



The Acton Free Press

Member Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association

THE ACTON FREE PRESS is published every Thursday morning at the Free Press Building, 1111 Street, Acton, Ontario.

ADVERTISING RATES—Transient advertisements, 10 cents per line per week for first insertion and 5 cents per line for each subsequent insertion.

G. A. DILLS, Editor and Proprietor

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 7, 1927

EDITORIAL

Now is the Time

A prosperous man and a good man once said, "To-day is here—use it!" A man must make good or make room—go forward or drop back.

The Celebrations are Over

The celebrations connected with the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation are over. Acton took its part in the programme and its niche in the Dominion.

Employment at High Point

Reports up to May 1 of this year from 5,948 firms showed that employment in Canada was at the highest point it has been since the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics began to keep employment records in 1920.

Halton and Acton and Confederation

The County of Halton had the distinction a few years after the Confederation of the Canadian Provinces of having one of the Fathers of Confederation as its representative in the House of Commons—the Hon. William McDougall.

The Halton vs. Trafalgar Case

The first round in the Halton-Trafalgar action in court has been concluded, and judgment has been handed out as follows: "County of Halton vs. Township of Trafalgar—S. F. Washington, K. C., and W. I. Dick, (Milton), for plaintiff. H. E. Manning for defendant. Action to recover \$5,536.74 and interest, being balance of rate levied by the county. Judgment: Judgment for plaintiff for \$5,536.74 with interest at 5 per cent. from December 29, 1925, and costs of action. Fifteen days' stay. On motion to quash By-law 546, order made granting so much of the by-law as provides for levying or rate to raise the amounts stated therein as required by By-laws 470, 405, and 526; but such order shall not issue, nor shall it be operative until the termination of next session of the Legislature, and if legislation then be passed validating the by-law, then the order shall issue only to provide for costs of this application shall be to the individual applicant. Appeal as against the County, but there shall be no costs allowed to the Township of Trafalgar." It looks as if the County had been successful in this first stage of the fight, and now the next steps will be looked forward to with interest.

A Reduction of Taxes

The changes in the stamp taxes, which went into force on Dominion Day, were indeed appreciated by business everywhere. Only a two-cent revenue stamp is now required to be affixed to cheques, bank drafts, money orders, bills of exchange, promissory notes and lien notes, provided the amount thereof exceeds the sum of \$10.00.

A Newspaper's Duty

It would be comical, were it not somewhat pathetic, the way newspaper offices are besieged every day by their friends, urging them to "roast" this and that; to "see to it" that this and that is corrected; to have this and that done in the town or county; to start this and that kind of movement to correct evils in municipal, county, provincial and dominion government.

A Fifty-Fifty Deal

Living conditions in the country would be happier and farming would appeal more to the young people, if the country homes shared to a larger extent in the conveniences and modern equipment found in the average farm. The home has lagged behind the ordinary farm operations and farm management in the adoption of the newer things that make work easier.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Detroit has carried the bridge by-law and by no small margin. The vote stood 10 to 1 in favor of the proposal. Evidently our neighbors like us where the contacts are closest and easy access of visiting is desired.

The first celebration staged since the advent of Government Control is over. To be frank, was it any improvement over the O. T. A.? Was there less drunkenness on the past celebration than on those affairs put on when the O. T. A. was in effect?

Four Toronto motorists have been sent to jail for ten days for driving while intoxicated. The punishment is much too light. A drunken driver is a potential killer, and the example made of him should be sufficient to encourage sobriety in others.

In addition to an examination for skill before granting a license to motor drivers it might be well to have them examined for sanity. Last week we saw a driver pass another car at a furious speed and immediately swung in front, stopping at a house within six rods, then frantically stuck out his arm to stop the car he had just passed—and he was no speed cop, either.

Authority to spend \$3,000,000 for extensions to the provincial Hydro-Electric system in the next four years has been given by the Manitoba Government. Contracts for new construction work to the value of \$1,000,000 have recently been awarded by the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Commission.

We notice that some towns are putting up high schools costing as much as \$70,000. What's the big idea? It's baseball diamonds, agrodromes, and theatrical stages the ratepayers should be voting on for it's the pitchers, ball slingers, aviators and screen artists who draw the crowds and get the honor and big pay these days.

This Government, the offspring of your own choice, containing within itself a provision for its own amendment, has a just claim to your confidence and your support. Respect for its authority, compliance with its laws, are duties enjoined by the fundamental maxims of free liberty.



THE OLD BARN DOOR

One's imagination went into a furry, and suspicion's kindly hand, with the key in the lock, our mother's key in the lock. All day our mind's eye turned to the long iron nail which was pinned to the door.

Now sometimes when the sleigh-bells ring, and roadways gleam with snow, I feel that flooding joyousness that thrilled me long ago.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The big three-days' celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation has been very largely observed in Acton. Many interesting events were carried out, and I enjoyed every bit of it, and so did Mary, for we were both here when the programme was enacted and when we ceased calling our country Upper Canada and Lower Canada.

Some features of the jubilee celebration brought very vividly to my mind, as I believe it did to a number of others, incidents and events which transpired right here in Acton, when Confederation was adopted in 1827.

It is understood that all the business places in town will be closed next Monday for the proper celebration of Dominion Day. Postmaster Matthews will open the Post Office for the convenience of citizens from 9.30 to 9.30, and from 4.30 to 4.00 p. m.

The Haplist Chapel has been put into a more attractive appearance inside and out. Some nineteen years ago it was removed here from Hallsford, and while it has done good service as a place of worship since, its exterior presented a rather shabby appearance.

which appears to be of a much more subtle character than that of his predecessor. The celebration of Dominion Day in Hallsford was participated in by a very large number of people.

The Old Man

VERY GOOD INDEED

SOMEWHAT THE SAME

A gentleman who kept some sheep went out one evening one day, leaving his dog behind and locking the door.

FLATTERER

"Will you give a quarter to a blind man, beautiful lady?"

For Rheumatic Pains—The pains and aches of Sciatica and Rheumatism should be treated with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil.

NO WONDER

Magistrate (to prisoner)—"How long is it since you appeared in a police court before me?"

JUST AS WELL FORGOTTEN

"Now, what did I say I would do if I found you cutting the jam again?" cried mother.

WIT AND HUMOR

The many ways of doing things. A casual glance discloses, some folk turn up their sleeves at work.

Children Cry for

Fletcher's CASTORIA

MOTHER—Fletcher's Castoria is a pleasant, harmless Substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Teething Drops and Soothing Syrup, prepared for Infants in arms and Children all ages.

Superb in Flavour "SATADA" TEA

Keep Your Eye Peeled for OLD and ODD COINS of all circulation, and lying around in drawers that have great value.

Make Old Rooms New

GYPROC Fireproof Wallboard

J. Cadesky OF TORONTO EYESIGHT SPECIALIST

FLIT

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

Robert's Syrup

TIME TABLES CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AT ACTON

CANADIAN NATIONAL ELECTRIC RAILWAYS Westbound

TRAVEL BY BUS

ARROW

Kindly Note!

ALL KINDS OF Live Stock Bought

Savage & Company

Jewellers China Silverware

The Old and Reliable Granite and Marble Works