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## EDITORIAL

### Civic Holiday

A lot of readers can recall when Civic Holiday was a different date in nearly every municipality. That was before the days of such easy inter-municipality travel. About the only thing that could be said for the variety of dates was that it gave individuality to the municipalities. The date to-day is pretty uniform and follows out the plan of having a holiday a month, especially through the summer.

We don't know the origin of the holiday. But it's the one day of the year designated by the municipality. It is the logical day for celebration of anything particularly important to that municipality. Many a successful celebration has been staged in Acton on that day. Whether there is a civic celebration or not, observe it just as loyally as you would any holiday proclaimed by Parliament. And in the holiday spirit just review in your mind the many things that make you proud of Acton as your town. Civic pride on Civic Holiday should at least not be missing in anyone.

### May We Move a Vote of Thanks?

Amateur bands in Ontario owe a debt that will undoubtedly never be repaid to Prof. Thiele, of Waterloo. His untiring efforts in band work have not been confined to his home town of Waterloo, but have been spread throughout the entire Province. Last week he was in Georgetown and we are told performed the rather unpleasant duty of awakening the pride of citizens in their splendid home organization. On Saturday night he was in Acton, and it was largely his guidance that made the tattoo of the local band such an outstanding success.

We learn that he had visited four other communities that same week in connection with band events. The work is done voluntarily and as a labor of love. Perhaps Prof. Thiele considers the progress he sees in amateur bands reward for his efforts. Communities everywhere owe him at least a vote of thanks, and perhaps Acton may have the pleasure of moving such a vote. His efforts here were indeed appreciated.

### Savings?

The intimation last week of a reduction in the County Rate will be welcome news. With the payments that have been assumed by the Provincial Government, the majority of Municipal Councils had in striking the rate for the taxes budgeted for a reduction in this quarter. Perhaps even a bigger reduction was anticipated. But the County Council is passing on part of the saving handed down.

New road machinery has been acquired and repairs of quite an extensive nature are planned for the County Buildings. A new heating system has been approved, and repairs to the Registry Office are to be made. While it is not fair to criticize these improvements when one is not thoroughly acquainted, it is very interesting to note the rather extravagant claims that were used to back up the expenditure.

New storm windows recently added have cut the fuel bill in half, insulating will make a further saving, and a new heating system would, of course, only be considered in order to make for more economy. If these economies continue to grow, it's going to be real tough on those who supply fuel for the County Buildings. Or are we taking the Councilors' enthusiasm as literally as he has apparently swallowed the sales talk of all those who have promoted the improvements? Possibly the County Rate will show greater saving next year?

### Brighter Prospects

The prospect of good crops in Western as well as Eastern Canada is indeed good news. Ontario had the benefit of splendid crops last year, and can readily wish for other parts of the Dominion a similar experience. True, prices may as a result be lower, but isn't it better to have a smaller measure of prosperity for many than super-abundance for a few.

Many had lost faith entirely in the West. The long continued period of drought has indeed been discouraging. But at last the sun seems to be breaking through and the West is coming back. With its comeback, other parts of the Dominion will benefit. And also the return to better times will show that it is not the Aberharts or new-fangled isms or the old-fashioned partyisms that guide the destinies of a country. But praise for the fullness of the earth rests with an all-seeing Providence.

### Are Opportunities Passing?

We in a newspaper office are asked for all kinds of information, but an inquiry last week that is common in every town or hamlet at this time of year had us stumped. We were asked for direction to a Tourist Home, and we don't know of any such thing in Acton. Just why we can't answer, because the sign is so common along every highway these days, that the visitors making the inquiry were quite surprised to find that there wasn't any such thing in Acton.

Whether it is an opportunity being overlooked, we are not prepared to say. We rather imagine that rooms are available every day in either hotel. We have wondered why summer cabins were not erected down at Fairy Lake by some enterprising person. They seem in many places not nearly so well situated. Are we passing up opportunities in Acton by not catering to the tourist trade?

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Occupied farm lands in Canada are valued at an average of \$24 per acre.

Canadian National Exhibition posters are making their appearance and Acton Fair follows right along after. Signs of fall are here.

It is at least refreshing to have in the world news these days no "crises." Apparently there were so many of them developed that a crisis ceased to be news.

This immediate district has certainly been very fortunate in missing the heavy hail and rain storms. It's better to be a bit dry than have it come in a deluge.

Money orders, travellers' cheques and other financial paper issued by express companies in Canada during 1937 amounted to \$67,523,282, compared with \$63,548,920 in 1936.

Just how long the Mill Street roadway will remain in its present terrible condition seems a problem. The enthusiasm of last fall has waned considerably with this unfinished work.

Cutting the corners too sharply has been expensive to motorists passing through Acton. By the time repairs are made and court fines paid, it is agreed that it would have been more profitable to heed the highway signs.

An amendment to the Criminal Code, which becomes effective next Monday, August 1st, is so clearly worded that slot machines are definitely illegal, except those which vend merchandise, giving a definite and similar result for the money every time. In the interests of all the amendment has been long overdue. Clean them out now. Monday may be too late.

The Hanover Post tells about a church which decided to discontinue publishing a list of its contributors at the end of the year, but the term was only half completed when the offerings had fallen so alarmingly, that it was decided to cancel the resolution and again issue a list of contributions. Secure in the knowledge that nobody would know how much they gave to the church, many members had straightway reduced their givings, but, when it was announced that this secrecy would no longer obtain, they brought their contribution up to a respectable total, and the church was saved a deficit.

Acton or any other town will not become a good business centre so long as its business men rely on a few merchants to make the effort to bring trade to town. Too often the men in a few lines of trade are about the only ones that reach out after customers. Other merchants wait until these men induce people to come to town and content themselves with trade that naturally drifts to their place. A public spirited man should ask himself if he is doing his best to attract people to come to town to trade in helping the entire business community and no town is a success unless all lines are working to extend the trade as far as possible and trying to bring a larger territory in the circles in which the town is the business centre.

### The Cancer Crusade

By J. W. B. MacCallough, M.D., D.P.H., Secretary, Cancer Committee

Fighting the Great Scourge with Knowledge — A Campaign to Wipe Out Ignorance, Fear and Neglect

**DAMES VISITUEUSES**  
The Ligue Francaise Contre le Cancer is a voluntary society in Paris. It is supported entirely by the contributions of those interested in the control of cancer.

The "Dames Visitueuses" are a group of 40 women, voluntary workers who have taken the responsibility of visiting at least once every year all the cancer cases within a certain area. The names and addresses of patients are secured from hospitals. Patients from places outside Paris are followed by mail.

Dames Visitueuses do not mention cancer when they visit a patient. They introduce themselves as a representative of the physician who has treated the case and who desires to know how the patient is getting along. Yearly reports on the cases are sent to the physician involved.

These women have no light job. Some of them may visit as many as 350 patients a year. In cases where the patient is in need, the individual visitor or the Ligue will supply funds for food, bandages, clothes, etc. Each year information is secured on more than 2,500 cases. In the 15 years of its existence, the Ligue has gained information on over 30,000 cases.

The Ligue is the Paris educational centre for cancer and it very resembles in some respects that of the Health League of Canada. Each year there is a cancer week, "La Semaine de Defense Contre le Cancer," in which there are radio addresses, meetings, publicity and the distribution of literature. Special courses are organized for nurses, Quacks and charlatans are exposed. In addition to its education work, the Ligue contributes funds for research and aids indigent patients. Its active agents are the Dames Visitueuses.

The Ligue in addition sell pamphlets dealing exhaustively with popular misconceptions about cancer and describes the accepted technique of treatment. Its posters displayed on the boardings, tell the story of the campaign against cancer. Some of its slogans are: "Cancer: Kill It When It Begins," and "Cancer Can Be Cured If It Is Treated in the Beginning."

### WILD ANIMALS NO LONGER WILD

Prominent among the attractions which draw visitors to the National Parks of Canada is the opportunity to associate with the so-called "wild" animals on a basis of mutual good-will and respect. All national parks are wild life sanctuaries, where the animals and birds of the forest, prairie and lake are protected from molestation with all the vigor of the law. The result is that these creatures very soon begin to recognize in man a friend instead of an enemy, and to conduct themselves accordingly.

Deer and bear are common in most of the western parks, and a recent report from Jasper states that a baby moose, accompanied by its watchful mother, is taking strolls through the streets and byways of that popular resort. The mother moose keeps her baby carefully guarded from attack. Another visitor is a big elk, which apparently enjoys human companionship.

The good relations which have been established with the animals in the national parks are a revelation to those who have not made the acquaintance of Canadian wild life under such favorable conditions.

## MAKING CANADA

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Dear Mr. Editor:  
I was very pleased, indeed, to hear that you are President of so influential a body as the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. They are a fine lot of fellows as I learned personally a couple of years ago when they met here.

But as for giving advice to men who are specialists in their own field, I am afraid that I am not quite gentle enough yet to try that. There is one thing, however, that I have always thought about weekly newspapers. They ought to be the safest and most lucid guides to public opinion in what might be called "the small town or city" areas. We daily chaps get to know our cosmopolitan populations fairly well by dint of rubbing them the wrong way and hearing about it. But I feel at sea as regards, say Bowmanville or Richmond.

The weeklies could hold a mirror up to local opinion in such fashion as to enlighten their brethren of the dailies, not to mention politicians, statesmen—if any—publicists and other parasites who live by guessing which way the public wind is blowing. As for guiding that wind, they are in the best position to do it. If the local editor is not the most influential man in his community, he ought to be ashamed of himself.

In any case I wish you and your Association every sort of luck.

Sincerely yours,  
A. R. CARMAN, Editor,  
Montreal Daily Star.

### MYSTERIOUS LETTERS

A good deal of fun can be got out of secret writing, and there are several kinds of "invisible ink" that are quite easy to get and safe to use.

One of the simplest and handiest is milk. If you write with this, using a fine nib and not pressing too hard, you will find that the words are not to be seen when you have finished. But, if the paper is held in front of the fire, the letters turn brown and remain so.

Onion juice behaves in exactly the same fashion, except that the warmth of the fire brings out the written words in yellow.

A little alum dissolved in lemon juice gives you yet another kind of invisible ink. Words written with it become visible when the paper is dipped into water. Then they turn a pale grey.

For another amusing and interesting way of writing secretly, you need two sheets of paper, a piece of glass, a little water in a jug or a plate or a bowl.

One sheet should be soaked in the water. It should then be laid upon the glass. The second sheet should be placed on it and your message written with a blunt pencil. The wet paper should be allowed to dry and, if you have done the job properly, what you have inscribed on it will not be visible. To recover the words the paper should again be put into water. This has the effect of making the message clear.

Just one word of warning. Let the soaked paper dry in the open air of its own accord. Do not hold it near a fire or over a lamp.

Lack of good roads is said to be responsible for a decrease of 16 per cent. in the population of the Shetland Islands between 1921 and 1931.

### SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



UNCONVICTED PRISONERS IN JAPAN WEAR BASKET-LIKE HATS OVER THEIR HEADS TO PREVENT RECOGNITION

THIS PLANT ONLY BLOOMS AFTER A FOREST FIRE HAS SWEEPED OVER ITS ROOTS — IT GROWS PARTICULARLY IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CALIFORNIA

THERE IS SPECULATION AS TO WHY AND HOW THIS POSTMARK WAS USED — THE CENTER DESIGN IS A BEEHIVE — FOUND RECENTLY, IT WAS USED IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, IN 1858-59

THE STORAGE BATTERY IS THE RESULT OF MORE THAN 20,000 EXPERIMENTS DURING TEN YEARS OF WORK BY THOMAS EDISON

## Walking with the traffic on the Highway THIS MUST STOP!



If there is no sidewalk or path and you must walk on the Highway, walk toward the traffic, not with it! When you walk toward oncoming traffic, you can watch every car as it approaches, and the driver can see you. Don't risk your life needlessly, especially at night. Walk on the left side, and keep close to the edge of the road.

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Daily, except Sunday . . . . . 9:54 a.m.  
Daily, except Sunday . . . . . 6:28 p.m.  
Sunday only . . . . . 8:19 p.m.  
Flyer for east, flag stop in Georgetown at  
9:40 p.m.

Going West  
Daily, except Sunday . . . . . 8:48 a.m.  
Daily, except Sunday . . . . . 3:49 p.m.  
Daily, except Sunday . . . . . 7:07 p.m.  
Sunday only (flag) . . . . . 11:32 p.m.

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Standard Time  
EASTBOUND  
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8:51 a.m. 3:52 p.m.  
8:41 a.m. 3:57 p.m.  
11:26 a.m. 8:52 p.m.  
2:01 p.m.

—except Sundays

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