings. That was the custom then in vogue. Some paid more—some less for identical articles, according to their separate abilities to haggle. Advertising has helped to make buying fairer for all by stabilizing prices. The advertiser names his price—the same for all. You know that in paying it, you're getting the same deal as the next one. You may not have realized what a saving in time, money and convenience in this alone the advertisements mean to you. A return for a week to the old ways of selling would quickly convince you of the service the advertisements in your paper render. They are your market place to-day. Read them.

## Canada in a Class With Mexico

Speaking about the present situation respecting prohibition the American Issue says: "It is necessary at present to place mounted inspectors on duty along the Mexican and Canadian borders in sufficient numbers to protect hundreds of highways, paths and streams that afford easy means of egress for smugglers. This situation emphasizes the importance of the campaign now being launched in the United States to assist in the movement for a dry world. As long as Uncle Sam's neighbors on the north and south are in the liquor business there will always be attempts made to smuggle liquor across the border. The Revenue Department is powerful enough to reduce such smuggling to the minimum; but it will require large expense and vigilant effort. However, the smuggler will find that he is playing a losing game. And yet the surest guarantee against border smuggling would be for Canada and Mexico to adopt the 'bone dry' prohibition policy." Surely Canada will not be proud of the distinction of being classed with Mexico as a hindrance to the United States in enforcing the prohibitory laws. Canada took aggressive measures to abolish the liquor traffic long before the United States. We certainly do not wish to lag behind at this important epoch in the world movement on this great issue.

## Are Prices Near the Apex Yet?

Will 1919 become famous in years to come as the year of highest prices in the world's history? This question is sometimes asked, but the best informed man in international commerce have not the temerity to answer it either in the affirmative or in the negative. Certainly, prices of every commodity used by the populace are steadily creeping upward till they have now reached a point scarcely considered possible at the time of the signing of the armistice when, after four years of war and steadily advancing prices, people heaved a sigh of relief thinking that the period of inflated values and financial pinching had about come to an end. But up went prices of every commodity and one advance has followed another advance till to-day prices prevailing on November 11, 1918, look like drops in the buckets of greatly inflated values to-day. Notwithstanding the prices of everything, business is brisk in every line, and despite the warnings that are constantly being sounded about the purchase of luxuries of United States origin, there is evidence of a brisk trade in this line in the town of Alliston. Money is available and an irresistible inclination having seized the possessor of the money to acquire something desired, nothing short of utter prohibition can prevent the sale. Alliston Herald.

## ARE YOU DISCOURAGED?

Remember this!—Which American Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois, and was badly swamped. He lost out of business, failed, and spent several years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner. He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged—then she died. Later he married a woman who was a constant burden on him. His political career, in fact, was a constant failure. He tried to get an appointment to the U. S. Land Office, but failed. He became a candidate for the U. S. Senate, and was badly defeated. In 1858 he became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and was again defeated. In 1860 he was defeated by Douglas. His failure after another year failed to prevent great setbacks. In the face of all this he eventually became one of the country's greatest men, if not the greatest.

When you think of a career of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel kind of equal to Lincoln, discouraged, just because you think you are having a hard time in life?—Traitorian Guard.

## NEVER NOTICED IT

In an Arkansas river town, built largely on reclaimed land, most of the houses failed to built on three, four or five feet above ground. One resident with a longer yard than his neighbors outside the water under his house, with pickets and in the post this made he kept a drove of swampy hogs. "Don't you think it is sanitary, healthy—to keep your hogs under the house like that?" he was asked. "No, I don't know, stranger, I took on my reeled the native, and I shot up his overalls. "Never noticed any bad effects from it!" "Why no," he drawled. "I been a keeps' my haws—there for fourteen years and never lost a hawg."

## HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

It all comes ground to one of two things. With all married couples who differ in habit, in taste, in opinion, in mode of life, if there is to be any happiness, somebody has to learn to give up, or give up a mind that "there is a difference. Either way is not good to the other. It is surprising how many things are not of any importance if one can only think they are both. Many a man cutting in Darnley's line.

**HEARTBURN**  
or heaviness after meals are most annoying manifestations of acid-dyspepsia.

**KI-MOIDS**  
pleasant to take, neutralize acidity and help restore normal digestion.

MADE BY SCOTT & BOWNE  
MAKERS OF SCOTT'S EMULSION

**Real Estate**

If you have a house for sale, if you want to buy a house in Acton

**R. J. KERR**  
Auctioneer and Real Estate Dealer  
PHONE 38  
YOUNG STREET - ACTON, ONT.

**E. K. Cook**

See us For  
LADIES' CASHMERE STOCKINGS  
Reg. \$1.25, for \$1.15  
MEN'S WINTER CAPS  
\$1.25  
LADIES' KIMONA APRONS  
95c

See us for Overalls and Work Shirts  
Shoe Repairing a Specialty

**E. K. Cook**  
MILL STREET - ACTON

**Roy Hindley**  
Auctioneer

LIVE STOCK, REAL ESTATE  
AND MERCHANDISE

Consolidated Phone Erin—47-1-1  
R. R. 2, ACTON

**Boot Sale This Week**

It will pay you to buy an extra pair of these for future use.

Children's Shoes, sizes 4 to 10, at \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

Boys' Boots, sizes 12 to 15, at \$2.75 to \$3.50.

Girls' Boots, sizes 13 to 4, at \$2.25 to \$4.00.

Ladies' Light Boots, sizes 4 to 7, at \$2.50 to \$4.00.

Ladies' Cotton Stockings, specially priced at 35c pair.

**L. Starkman**

## THE TIME OF DEIGNION

Youth is the only time to think out for yourself a great course. Matched with action follows; but to have to solve one whole life in age—the time past, the strength gone.—Hubert Livingston.

Most pleasures are from contrast—try working for instance. A husband declares such was a value of his own. We know just of them had a bark.

**SHILOH**  
30 DROPS COUGHS

## If Your "Victory Bonds" Were Burnt or Stolen

They might prove a total loss. So with other Certificates Promissory Notes and Valuable Papers at Home or at the office, where there is always danger of fire or theft. Keep them in a Safety Deposit Box in the vaults of this Bank. The highest measure of security and protection against loss is afforded, at a small annual rental.

**THE MERCHANTS BANK**  
Head Office: Montreal OF CANADA Established 1864.

ACTON BRANCH. L. B. SHOREY, Manager.  
GEORGETOWN BRANCH. H. R. MIMMS, Manager.

**Important Notice!**

Department of Finance Dominion of Canada

# Your Income Tax Return Should be Filed at Once!!

All persons residing in Canada, employed in Canada, or carrying on business in Canada, are liable to a tax on income, as follows:

Every unmarried person, or widow, or widower, without dependents as defined by the Act, who during the calendar year, 1919, received or received or earned \$1,000 or more.	All other individuals, who during the calendar year, 1919, received or earned \$2,000 or more.	Every corporation and joint-stock company, whose profits exceeded \$2,000 during the fiscal year ended in 1919.
---	--	---

**CLASS 1**  
Forms to be used in filing returns on or before the 31st of March, 1920:  
Trustees, executors, administrators, agents and assignees must use Form T 1.  
Employers making a return of the names and amounts paid to all directors, officials, agents or other employees must use Form T 4.  
Corporations and Joint Stock Companies making a return of all dividends and bonuses paid to shareholders and members during 1919, must use Form T 5.  
NOTE—Individuals receiving such amounts must file their returns in the same manner in which taxes are assessed and collected.

**CLASS 2**  
Forms to be used in filing returns on or before the 30th of April, 1920:  
All individuals other than farmers and ranchers must use Form T 1.  
Farmers and ranchers must use Form T 1 A.  
Corporations and Joint Stock Companies must use Form T 2.

**PENALTY**  
Every person required to make a return, who fails to do so within the time limit, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five per centum of the amount of the tax payable.  
Any person, whether taxable or otherwise, who fails to make a return or provide information duly required according to the provisions of the Act, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of \$10.00 for each day during which the default continues. Also any person making a false statement in any return or in any information required by the Minister, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$10,000, or to six months' imprisonment or to both fine and imprisonment.

**Time Limit**  
All persons in Class 1, as shown hereon, must file on or before the 31st of March, 1920.  
All persons in Class 2, as shown hereon, must file on or before the 30th of April, 1920.

**General Instructions**  
Obtain Forms from the Inspectors of Assistant Inspectors of Taxation, or from Postmasters.  
Read carefully all instructions on Form before filling it in.  
Prepay postage on letters and documents forwarded by mail to Inspectors of Taxation.  
Make your returns promptly, and avoid penalties.

Address of Inspector of Taxation for this District, HAMILTON, ONT.  
**R. W. BREADNER, Commissioner of Taxation.**

## Business Direct

**THOS. GRAY, M. D., C. M.**  
L. H. C. P. Edinburgh; L. S. Glasgow, Member British Association, etc.  
Office—Frederick Street.

**DR. J. A. MENIVE**  
Physician and Surgeon  
Office and Residence—Corner Avenue and King Streets, now formerly occupied by J. person, Acton, Ont.

**LEGAL**

Phone No. 32  
**HAROLD NASH FARMER**  
Barrister, Solicitor, Notary, Conveyancer, Etc.

**PERRYMAN BLOCK - ACTON**  
MONEY TO LOAN  
Hours—9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**CONVEYANCING**  
Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, etc. Abstracts of titles furnished, carefully and legibly done, p.m. to 8 p.m., at residence, room.  
**R. H. WANSBROUGH - L.**

**DENTAL**

**DR. J. M. BELL, D.D.S., L.D.S.**  
Dentist  
Honorary Graduate of Toronto University. The latest scientific methods. Office at residence, Corner Frederick Street.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**MARRIAGE LICENCES**  
H. P. Moore, Issuer Marriage Licences. Private Office, 25 West Front Street, issued at residence in evening. Pass Pass Office - Acton, Ont.

**FRANCIS NUNAN**  
Bookbinder  
Account books of all kinds prepared. Periodicals of every kind carefully bound. Rulings and promptly done.  
Wynham Street - Guelph (Over Williams' Store)

**R. J. KERR**  
Licensed Auctioneer  
For the Counties of Halton, Wellington, Peel and Huron and the City of Guelph  
ACTON, ONT.  
Sales may be arranged by me at residence at Acton or at The Free Press Office, Acton, The Mercury Office, Guelph, The News-Tribune, Toronto, or with W. J. Gordon, Insurance Agent, Guelph.  
Sales entrusted to R. J. Kerr receive attention from date of last date of sale. List your sales with Residence - Young Street, Phone 34, Acton. Call at my house.

**J. E. CHEEVER**  
BOOK BINDER  
Quebec St. East - Guelph  
Books and magazine bound. Handmade and substantial covers. Names lettered in gold on 12 Hymn books and other books.  
All Work Promptly Executed.

**D. ALEX. NIVEN**  
Ontario Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer  
Survey, subdivision, plans, reports, descriptions, illustrating Certificates for purchasers, mortgages; surveys for Architects, Builders and Municipal Councils. Drainage Reports, Estimates.  
McLEAN BUILDING, Douglas GUEPH (Phone 1044) ONT.

# Bargain-Hunters!

In this community are hundreds of individuals and families on the watch for an advertisement which will offer them what they want at an advantageous price.

Call them bargain-hunters if you will, but there is nothing wrong in waiting for a bargain, especially when the seller is anxious to sell at a reduced price. One family wants a new carpet—the need is not urgent. Another family is looking forward to buying a set of dining-room furniture—it may not be for a twelve month.

One man is thinking of buying himself a watch. One woman a shopping bag—another an umbrella.

All can be made to buy earlier—by advertising.

**A NOTE TO MERCHANTS**

Stimulate business by the offer of some slow-moving lines at special prices. Brighten up business by advertising some desirable goods at reduced prices. Make advertising banish dull business. Often you can tempt the buyer who is biding his or her time, to buy from you—at a time of your naming.

**Shop Where You are invited to Shop**

## Choice Groceries and Provisions

Have You Tried McDougall for Fresh Groceries and Fresh Fruits at Right Prices?

**Mrs. Jennie McDougall**  
MILL STREET - ACTON, ONT.

**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM**

## The Double Track Route

BETWEEN  
MONTREAL - TORONTO  
DETROIT - CHICAGO

Unexcelled dining car service.  
Sleeping cars on night trains at Parlor Cars on principal day trains.

Full information from any Grand Trunk Ticket agent or C. H. Horne, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

**H. S. HOLMES, Agent**  
ACTON, QNT. Phone 1

**The Old and Reliable**  
Granite and Marble Dealers

We are manufacturers and direct importers of all kinds of Monument and Headstones work. We sell direct to our customers at wholesale prices, thus saving our customers 25 per cent. We have the best workmanship and the only machinery in the Dominion which can operate pneumatic tools properly. We can give references from hundreds of our customers in Toronto and other places, where others have to have their monuments and headstones made elsewhere and sent to collect. We have the largest and best stock of Granite in the Dominion, or more than any other dealer in the West. We are legitimate dealers and employ no agents and do not employ our past customers by sending out letters to agents soliciting orders—we employ only mechanics and do not employ agents.

**HAMILTON & SONS**  
Cor. North & Victoria Streets