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EDITORIAL

Pictorially Speaking

One of the liveliest topics discussed at the recent weekly newspaper convention was the subject of pictures for weekly newspapers. Perhaps you have noticed that for some time THE FREE PRESS has been featuring more pictures in its columns. Cost of reproducing the pictures has been such that their use was curtailed. Then again the securing of pictures that will reproduce well has been a problem. Frankly we haven't yet met with the success we had hoped for in the art of getting pictures good enough for reproduction. You have perhaps wondered why certain pictures you have seen being taken are not in THE FREE PRESS. We have intimated some of the reasons. Many of the pictures taken have been supplied through the courtesy of friends more expert than we are in getting good pictures.

But what we really wanted to tell you was that these difficulties are being tackled and you may anticipate more local pictures in your local paper. Costs are still a serious consideration and will limit the amount of pictures each week, but we will endeavor to keep Acton to the fore in pictures in THE FREE PRESS as in local reading matter. The pictures we like best are those of greatest local interest and that interest all our readers. If you have some particularly good ones we would be glad to have your cooperation in keeping Acton to the fore.

The pictures of the Sunday parade are secured by the courtesy of Mr. Wm. Cochrane, of Kitchener. The ones we secured were just a big disappointment as far as reproduction in THE FREE PRESS is concerned.

No Changes Made — Few May Be Hoped For

Whatever may have been hoped or planned of the Budget is now a matter of record. While there are no reductions in taxes, there are at least no increases. Of course the building trades have secured some consideration that should be stimulating. It is better too that no tariff changes have been made. The policy of making these changes and having retaliatory measures adopted by other trading countries has not been very satisfactory in the past. The outcome of the trade treaties now under negotiation with the United States and Great Britain will be a more satisfactory arrangement.

The budget, with taxes and treaties eliminated, therefore boiled down to not more than a statement of finances, and these are astounding enough. Canada's net debt is placed at \$3,097,727,000 — a big figure, and growing bigger each year. It takes an estimated national income of \$4,830,000,000 to finance this Dominion. These are figures that the average adding machine won't take care of. Expenditures for 1937-38 were \$530,467,000. The running of Canada is big business, but there is no suggestion of the staff not being sufficient.

A More Useful Course

The question of the new courses in the High Schools is proving quite a debatable one in many centres and will eventually come to Acton's attention. Where big expenditures are required for new buildings, the idea has not proven popular and the issue has met with failure when voted upon. We have contended for some time that the curriculum in our schools was not sufficiently practical and did not meet the requirements of life after school days. We therefore are pleased to see a movement for vocational training in the schools.

The change is a radical one and one that we believe should not be expected to be made all at once. The courses should be started in a moderate way and

without too much expenditure until experience has taught just what equipment is actually useful. We cannot see the justification at the present time for the building of an elaborate building for the new courses until the need is proven. Acton will be paying on school debt until building issues until 1947 and has outstanding nearly \$20,000 of school debt.

We do not want to see Acton lag behind in the matter of adequate education, but success is not always measured in terms of equipment but rather in the will to make application of the facilities offered. An expenditure over a period of years will meet with the approval of most folks. The share the Government will undertake in the cost will of course have a distinct bearing on the attitude taken toward the matter. But at present it's all very indefinite.

That Spirit Has Not Diminished

We've written a deal about community spirit and what can be done through co-operative effort. It's been quite a matter of pride that such a spirit is prevalent in Acton and we have often pointed to things that have been accomplished through combined effort. But Acton will have to look to its laurels. Churchill congregation, comprised of only a few families, carried out a centennial celebration on Sunday and Monday that is hard to equal for co-operative effort.

To say it was a success is putting it mildly. It took weeks of effort in preparing the church buildings and surroundings. It took extraordinary effort to carry out the two days of strenuous program. We've heard quite a bit about the pioneer spirit that met and overcame big obstacles. It was apparently prevalent at Churchill a hundred years ago. It is just as prevalent in this day and generation.

Not All to the Exhibitors

Agricultural Societies are now in a position to honor the unsung heroes of agriculture; the men who have unselfishly given of their valuable time and talent to further worthwhile agricultural projects in their community without thought of reward save in work well done for the benefit of all.

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies believing it is high time the work of these men should be recognized in tangible form has announced through Secretary J. A. Carroll, Toronto, that each Agricultural Society may recommend one person per year to the District Director for an Agricultural Service Diploma. The Director will conduct any investigation deemed necessary and if satisfied will forward the recommendation to the Secretary of the Ontario Association, who will fill in the names of the recipient and the Society making the award and also place the stamp of the Ontario Association on the gold seal of the diploma. It will then be sent back to the individual Society for presentation on some formal occasion.

The award may go to anyone in the community and need not be confined to a member of an agricultural society, Mr. Carroll states. The diploma is fourteen inches by ten inches and will be signed by both the President and Secretary of the Ontario Society.

EDITORIAL NOTES

After all summer wasn't due to commence until Tuesday, and none can say it was behind schedule.

Vacations are now being enjoyed or in immediate anticipation. May they be happy and not marred by mishap on highway or water.

Magna Carta arrangements in Acton were well carried out and as a result the institutions and freedom we now enjoy are more deeply cherished.

More of Premier Aberhart's enactments have been quashed. Alberta will have a real salesmanship job to do before capital can be induced there for investment.

Most everyone is agreed that the Dominion Government acted wisely in disallowing Premier Aberhart's proposals. Most folks considered no other course could be followed.

Acton's observance of Magna Carta Week was a bit more enthusiastic apparently than a lot of other centres. The decorations were the subject of inquiry by many strangers.

We have nothing but praise to offer for the Park improvements—even to the new sign pointing to the direction of this beauty spot. More power to you, Councillor Chapman, in your efforts.

Just how many business institutions could stand conducting a business that went behind \$13 millions last year, and would do worse this year? And this is our business, the Dominion of Canada, that goes in the red each year.

It might be made to read "Governments work in a mysterious way their wonders to perform." And in the meantime, Acton's main thoroughfare is in a deplorable condition and the second line highway is one culvert nearer to being a highway instead of a dirt road.

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Dear Editor:

In response to your letter, I should like to say that the officers of the Canadian National Railways are always conscious of the important part the weekly newspapers play in Canadian affairs and that we fully appreciate the keen interest the members of your Association take in the welfare of the National Railways System. We have noticed with satisfaction that you have extended this to Canada's newest enterprise, the Trans-Canada Air Lines.

I hope that the weekly newspapers will continue their valuable work of fostering a spirit of unity throughout the Dominion and encouraging Canadians to work for steady improvement in conditions by avoiding useless controversies which can only tend to retard the nation's progress. Above all, I hope you

will carry on your discouragement of those pessimists who seem to have no other contribution to make than the forecast of disaster. The things to be advocated to-day, it seems to me, are the avoidance of anything which might cause sectional, racial or any other form of strife, and the positive qualities of sane optimism and hard work. These, I think you will agree, are Canadian characteristics. It is not enough to recognize them and be proud of them; we must maintain and extend them.

With kind regards and all good wishes to your membership and to your journal, I am

Yours faithfully,
S. J. HUNGERFORD,
Chairman and President,
Canadian National Railways

QUITE TOO SMART

The teacher was explaining the difference between the stately rose and the modest violet.
"You see, children," she said, "a beautiful, well-dressed woman walks along the street, but she is proud, and does not greet anybody—that is the rose. But behind her comes a small creature with bowed head—"

"Yes, miss, I know," Tommy interrupted. "That's her husband."

WELL NAMED

John—Did you hear the latest sneaking song?
Joe—No; what is it?
John—I Took One Look-ka-choo.

LEATHER GLOVES

There is a good demand for leather gloves in Holland and Canadian supplies to that country have been increasing, particularly gloves for cyclists, motorists and workmen. Canada produces millions of leather gloves every year and the hides used in producing the leather come from Canadian farms. No fewer than 7,223,676 pairs of leather gloves were produced in the Dominion in 1936, cowhide being used for 2,505,612 pairs, sheepskin for 1,971,972 pairs, and muleskin for 282,200 pairs, with a total value of \$4,024,980.

EXPORT OF BLUEBERRIES

Canada virtually monopolizes the import trade of fresh blueberries into the United States, while Newfoundland controls the frozen shipments. At the same time Canada supplies the United States with a fairly substantial amount of the frozen berries. The bulk of the frozen blueberries goes into pie-making.

INDIANA SHRINERS TO SEE FAMED COLUMBIA ICEFIELD

One of the first groups to visit the Columbia Icefield over the new motor highway from Jasper Park Lodge will be a delegation of 22 Shriners from Evansville, Indiana. They belong to Hadi Temple and their Potentate is Robert L. Orok. In charge of the party is Arthur W. Mann, Recorder of the Temple.

Evansville Shriners have made several trips to Canada before. Hadi Temple had a special Canadian National train from Chicago to Toronto for the Shrine Convention of 1930.

MILK IN CANADA

Total milk production in Canada in 1937 is estimated at 17,188,617,700 lbs., as compared with the final estimate for 1936 of 16,998,415,500 lbs., an increase of 190,202,200 lbs., or 1.1 per cent. Milk used for making dairy and creamery butter showed a reduction in quantity during the year, while farm-made cheese, factory cheese and miscellaneous products registered increases.

A MEAN "CRACK"

"How are you, Mrs. Smith?"
"All right nothing to grumble at."
"Mr. Smith away eh?"

FAIR WARNING

Margaret Anne aged 4 years standing on the doorstep of her home, watched with fear as her mother crossed the street to her through the heavy traffic and greeted her by saying: "You are so bad you won't go to heaven when you die, but only to the cemetery."

LOCATED

School Teacher—Where do all bad little boys go who do not put their pennies in the missionary box?
Small Boy—Please, miss, to the pictures.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

Passenger—Is this plane safe?
Pilot—Yes, unless on earth!



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Kansas Farmers Anticipate Record Wheat Crop



What promises to be one of the greatest wheat harvests in the history of Kansas is under way, two weeks before the usual cutting time. Expected yield for the state has been placed as high as 200,000,000 bushels by experts, a yield exceeded only once. One of the best farmers in the state to enter his wheat field with a binder is O. Graham, shown on the binder. His son, Clarence, is on the tractor. Graham says wheat on his 200-acre farm will average better than 30 bushels to the acre. The entire U. S. wheat harvest is expected to be one of the largest, if not the largest, on record.