



THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER

MY CREED

I hold that Christian grace abounds,
Where charity is seen; that when
We climb to heaven, 'tis on the rounds
Of love to men.

I hold that all else, named piety,
A selfish scheme, a vain pretence;
Where centre is not, can there be
Circumference?

This I moreover hold and dare
Affirm where'er my rhyme may go:
Whatever things be sweet or fair,
Love makes them so.

Whether it be the sickle's rush
Through wheat fields, or the fall of
showers,
Or by some cabin door a bush
Of rugged flowers.

'Tis not the wide phylactery,
Nor stubborn fast, nor staid payers,
That marks us Saints; we judge the tree
By what it bears.

And when a man, can live apart
From works, on theologic trust,
I know the blood about his heart
Is dry as dust.

—Alice Carey.

After planning for many weeks on the friends I would meet at Acton Fair, I was keenly disappointed this year. The cold, wet weather made it just a little too dangerous for Mary and I to venture out and spend the afternoon at the grounds. I know there were hundreds of other folks who felt the same way about it and they tell me that the attendance was down as a result of the weather prevailing. However, I got out the first night at the Arena. You see even if the rain did come that threatened I was going to be dry and comfortable and my rheumatism wouldn't suffer.

Mary and I both enjoyed the performance immensely and the clowns were an attraction at my age as well as the youngsters, who were amused all evening. The folks all tell me it was a real good fair this year again and, judging from the account in THE FREE PRESS last week, the weather and attendance were the only disappointing items. And they are both items that may be changed possibly another year. I'm sorry I missed so many of my old friends; and after seeing that Joel Leslie and his wife were there, I felt ashamed of myself that I had not braved the elements and taken a chance with my rheumatism and gone to the Fair. I've been out lots of worse days, and next year if I'm spared the weather will have to put up a pretty stiff argument to keep me away.

Looking back at 1883 and the Fall Fair in Acton that year, I find the weather was "bright and cheerful, but rather cold and windy." The crowd was estimated that year at over 3,000, and there were over a thousand entries. There were over 200 entries for horses. There were eighty entries for the butter prizes and the only department poorly represented was the fruit. You older folks will remember that there wasn't any buildings in those days and a large tent was used to show the exhibit. We older fellows could recall a lot of things about the exhibitions of fifty years ago, but let me tell you the fairs of to-day are quite an improvement and getting better all the time; we used to have real good times in those days and the cash outlay was a whole lot less. But I must pass on to other things.

The Bannockburn School picnic was held in Miller's Grove, and the tug-of-war was the all-important item. John Mann and Alex. Gordon were the captains, and the teams were John Mann, John Shaw, Alex. Lawson, Graham McDonald, Wm. Shaw and Arch. Mann against Alex. Gordon, John Hunter, Wm. Cooper, Thos. Somerville, John Gordon and Albert Lamb. After a ten-minute hard pull the former team were successful in bringing their opponents over the line.

Acton's tax rate in 1883 was nineteen mills; and was made up of: Village expenses, 11 mills; Public School, 5 mills; and Town Hall debentures, 3 mills.

There were fifty appeals at the Veterans' Line court for Acton in the year 1883. Mr. Jas. Matthews won first prize at Guelph and Milton Fairs with his splendid span of roadsters back a half century ago.

"A young lad who lives with John Walters got his finger crushed between the ring of the neckyoke and the wagon tongue and it was severed at the first joint."

"Messrs. Beardmore & Co. have received and placed into position two splendid new boilers, eighty horsepower, for use in their mammoth sole leather manufactory in course of construction in this village."

And so it was fifty years ago in this community. The people and the interests have changed during the half century, but it's nice to recall these little activities that loomed large to us who were the coming generation in those days and are now the ones who dwell much in these days on the things of the past.

The Old Man

Douglas' Egyptian Liniment is an excellent wash for stock. Also removes corns in horses and quickly relieves bruises, sprains, swellings and joint stiffness.

HEAD GRAMMAR

The son of the house leaned back from his home-work and gave a deep sigh. "What's the matter, my boy?" asked his mother.

"Eyes tired," he replied.

"Why, Arthur," she reprimanded, "what shocking grammar!"

WHY THEY LOST THEIR JOBS

An organization devoted to helping men find the work to which they are suited, some time ago examined the reasons for the discharge of over four thousand men. This was not at a time when employers cut down their forces to save expenses, but was during a period of prosperity, when the places of the men let out were immediately filled.

Two-thirds of the men who were discharged lost their jobs because of some character defect. They were not re-usable. They quarreled with their fellow workers. They disobeyed rules. Two-thirds of these men who lost their jobs were discharged, not because they were below the standard intellectually, or because they lacked skill, but because of faults they could correct.

There are more important reasons for mastering the faults in your character than the fact that they are likely to interfere with your securing a job. Yet this reason is important enough to call for prompt taking stock.

WORK AND PLAY

It is much more important that a man take pleasure in his vocation than in his vacation, because he spends more time at it. Indeed, it is not too much to say that unless a man enjoys his daily work he will not enjoy his vacation, however much he may expect to, for he has not the capacity for the enjoyment of the realities of the present. He deals only in futures. The only happy man is he who feels that he is accomplishing something, does something worth while; who feels himself an indispensable cog wheel in the great machine of the universe; who believes that nobody can quite take his place when he goes on a vacation. Without this faith in himself and the importance of his work, a man is lost. No pay, however large, no prospective vacation, however large, no prospect of a large number of bottles of pop in the job he has completed because he realizes that he is of no use in the world, that he is enlisted in the social service.

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Husky and Happy - Oh Boy!



Forty-eight happy boys and girls at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. They are the lucky winners of the Silver Token Contest sponsored by Croese and Blackwell, well-known manufacturers of food products, and their reward was a two-day visit to the Canadian National Exhibition.

They all travelled Canadian Pacific and the Royal York Hotel was theirs for two full days. There was much entertaining in the various rooms occupied by the youngsters. The contents of a large number of bottles of pop were consumed. Hands were swept over slick heads and ties were adjusted before entries were made to the dining rooms, and there was much jolly chatter over meals. Thorough tours were made of the big exhibition and for a long time to come these boys and girls will have happy memories of the two exciting and hilarious days.

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

LOYALTY THE BASIS OF ALL CIVILIZATION

Loyalty is the foundation upon which the whole structure of civilization rests. Loyalty to ones town, loyalty to ones business associates, loyalty to ones friends. Loyalty is essential to the ordinary progress of the world, without it the world would be chaos.

The prosperity and growth of every individual community is dependent upon the loyalty of the people who live in it. Every citizen owes an obligation to his community, and the obligation is a moral as well as a legal one.

This moral obligation consists in doing everything that is in your power to promote the prosperity and happiness of Acton. The man who is enabled to make his living in Acton is under a moral obligation to spend his money in such a way as to help his community.

Anything worth having is worth protecting, and if the prosperity of Acton is worth anything to the people living in it, it is worth protecting. If the chance for a man to earn a good living, to live well, to give his children a good education, is worth anything, it is worth protecting.

There is just one way to protect the prosperity of Acton, and that is to keep the community from being drained of its cash-working capital. The only way to do that is for the people of Acton to keep their money at home. Every time anyone spends money away from Acton instead of spending it in the local stores, they are disloyal to Acton. It is disloyalty to the merchants only indirectly. It is disloyalty to the community of which the merchants are only a small but very important part.

This is the moral obligation that every citizen owes to Acton, just as the payment of taxes and the loyal support of the government are legal obligations. Disloyalty of a large body of the citizens spells disaster to any government and disloyalty of any large part of the people to their community is followed inevitably by the downfall of the community.

Self-interest, if nothing else, should convince every citizen of fulfilling his moral obligation to Acton.

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