

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



COURAGE

The little lady, old and grey,
Still had a lovely smile for all
And many a cheery word to say
When people came to call.

And if you stopped beside her gate
In summer autumn or the spring,
Your coat lapel she'd decorate
With some gay bit of blossoming.

We thought of her as always gay
And lovely as a sunny morn,
Who smiled our bitterness away,
And yet herself no care had borne.

She showed no scar of injuries old
And never mentioned hurts she'd
known,
She listened to the woes we told,
Deep hidden kept her own.

Yet out of sorrow's bitterest hours,
And out of heartache and distress,
The little lady raised her flowers
And earned that smile of loveliness.
—Edgar A. Guest.

I had a visit to Fergus during their Centennial and my, what a good time the folks, old and young, were having. Of course, being an old codger, the thing that struck me most was the memorial fireplace, erected in memory of the pioneers. And the construction of that memorial had a lot of sentiment built into it, because the stones were labelled here and there as being taken from the old buildings about the town. I enjoyed looking at the historical collections in the windows about the town, and viewing the various articles that have been preserved to recall events and individuals in the upbuilding of this fine town.

But I must get on with my items from a half century ago in Acton. You know Acton's history doesn't date back as far as Fergus. In fact we're just forty years younger and this year was Acton's sixtieth birthday. Dear knows what we will develop into in another forty years when the folks celebrate the Centennial in Acton, but there'll be some one else to be an old-timer by that time, and we'll be resting in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Thos. Mason was made Postmaster at Eden Mills fifty years ago and, further, we find that "Workmen are engaged erecting a fine new brick chimney for the Beardmore sole leather manufactory at the foot of Willow Street."

A Manitoba special of twelve cars went through Acton last Friday. The passengers, whose stock, implements and baggage were on the special, went by regular train.

In 1883 Canada's consumption of intoxicating liquors was 14,000,000 gallons. We imagine the figures of to-day would show that temperance hasn't made any great advancement in cutting down this amount.

The crop reports for the Province were not very satisfactory. There were 1,691,603 acres under cultivation and it was estimated the return would be 27,398,393 bushels. The two years' average would be about 19.7 bushels per acre.

"Mrs. J. Adams's cottage, next door to the Town Hall, has been completed and presents a very neat appearance."

"Mr. Thos. Easton has purchased from Messrs. Christie & Henderson, the two lots on Willow Street, opposite the Church of England property."

"Palmerston's rate of taxation for the present year has been struck at 25 and 9-10 mills on the dollar."

"Referring to Georgetown Civic Holiday and its amusements, the Brampton Banner says: 'Music was discouraged during the day by an excellent Band from Acton.' The Georgetown Herald hasn't the courtesy to say anything complimentary for the boys."

"The long summer school vacation has come to a close (August 28) and teachers and children resumed their duties on Sunday morning."

"Active preparations are now in progress in this village for the holding of the Fall Exhibition here. It has been decided to hold the show in the 'big' building at Mr. Donald Mann's place, at the foot of Willow Street. We believe it is the

intention to secure a large canvas tent for the inside show."

"Mr. George Tolson has purchased the Pipe flour mill property in Guelph, and left last week with his family to commence operations in that city."

"Acton and Norval played to a tie in a cricket match in Norval last Friday."

"There, now, I've taken up my allotted space again this week in recalling items of a half century ago."

The Old Man

Perisan Balm creates and preserves lovely and youthful complexions. Tones and stimulates the skin. Fragrant as a flower. Cool as morning dew. Swiftly absorbed by the tissues, making the skin wonderfully soft-textured. Unrivalled as an aid to feminine elegance. Delightful to use. Imparts additional charm to the daintiest of women. Perisan Balm is the one toilet requisite for the exacting woman. Peerless as a beautifier.

A CERTAINTY

Anxious Mother: "How do you know Mr. Hobson is in love with you. Has he told you so?"

Pretty Daughter: "No-o! But you should see the way he looks at me when I am not looking at him!"

THE DOLL AND THE PREACHER

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saw it—every part of it was too big or too little for every other part. But she would also understand, even better than he did, why Rhoda looked at it with seraphic eyes.

"Thus his heart and memory under-voiced his singing. At the end he looked up, strangely and suddenly conscious of another presence.

A man, tall, lean, forbidding, clothed through in buckskin, stood in the doorway, leaning negligently upon a long rifle, and looking at him with questioning eyes, in a silence that was ominous. Hospitality was the land's law and rule—in any other house Apsley knew he would have been instantly welcomed and bidden to stay, by the returning master. He made to speak, but before he got out a word Rhoda had flung herself upon the tall man, still clutching the doll with one hand, with the other holding fast to the preacher's arm, saying the while:

"Daddy! You won't hurt him. You mustn't—if he is a preacher. He got lost—and found himself here—and I made him stay to help me with my doll."

"Hurt him!" the tall man said, very low, clashing the back of his hand across his eyes. "Why, honey, I'd sooner fight

for him. We won't let him go away—not to-night anyhow. He sung to you and help you—that's enough. This house is going to be home for him, as long as it's home to me."

Miller's Worm Powders, being in demand everywhere, can be got at any chemist's or drug shop, at very small cost. They are a reliable remedy for worm troubles and can be fully relied upon to expel worms from the system and abate the sufferings that worms cause. There are many mothers that rejoice that they found available so effective a remedy for the relief of their children.

WHAT ARE VEGETABLES?

A vegetarian was interviewing an applicant as a "cook" lady. Her references were good, and the wages she demanded not exorbitant.

"I'd like to have you," said the lady, "but perhaps you won't want to live with us. We are vegetarians and never have any meat in the house. Would you be satisfied with a vegetable diet?"

The applicant scratched her head. "Well," she said dubiously, "is beer a vegetable?"

"The world will be saved if it knows how to be at the same time optimistic and pessimistic with intelligence." — Guglielmo Ferrero.

MUNICIPAL FINANCES ENCOURAGING

Rural municipal finances in the Province of Alberta, all conditions and depressions to the contrary notwithstanding, are in a healthy state. A reduction of fully 50 per cent. during the calendar year 1932 in the liabilities of the rural municipal districts of the Province is shown. Collections have been maintained to a surprisingly marked degree. Less than \$18,000 was the total bonded indebtedness of the rural municipalities as at December 31, 1932. Outstanding bank loans were about \$500,000, with ample security by way of uncollected taxes and other realizable assets.

The revenue collectible by the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1933, exceeded the estimated receipts for the year and also for the year before.

ONE WISH

Worried Lawyer: "I wish you had an alibi."

Prisoner: "I wish so, too. Then I would not have to rely on you."

AS YOU LIKE IT

Artist: "Shall I paint you in a frock coat?"

Mr. Newrich: "Oh, don't make any fuss—just wear your overalls."

You be the judge



CALLING NAMES

Some rather intelligent people need to learn that calling names is not argument. If your classmate is right in the matter on which you have disagreed, and you are wrong, calling him a name does not help matters. In fact, calling names reacts on the one who makes use of so cowardly a weapon.

A legend of Buddha tells that one approached him, and applied to him every insulting epithet he could think of until at last his vocabulary was exhausted.

Buddha, who had listened quietly, then said, "If you offer something to a man and he refuses it, to whom then does it belong?" After some consideration the man replied that it must belong to the one who offered it. Buddha said, "The abuse and vile names you offer me, I refuse to accept."

The clever retort as unnecessary. Calling names discredits the one who uses them, rather than the one to whom they are applied. If you want to win your case, remember that abusing your opponent is the last way to do it.

Give Acton Business Men the First Opportunity

Acton's Prosperity Campaign

Every Citizen of ACTON and District is vitally affected by the amount of money kept circulating at home. Read these editorials with care. The suggestions offered therein, if followed, will banish Depression here. Let this list be your shopping guide.

Dollars Spent in Acton Will Remain Home to Boost

<p>Ladies' and Men's Wear</p> <p>B. D. RACHLIN & CO. CLOTHING AND SHOES For Every Member of the Family You'll find New Foot Comfort in a Pair of Fitted Shoes from Us</p> <p>This Ad. is Worth 10c on Any Dollar Purchase</p> <p>Mill Street - Acton</p>	<p>Confectioners</p> <p>GOOD MEALS Regular Dinner and Supper and a la carte Service ICE CREAM AND HOME-MADE CANDIES</p> <p>HAROLD WILES Mill Street - Acton</p>	<p>Butchers</p> <p>GEO. W. BENTON Your Meat Requirements Can Be Supplied by Us to Your Satisfaction A TRIAL IS SOLICITED</p> <p>Mill Street - Phone 94</p>	<p>General Merchants</p> <p>NELSON & CO. CHOICE GROCERIES GENERAL DRY GOODS</p> <p>Mill Street - Phone 37</p>
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FALSE ECONOMY HAS NO VALUE

True economy is one of the greatest of virtues but false economy is no more a virtue than anything else that is false. To be able to economize wisely is one of the greatest blessings one can have, for it is the prerequisite to thrift, and well being. Too many of us, however, who think we have found the secret of true economy are unthinkingly practicing a false economy which is just as bad as wilful waste.

For instance, when we go out of town for merchandise which could be bought locally, we are practicing a serious form of false economy, and no matter how we argue we cannot evade the fact that every resident in Acton is effected proportionately thereby.

If we are property owners and tax payers in Acton, we are forced to realize that the dollars remaining have to work all the harder to keep things going. If we are merchants we find we cannot carry the stocks necessary were we getting all the business we should, and our taxes are lighter thereby. And all this does not alter the fact that our community must be kept up, even though we are deliberately and unnecessarily assisting in the upkeep of some other man's community.

The vital element in this question is that any move on the part of business to centralize capital and labor will ultimately prove disastrous for mankind as a whole.

It is absurd to argue that if our larger retail business organizations were caused to cease to exist there would be many without work. The employees of these organizations would be snapped up immediately by smaller stores and the result would be that instead of making a few men fabulously rich, we would make many men only comfortably well to do by a change of this kind. The opportunities for each of us as individuals would be greater, not because there would be any more dollars in the world, but because these dollars would be circulating more freely.

Therefore, for our own personal benefit, it behooves us to watch closely where we spend our dollars. We should, by all means, give our business to the business which specializes and where possible to the man we know in Acton.

Get the Habit of Shopping At Home—In Acton

Buy in ACTON and Build Up Your Town