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**Just a Thought**

A series of advertisements have recently been appearing in the columns of THE FREE PRESS, showing the advantages to be gained by the installation of a sewer system in Acton. These educational advertisements have, like other advertising, caused various kinds of comment. The matter was informally mentioned at a meeting of the Council. In times of stress it is the usual procedure to curtail expenditure and outlay wherever possible. There can be no denying the fact that the slogan of "Your Town Needs a Sewer System" is correct; but the debatable point seems to be when? Some day Acton will have a sewer system. We are not urging its construction now, nor at any definite date. But we have been unable to dispel the thought from our mind casually. And here's the reason: Acton deferred the installation of waterworks for many years. Finally this utility was installed, at the peak of prices. The debenture issue costs six and six and a half per cent. That was all right when money was more plentiful, but to-day in times of low returns and slender earning power these high prices and high interest have to be met just the same. At the present time materials and labor are low in cost. The Government has just floated a loan at 4 1/2 per cent. Looking at any municipal or other expenditure in terms of the immediate present a chorus of hands off goes up from everywhere, and we join with it. Looking at an expenditure, however, in terms of thirty-year debentures, the matter takes on a different aspect. It would be interesting at least to secure an estimate of the cost to put in comparison with that which was secured some ten years ago by the Council, at the time the waterworks system was instituted. The matter is one that would require careful study and we simply pass on this thought, which these advertisements for a municipal undertaking brought to our mind.

**Chronicles of Ginger Farm**  
Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Of course King Winter came and found us napping, but I must say he woke us up in a hurry! About every hour or so I wonder if it is going to get warmer or perhaps I make a tentative remark to Partner about it being too early for snow to last very long. But Partner thinks it is quite reasonable and that because we have had practically one open winter there is no reason why we should look for that variety all the time. Whatever the past or whatever the future, the present, at any rate, is most decidedly wintry. The time has surely come for snow and frost, soups and stews, hot water bottles and hot bricks, red noses and blue cheeks, new goloshes and fur coats, or old rubbers and cloth coats. Sleights and cutters and jingle bells, skidding oxen and clinking chains, warmly clad children tumbling about in the snow, shouting with joy and glee; poor clad, under-nourished children, crying with cold and misery—mittenless, rubberless, goloshless. Farmers rushing away to rented pastures rounding up old horses and young cattle. Farmers' wives, daughters, sisters and aunts, rounding up hens, ducks, geese and chickens that have persistently made the Great Outdoors their sleeping quarters all summer. Rush orders to the coal merchants, hurried trips to the bush for hardwood and storm windows brought once more to the light of day. Oh, yes, the sudden advent of winter brings about all kinds of changes in the well ordered lives of people in both town and country.

Fortunately we hadn't any young cattle away from home and our poultry were all shut up, with the exception of six birds, but even those six provided me with more exercise than I welcomed. Did you ever try to catch chickens in the snow? Some of you have, I am sure, but there are others who have no knowledge of this hilarious sport. To whom I would say if you ever happen to want exercise, guaranteed to keep you young and supple, take my advice and try catching chickens in the snow. All the equipment you need is a sweet temper, a long arm and nimble feet. You will probably be required to climb fences, wade through snowdrifts and play peek-a-boo round the buildings for anywhere from ten minutes to ten hours, according to the number of chickens to be caught. It might be as well to have your blood pressure taken—before, as safety measure, afterwards for reassurance—if you don't suffer with high blood pressure after a bout of chicken chasing you might consider yourself immune for life.

As far as I am concerned chasing chickens has ceased to be a novelty. It is one form of amusement that leaves me cold. No, no, that's not right. It leaves me hot, all right, but without enthusiasm. But when it comes to driving a car—why that is quite a different matter. Some excitement in that all right. The first day after the storm I took the "Optimist" to town and we got along famously. The next day we set out just as bravely as ever, but the "Optimist" was in a capricious mood and instead of backing sedately out of the garage as is her wont, slid from the garage to the lane at an acute angle. Really I was quite embarrassed—If she had been imbibing alcohol there might have been some excuse but her radiator was innocent of anything stronger than water! However, we managed to get to town, although there were one or two times when my friend did a little coquettish sidling. Coming home we decided to take our time and we were really on the friendliest of terms when suddenly, without so much as "by your leave" the "Optimist" started to do some of the finest figure skating I ever saw, right in the middle of the road. There was no time for me to remonstrate and when she decided to stop there we were, straddled right across the road, no room to back up and no room to go forward, at least not without somebody there to say "Whoo!" at the right time. Yes, there we were, not a quarter of a mile from home and a light quarter of a mile from the kitchen window. "So near and yet so far—Oh, the little more and how much it is, the little less and what miles away!" Presently I saw lights coming down the road, so I walked along a little way and hailed what I hoped was a good Samaritan! It was not one but three of them. "Well, well," said they, "what are you blocking up the road like this for, Mrs. Clarke?"

"That's more than I can tell you," I answered, "but there's just this about it—I am glad it's the road I'm blocking up and not the dirt!"

—It didn't take my Samaritans long to twist the Optimist around and she proceeded demurely on her way. Now I must take this Chronicle into town to mail and I am considering—shall I drive or walk—has my lady any other tricks that she can show me? That I suppose, is something that only time can prove. If only Prince were sharp shod I would not take any chances. There are times when a good faithful old horse has a car beaten a hundred ways.

**SLATS' DIARY**  
BY ROGS PARQUEAR

Friday—well even if Ant Emmy and pa and all so ma does say that the world is growing wiser all the time I don't think much of the way kids was educated. A wady back when they was little kids we had a tuff kwestion in rith-metick and oney one-kids pa got it right.

Saturday—wile we was out-riding this afternoon Ant Emmy red a shine on a Bill Bird wih sed Girls Reddy to Wear Close, and she sed Poor things I s'pose they are just waiting intill they can get a job meebby.

Sunday—well this after noon the skool house cot on fire agin and for a wile it looked like as if we mite half to miss skool for a wile but the far departmant got there and put out the Blase before it done much good.

Monday—Mr. Twellip is home from a Toor in India and he says they are Rappily becoming civilized just like in America becuz he got held up by a Bandit in the Jungles of India.

Tuesday—Clem Litch went to the Dr. to see what was the matter with him and the Dr. sed he was Ennemick and he shud-cught to take up plenty of Xercise so n-w he has tuk up Cheer leading.

Wednesday—Pa ast Jim Feeny why he started to going to chitch all at Once and Jim sed rince they got a Radio down at his home it is Impossible to sleep anny more.

Thursday—Ant Emmy got Stung on a Add she ansered agin. She sent a \$ Bill to get a Preventave of Old age and the Co. she sent he \$ Bill to sent her a bottle of Ca. b. l. k. Acjd marked Polson.

Douglas' Egyptian Liniment should be in every household. Stops bleeding at once, cauterizes wounds and prevents blood-poisoning. Keeps away inflammation and proud flesh.

EDWARDSBURG  
**"CROWN BRAND"**  
CORN SYRUP  
A Treat for the whole Family—an Excellent Food for GROWING CHILDREN  
Try it To-day!

The CANADIAN STARCH CO. Limited Montreal

**From NOVEMBER to MAY**  
Citizens of this community have to burn fuel. As fuel merchants we strive to provide heat units at reasonable cost. By selling for cash we are able to do business with less margin between cost price and delivered price. By selling for cash before we place it in your bin, we are only asking what the Postal system asks when they demand that you place a postage stamp on your letter before they undertake to deliver it, or the railway or bus who demand that you pay transportation charges in advance. The successful merchandisers of the day are the chain stores, who sell for cash and at a small margin. As we want to be classed as successful merchant, we are applying this principle to our business.

**CASH PRICES FOR FUEL**

NUT SIZE	Per Ton	Per 1/2 Ton	Per 1/4 Ton
STOVE SIZE	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$3.50
PEA SIZE	11.00	5.50	3.00
NUT SIZE COKE	10.50	5.25	2.75
RANGE SIZE COKE	10.00	5.00	2.50
POCAHONTAS	10.00	5.00	2.50

J. B. MACKENZIE & SON  
WILLIAM ROSZEL, Manager PHONE 48 EVAN JONES, Delivery

**EDITORIAL**  
In Good Standing

A casual review of the Financial Statement which will be placed in the hands of the voters to-morrow evening gives a feeling of satisfaction for the administration of the town's finances. It was fortunate that some years ago Acton instituted and rigidly enforced tax collections. Now when conditions are adverse the municipality is faced with less than \$2,000 in tax arrears, outside of the 1932 levies, which are not all yet due. Although any statement drawn up previous to the close of the year is difficult for comparison purposes, it would seem that all departments compare favorably with other years. The one noticeable drop is in the Arena account, which suffered, owing to adverse weather conditions, by about \$1,300. The debenture indebtedness of the municipality has during the year been decreased by over \$10,000. As in previous statements the assets are very conservatively estimated and a balance of \$109,103.94 of assets over liabilities is shown.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

It would seem that winter was about to make up this year for its shortcomings of last year.

Whether this weather continues or not it has induced serious thoughts concerning hockey activities and given promise of a start prior to February.

Santa Claus is a very popular old chap these days. Communication by radio and letter with him is a big improvement for the youth of to-day over the lad of a decade ago.

The Municipal Statistics for 1931 has been issued the past week. It is an interesting compilation of statistics of the municipalities of the province and a handy book of reference.

Approximately 55,000 pounds of herring scales, a recent discovery found to be useful in the manufacture of artificial pearls, were sold in 1931 by fishermen in the Province of New Brunswick for \$1,550.

It seems that most everything is peddled from door to door these days. The most effective method to make them cease can be applied by the housewife refusing to buy and communicating with the municipal officers.

Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King complains that the press is not supporting his opposition to the Ottawa trade agreements. In these days of depression and privation we have become accustomed to giving thanks for small mercies.

Shirking difficulties means losing a chance to grow strong. Some folks make a zig-zag path through life, turning out for everything that is a little steep or a little hard. It is well to remember that you can make a success of being a shirk or make a success of being a man, but you cannot be successful in both lines at the same time.

The United States has succeeded pretty well in barring our agricultural products from that country. As the result of successive tariff increases American imports of Canadian agricultural products or commodities made directly from such products declined for the month of October from \$29,726,605 in 1930 to \$5,546,583 in 1929; \$899,454 in 1931 to only \$468,290 in 1932. For the quarter ending October 31 the figures were \$53,768,874 in 1920; \$19,862,983 in 1929; \$3,524,582 in 1931, and only \$1,235,599 in 1932.—Mail and Empire.

Here is real optimism from one of the land settlers of Northern Ontario. James Hamilton, who has been located near Matheson, writes: "When I left Walkerville I did not know what was ahead of me, but now in eight weeks I have my house built, my wife and family with me, two acres of land plowed, my garden dug and am in good shape to make good." We can just imagine what some of the more experienced farmers in this district will say when they read that. "What we wonder is what is going to maintain the wife and family during the winter until the two acres and the garden produce a superabundance."

**Idle Threat**

"He threatened to drown himself if I refused him."  
"What did you say?"  
"Told him he couldn't use me as a life preserver."

**PROSPERITY**  
— FREE —  
Five Gallons of oil with every PROSPERITY OIL BURNER order from now until December 1.

7" BURNER for	\$32.00
9" BURNER for	35.00
DOUBLE 7" FOR RANGES, for	40.00
T. I. PLE 7" FOR FURNACES, with necessary equipment	57.00

INSTALLED BY EXPERT MECHANIC — 5 YEAR GUARANTEE WITH EVERY BURNER INSTALLED.

**S. B. GROAT**  
DEALER PHONE 222W GEORGETOWN  
E. COLES, ACTON

**Men for the Work**

To-morrow is Nomination Day in Acton and the citizens of Acton will place in nomination those whom they desire to have represent them for 1933. There has been considerable activity and much gossip on municipal matters the past week or ten days. There seems to be some interest in the matter on the part of the ratepayers. This attitude is not to be wondered at. There are several things of a difficult and important nature which will have to be dealt with by the Council of 1933. Whether Acton will profit by them, of course, depends on the manner in which they are handled. These also are days when branch industries are looking for places for establishment in Canadian centres. If Acton will get a share the matter will be largely with the Reeve and Councillors for guidance. It does not require a prophet to visualize the matters which will have to be dealt with by the Council of 1933. The calibre of the nominees should be in accordance with the tasks that will confront them.

**Who Wants It?**

The Middle Road construction project seems to be an orphan. In replying to a FREE PRESS article the Mail and Empire of Toronto says: "The Middle Road, however, was decided upon by the Department, as the result of representations made to it, urging the necessity of giving some relief to the Lake Shore and Dundas highways, which, since the increase of truck traffic, have become congested. Bowing to pressure thus brought to bear, the Government had the survey made. It is too much to say that the weight of this pressure came from Toronto and Hamilton. Enterprises that once pleased the municipalities have lost some of their old appeal, but our Acton contemporary, we feel, is ill-advised in its attitude when it lays the entire proposal on the doorstep of Toronto and Hamilton." Since it has thus been inferred that Toronto and Hamilton do not want this roadway, it would be interesting to know just who made the representations to the Department of Highways urging its construction. In Halton County we believe that the construction of the highway from Milton to Acton has been urged in preference to the Middle Road plan. It may now be expected that the Middle Road agitation will cease and the Department may assume that the representation made to it by somebody from somewhere was only imaginary and nobody really wants this road constructed.

**Sores Heal Quickly**

—Have you a persistent sore that refuses to heal? Try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the dressing. It will stop sloughing, carry away the proud flesh, draw out the pus and prepare a clean way for the new skin. It is a recognized healer among oils and numbers of people can certify that it healed where properly applied.

**Special Savings**

Paterson New "Dainty Thin" Soda CRACKERS 8 1/2 oz. Pks. 10c A 1c Sucker FREE in every Package	Aylmer Choice Quality Peas Sieve 4 6 No. 2 Tins 55c
Libby's Minced Meat 2 lbs. 33c	Aylmer or Libby's Pork and Beans 2 No. 2 1/2 Tins 17c
Chef Brand Irish Stew 2 tins 25c	Fry's Superb Cocoa 1/2-Pound Tin 21c
LUX TOILET SOAP 3 Cakes 19c MANY FLOWERS Toilet Soap—3 cakes 15c	Surprise Laundry Soap 5 Bars 19c
Dr. Ballard's Dog Food 1 1/2 lbs. 15c Famous Baking Powder MAGIC 1-lb. tin 34c	Lynn Valley Dessert Pears No. 2 Squat Tin 10c
Fancy Smyrna New Figs 2 lbs. 19c Extra Fancy TABLE FIGS 1-lb. pkg. 17c	The Energy Giver Toddy 1-lb. Tin 43c FREE—75 Piece Jig Saw Puzzle with every Tin.
Special—Laing's Mixed Chocolates 1 lb. 25c	Crown or Beehive Corn Syrup 2 2-lb. Tins 29c
Special—Bulk Soap Chips 2 lbs. 15c	Ingersoll Malted Spreading Cheese 2 1/2-lb. Pkgs. 21c
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