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## EDITORIAL

### Vote

Next Monday the electors of Acton are asked to go to the polls and register their choice for Reeve and Councillors, and on the question of Daylight Saving. It is a responsible citizenship duty and everyone should register his vote. On the Daylight Saving question all over 21 years of age are entitled to a vote, the same as on the federal elections. Of course for Reeve and Councillor only householders may vote. Two candidates have offered their services for Reeve and six have offered to serve you as Councillors. It is the privilege of the voters to make a choice. Make it now, so that you will have no regrets during the next twelve months. Next Monday is election day—Vote!

### Opportunity

The Schools of Home Economics and Agriculture opened in Acton on Tuesday morning. Opportunities knock at the door of young folks quite frequently these days. But those who succeed are only those who grasp these opportunities. The Department of Agriculture has opened the door to the young folks of Acton and district for advancement. The Agricultural Representative has interested himself in their advancement by securing these schools. Opportunity, three months of it, presents itself to the young folks of Acton district. It appears to be appreciated.

### Still Far From Perfect

The clamoring for facilities for inter-city traffic between Toronto and Hamilton seems to have been diverted from the Middle Road to the widening of the Lake Shore Road. The cost to Halton is thereby estimated to be reduced from \$70,000 to \$14,000. It's better but still not perfect. We still maintain this cost to the County should be met by those who directly benefit and by that we mean the residents of Toronto and Hamilton. The ratepayers will be anxious to see if the County Council is a rubber stamp for the Government, or if there is still some matter that will justify its continued existence as a time-honored institution and a training school for future members of Parliament.

### An Asset in the Community

Announcement is made that the Palmerston Spectator, which recently removed its plant to Guelph, will discontinue publication and a new paper will be started in Palmerston. No sale of plant or newspaper lists or equipment has been made. It seems that the business men of Palmerston found that a town without a newspaper plant in it was a back number and the Chamber of Commerce completed arrangements for the establishment of a newspaper. Mr. Anderson is now relieved from publishing the Spectator in Guelph, and seems quite satisfied with the plan and is refunding subscriptions that were paid in advance. It seems that the value of a newspaper in a community is fully realized by the business men, especially when it ceases to exist. Like every other line of business the publishing business finds the going hard these days and sometimes the publishing of a newspaper unprofitable. Sometimes the publisher is expected to be the lone public spirited individual in the community. Palmerston has found the value of a newspaper apparently and will undoubtedly accord the new proprietor such support that he will be able to maintain his plant in that town.

It appears that the hockey boys would get into training quite early this year. The belated winter last year is catching up this year.

### Woolen Textile Industry

The woolen textile industry in Canada, which is divided into four sections, namely, woolen cloth, woollen yarns, carpets, mats and rugs, and woollen goods, not otherwise specified, had a gross value of production in 1931 of \$25,456,000. There were, last year, 126 establishments engaged in the industry, 82 of which are in Ontario, 21 in Quebec, seven in New Brunswick, six in Nova Scotia, five in British Columbia, one in Prince Edward Island, and four in the Prairie Provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The industry has a total capital investment of \$43,086,000 and in the year under review gave employment to 8,208 persons. Imports of raw wool and manufactured articles of wool were valued in 1931 at \$20,201,089, of which raw and partly manufactured products accounted for \$3,834,229 and wholly manufactured products for \$15,398,207. Exports of wool and its manufactures from Canada last year had a value of \$1,271,781.

### A Citizenship Interest

There seemed no lack of interest in municipal matters last Friday evening. This was judged from the attendance at the nomination meeting, and the large list of candidates proposed for the various offices. True, there were not such a large list qualified but the citizenship interest was manifest. It is a good state of affairs. Acton, financially and otherwise, is in a good condition. It will be kept that way just as long as citizens take a responsible interest in the administration of their municipality. If other municipalities are finding themselves in difficulties the fault can usually be traced back to the lack of interest taken by the citizens and the elevation to responsible position of individuals who did not as zealously guard the municipality's interests as they did their own. A critical fault-finding attitude is not always the best indication of interest in municipal affairs. But a studious upbuilding and assisting attitude is always helpful to the community at large and the healthful advancement of the town. Such an interest in municipal affairs and careful selection on the part of the ratepayers will keep Acton in a position to meet its obligations promptly and maintain its place among the municipalities.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Monday is Election Day. Whatever is your choice be sure to cast your ballot.

There seems at least one line of activity in which no depression exists. Investigations flourish and seem in demand by the public in most any activity.

The Christmas spirit seems to be more easily assumed in November when the snow is on the ground and the admonition to shop early appears very unnecessary.

Monday is the day to voice your views on Daylight Saving in Acton. Don't wait until next summer to say what you think of this issue. Your opinion won't count for anything then.

Major Cummings told the ratepayers some things straight from the shoulder at the ratepayers' meeting in Georgetown last week, judging from the report in the Toronto papers. He evidently placed the blame where it belonged, without mincing matters any.

There are 15 postal districts in Canada under the administration of the Post Office Department. The Canadian system embraces a territory more extensive than that served by any other system, except those of the United States and Russia. There were 12,427 post offices in operation throughout Canada at the end of 1931.

A petition has been circulated in Oakville and Trafalgar Township, asking the Ontario Government to widen the Lake Shore Highway.—Milton Champion. Let's see, isn't it down in that district where Halton County is paying for an uncompleted subway, and the County Council paid over \$400 for Committee expenses alone in connection therewith?

Life is a wonderful game if you play it right, if you use every one of your team-mates white, if you never cheat and are fair and square, and learn the lesson of bear and forbear. If you meet with a failure now and then to never give up but to try it again, and through it all to keep smiling and sweet though looking straight in the face of defeat. If you stick to the rules of the game, my friend, you are sure of victory in the end, while some are unfair, be it said to their shame, if you play it right, it's a wonderful game.—Selected.

Mitchell Hepburn, M.P.P., in a speech at Ottawa last week, promised that the gasoline tax would be cut if the Liberals are returned to power in Ontario. Mr. Hepburn should remember the situation in which Premier Bennett and President Hoover found themselves through being too free with promises before election. It takes a heap of money to run the Province and the funds have to be secured somewhere, so it is not well to be too hasty in promising reductions that might later prove inexpedient.—Barrie Examiner. But we imagine Mr. Hepburn is quite satisfied with the position Mr. Bennett has found himself in and is endeavoring for power by means of the election promise plan.

## Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for  
The Free Press by  
GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

We had a letter from England the other day and by its tone it was easy to understand that people in the Old Country are confronted with much the same problems as we are in Canada. To quote from our letter—"There are lots and lots of men out of work. The new Mayor of the town is giving £200 (about \$1,000)—to the unemployment fund, instead of giving a banquet, and we see by the daily papers they are going to put 'fourpence on the rates for the Dole. But still there are plenty of well dressed people about town, so it doesn't look like a poor place."

Perhaps I had better explain about the Mayor and the banquet. In almost every town in England it is customary for the mayor, soon after he has been elected, to give a banquet and ball to a very large number of people in the district. Naturally it is a great expense and the mayor foots the bill out of his own pocket. Being mayor is an expensive business all right—as my brother said—it will take him about five years to recover from one year of office. The mayor's year of office starts on November the ninth, so of course the ball and banquet are the first big events of the season. But this mayor of whom I am writing, has established a precedent by donating the approximate cost of a banquet to the local relief fund. Not a bad notion, is it? And if we were to carry out the idea in Canada on a large scale, think how our worthy members of Parliament might swell the relief fund by lightening their expenses and cancelling their hospitality at the country's expense. Take the Ottawa Conference for instance—we know they were doing big things and we still look for big results, but it did rather seem as if the first requisite of a Cabinet Minister and his satellites was to be able to eat, drink and be merry!

And then take another part of that letter—"Soon the middle class people will be worse off than those on the Dole." In Canada there is no class distinction—that is theoretically—actually—well, "I ha'e me doots!" At any rate, we have business men and farmers, men who want work and men who don't want it, those who ask for relief and get it and those who need it and won't ask for it. We had a married man in here last week—a splendid worker but only able to get odd jobs. Partner asked him why he didn't put in for relief. "Me—me, put in for relief? Not while I have a pair of hands and breath in me body! No sir-ree." And there are many like that man. We hear a lot of stories about the unemployed—kindnesses abused, relief wrongly taken, but we should also remember that these cases are exceptions. It is the annual attraction at that station. We hear little of the heroism of daily life—with or without relief, the sacrifice and continual effort to simulate a recognized standard of living. Pride makes so many hide their desperate need, and they are often the ones who most deserve to be helped. One time I knew a family in the city. The father had a very poorly paid job and there were two children going to school. Each morning their mother would sew up holes in their shoes, each night they would have "hurst" open again. This woman was a splendid needlewoman and would help her neighbors with their sewing, but pride would not let her take in sewing as a paying proposition—"She had seen better days"—yet she would walk miles to save a car fare and be among the first to get in the basement of department stores on bargain days. Relief for that woman—not while she had a pair of hands and breath in her body!

There seems to be a tendency these days to hark back to the pioneer age. Any time during the last two years that I have heard Bishop Owen speak or preach, he has drifted unconsciously, I think, back to the days of the early settlers. To-day I as at a meeting and listened to an address on "Pioneer Days in Old Ontario." Last week I read a book on the same subject. This morning I saw pictures in the newspaper of a Women's Institution Fashion Parade, featuring beautiful old shawls, most of them treasured family heirlooms. It seems to me, intelligent people are trying to reason things out from a new angle—comparing the past with the present, pigeon-holding this and that, and other, figuring out whether we are as badly off as we think we are or whether being sorry for ourselves is dimming our vision. The survival of the fittest is nature's law. Might it not just as reasonably have a moral and mental application as well as a physical one? After the depression—what? Shall we realize that it hasn't been a depressor at all, but a very necessary course of adjustment? Will false standards and personal greed go into the melting pot, along with high wages and inflated prices? We hear much about the low prices for farm produce, but farmers would not worry about the prices if they could get dollar value for every dollar earned and spent.

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### NOTES ON FEEDING HOGS

The Swine Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture recommend the following points as valuable in hog feeding:

Grind all grain. Fine grinding is recommended, especially for young pigs. Soak meal mixture between meals; do not use too much water but feed as a relatively thick slop.

While there are many different methods of feeding hogs, the use of a good tight trough is safe and reduces wastage.

Fresh, clean water should be provided between meals.

Pigs should be fed three times daily for at least one to two weeks after weaning; two feeds daily will then be sufficient.

Growing pigs are very fond of and can make excellent use of green feed. For winter feeding pigs relish a little fibrous matter to chew and they need it regularly. Give the second cut of clover or alfalfa or any well-cured grass or cereal crop that has been cut green.

The desirable effects of feeding a little mangel daily are too well known to need further comment. The important thing is to see that all pigs, except the very young, get some form of vegetable matter regularly.

Pigs that do not have access to earth should have a box of it in their pens. This is as cheap as it is desirable and will be consumed sparingly but regularly. Laying up a supply of sods in the fall provides a good mineral supplement for winter fed pigs.

Make your feeding count with a balanced ration. Where milk in some form is not available, feed tankage as a protein supplement.

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Visitor—But where's the man who did the shooting?

Warden—Oh, he's out on bail. I saw him go to a movie an hour ago.



## Startling!

We don't want to startle you—but there are just about twenty-six more shopping days until Christmas. That means that your Christmas Greeting Cards should be purchased now. No need to take delivery until your require them, but your order should be placed now to assure your having them ready when you want to mail them.

THE FREE PRESS range of cards is still very complete. Some of the box assortments are sold out and some of the imported lines cannot be duplicated. So we advise all our patrons to order now.

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