

# THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



FRIENDSHIP

"If you walk as a friend you will find a friend wherever you choose to face. If you go with mirth to a far strange land, you will find that mirth is there. For the strangest part of this queer-old world is that like we join with like. And who walks with love for his fellow-man an answering love will strike.

"If you walk in honor then honest men will meet you along the way. But if you are false, you will find men false wherever you chance to stray. For good breeds good and bad breeds bad, we are met by the traits we show; Love will find a friend at the stranger's door where hate will find a foe.

"For each of us builds the world he knows which only himself can spoil; And an hour of hate or an hour of shame can ruin a life of toil; And though to the utmost ends of the earth your duty may bid you fare, If you go with truth and a friendly heart you will find friends waiting there."

I was much interested in that picture of the Baseball Club of a half century ago that was published in last week's *Free Press*. I think the editor is a trifle astray, however, when he says the team was fifty-five years ago. I think fifty years would be nearer the mark, but an error of a few years is quite all right with the younger editor we have now, whose recollections of Acton will be limited to about half that time. Recollections of over fifty years seem to take most of my readers, so I think I'll confine myself gain this week to the doings of Acton in 1883 at this season of the year; and here are extracts from *The Free Press* of that date:

Messrs. Beardmore & Co's big brick chimney has been completed. It is 105 feet high and contains over 40,000 brick and cost in their neighborhood of \$8000. "John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia dry goods dealer, sank \$200,000 in advertising last year, but succeeded in gathering a crop of profits valued at \$1,000,000."

"Dates for Fall Fairs are given as: Milton, October 9 and 10; Brampton, October 4 and 5; Nassagaweya, October 2; and Esqueping Park, at Acton, probably October 3."

"During the fall wheat harvest, just over, Mr. M. B. Bennett, a man eighty-five years of age, cradled 17 acres of fall wheat in 6 days, on the farm of Mr. Peter Sayers, of Nassagaweya."

"Blackberry picking is now in season. Several loads of pickers went from here on Monday morning. Saint Helena is the point of interest."

"Mr. James Palmer, Guelph, sold, on Monday, to Mr. A. W. Green, of Acton, his trotter, 'Little Sam,' for a good figure."

The Board of Education of 1883 was composed of Mr. Jas. Matthews, Chairman, and Messrs. W. H. Storey, Jas. Moore, D. Henderson and J. E. McGarvin. The estimate of expenditures for the year was \$1,730.51, and the amount required to be raised by taxation was \$850.00.

"Messrs. Beardmore & Co. are importing hemlock bark from the northern counties."

"Mr. J. Fyfe's splendid new residence on Church Street is receiving the finishing touches."

"A special immigrant train of three coaches and about seventy-five passengers went through Acton on Monday evening for western parts."

"The Stars Baseball Team won from the Beavers, of Milton, last Saturday by a score of 25 to 18. The Stars have not lost a game this season."

"The American right to manufacture the Maxwell low-down binder has been sold by Maxwell, of Paris, Ontario, to McCormick, of Chicago, for the sum of \$100,000."

"It is a remarkable fact that up to the present time, not a single month has passed by, since the beginning of 1883, in which this section of the country has not on one or two occasions been visited by more or less frost, and in all probability the remaining three months will not lack frost night; thus making 1883

a notable year in this particular." "Last week *The Free Press* purchased a splendid No. 2 Improved Gordon Press from Messrs. Gwatkins & Son, Toronto, for the job department. It is now in full working order in our office. I guess that will be sufficient for this week to set the memories back a half century and bring on recollections.

## The Old Man

**PROTECTING CANADA'S FRUIT**  
Apropos of the transfer to the Dominion Department of Agriculture of the British Columbia provincial horticultural inspection service as regards the import and export shipments of plants and plant products, it is to be noted that all importations of deciduous plants originating in countries where the San Jose scale pest is known to exist (including the United States and Asia) will be routed on Vancouver, as a safeguard to the fruit-growing sections of the province. No charge is made for the inspection of any importation, but, in the case of such shipments from the countries mentioned, the transportation charges to and from the fumigation station will have to be borne by the importer.

**DOUBTLESS**  
A woman inquired of a negro porter the time of the train to Chicago. She then went to a white man and asked him.  
The porter went to the white man afterward, and said with a smile "Perhaps she will believe it, now she has got it in black and white."

**NO WONDER!**  
Policeman—How did you knock him down?  
Motorist—I didn't! I pulled up to let him go across—and he fainted.

**MAN'S SMALL WANTS**  
"Man's wants, but little here below." In a very real sense this declaration of the poet is true. Every literary worker and every scholar tries to have a library close at hand. He gathers many books, which seem to him to be virtually indispensable to the prosecution of his professional work. And yet the mainstay of such students consists of a few books. When they come to sift our wants, we find that they centre on very few things. Our discontent and dissatisfaction come largely from our imagination. We imagine that we have many obstacles and difficulties which have no existence in reality. Could we realize how little we absolutely need, and do, in fact, voluntarily get along with, we should save ourselves a vast amount of harmful worry.

Persian Balm, the creator and preserver of beautiful complexions. Tonic in effect and wonderfully stimulating. Safeguards and beautifies the most delicately-textured skins. Cools and relieves all skins flushed or irritated by weather conditions. Magical in results. A little gentle rubbing and a youthful freshness and daintiness is instantly created. Invaluable for softening the hands and making them flawlessly white. Truly the perfect toilet requisite for the woman who cares.

**\$40,000. In Prizes and Attractions**  
CANADA MARCHES ON  
Canada, like all other Nations, has had her setbacks. But these, instead of being discouragements, have been challenges to the Canadian people that they quickly accepted.  
We have proved to our own satisfaction as well as to the rest of the world—that Canada is going forward.  
Prize List and Information Mailed on Request.  
ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 31st  
J. H. Saunders, President W. D. Jackson, Secretary  
**September 11-16, 1933**  
**WESTERN FAIR**  
LONDON, ONTARIO.

*You will prefer it*  
**SALADA**  
TEA

**Counter Check Books**  
ANY STYLE — ANY QUANTITY  
THE LOWEST PRICES OBTAINABLE  
—AT—  
**The Acton Free Press**

### 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

### BUYER IS PROTECTED BY REPUTABLE ADVERTISING

The manufacturer must maintain the quality of the goods bearing his name. His reputation is at stake. Therefore the Acton citizen who buys standard brands from Acton merchants knows that he is getting full value for his money. No one can ask more.

There was a time, and not many years ago, too, when advertising did not occupy the place in the world of trade that it does to-day. Advertising then was used by the unscrupulous to carry untrue messages of value. But there is a law against fraudulent advertising to-day and the reading public is protected against the unscrupulous advertiser. Honest advertising has done more in the last quarter century to establish certain standards of merchandise and to create a public demand for quality goods at fair prices than could have been accomplished in a hundred years by any other agency.

The manufacturer who a few years ago merely made and sold clothes now makes the "Blank Brand" of clothes. The man who formerly just made and sold hats now makes "Blank Hats." And so it is with almost everything one buys.

The manufacturer, who by his honest advertising has created a demand for merchandise which bears his trade name must protect his trade name by maintaining consistent quality of output.

The wise manufacturer also knows that his merchandising must show a reasonable profit. He demands his price and gets it, knowing full well that to cut prices in the favor of large stores would ultimately stifle his business with innumerable smaller stores and he would end by being controlled by the large organization to whom he has granted price favors.

This all goes to show that the buying public is the greatest beneficiary of advertising.

The Acton business men listed on this page readily know the value of selling you recognized lines of merchandise which carry the backing of reputable manufacturers. This assures the purchaser of two-fold protection and when buying such merchandise from the man you know it is not necessary to waste a thought on whether it will be worth the money or not, as it sells for the same price the world over.

How many times have you, Mr. Consumer, been disappointed in a purchase made in the hope that it will prove "just as good"?

You can avoid disappointments of this kind by buying the merchandise Acton Business People recommend.

**Get the Habit of Shopping At Home—In Acton**

<b>Ladies' and Men's Wear</b> <b>B. D. RACHLIN &amp; CO.</b> CLOTHING AND SHOES For Every Member of the Family You'll find New Foot Comfort in a Pair of Fitted Shoes from Us This Ad. is Worth 10c on Any Dollar Purchase MILL Street - Acton	<b>Confectioners</b> <b>GOOD MEALS</b> Regular Dinner and Supper and a la carte Service <b>ICE CREAM and HOME-MADE          CANDIES</b> <b>HAROLD WILES</b> MILL Street - Acton	<b>Butchers</b> <b>GEO. W. BENTON</b> Your Meat Requirements Can Be Supplied by Us to Your Satisfaction <b>A TRIAL IS SOLICITED</b> MILL Street - Phone 94	<b>General Merchants</b> <b>NELSON &amp; CO.</b> CHOICE GROCERIES GENERAL DRY GOODS MILL Street - Phone 27
<b>5c to \$1.00 Store</b> Our Lines are Too Numerous to Mention. We invite you to come in and inspect our money-saving values. <b>Constant Bargains in All Departments</b> <b>A. R. KEITH</b> MAIN STREET - ACTON	<b>Clothing Store</b> <b>PALLANT'S</b> MEN'S FURNISHINGS CUSTOM TAILORING <b>BOOTS &amp; SHOES LADIES' WEAR</b> MILL Street - Phone 124	<b>W. J. PATTERSON</b> Dealer in All Kinds of <b>FRESH AND CURED MEATS          POULTRY AND FISH</b> MILL Street - Phone 178	<b>ELLIOTT BROS.</b> <b>A DEPARTMENTAL STORE TO          SERVE YOU IN ACTON</b> Successors to McLean & Co. MILL STREET - PHONE 28
<b>Grocers</b> <b>BAR'S QUALITY GROCERY</b> FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES Courtesy - Service PHONE 16 MILL STREET - ACTON	<b>Lumber Dealers</b> <b>J. B. MACKENZIE &amp; SON</b> Planing Mills and Yards LOCATED AT ACTON and GEORGETOWN Estimates Cheerfully Given Church Street - Acton	<b>Men's Furnishings</b> <b>W. M. COOPER</b> CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS FOR MEN Alterations and Repairs MILL STREET - ACTON	<b>Plumbing and Tinsmithing</b> <b>JAMES B. CHALMERS</b> We Specialize in Plumbing and Furnace Work Estimates Cheerfully Given <b>ALL WORK GUARANTEED</b> MILL Street - Acton
<b>RED &amp; WHITE CHAIN          STORES</b> QUALITY GROCERIES <b>J. W. JONES</b> PHONE 26 - MILL STREET	<b>THE          GEORGETOWN LUMBER CO.          LIMITED</b> Everything in Lumber and Builders' Supplies Phones: Georgetown, 250 - Acton 120 Young Street, Acton <b>NORMAN McLEOD, Manager</b>	<b>Restaurant</b> <b>MAPLE LEAF RESTAURANT</b> Full Course Meals—Deliciously Home Cooked, at All Hours <b>LIGHT LUNCHES</b> <b>T. DURRANT</b> MILL Street - Phone 128	<b>Hardware</b> <b>W. D. TALBOT</b> SHELF AND HEAVY HARDWARE TINWARE, GLASS, CHINA MILL Street - Phone 78
<b>Boots and Shoes</b> <b>KENNEY BROS.</b> For Over Fifty Years Serving You in Acton <b>FOOTWEAR - SHOE REPAIRS</b> MILL STREET - ACTON	<b>Tobacconist</b> <b>JNO. R. LEISHMAN</b> Acton's Headquarters for <b>TOBACCOS          PIPES and SMOKERS' SUNDRIES</b> MILL Street	<b>Creamery</b> <b>ACTON CREAMERY</b> Manufacturers of <b>"CLOVER GOLD BRAND"          CREAMERY BUTTER</b> Main Street - Acton	<b>JAMES SYMON</b> <b>GENERAL HARDWARE          SILVERWARE, CUTLERY,          GRANITWARE</b> MILL Street - Phone 49
<b>Shoe Repairs</b> <b>EXPERT SHOE REPAIRING</b> Work Guaranteed <b>SHOE SHINE</b> <b>ACTON SHOE REPAIRS</b> Frank Toth MILL STREET - ACTON	<b>Vulcanizing</b> <b>YOUR TIRES REPAIRED</b> Cars Washed, Polished, Greased Batteries Charged <b>TIRES AND ACCESSORIES</b> <b>B. H. FALCONBRIDGE</b> Young Street - Phone 46	<b>Funeral Directors</b> <b>C. B. SWACKHAMER</b> <b>FUNERAL AND AMBULANCE          SERVICE</b> <b>FURNITURE and HARDWARE</b> The Best at Moderate Prices Phones 148-98-41 Willow Street "As Near as Your Telephone"	<b>Garages</b> <b>NORTON MOTORS</b> <b>FORD DEALERS          REPAIRS</b> Gas Oils Accessories MILL Street - Acton
<b>Monuments</b> <b>"A Marker for Every Grave"</b> <b>HIGH GRADE IMPORTED GRANITE</b> Prices Cheerfully Quoted <b>ACTON MONUMENT WORKS</b> <b>J. NICOL &amp; SON</b> Main Street - Phone 152	<b>Coal Merchants</b> <b>RITCHIE &amp; AGAR</b> D. L. & W. The Standard Anthracite Gasoline Station and Yards YOUNG ST. - Phone 120 - ACTON	<b>JOHNSTONE &amp; RUMLEY</b> <b>FUNERAL DIRECTORS</b> Ambulance - Funeral Chapel Home Furnishings Established 1888 Phone 30 - MILL Street	<b>KING and McEACHERN</b> Repairs and Service To All Cars <b>SOUTH END GARAGE</b> Main Street - Phone 17 - Acton

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