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ACTON

REV. JOSEPHUS CULP, Pastor
Parsonage—Willow St.

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Contrary Winds."

2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.

7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Why Blood upon the Ear, Thumb and Toe?"

PRESBYTERIAN
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Minister—Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.
Manse—Willow Street

11.00 a. m.—Rally Service, "Who are Our Neighbors?"

3.00 p. m.—Bible Class. Studies in Matthew, Chapter XVII.

7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Safety First."

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CARD OF THANKS

The undersigned desire to express their sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends in Acton and vicinity for their kind help and liberal support occasioned by the loss of our home by fire a few weeks ago.
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L. O. L. No. 467
ACTON

Members and Visiting Members are hereby notified that the October meeting will be held on the second Friday, October 10th, instead of Thursday. Also the W. M. requests every member to be present at the County Church Parade to be held at Milton Methodist Church October 19, at 2.00 p. m. Service to be taken by the Rev. W. Lawrence, of Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.
E. T. THETFORD, W. M.
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A Splendid Field Day Programme

The Students of the High School, and Pupils of the Public School Prove Their Athletic Skill

WEATHER WAS RATHER UNPROPITIOUS BUT PROGRAMME WAS CARRIED OUT AS ARRANGED

The annual Field Day of Acton High School in the Park last Saturday afternoon was in some respects the best ever held by the school. The forty-seven events had each a good quota of contestants, and the various competitions were spirited and manifested very creditable skill and endurance, and showed that all contestants had been subject to healthful practice prior to entering the Field Day contests.

It was unfortunate that there was showery weather during the afternoon. The officials and the pupils were, however, not daunted by a few showers, and persistently continued the programme until its completion at the close of the afternoon.

The winners in the various contests were as follows:

BOYS EVENTS

Standing High Jump

Junior Boys—M. Dron, E. Gamble, A. Henderson.

Senior Boys—S. Mackie, R. Henderson, N. Harrop.

Standing Broad Jump

Junior Boys—M. Dron, G. Mason, G. Huffman.

Senior Boys—R. Henderson, N. Harrop, C. Bell.

Running Broad Jump

Junior Boys—M. Dron, A. Henderson, G. Huffman.

Senior Boys—J. Dunn, C. Bell, N. Harrop.

100 Yard Dash

Junior Boys—M. Dron, A. Henderson, G. Huffman.

Senior Boys—J. Dunn, C. Bell, R. Henderson.

Running High Jump

Junior Boys—M. Dron, A. Henderson, G. Huffman.

Senior Boys—C. Bell, W. Reid, S. Mackie.

220 Yard Dash

Junior Boys—M. Dron, A. Henderson, G. Huffman.

Senior Boys—J. Dunn, C. Bell, R. Henderson.

Putting Shot

Junior Boys—M. Dron, C. Henderson, E. Gamble.

Senior Boys—S. Mackie, W. Reid, N. Harrop.

Hop, Step and Jump

Junior Boys—M. Dron, G. Huffman, A. Henderson.

Senior Boys—S. Mackie, R. Henderson, J. Dunn.

Pole Vault

Junior Boys—M. Dron, G. Huffman, A. Henderson.

Senior Boys—R. Henderson, W. Reid, S. Mackie.

Quarter Mile Race

Junior Boys—M. Dron, A. Henderson, G. Huffman.

Half Mile Race

Senior Boys—J. Dunn, C. Bell, R. Henderson.

Junior Champion—Melvin Dron.

Runner-up—Arthur Henderson.

Senior Champions—R. Henderson and J. Dunn.

Runner-up—C. Bell.

GIRLS' EVENTS

Standing Broad Jump

Junior Girls—Margaret Grindell, 7 feet 11½ inches; Mary Chalmers, 6 feet 7 inches; Helen Coxe, 5 feet 11½ inches.

Senior Girls—Alice Hodgson, 6 feet 10 inches; Gwen Maddock, 6 feet 9 inches; Helen MacDonald, 6 feet 7 inches.

Standing High Jump

Junior Girls — Margaret Grindell, Ethel James, Mary Chalmers.

Senior Girls—Helen MacDonald, 3 feet 3 inches; Gwen Maddock, 3 feet 2 inches; Olive Cooper, 3 feet 1 inch.

Running Broad Jump

Junior Girls—Margaret Grindell, 13 feet; Mary Chalmers, 12 feet 2 inches; Ethel James, 11 feet 11 inches.

Senior Girls—Beatrice Blair, 11 feet 4 inches; Olive Cooper, 11 feet 3 inches; Alice Hodgson, 11 feet 1 inch.

75 Yard Dash

Junior Girls—Margaret Grindell, Ethel James, Olive Precious. Time 10 1-5 seconds.

Senior Girls—Alice Hodgson, Helen MacDonald, Gwen Maddock. Time 10 2-5 seconds.

Running High Jump

Junior Girls—Margaret Grindell, Mary Chalmers, Olive Previous.

Senior Girls—Olive Cooper, Alice Hodgson, Gwen Maddock.

100 Yard Dash

Junior Girls—Margaret Grindell, Olive Precious, Jean Weadge. Time 13 2-5 seconds.

Senior Girls—Helen MacDonald, A. Hodgson, Beatrice Blair. Time 15 1-5 seconds.

Throwing Baseball

Junior Girls—Ethel James, Olive Precious, Addie Hurst.

Senior Girls—Gwen Maddock, Alice Hodgson, Helen MacDonald.

Relay Race

Form III. Runners—Alice Hodgson, Helen MacDonald, Beatrice Blair, Olive Cooper.

Hop Step and Jump

Junior Girls—Margaret Grindell, 18 feet 6 inches; Ethel James, 18 feet 3 inches; Olive Precious, 18 feet 3 inches.

Senior Girls—Beatrice Blair, 24 feet 8½ inches; Olive Cooper, 23 feet 10½ inches; Gwen Maddock, 23 feet 4 inches.

Three Legged Race

Beatrice Blair and Alice Hodgson, Olive Precious and Ethel James.

Junior Champion—Margaret Grindell, 21 points.

Runner-up—Ethel James, 10 points.

Senior Champion—Alice Hodgson, 13 points.

Runners-up—Helen MacDonald and Gwen Maddock, 10 points each.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EVENTS

Girls' Race, 5, 6 7 Years

Dorothy McArthur, Marjory Near, Helen Campbell.

Boys' Race, 5, 6, 7 Years

Norman Scarrow, Frankie Jones, Mervyn Reid.

Girls' Race, 8 and 9 Years

Doris Holloway, Margaret Chalmers, Margaret Maud.

Boys' Race, 8 and 9 Years

Harry Fewtral, Harold Mooney, Will Hogdins.

Girls' Race, 10 and 11 Years

Helen Gallander, Merle Grindell, Dorothy Campbell.

Boys' Race, 10 and 11 Years

Donald Mann, John Barber, Carney Byrne.

Girls' Race, Any Age

Eva Wheeler, Mabel Huard, Ivy Holmes.

Boys' Race, Any Age

Gordon Cooper, Glen Ryder, Donald Mann.

Girls' Three-legged Race

Lillian Byrne and Hazel Smith.

Boys' Three-legged Race

Joe Woods and Bobbie Hall.

Girls' Sack Race

Kathleen McCoomb, Oral Chambers, Thora Cook.

Boys' Sack Race

George Cook, Melvin Locker, Donald Mann.

Biscuit Race

Nora Waterhouse, Hazel Smith, Lucy Goldham.

Pie Race

Murray Smith, Harold Switzer, Gordon Mann.

Girls' Relay Race

Fourth Book Class.

Boys' Relay Race

Fourth Book Class.

Blind Pig Race

Harry Fewtral and Hazel Smith.

For the success of this interesting event in the school life of the pupils for the present school year much credit is due the Principal, Mrs. Edna Mew, and her associate teachers, Misses Hood and Tisdale.

A number of our leading citizens interested in the educational matters of the town and affiliated interests, willingly assumed duties requested of them by the Committee, as follows:

Announcer—R. M. MacDonald, Secretary of the Board.

Starters—Continuation School, W. K. Graham; Public School, L. R. Shorey.

Judges—Junior Boys—Reeve Barber, Rev. A. C. Stewart and Chief McPherson.

Senior Girls—Rev. J. Culp, George Mann, H. P. Moore.

Junior Boys—Rev. H. G. L. Baugh, Lawrence Williams, J. C. Matthews.

Junior Girls—Rev. Father McReavy, Dr. J. A. McNiven, N. F. Moore.

Public School—Rev. W. H. Howard, Dr. Nelson, Frank Gamble.

Clerks of the Course—Boys, Miss Hood; Girls, Miss Tisdale; Public School, Mrs. Minnie Moore.

Ribbon Steward—Miss Folster.

Phil Forbes is Fined $1,000 and 6 Months

The "King of the Bootleggers" is Outlawed by Efforts of Chief McPherson

A LONG CAREER OF UNLAWFUL OPERATIONS TERMINATES IN FLIGHT FROM COUNTRY

Through the successful efforts of Chief McPherson, who is also a special officer for the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act, the operations of Philip Forbes, who has for a couple of years enjoyed (?) the rather unenviable reputation of being the "King of Bootleggers" for this county, were brought up short last week. Forbes has been a crafty, cunning manufacturer and dispenser of "moonshine" liquor for some time, and by the operations of himself and his brother James, and the alleged assistance of other relatives he has succeeded in doing an illicit trade with those whose depraved appetites craved liquor of his brand.

Forbes has been under the surveillance, not only of local officers, but of Provincial Inspectors and Dominion Revenue Officials, and he has not escaped penalties for his outlawry. Time after time he has been in court to answer for his unlawful doings and paid fines to both the Provincial and Dominion Treasuries. Since January, 1923, his operations have been followed with heavy penalties:

Jan. 4, 1923, for selling	$1,000 00
Jan. 16, 1923, for selling	200 00
Dec. 13, 1923, liquor still destroyed by Revenue Officers, which was valued at	1,500 00
Fine paid for his brother Jas.	200 00
Fine paid for Russell DeForest, a "stool pigeon"	200 00
Fines paid for other friends	200 00
July 16, 1924, fine for having a still	200 00
Paid for violations of Highway Traffic Act and disorderly conduct	30 00
Oct. 2, 1924, fine for selling (6 months imprisonment, and 6 months additional in default of payment)	1,000 00
Cost of court and counsel, about	500 00
	$5,830 00

Quite a formidable list, isn't it? And some people have been complaining that the officers of the law have not been doing anything to Forbes. Other people say, "But think of the amount of money Forbes has been making under the O. T. A." True, and it is to be regretted. But under license law there was admittedly spent for liquor in Acton in the hotels alone $50,000 a year, and there was rarely a fine imposed for infractions of the law—which everybody knows were numerous, both on week days and Sundays. Forbes has been operating in this county for the past three years, and has perhaps sold $10,000 or $15,000 worth of liquor in that time. Under license there would have been spent in Acton at least $150,000 for liquor in that time, in the licensed places alone.

This last trial of Forbes took place last Thursday afternoon before Police Magistrate Moore. The charge was preferred by Chief McPherson that Phil Forbes had on or about September 22 sold two bottles of liquor to a person in the township of Esquesing. When Forbes was called T. A. Hutchinson, barrister, Milton, who was acting as his counsel admitted service of summons, but said his client would not be present. He pleaded "not guilty" for him. Crown Attorney Dick then called as witness the man to whom Forbes had taken the liquor. He swore that on two succeeding days Forbes had taken a bottle of liquor to him where he was working, and that he paid him $7.50 for each bottle. Forbes' counsel used every endeavor to confuse the witness, but he stood firm and unshaken in his evidence and maintained that he had bought and paid for the liquor Forbes had personally supplied on the dates named.

The counsel said he would put in no defense.

Magistrate Moore reviewed the previous convictions of the accused, showed that this was in the terms of the act "a second or subsequent offence," registered a conviction and imposed a penalty of $1,000 and costs and six months' imprisonment at hard labor, and in default of the payment of the fine, a further term of imprisonment of six months, making in all 12 months in jail. Forbes' counsel pleaded for a reduction of the term of imprisonment to three months, but the Magistrate was inflexible, and the penalty and sentence stands. A warrant was at once issued for the arrest of Forbes.

Train No. 36 Now Stops

This Result Followed the Day After Interview by Chamber of Commerce

The delegation appointed by Acton Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting, to interview the General Passenger Agent of the Canadian National Railway to endeavor to have the 6.18 p. m. train going east stop at Acton, as heretofore, went to Toronto on Wednesday morning.

They interviewed Mr. Charles E. Horning, Assistant General Passenger Agent, and Mr. Wilson, Superintendent of Transportation. These gentlemen listened very attentively to the arguments presented by members of the delegation. They explained that the change had been made after a conference by department heads, and regretted that Acton had been somewhat seriously inconvenienced by the change.

They regarded the request to have the train restored very favorably, and stated that they would confer at once with the general offices at Montreal.

Next morning the following letter was received by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:

Mr. N. H. Garden,
Secretary Acton Chamber of Commerce, Acton.

Dear Sir:

Stopping Train No. 36 at Acton.

Referring to conference yesterday with the delegation of Acton Chamber of Commerce, of which you were one, and Mr. Wilson and myself, and confirming telephone message to-day.

Am pleased to advise that commencing to-day, Train No. 36 will stop at Acton, due at that station at 6.09 p. m., stopping at Georgetown, Brampton, West Toronto, Parkdale and Toronto, arriving at the Union Station at 7.15 p. m.

I can assure you it affords me pleasure to advise you of this satisfactory result of our conference.

Yours very truly,
C. E. HORNING,
Assistant General Passenger Agent.

This result is surely very gratifying to the Chamber of Commerce and to the citizens of Acton generally.

During their interview the members of the delegation referred to the fact that several trains stopped at Georgetown which were not scheduled to stop at Acton. The reply of the Canadian National officials was that this was due to mechanical reasons, and not to any preference or favor to Georgetown. The two hundred feet of grade between Acton and Georgetown necessitates examination of the brakes of every train at Georgetown, and all trains would stop there if there were not more than fifty of a population at that point.

Social and Personal

Mr. Angus Kennedy, of Guelph, was home over Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Brown was home from Toronto for the week-end.

Miss Margaret Bennett was home from Toronto over Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Dills was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Mr. George Rudman spent the week-end at his home in Toronto.

Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, of Toronto, visited Acton friends this week.

Miss Jessie McNabb, of Toronto, has been visiting friends here this week.

Mr. William C. Plank returned last week from a business trip to Quebec.

Mr. Charles McLeod, of Toronto, visited his parents here over the week-end.

Mrs. G. A. Dills spent a few days last week with her sister at Collingwood.

Mr. R. B. Storey, of Toronto, spent Sunday with his mother on Maria Street.

Miss Cornie, of Guelph, was a guest during the week of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison and children visited friends in Orangeville on Sunday.

Messrs. Charles and John Moore and Miss Ruth, of Dundas, visited at Mrs. James Moore's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Murray, of Kitchener, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray.

Mr. Charles Allan, who has spent the summer on building contracts in Windsor, has returned home.

Mr. John Wood left last week on a business trip to New York. Mrs. Wood accompanied him to Toronto.

Mr. Bert Mowat, of Guelph, has been transferred to the Sudbury Branch of the Bank of Montreal.

Owing to the serious illness of Mr. Neil McDonald, Hastings, Mrs. McDonald was called home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mann and children, of Fergus, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burt, Lake Avenue, on Sunday.

Messrs. A. Kannawin, R. J. McPherson, A. Macdonald and W. A. Lasby attended Grand Valley Fall Fair last Friday.

Mr. John Thomson and Mrs. Bowerman, of Bracebridge, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Smith at Hill Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sharp and Miss Sharp and Mrs. Peter Binnie, of Caledon, were guests with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Young on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson were at Eden Mills on Saturday attending the funeral of Mr. George S. Mitchell, uncle of Mr. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cruise and Mr. Cruise motored from Toronto Sunday and spent the day with Acton and Rockwood friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harrison and children, Lowville, Mrs. W. Small, Miss Marguerite and Mr. Gordon Small, of Kilbride, spent Sunday with Acton relatives.

Rev. J. E. Todd, pastor of Dublin Street Methodist Church, Guelph, has been invited to the pastorate of George Street Church, Peterborough, after next Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Owens, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Kennedy on Sunday. Miss Jean Kennedy accompanied them.

Mrs. D. C. Russell was called to Richard's Landing last Thursday through an accident which befell her mother, by which she sustained a fractured limb.

Messrs. Archie and Will McGregor, who have been visiting friends in this community the past week, following a tour of the British Isles and France, left on Tuesday for their home in Brandon, Man.

The engagement is announced of Margaret Helen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrah, of Toronto, to Whitney Hillmer, third son of Geo. Hillmer, M. P. P., and Mrs. Hillmer, of Oakville. The wedding will be held early this month.

"It is a Crime to Suggest the Proposed Change"

Said Rev. W. W. Peck, of Vancouver, After Four Years' Experience in British Columbia

GOVERNMENT CONTROL IS GOVERNMENT SALE OF LIQUOR AND INCREASE OF BOOTLEGGING

In a quiet, sane, convincing address of an hour and a half Rev. W. W. Peck, of Vancouver, B. C., gave a very lucid and interesting review of the four years' experience of British Columbia under what is known as Government Control, before a large audience of citizens in the Town Hall on Monday evening.

"Every temperance address should begin with a strong note of cheer," he said, "and I come to you with a message of hopefulness, and am confident that this good old Province of Ontario, with its settled population and its helpful home life, will stand loyally in support of a measure which is incalculably superior to any so-called Government Control."

The great determining factor in the present campaign is the economic side. After Lloyd George's last visit to Canada and the United States he stated in the British House of Commons that in his opinion the great gift of the war to America was the prohibition of the liquor traffic. After a careful study of statistics showing the production of workmen in the factories of Great Britain and of the United States it was found that under prohibition in the latter country seven workmen are producing as much as ten men in Great Britain. The question to-day is what to do with the liquor traffic from social and economic standpoints.

The most subtle campaign is now in progress that was ever known in this country. In every province in Canada the brewers and distillers stand condemned because of their persistent continuous violation of existing laws. The first province of Canada to introduce what is known as Government Control was British Columbia. The Quebec law is for the sale of wine and beer, but in British Columbia the sale of all liquors is permitted by Government action. It is not Government Control we have, however. It is Government Sale, and this is what is recognized everywhere in our province. We have had four year's trial of this Government measure and you will be interested in learning what our problems are. I have lived for twelve years in British Columbia and have therefore had ample opportunity for studying conditions under the old license system, under prohibition and under Government Sale.

Up to 1920 we had in British Columbia a Prohibition Act. It was not as well enforced as your Ontario Temperance Act. We had indiscreet doctors issuing scripts, and we had lots of bootleggers. The people of our province voted for Government Sale, but what we got in that measure is not what we expected, nor what was promised by the Moderation League. The people of British Columbia generally have been fully disillusioned. We voted again in June last. The result was the vote for prohibition was 18,000 more than that in 1920, and the vote of the Moderation League forces was 19,000 less. But the temperance vote was not strong enough to defeat the present law.

The Moderation League's literature which is being distributed throughout your province to-day is exactly the same as was used in our province four years ago. This literature all praises the advance made in banishing the bar. Their advertisements published the past week say: "It is generally agreed that a step was taken in the right direction when the public drinking bar was abolished. I would remind you that no Moderation League was ever know to take the platform to advocate the abolition of the bar. The fight for the banishment of the bar was wholly waged by the people who are now so strongly opposed to Government Sale.

Why is this measure called Government Control? We don't control sale; we don't control manufacture; we don't control importation; we don't control bootleggers. About all the Government Control, there is is the control of the cork in the bottle until the purchaser of liquor gets to the door of the Government vendor's shop where he purchased his liquor. If you defeat the Ontario Temperance Act, you leave yourselves open to unlimited importation of liquors, for you have no law prohibiting importation. In British Columbia last year the Government imported 130,581 gallons of liquor to supply the Government vendors' shops, while the bootleggers imported 124,066 gallons during the same time.

Instances were given showing how futile is Government Control, and how prolific is Government sale in British Columbia. One woman in Vancouver, with a Government permit, in 86 days—less 12 days for Sundays—bought 18 bottles of gin, 70 bottles of rum and 1,862 bottles of beer, and then she lost her permit on the street. Another authenticated case showed that a man with a Government permit in thirty days purchased 96 barrels of bottled beer, equivalent to 848 bottles per day for the period. Another case was cited where a man in British Columbia, on a Government permit, to one person, bought liquor in 18 months in sufficient quantities which required payment to the vendors of Government liquor stores to the amount of $85,-186.50. Not much control about that, he said.

The Province of British Columbia has 71 liquor stores; of these seven are located in Vancouver. Last year the Government liquor store in Alberni, a village of 700 people, took in $69,700 for liquor; the liquor store at Fort George, with a population about the same as that of Acton, received $174,377. If that amount of money were spent for liquor in Acton in a year, how would the merchants fare in the payment of their bills? In the City of Vancouver last year $4,800,000 was paid for liquor, which is equivalent to $40 for every man, woman and child in that city.

Did bootlegging disappear in British Columbia when Government Control came in? No, we have ten bootleggers now to every one we had under prohibition. "The Hook," the "Jack Canuck newspaper of Vancouver, said in a recent issue, "A flood of bootleg liquor is deluging the Province of British Columbia. 5,000 cases of bootleg liquor is coming into Vancouver a month. Even the hotel man in their monthly magazine say: "Bootlegging is as prevalent in British Columbia now as ever in the past."

The Daily Province said in an editorial recently: "The only way to cope with the bootleggers in this province is to put a Government liquor store in every town in British Columbia and keep them open for twenty-four hours a day—using three shifts of clerks to operate them."

The economic side was vividly set forth. At the present time the little city of Kamloops is paying $40,000 a month for liquor in its liquor store. This fact can be readily proven by a friendly letter from any citizen of Acton to Neil McGill, the Government vendor there. Mr. McGill is a former Acton man, and was for many years Chief of Police of Kamloops. The speaker gave wholesome advise to any business man inclined to be a Moderationist, to consider for a moment the probable result of setting up such a rival in business as a Government liquor store, which will receive such large amounts of money from the people and send it out of town!

Speaking of business failures it was shown that in 1918 there were 40 in B. C. in 1919, 43; in 1920, 65; in 1921, 125; in 1922, 163; and in 1923, 162. Business men in British Columbia say this thing cannot be allowed to go on.

It has been said that the profits from the sale of liquor under Government Control would reduce taxation. I own a house in Vancouver. In 1916 the taxes were $68.00. In 1923, with exactly the same assessment my taxes were $106.40; in 1924 they are $140.65. If my taxes keep on "doing down" at this rate I'll soon have to sell my house to keep a roof over my head.

If you had seen what I have seen, and know what I know about the effects of Government Control, not one of you would ever think of casting your ballot for a measure of this character. When we voted on this question in 1920 the people had no place to go for information as to the results from Government Control. You to-day are able to get convincing facts from ours and other provinces for show the fallacy of adopting Government Control. British Columbia looks to you to stand fast to the Ontario Temperance Act on the 23rd inst. Your Government has promised to strengthen this law and make stricter enforcement if you vote to sustain it. It is a crime to suggest such a change as is proposed. I implore you for the sake of your homes, for the sake of the boys and girls, for the sake of your country, work to sustain the Ontario Temperance Act.

—Dr. J. Cadesky, eyesight specialist, of Toronto, will make his visit to Acton to-morrow (Friday). He has his office at Brown's Drug Store, as usual.

Council Considers the Mill and Main Street Buildings

Another By-law Passed Regulating the Style of Buildings that may be Erected on These Two Streets

MR. RONEY'S BUILDING TO BE REMOVED IN FIVE YEARS

The regular session of the Council on Monday evening had all the Councillors present, and Reeve Barber in the chair.

The Finance Committee presented their twentieth report, and recommended payment of the following accounts:

General Account

American-LaFrance Co., supplies	$ 5 70
Acton Free Press, printing	7 85
Geo. Edwards, supplies for Fire Brigade	10
A. J. Murray, wood for Town Hall	7 00
Bell Telephone Co., services	6 80
Hydro Electric Commission, street lighting	168 00
Hydro Electric Commission, town hall lighting	3 42
Jas. Symon, supplies	7 87
Acton Fall Fair, grant	50 00
H. N. Farmer, revising Voters' List	9 00
R. J. Wallace, labor and supplies	191 90
N. Forbes, laying sidewalks and repairing	138 40
	$596 74

Waterworks Account

Hydro Electric Commission, power at pump	$18 75
Hydro Electric Commission, supplies	12 00
Hydro Electric Commission, power at spring	42 23
W. J. Reid, postage	7 42
Bell Telephone Co., services	4 31
Jas. Symon, supplies	5 00
A. E. Cripps, cartage	3 24

The report was adopted.

Mr. L. Starkman requested permission to move the building at the rear of Woodhall's bakery to the Main Street frontage and cover it with galvanized iron or roughcast. Mr. Starkman said in time this building would probably be removed and a much finer building would undoubtedly take its place. Action was deferred until the Council had time to inspect the premises and pass on whether the building was desirable or not.

Mr. Roney addressed the Council relative to the building he had started to erect. Owing to the building already having made considerable progress permission was given Mr. Roney to go ahead and finish the building as planned. The Clerk was instructed to prepare an agreement binding Mr. Roney to remove the building at the end of the term of his lease of five years, or in the event of his removing from Acton or these premises, the building must be removed, and not leased or rented or sold to any other person or persons.

The Clerk brought up the matter of the assessing of the half mill on sidewalks where the property owners had already paid the full cost for the laying of the sidewalks in front of the property.

It was decided that all ratepayers who were not paying all their sidewalk tax would be liable to the half mill assessment.

A by-law providing for the restricting and regulating of buildings on Mill Street, between the Canadian National Railway and Park Avenue, and on Main Street, between Brock and Knox Avenues, was given the necessary number of readings by the Council and passed. The by-law provides for fines of from $50 to $100 for violation of any of the clauses and the building must be erected to conform with the other buildings on these streets and subject to the approval of the Council.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co., Ingles & Hunter, and Alla Chambers requesting their lowest figure for installing an auxiliary gasoline 100 h. p. pump with necessary attachments. They were also requested to send representatives to the next Council meeting, to be held on Monday, October 20.

Council adjourned at 10.15 p. m.

—The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church will hold their Annual Supper on Thanksgiving evening.