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**EDITORIAL**

**Business Outlook Never Better**

The outlook for general business in Canada was never better than it is this spring. Evidence in support of this is given in a recent report issued by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics, which states that out of nine principal indicators of conditions in Canada all show that Canadian trade and manufacturing are on a higher level than they were a year ago. Taking the state of the index for the corresponding month last year as 100 and the latest index for the present year the results are: Employment, 105; pig iron, 127; steel, 177; bank deposits, 135; bank clearings, 132; carloadings, 109; building permits, 133; imports, 115; exports, 113. The employment figure is that reported to the bureau for the first of March. Carloadings are for the mid-week of March. All the other figures reflect conditions during the month of February.

**Municipal Information**

The Auditors' Report for 1927 is in the hands of Clerk Farmer and ready for distribution to ratepayers. The little booklet of twenty-eight pages gives a fund of municipal information. Auditors Arnold and Knapp have been very thorough in their audit of the town books. The information contained in the Auditors' Report is authentic. It covers the activities of the Municipal Council, the Public School Board, the Public Utilities Commission and the Free Library Board. If you would know the activities of your town and where its finances are distributed, apply to Clerk Farmer for a copy of this book. They are free to ratepayers and are published for your enlightenment. Get your copy and study it intelligently and know your town's standing and you will have a better and perhaps not so critical understanding.

**Acton Always Has a Band**

In going over various exchanges throughout the province, the trials and difficulties of bands in the smaller centres seem to be a problem that confronts many municipalities. It is conceded that every town should have its band. But it is a real problem to secure the necessary finances and keep the band recruited up to full strength with good players. In the smaller centres the members must regard the organization as a "work of love," if the band is to be a success. The professional players usually drift to the larger centres, where they can secure remuneration for their playing and the ones in the smaller places who make the backbone of the band are those who have the community spirit uppermost in their thought. The men who take their leisure hours to work at band rehearsals and play without consideration for the pay that sometimes comes and more often does not. Acton has been fortunate in this respect. Ever since the band was organized in 1872 Acton has never been without a band for each season. All through the years there have been those who were willing to sacrifice time and money to keep the organization in good condition. Seldom has a paid bandmaster been necessary and consequently citizens have not been called upon to pay large grants for the upkeep of the band. Two Acton families have been leaders in the activities of Acton Band and have contributed much to its success. Mr. J. C. Hill was for years its leader and chief executive and others of his relatives have been associated with it. For over fifty years he has been a continuous member and his example has had much to do with the phenomenal success of the band. The other family is that of Mr. William Mason. Mr. C. W. Mason, for a number of years led the organization successfully, and is again a member. Reeve Mason has always, since his residence here, found time to devote to the leadership of Acton Citizens' Band. And at various times Mr. N. F. Moore has been bandmaster and assistant and ever willing to step in to fill a vacancy. To enumerate all who have contributed to its success would be a story for the "Old Man," as its history dates back before the present editor's time. It is one of the institutions that has always been in Acton since its inception and is possibly taken for granted. It is appreciated by the citizens generally and an institution of which they are proud. While they are little burdened with the difficulties of the band, as in many places, there has never been a time when they were lacking in giving their support financially and morally. The band season will soon be here again and Acton Band will just naturally be expected to fill its place in the community and the prospects this year were never better for a band to be proud of.

**Clean-up Time is Here**

The weather of the past week has had much of the earnest of an early spring. In any event the time is at hand for the people of the community to clean up. There is no superstition or prophesying about this clean-up sign. When warm weather has come every owner of property and every tenant should instinctively feel it their duty to remove the evidences of winter's ravages and to aid and augment nature in her work of rebeautification. Every spring clean-up programme should include disposal of winter's accumulation of litter and decayed vegetation, repairing and repainting of buildings, and landscape gardening. Landscape gardening is no longer associated with large estates alone. The home-lover, with his small area, can make his environment a beauty spot, with a little well-directed labor. And it is labor which pays remarkably well.

**Farmers Well Represented in Parliament**

It is interesting to learn that lawyers and farmers are the two principal vocations represented among the 245 members of the Canadian Federal House of Commons. There are 70 of the former and 50 of the latter. In third place come doctors with 30, then merchants with 23, followed by 12 journalists and nine manufacturers. The remaining 51 members represent a variety of callings. Among the cabinet Council of 17 there are six lawyers, four farmers, two journalists, and the other five represent as many vocations. Each of the four farmer cabinet ministers, Hon. Robert Forke, Minister of Immigration and Colonization; Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior; and Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals, represents a constituency in Western Canada. Each began farming on homestead land and has become a successful farmer. Hon. Mr. Forke and Hon. Mr. Dunning came from the British Isles as young men without any capital. Hon. Mr. Motherwell and Hon. Mr. Stewart are natives of Ontario, but as young men needed the advice of Horace Greeley and went west to Saskatchewan and Alberta.

**Is it Political Talk?**

The unemployment question in the United States at the present time seems to be a contentious one. But in many cases the statements handed out as to the true state of affairs would appear to be a little overdone. The reasons given by Secretary of Labor Davis, who places the workless at 1,874,000, are interesting. The country has not yet recovered from the effect of the Mississippi floods, the floods of New England, or the tornado in Florida. The trouble in the bituminous coal fields threw numbers out of work, but can hardly have affected industry in general, as ample supplies of coal were on hand. He refers, however, to the temporary closing of some industrial plants. It is a reversion of the conditions that prevailed a few years ago when in the heat of political campaigns the Canadians were reported to be flocking to the United States, where employment was readily to be secured. Can it be possible that the real reason for the extravagant claims of certain public men at this time in our neighboring country to the south of us are really based on the political platform? However, it is a curious fact that these statistics are always given the most highlight in view of an approaching election on either side of the line.

**Save the Forests**

It is appalling to learn that since the arrival of the white man in Canada, forest fires have destroyed 60 per cent. of her primeval forest wealth. Four or five times as much timber has been burned in this country as has been cut for the uses of man and the requirements of commerce. Dissipation of our accessible timber supplies within a period of twenty-five years is forecast. To bring home to the minds of Canadians before it is too late, the tragic loss that will result to this country if our forest areas are totally destroyed, Canadian Forest Week has been set aside. In the press, in the schools, in clubs and public gatherings, the importance of Canada's forest and Canada's forest industries will be drawn to public attention. If everybody in Canada realized that thousands of families and millions of dollars of capital are dependent upon the Canadian forests, everybody would think twice before throwing down lighted matches or cigarette stubs, or lighting fires in dangerous places and leaving them to spread on or below the surface of the ground. Carelessness has destroyed 60 per cent. The axe has taken 13 per cent. Only carefulness will save the 27 per cent. of our forest wealth that remains. Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, has to do with Canada's forests, and it is encouraging to note his activity in arduous public opinion as to the situation and the imperative need for care in preventing forest fires.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Nowadays in the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of roads and cars.

The striking apparatus on the Post Office clock is certainly in high gear and doing the limit in striking off the hours. It can be truly said that time fairly flies when the hour is recorded.

It may surprise many readers to learn that the total power purchased and generated by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission at its Niagara Falls system last year was 1,072,387 horse-power.

The Toronto Globe has launched a campaign that should meet with general approval. It's "Just Kids Club" should have the membership of every child in the province. Much can be accomplished when children, group-ups and motorists all unite to prevent accidents.

Building contracts awarded in Canada last month are valued at \$22,946,100, an increase of 21 per cent. over the total in March, 1927. In the first three months of 1928 the total value of contracts let is \$69,301,300, the highest total in the history of the Dominion compared with a similar period in any other year.

The First Press has been supplied with a copy of Inspector Denney's annual school report for the county. It is a very thorough report, covering the many activities and improvements that have been carried out throughout the year in Halton's schools and to citizens interested in the education facilities of the county proves most interesting.

**Neighborhood News**

**CHRYSLER**

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vaughn have moved to Newmarket, where Mr. Vaughn has taken a position in a creamery.

Mr. Austin Price, Mrs. R. A. Price, Mrs. W. Davison and Mrs. J. Colburn attended the funeral of the late Samuel Gamble at Everton, last Friday.

Mr. J. H. Gibson, P. J. Anthony, W. A. Burchill and W. A. Ramsdell motored and spent Sunday in Toronto, when they spent a pleasant afternoon at the Ontario Museum.—Advocate.

**BURLINGTON**

E. Johnson has been appointed caretaker at the East End School.

Fred Sharp, of London, paid a short visit to his father, Mr. Wm. Sharp, Locust Street, on Tuesday.

W. C. Kerns and family are removing to Toronto, where they will reside in future.

Several of the students who are attending Macdonald Hall, Guelph, are spending their holidays at their homes here.

"Pete" Meehan has rented Mr. Corwin's property on Grant Street, and will open a restaurant and cafe there.

J. J. Loney returned home from St. Joseph's Hospital on Monday, and is progressing nicely.

On Friday night burglars broke into the corner of Water and Elizabeth Streets, and carried away some access rice.

Frank Coleman had the misfortune to fall off a platform at the Vera Chemist Works on Saturday afternoon last, and strain the ligaments of his leg.

The auction sale of Robert Harrison, Victoria Township, which was held last Thursday, was a success. Three work horses and one road mare sold for \$721. Oats went at \$1.10 per bushel, and mixed grain for \$2.20 per bushel.—Gazette.

**GEORGETOWN**

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Brooke and sons, of Toronto, were week-end visitors in town.

Miss Lila Kennedy, of Owen Sound, was a visitor in town over the week-end. Mrs. Harry Devereaux spent the week-end with her mother and sister at Avening.

Mr. Gregory has the plan ready for a new theatre, which he will erect in Georgetown this year.

Mr. Roy King, who has taken over the leadership of the Georgetown Band, and the Georgetown Concert Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barron, Major Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Y. Barron, who attended the funeral of the late Rev. W. H. McKay, at Toronto, on Tuesday.

A beautiful communion service was held at the United Church by Mr. Ralph Ross, as a memorial to the late Mrs. G. O. Meir from town who lost good citizen.

During the last few years they have made many friends. Mr. Meir was especially active in musical circles, being President of the Town Band, leader of the Concert Orchestra, director of the United Church Sunday School and leader of the Sunday School Orchestra.

He was also Secretary of the Halton Chapter R. A. M., and a member of the Business Men's Association. The best wishes of many friends will follow Mrs. Meir to their new home in Chatham.—Herald.

**OAKVILLE**

Dr. and Mrs. Duff are spending the Easter vacation with relatives in Kingston and district.

George Jackson, of the C. N. R. staff, is spending the Easter holidays in Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hindmarsh moved to their new home, west of town, on Wednesday, and will reside until winter.

Chas. Atkinson, manager of Pitt and Fashion, moved his family from Milton to Oakville on Wednesday and they will become permanent residents.

Chas. Leggat has returned to Oakville after being in Lakeland, Florida, for a year or more. Charlie reports times in the sunny state not as in boom times.

Stanley Wood, who has been the capable violinist at the Theatre for some time past, has gone to Midland, where he assumed the leadership of an orchestra of four pieces at the Model Theatre.

Miss Hilda Bulmer, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. W. K. Leggat, has left for her home at Hampton Heights, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Butler are leaving on the 14th inst. for a visit to Patricia, B. C. to Mrs. R. H. Dare, their daughter, and to Mike Dare, grandson. They will be away about a week.

General Metal Devices Limited, capitalized at \$200,000, will locate on Kerr Street, Oakville. The factory has been called for a cement block building, 60x300 feet, as nearly fireproof as possible.—Record.

**MILTON**

Mrs. Hugh Armour and babe, of Hamilton, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Erush.

Dr. J. L. Burdland, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is we are glad to say, making good progress toward recovery.

Mr. Arthur Parrington returned home last week from an enjoyable three-months' visit with relatives in England.

Police Magistrate H. P. Moore, of Acton, was in town on Saturday afternoon and favored The Champion with a friendly call.

Mr. and Mrs. Gable and Mrs. C. Sprout, of Markham, and W. M. Chamberlain, of California, visited the family of Thomas Galbraith, Robert Street, last week.

Mr. Neil McKechnie, a respected resident of Milton, was found in this morning dead in bed by her husband, at the home on Queen Street.

George Pearson, who purchased the residence of the late David Downey, corner of Victoria and Front Streets, has had down the frame dwelling and is busy building a new brick house, with modern conveniences.—Champion.

Mr. W. H. Moore, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., has been visiting her sisters, the Misses Elliot, Main Street east.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, of Niagara Falls, spent Sunday in town, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Morley.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Willmott, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Williams motored to Port Colborne last Sunday and spent the day there with Mr. Jas. H. Harrison.

Sheriff Webster, who spent several days at his office here early last month, is again, we understand, seriously ill at his home in Norval. His many friends will be sorry to hear this.—Reformer.

**REMAINING WITH THE GANG**

Probably there never lived a mother who felt that her boy was leading another boy astray, probably every mother has learned with indignation at the wickedness with which some playmate of her son has lured him into bad habits.

But generally, when good manners are corrupted in early youth, the evil is communicated not so much from individuals as from the normal city or village boy at the age of ten or twelve finds himself a member. These informal organizations are usually known by the name of the locality in which the boys live—"The Elm Street crowd," "the Wilson Hill gang," and so forth. Each gang has a membership of from six to a dozen boys, and these boys have practically no activities that are not activities of the gang. They have their special calls and whistles, their special walkways, their special meeting-places and their own particular pastimes and avocations. The tendency of a gang of boys of such an age is to exhibit their daring; this encourages lawlessness, and leads to mischief and sometimes dangerous performances. Getting into orchards, jumping on freight-trains, fighting other gangs with stones and clubs, these are some of the games they play, therefore, to break up the gang, the attempt usually fails, and simply makes the gang more sly in its operations, and its individual members more daring, more secretive, harder to reach. The gang spirit that has just awakened in the boy is instinctive, and persistent in expressing itself. Instead of trying to separate the boy from the gang, the lawless and the teacher who see the danger of the gang in a friendly manner, co-operate with it in its more laudable efforts, and try to give it a healthy interest and desire that will take the place of the illegitimate and damaging one into which it has shown a tendency to drift. If a man has a little sympathy and ingenuity, and is willing to do a little work, he can win the confidence of the gang to which his boy belongs. He may not at first see how he is to do it, but the acquisitive spirit that prompts the robbing of apples and the quiet and innocent pursuit of collecting stamps or butterflies; but if he is willing to try, he will find a way to win it, and to recognize the usefulness and the necessity of it, neither he nor the boys will regret the time so spent.

**WISCONSIN COURSE**

An absent-minded professor of Princeton, who is so fortunate as to be a member of the Wisconsin Club, has been growing accustomed to the penmanship of her for the wise ordering of the little practical details of life. Occasionally, however, she makes a visit to her mother, and the professor has to shift for himself, sometimes with rather doubtful success.

During one of these visits the professor was invited to attend a reception to a famous scientist who was visiting the town. He decided to accept. It was early in the autumn, and his pocket was full of money after a hard day's work. He had a large bundle of money in his pocket, and in haste and triumph he carried his evening clothes.

As he did so he began to sneeze, and the thought passed through his mind that the clothes were lighter in weight than those he had been wearing, and that he would probably take cold.

"I don't care if I do!" he said, stoutly, but still he sneezed.

When he entered the reception hall he noticed a strange and almost overpowering odor of something—little, and was also a trifle disturbed to notice that all the people with whom he talked appeared to be sneezing successively.

"This hall is full of draughts," he thought, anxiously. "What if I should have pneumonia!"

At last an old lady approached who has a reputation for uncompromising frankness.

"James," she said, drawing him away to a secluded corner, "your wife is away but not gone? And you got that suit of clothes out of its summer wrappings, didn't you?"

"Yes," replied the professor meekly.

"Well," said the old lady, giving him a friendly pat on the arm, "some people use capable to keep or moisten their suits, and some use pepper. It's evident that your wife used both. She's put camphor in your pockets, I'll bet you say." The professor's hand sought his coat-tails and a guilty look crept into his eyes as he felt a small lump in his pocket. He pulled it out and discovered a handkerchief pocket and a very small tin of camphor. "I'm sure there's an ounce of pepper in there over your fine coat at this very minute," said the old lady, taker, and I don't believe the nuts have got any foot-hold on your clothes, but the next thing you can do now is to go home."

And James, still sneezing, took her advice.

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The following story is of an Irish lass whose life enables her not only to live in a lonely lighthouse, but to save her husband at the expense of great suffering.

The light was at a place called the Crib, two miles out in a lake, and surrounded the massive masonry at the entrance to a tunnel which received the water supply of a great city.

One day in the early winter, the keeper was obliged to go ashore for supplies. A sudden storm prevented his immediate return, but he had no fear that the lights would be allowed to go out in his absence. Two or three days later, when the tempest had abated, though the sea still ran high, he made his way toward home as best he could.

His wife was ready at the window of the tower, and drew up his little cargo with a rope, which she lowered again for him. Just at that moment her heart was swept out from under his feet. Blowing and more slowly he was drawn up, till finally he was at the window's edge. Then a gust of wind struck him back into the surging waters.

Again the rope was thrown to him, and after a little he climbed it. Again up the side of that stone tower painfully and slowly did the little woman draw her husband, tozed back and forth by the wind.

After he reached the window, a long, strong pull made him safe. As he clambered into the room, his wife faintly away, and he found her clothes worn through, where she had braced her knees against the stone wall. Her wedding ring was gone, and her left arm was torn at the elbow.

When she came to herself, and they could talk together, she explained that when she felt her ring was pulled from her finger, and her arm was drawn against the stone wall, her wedding ring was gone, and her left arm was torn at the elbow.

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**DURANT CAR FOR BOLTON CAMP**

On behalf of the employees of Durant Motors of Canada, Limited, Roy D. Kerby, General Manager, presented the above Ford Durant Sedan to the Bolton Fresh Air Camp through Rev. F. M. Stapleton, General Secretary of the Neighborhood Worker's Association of Toronto at a recent meeting of the Toronto Rotary Club in the King Edward Hotel. In the above group Rev. Mr. Stapleton and another member of the Rotary Club are holding the illuminated address by which the presentation was made.

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**TREASURER'S SALE OF LAND FOR ARRARS OF TAXES**  
Village of Acton, County of Halton

By virtue of a warrant under the hand of the Receiver of the Village of Acton, aforesaid, and the seal of the said Village, dated the 15th day of February, A. D. 1928, and to me directed, commanding me to levy upon the lands hereinafter described for the arrears of taxes due thereon, together with all costs incurred, I hereby give notice, that pursuant to the Assessment Act, R. S. O. 1927, Chapter 238, I shall, on Tuesday, June 12th, 1928, at the hour of One O'clock P. M., at the Council Chamber in the Town Hall in the Village of Acton aforesaid, proceed to sell by Public Auction so much of the said lands as may be necessary for the payment of the said arrears and charges thereon, unless such arrears and charges shall have been sooner paid.

Lot 39, Plan 28, Years in Arrears, 1924, 1926 and 1927.

Taxes	Costs	Penalty Due	Total
\$25.31	\$22.84	\$4.63	\$52.78

Assessed in the name of the Warden of the Village of Acton, Guelph, Ontario.

Said lands are patented.

H. W. PARMER,  
Treasurer of Acton.

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