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## EDITORIAL

### Mother's Day

Next Sunday will be observed as Mother's Day all over this continent. The observance of this day has grown in a few years until now every son and daughter looks upon it as always having been and sets apart that day to send mother a remembrance to revere her memory. It may seem a small item to remember mother especially on that day by sending her a token, but she will appreciate it even if she tells you not to bother. And in this busy world we may surely set apart a little time on this one day to honor or remember her, who has been the guiding factor in all the best things in your life. If she has passed on to the great beyond you will appreciate the privilege of honoring her — having been denied her wise counsel for a time. Mother's Day is a great privilege. Use it next Sunday.

### Courtesy a Distinction

A reputation for courtesy is a distinct asset to an individual or to a nation. Canadians for many years have had that reputation. Many tourists have commented on the courteous treatment they have received while in the Dominion and have made no secret of the discovery. There is no doubt that many tourists return to the Dominion, because of that very fact. Courtesy lubricates the wheels and contacts of life. Mr. Frank B. Kent, a recent visitor in Canada, writing in the Baltimore Sun, says that "Canada puts the United States to shame in the matter of courtesy." He writes that "In Canada, hotel clerks, waiters, stewards, transportation officers, etc., are considerate and thoughtful and contrast sharply with their brethren over the line, whose chief concern seems to be to "high-hat" their customers." These be pleasant words for Canadians. May they always be merited.—Niagara Falls Review.

### A Splendid Community Spirit in Acton

It is interesting to note the fine community spirit in Acton and it has been driven home more forcibly than ever during the past few weeks in reading of the proposed celebrations of the Dominion Diamond Jubilee in various towns. The Council, in many places, have been called upon to back the affair with grants of from $200 to $2,000. While the outcome of the meeting called for Thursday night is not known, it is safe to say such a condition will not arise in Acton. It isn't typical of Acton. As a rule they don't go about things that way. In all probability it will be the reverse. Instead of depleting the town treasury for a big time it is probable the big time money will be used to improve some publicly-owned place or promote some civic enterprise. You may call it town pride or co-operation, or whatever you will, but Acton citizens are to be congratulated on this splendid spirit. It's making big things possible. It's giving us improvements we hardly dared dream of. It's making Acton a better and bigger town. Let's keep pulling together in the same way.

### Buy In Your Home Town

The Port Arthur News Chronicle makes a strong appeal for recognition of the claim that the local merchants have on the citizens. As this applies generally to every other village or town, we reproduce a paragraph or two for home-consumption. Verily "by day and in every way," Port Arthur merchants are contributing of their money, their time and their energy to make this community a bigger, better and busier place in which to labor and live. It is well that our citizens give more than a passing thought to the debt they owe to our merchants and that this debt can be repaid by giving them the trade of the community, a trade that is rightfully theirs, a trade well earned. There is a measure of meanness as well as unfairness in using local stores as a mere convenience, in buying from them necessary staples on which there is a minimum margin of profit, and sending mail orders to the big cities or special purchases, simply to save a trifle in price, or to get something different. The only way in which the local store can be improved, or even maintained, is by local patronages. Buy locally when possible, is a good slogan. It puts your money in circulation and keeps it in circulation locally and helps to build up and keep up the place in which you live. You needn't even "go shopping" to find out what is for sale and at what price. You have only to read the attractive advs. in the local paper. Advertisements pay the customer, as well as the merchant, if they are read, and the goods and prices are compared with what the same goods may be bought for elsewhere. Let us all be loyal to our home town.

### Building Active, Costs Low

Building permits issued by 63 cities in Canada during the month of March this year had a total value of $11,641,427, an increase of $3,862,875 or 40.7 per cent. over February, 1027, and about 10 per cent. over March last year. The total for March this year was the highest on record. Building costs are now at the lowest margin for several years. From the detailed statistics furnished by some 50 cities it was shown that they had granted in March over 1,300 permits for dwellings valued in excess of $5,400,000 and for some 2,500 other buildings estimated to cost approximately $5,000,000. All provinces reported increases in the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest absolute gain was that of $1,652,881 or 37.6 per cent. in Ontario, but larger proportionate increases were shown in the other provinces.

### The Auditors' Report

The auditors' report for 1926 has been printed and is in the hands of the Clerk ready for distribution to any ratepayer. It is a mine of information on the workings and financial standing of the town. Every taxpayer should get a copy and study it. It shows where all your tax money was spent, and what you secured for it. The page showing the debenture indebtedness is very interesting to any ratepayer and is self-explanatory. The report is a very complete one and Auditors Arnold and Knapp were well deserving the commendation of their work which they received from the Council. Get your copy from the Clerk. It will answer authoratively many questions that have been exaggerated by street-corner gossip. Read the report and post yourself on the town's business. They are free to ratepayers upon request to Clerk Farmer.

### A Newspaper's Faith

There are certain critics of newspapers who apparently have little conception of the work that the newspapers are doing in the world. There was a time (our grandfathers can recall it) when there was comparatively little in the average newspaper to rouse a man from his dreams, make him look with a wide-awake and seeing eye at the world around him, and—THINK. This is what the real newspaper does to-day. It is not greatly bothered by the persons who say that most of the news should be suppressed because it is so "awful." The newspaper which believes in mirroring life as life really is shows greater faith in human nature than the critics—that is all. When they call this or that piece of news "awful" they often mean seductive rather than awful. They wrongly fear that human nature instinctively craves rottenness and that the exposure of a vile career will prove enticing. It is no more enticing than the picture of an insane asylum is enticing. It shows as nothing else can show how terrible a thing sin is. Every line of the picture thunders with a power denied to speech. The memory of it is burned in the soul with a quenchless fire. The reader, old or young, serious or gay, can never misunderstand, can never forget. It is a lesson that lasts. It is the truth in flesh and blood—the truth acting itself out before our very eyes in real life.—Carleton Place Canadian.

### Investigation—What Next?

For the past few weeks the public has been given an insight into the workings of the customs in several departments. The more it has been investigated the worse it grew. The liquor interests have had a hand in the matter and dragged various officials and the law down to their own low level. We've heard enough of the evidence to make us think the department needed to be investigated. But now, when these facts have been given; when it is shown that the law has been laughed at; when the country has been defrauded out of huge sums of money; what is going to be done about it? If the big interests can treat the law with contempt and get away with it we will soon be in a state of real lawlessness—because what is fair for the big (?) fellow is fair for the smaller man. Let us have the prosecutions of these law-breakers now. If a man burglarizes a store he has his trial in a day or so. If he robs a bank and is caught justice is soon meted out. The eyes of all are upon the law-makers to see what will be done with the law-breakers found by the Customs Investigating Committee. Already there is talk of one brewing company re-organizing under a new name and British controlling interests. Will a license be granted? We can only wait and see. But the eyes of all are watching to see what is going to be done, and if British justice is going to be meted out without fear or favor to all men. It will be a sorry day for Canada if an example is not made of the biggest bootleggers. We're all waiting to see if the rulers are big enough and have the backbone to do the job, which is clearly their duty, and prosecute all offenders regardless of position.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Besides the usual May events of trout fishing, Empire Day and Victoria Day, the May of 1027 will witness the inauguration of Government Control.

The Council is to be commended upon taking the initial step for getting the Jubilee Celebration under way. The rest is up to the citizens. The first duty is to attend the meeting and help.

The covered rink proposition seems to be going over big in lots of towns. Walkerton has $12,000 subscribed for a new rink. One thousand shares at $10.00 each were sold to raise the bulk of the money. It seems only a matter of putting the shoulder to the wheel in most places and the object is accomplished.

The Province of Alberta will spend $2,400,000 on highways and bridges this year, according to a statement made by Hon. O. L. McPherson, Provincial Minister of Public Works. This will include $1,000,000 on main highways, $850,000 on market roads, the balance being on maintenance and on construction and maintenance of bridges.

In view of the difficulty of financing the affairs of this great Province the people of Ontario should hold in grateful remembrance the stout heart and efforts of ex-Premier Ernest C. Drury in withstanding the Globe and the cohorts behind it in frustrating the big radial railway scheme organized in Toronto, which, if it had gone through, would have sunk the Province in hundreds of millions of debt.—Milverton Sun.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 8

General Lesson Title.—Peter and the Risen Lord.

Scripture Lesson.—John 20: 1-10; 21: 1-23. (Printed 20: 1-10; 21: 15-17).

Golden Text.—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Pet. 1: 3.

Devotional Reading.—Prov. 31: 10, 15, 18-21, 26-28a.

#### Lesson Themes

In view of the fact that the lesson of April 17 was concerned entirely with the Resurrection, it seems advisable that in the consideration of to-day's lesson we should lay our principal emphasis on the latter portion of the lesson.

"Rest and Refreshment."—It is well to remind ourselves occasionally that our Lord's disciples were ordinary human beings—very ordinary and very human. As I once heard Dr. Campbell Morgan say: "Peter was a man. He wasn't one of your miserable saints." It is because of this very commonplaceness of the disciples that their lives should be interesting to us who are also commonplace. Peter and his comrades, having been told that they would see Jesus in Galilee, had hastened thither—but some days went by, and the Risen Lord did not appear. While they waited, Peter looked upon his beloved Sea of Galilee, and the unquenchable longing of the true fisherman took hold upon him. "I go a-fishing," he said. When one has been under nervous tension; when he is weary with the rush and turmoil of our busy life; above all else, when the spiritual life needs refreshment—the good God has provided the open spaces of nature for man's "rest and refreshment."

Peter Restored.—Thrice over Peter had denied his Lord; now he must thrice proclaim his love and loyalty. They were walking together, as in former days, beside the Sea of Galilee. The situation was as in former days—yet it was very different; for the young Galilean Carpenter was now the Crucified and Risen Lord, and His chosen friend and comrade was the one who in the darkest hour had denied him. The thought of the Crucifixion and the memory of his own faithlessness rose in Peter's mind like an invisible wall between them. In timid silence, blunt old Simon walked, thinking sadly of the happy days before he had this burden on his conscience. But the Lord, Who knows the hearts of all mankind, sympathized with this man who had sinned and suffered. So Jesus asked him the searching question, "Simeon bar Jona, lovest thou Me?" Three times He asked the question, and three times Simon in a spirit of humility replied, "Thou knowest that I love Thee," using however a less exalted word for "love." For this was the new Peter. He had learned for the last time. Never again would he be guilty of arrogant assertiveness. Jesus might speak of glorious, exalted love; but all he would claim was the humbler sort. In his first two questions, Jesus used the higher word; then the third time, seeing that Peter was determined to remain humble, the Lord came down to Peter's plane and also used the humbler word. And each time that Jesus asked the question and received Peter's answer, He laid upon Peter His commission, "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," "Feed my dear, dear sheep." So it is in Christ's dealings with us also: The one who is genuinely repentant, whose heart is really changed, who is, to use the old phrase, truly converted, finds that there is full forgiveness for him; and the token of that forgiveness is the glorious privilege of being a partner with God in the work of His Kingdom.

#### For Study and Discussion

Describe Peter's experience on the morning of the Resurrection. Were the disciples expecting the Resurrection? Tell of Jesus' appearance by the Sea of Galilee. Why, do you suppose, did Peter suggest a fishing trip? What test did Jesus apply to Peter? How did Peter respond? What is the true significance of conversion? What great privilege does God give to the converted?

Daily Readings for Next Week

Monday, May 9.—Acts 3: 14-21.
Tuesday, May 10.—Acts 3: 22-36.
Wednesday, May 11.—Acts 3: 37-47.
Thursday, May 12.—John 16: 7-15.
Friday, May 13.—1 Cor. 12: 1-11.
Saturday, May 14.—2 Peter 1: 1-11.
Sunday, May 15.—Phil. 2: 5-11.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 9, 1907

Daffodils are a-nodding, dancing in the sun.

Assessor Brown has succeeded in getting 85 dogs on the roll.

Acton property is soaring in price, in some cases surely unwarranted.

Contractor Forbes is making good progress with the stone work of the new Johnstone block foundations.

A. T. Brown has just issued a half dozen new picture post cards, views of Acton and our public buildings.

Arbor Day was observed at the school here last Friday and as a result the school grounds present a much improved appearance.

Contractor John Cameron intends bricking the house on Main Street he has in course of construction. He will remove his planing mill this summer.

Mr. E. S. Rice has sold his property at the foot of Willow Street to W. Proctor for a considerable advance over the price received by the Speight estate two years ago.

Mr. A. J. Lehman has given the contractors the plans and specifications for the enlargement and improvement of the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. J. Norrish will leave Acton on Saturday. After spending a few weeks with friends in Fergus and Burlington she will go out to North Dakota to visit her daughter. The vigorous lady is over eighty.

Friday afternoon was of special interest to the ladies of the Women's Institute. It was the annual meeting and election of officers. After the election interest centred in an exhibition of sewing which had been judged and awarded prizes prior to the meeting. This was a new plan and made a very interesting afternoon. There was a 5c admission.

Mr. John Harvey has sold to Mr. W. White the two lots he recently bought on Lake Avenue. Mr. White will erect a residence this summer.

Mr. James Henderson, Nassagaweya, who has decided to retire from farming, has purchased the residence of Mr. James Droh, Maria Street, for $900. He will remove to Acton shortly.


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### MOTHER'S DAY

"Mother's Day" is to be observed in all cities and towns on this continent on Sunday, May 8, with special features forming an expression of love and devotion to Mothers everywhere.

This special day of the year is comparatively a modern institution, but it was established as a result of a feeling that distant and wayfaring sons were not showing just the thoughtfulness toward their Mothers as they should. The idea sprang up to have one day of the 365 at least on which those far from home send a remembrance to Mother back on the farm, in the village or in a far off section of the country. The suggestion quickly became popular, so that Mothers are now showed with many prayers, thoughts, messages and gifts on the date selected in the spring season as her very own remembrance day.

In many churches of all denominations there will be special references to the duty and desirability of filial care toward the maternal parent. There will be special prayers in some churches, and "Mother" will be honored in various ways.

"Give a Thought to Mother" is the general theme of Mother's Day. It is a day when Mother and child of every age are closer in thought and happiness than usual. One very substantial form of remembrance for the occasion is the sending of some special gift home to Mother. This gift can be something that will lighten her household labors, or it can be something beautiful, or some delight that carries with it the special meaning of Mother's Day. The general custom for the day is to send flowers in honor of Mother. A nice bouquet of Mother's favorite flowers can be sent to her, whether she lives near or far, thanks to the splendid telegraphic arrangement which is now in use among florists everywhere.

But whether money is spent or not for the special observance of Mother's Day, the chief thing is to extend an expression of loyalty to one's Mother. There will be thousands of young fellows and young women who will sit down and write a nice long letter to the folks back home. Maybe that letter has been neglected for weeks—possibly for months. Won't Mother be happy when she finds that she is one of many Mothers who have been remembered on her special day?

The celebration of the second Sunday in May as "Mother's Day" originated through the efforts of Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia. Her mother died in 1905, and she resolved that she would each year observe the anniversary of her death. Then it occurred to her that others might feel the same if the suggestion was made, and she wrote to editors, clergymen and others prominent in all parts of the country, many of whom agreed to assist. The second Sunday in May was set for the observance, and it was urged that on that day all persons should show their love and respect for their Mothers by some tribute.

That laughter costs too much which is purchased by the sacrifice of decency.—Quintilian.

Mercy turns her back to the unmerciful.—Quarles.

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| No. 31 | | 7.45 a.m. |
| No. 33 | | 2.39 p.m. |
| No. 35 | | 5.09 p.m. |

Going East

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| No. 24 | Sunday Only | 7.08 p.m. |
| No. 26 | | 7.03 a.m. |
| No. 30 | | 11.48 a.m. |
| No. 34 | | 3.35 p.m. |
| No. 36 | | 6.17 p.m. |
| No. 38 | | 8.13 p.m. |

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| Daily | 11.55 a.m. |
| Daily | 1.55 p.m. |
| Daily | 3.55 p.m. |
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| Daily | 7.55 p.m. |
| Daily | 9.55 p.m. |
| Daily | 11.24 p.m. |

Eastbound

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| Daily | 6.58 a.m. |
| Daily | 9.37 a.m. |
| Daily | 11.37 a.m. |
| Daily | 1.37 p.m. |
| Daily | 3.37 p.m. |
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