

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



THE COUNTRY FAIR

We didn't go so much to see
The horses, pigs or cows;
The flowers, fruits or vegetables;
Harrows, chums or ploughs.

We didn't go so much to hear
The singing or reciting;
The village band, the member's speech,
Or other things inviting.

We didn't go to wander in
The midway or arena,
Or funny shows that make you laugh
Like any old hyena.

Oh, no! We mainly went to meet
With Tom and Jack and Annie;
To crack w/ Sandy, yarn w/ Mike,
And laugh with Kate and Fannie.
—Dean D. Hurndy.

And next week Acton's annual fair will be held and all the old codgers like me will be meeting a lot of our friends gathered around in this annual gathering. I certainly do enjoy these two days each year and I hope those in charge of Acton fair will make sure that it is maintained at the same high standard that will keep it from dropping out such as many fairs have found it necessary to do. With our fine park and buildings everyone would be sorry to see Acton Fair cease, but I think it's something like Erin fair, its almost bound to go on forever.

I wish the directors could provide a little desk or registration booth some place in the grounds where all the visitors who have come back to renew acquaintances could register. I think this would make a little centre for renewing friendships and then, too, we could go there and see for sure if our friends were at the fair and hunt them out and shake hands once more. I know the Directors and Officers are busy folks and maybe I'm asking too much. But perhaps among the older or Honorary Directors there is someone who could undertake this task. I like these reunions, you see better than the other features of the fair, and I guess that's the reason I'm stronger for this side of the event. If my rheumatism will stand it, Mary and I are planning to take in both the Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon events. We'll both be looking for you all and ready to shake hands and welcome you all back to good old Acton again.

The Fair back in 1883 was to be held on October 3, and let's just take a look at the events back fifty years ago and recall incidents of that time:

There were 42 Special Prizes that year, in addition to the Society money of \$500. There was a prize of \$3.00 for the best looking married couple of any age. The baby prizes were divided into two classes, one for the finest looking babies and another prize for the fattest baby under eighteen months. There were just as many prizes for butter in those days as there are to-day, and they ranged all the way from 1 lb. prints to 50 lb. firkins.

Acton Cornet Band had a concert arranged for a musical night. The school library of 1,400 volumes was removed from the School to the Town Hall.

Mr. J. B. Pearson purchased from Mr. G. S. Smith the whole of his property on Mill, Willow and Church Streets.

The Guelph city park is to be illuminated with electric lights on the evenings of the exhibition, and the Agricultural College, Guelph, will be thrown open for the accommodation of visitors during the Provincial Exhibition. —Remember, please, these incidents were all back in 1883.

The town bell now rings every Monday evening at seven o'clock, to announce that the Public School Library is open for those who wish to obtain books.

Mr. B. J. Foster's perpetual motion machine will be exhibited at the Provincial Exhibition, Guelph, next week. Mr. Jas. Matthews Postmaster, is expecting his team of roadsters, and Mr. Taylor, butcher, his heavy hurdle in the village exhibition.

"A potato of the White Elephant variety, grown on the farm of Mr. G. Thomas, Nassagaweya, weighs three pounds and measures two feet in circumference—so it is said."

"The first drunk and disorderly case which has come before the authorities at Georgetown since the adoption of the Scott Act in Halton, nearly eighteen months ago, was tried on the 10th inst., and the prisoner sent to gaol for fifteen days."

"Brampton's rate of taxation this year is 16 1/2 mills."

"The Erin Agricultural Exhibition will be held in the Village of Erin on 17th and 18th of October."

And so I might go on culling here and there interesting bits that will recall incidents to those whose memory takes them back over the half century. If we meet on Fair Day we'll all have a lot of yarns to swap of other days. Some of them will be more recent but we're asking to a fine reunion next week. Good-bye for now and we hope to be seeing you at Acton Fair.

The Old Man

A safe and sure medicine for a child troubled with worms is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

SELECTING VEGETABLES FOR THE SCHOOL FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

All vegetables to be exhibited should be perfectly fresh, clean, uniform in size and color, free from blemishes of any kind and correctly named.

Beans—Pod of string beans should be tender and brittle. Stringless varieties are preferred. Shell beans must be mature and plump.

Beets—The flesh should be fine grained tender and of a dark red color free from white lines. Tops should be fine and compact and the beets not over three inches in diameter.

Cabbage—Heads are best exhibited with a few outer leaves left on and the stem cut short. They should be round, flat or pointed according to variety, firm and of good weight.

Carrots—Roots should be free from greening at the crown, straight, smooth, free from side roots, medium size and of fine texture. The core should be small.

Caulliflower—Heads must be pure white in color, dense and free from leaves or open spaces in the centre.

Celery—Heads must be large with long, firm, thick stalks free from sponginess or stringiness.

Cucumbers—Fruits should be long, straight, smooth, tender, dark green in color, with little seed development.

Corn—Ears should be of medium size,

well filled out to the end, the kernels well developed and in the milk stage.

Onions—Bulbs must be well matured, dry, firm in texture, of good weight and have a well ripened neck with the top removed. They should not be peeled but have the dry outer skin left on.

Paranips—Roots should be broad at the crown gradually tapering to the tip. They should be straight, smooth, free from side roots and firm in texture.

Potatoes—Tubers should have form and color typical of the variety. A medium-sized tuber is preferred to a large one. Freedom from disease is extremely important.

Pumpkin—Fruit should be large, closely ribbed, smooth, heavy and mature. Sugar pumpkins are small in size and best exhibited in a separate section.

Winter Squash—Fruit should be large, heavy and firm in texture with thick, deep flesh.

Tomatoes—Fruit should be medium size, smooth, firm, evenly colored, free from cracks or other defects. Stems should be left on but cut short.

Swede Turnips—Roots should be typical of the variety and smooth. If for export they should be from 4 to 5 inches in diameter and for home consumption from 5 to 6 inches.

Vegetable Marrow—Fruit should be medium in size, oblong, fresh and tender. The rind should be soft enough to admit the thumb nail with slight pressure.

A DAILY BATTLE

Some of you young people have an idea that a person who once succeeds continues to do so ever after. On the contrary, success to-day may be followed by failure to-morrow. Benedict Arnold was at one time honored by his country as their heroic defender, but he is remembered to-day as a traitor. Many have won fortunes and died poor. Child musicians have been hailed as geniuses in their youth, and lived to a mediocre, unnoticed middle-age. Success is not gained once for all, but must be won afresh each day. Relaxing effort or losing interest may at any time turn it to failure.

To form the habit of success is important for the oftener you succeed, the more unlikely you are to fail. Never get the idea, however, that success once started will run itself.

A LONG TRIAL

Vocalist—"I'm going away to study singing."
Friend—"Good! How far away?"

LUCKY

"I hear their engagement was broken off through a misunderstanding."
"Yes, he understood she had money, and she understood he had."

THE PROGRAMME OF PATRIOTISM

Gene Stratton Porter in one of the latest articles written before her death, an appreciation of her father, said of him that he counted that day lost in which he had not done something toward making his township, his county and his state a little bigger and finer than they had been the day before.

This is interesting because it suggests what we might call a programme of patriotism. We are too likely to think of the patriot as one who meets an emergency nobly when as a matter of fact he should be a busy man every day in the year. Making the home more convenient, the farm more productive, mending the roads, improving the schools, backing up the church are all part of a patriot's job. The programme of patriotism is not merely to defend our country in times of war, but to make it the most enlightened, the most progressive, the happiest, and the cleanest land on which the sun shines. This will be done when each of us in his or her own little place, tries to put his programme into effect.

NO HARM DONE

Diner: "Hi, water! You've got your sleeve in my soup."
Wait: "It's quite all right, sir. It's only an old coat; it won't hurt it."

MY MISTAKE

An old waiter of a club said to a new waiter: "Do you see that old duffer who has just sat down? He's got a brother and they're as alike as two peas. Dress alike, and everything, only this one is as deaf as a post. Watch for some fun."

The old waiter then approached the man and said in an ordinary voice, much to the amusement of the new waiter: "Well, pifance, what do you want in your nosegay to-day?"

"I'll have a mutton chop," said the diner; "and by the way, it's my brother who is very deaf."

Distemper responds quickly to Douglas' Egyptian Liniment. Keep a bottle handy in the stable.

FIRE INSURANCE WANTED

A negro woman walked into an insurance office and asked whether they dealt in fire insurance.

"We do," replied a clerk. "What do you want insured?"
"Mah husband."
"Then you don't want fire insurance," smiled the clerk as he reached for another application form. "What you want is a life insurance policy."
"No, Ah don't," exclaimed the woman. "Ah wants fire insurance. Mah husband been fired fo' times in de las' two weeks."

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

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CLOTHING AND SHOES
For Every Member of the Family
You'll find New Foot Comfort in a
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This Ad. is Worth 10c on Any
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VEGETABLES
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For Over Fifty Years Serving You
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EXPERT SHOE REPAIRING
Work Guaranteed
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HIGH GRADE IMPORTED GRANITE
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Regular Dinner and Supper and
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Planing Mills and Yards
LOCATED AT ACTON and
GEORGETOWN
Estimates Cheerfully Given
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Young Street, Acton
NORMAN McLEOD, Manager

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YOUR TIRES REPAIRED
Cars Washed, Polished, Greased
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RITCHIE & AGAR
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The Standard Anthracite
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YOUNG ST. - Phone 120 - ACTON

A Dead Community Is Always Shunned

A community in which the residents keep their money in circulation, and where purchases are made when possible, is always known as a live district and a good place wherein to live. This happy condition rests entirely with the residents thereof and prosperity can be created and maintained only by the efforts of each individual to spend their money at home.

Are we sure each one of us is doing all we can to place Acton in the position we wish it to occupy as a thriving section of Ontario? Each individual of Acton should ask himself or herself the question at frequent intervals.

No one likes to live in a dead community. No one likes to visit there and certainly no business men would continue in business there, and those seeking new locations pass it by.

When a community is live and prosperous local retail business is good, real estate values are high and stable, labor is in demand and the wages are good, the streets are well lighted, good schools are maintained for the education of children and beautiful churches are well patronized by the worshippers, local athletic movements are well sponsored, charities are well supported.

When a community is dead, the opposite is the case. There is little money in circulation, store buildings stand empty, and residences are vacated by those moving to greener pastures.

Naturally we all want Acton to maintain the reputation of being a live community. We want our real estate values to be maintained and increased. We want our children to have the best educational advantages, and our places of worship to be structures of beauty. We want our business section a prosperous one and our residents employed. How can these conditions be maintained in Acton?

Every dollar spent in Acton helps to maintain and increase the prosperity of Acton.

Every dollar spent in some other city helps to build up some other man's community.

The issue is a clear cut one and is clearly up to every resident of Acton. Therefore, it behooves each one of us to resist the temptation to deal elsewhere, and to assist in bringing back prosperity by giving, for our own sakes, The First Opportunity to Acton.

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CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS
FOR MEN
Alterations and Repairs
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Full Course Meals—Deliciously Home
Cooked, at All Hours
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Manufacturers of
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OUR AIM
GOOD MERCHANDISE - LOW
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We Specialize in Plumbing and
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Estimates Cheerfully Given
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