

LEST WE FORGET

Hark to the call of remembrance. Hark to the call of God. Hark to the call from millions who sleep under foreign sod.

Twenty Years Ago

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The list of casualties in Friday's paper reports that J. T. Lottitt, of Acton, has been gassed.

News of the death, in England, of Pte. David Carly, son of the late David Carly, Sr. of Acton, was received by friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burt received the sad news of the death of their son, Pte. J. D. Burt, in France, on October 25th.

Mr. William Lynd, Jr., son of Mr. William Lynd, Main Street, who has resided in Cahawa a number of years, has leased his father's farm.

Acton has raised \$197,400 in the Victory Loan campaign. The objective was \$175,000.

The end of the war is now in sight. Turkey has surrendered and Austria, after defeat by Italy, surrendered unconditionally. The Allied forces are now proceeding by way of Turkey and Austria to Germany's "back door." The end may come any hour.

DIED

POHLES—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Millard, of Guelph, on Tuesday, November 8th, 1918, Elizabeth McMurry, widow of the late Nicholas Forbes, in her 81st year.

CANADIAN ESKIMOS HEALTHY

Good health conditions among the Eskimos in Canada's Eastern Arctic are reported to the Department of Mines and Resources by Dr. Keith P. Rogers, medical officer of this year's Eastern Arctic Patrol.

Medical care for the native inhabitants of the Eastern Arctic is provided by government doctors and nurses, stationed at various points, and by two fine hospitals, operated at Chesterfield and Pangnirtung by missionaries.

Two other agencies are also having a marked effect in improving the physical conditions of the Eskimos, namely the teaching of fine example set them by missionaries and by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORTS

Wheat and wheat flour are among the principal of Canadian exports to Nyasaland, British Africa. Wheat flour was also the most valuable Canadian export to Hong Kong during the first six months of 1938.

Canadian canned peas are outstanding on the Trinidad, British West Indies, market and are in strong demand. Canada is the main source of supply of canned vegetables for the British West Indies.

HOW RAILWAY CARS ARE NAMED

Naming of passenger cars is a system on the Canadian National Railways. Sleeping cars are named after stations, chambrée or sleeping room cars have the names of Canadian resorts.

BUT CONSIDERATE

"Paul is a deceitful man." "What makes you think so?" "He pretended to believe me last night when he knew very well I was lying to him."

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



MY PRAYER

God, who touchest earth with beauty, Make me lovely, too, With Thy spirit re-create me, Make my heart true.

Like Thy springs and running waters, Make me crystal pure, Like Thy rocks of lowering grandeur, Make me strong and sure.

Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight, Make me glad and free, Like the straightness of the pine tree, Let me upright be.

Like the arching of the heavens, Lift my thoughts above, Turn my dreams to noble action, Ministries of love.

God, who touchest earth with beauty, Make me lovely, too, Keep me ever by Thy Spirit, Pure and strong and true.

Mary S. Edgus

And now to continue a few more thoughts on early days on Bower Avenue. The lot on the corner of the avenue and John Street, (next to "The Cottage" of which I told you last week) is owned by Mr. Cameron McEmery. Cam came to Acton from Ballinafad, and is a descendant of my old friend, William McEmery, who was for many years a member of the Township Council and always a regular attendant at its meetings.

Originally this lot extended well down on John Street and took in the site of two houses now erected thereon. Well, Cameron came to Acton and for several years was a valued employee at the Storey Glass Works, where he learned the glove business. He married Annie Evans and for years this couple had a happy home here. They improved and modernized the property. But when Ernie, the only son, grew to young manhood, there was an urge to go back to the farm and the Bower Avenue home was rented and Mr. and Mrs. McEmery are back at Ballinafad, where Ernie can now do a man's work.

This lot was owned, away back about 1850 by John McBain, who kept store in the building on Mill Street now occupied by Wilds Bakery, a grandson of my friend George Wilds. Mr. McBain was a brother-in-law of William Finlay, who succeeded him in the store business when Mr. McBain died. Mr. and Mrs. McBain lived over the store for a time, then he built a house on this Bower Avenue lot. Mrs. McBain lived there until her marriage with

Johnnie Ahern, who for many years was agent of the Grand Trunk Railway here and afterwards was proprietor of the Royal Exchange Hotel, where the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Acton Creamery are now located. Mrs. McBain left this house when W. H. Storey's family residence, Sunderland Villa, was being built, and part of the lot, the house was bought by Ed. Dynea, and removed to a lot on Church Street, opposite the old Temperance Hall. Ed. made this his home as long as he lived in Acton. He started to brick the building, which was of clapboard construction, but the brick ran out before he had reached half way up the doors and windows, and that's the way the house remained for twenty-five years. This house and lot was purchased by Robert Watson, when he returned from farming and came to Acton. Mr. Watson tore down the old sixty-year-old structure and a fine cement block residence now occupies its site.

On the site where the McBain house stood, Mr. Storey erected a commodious carriage house, which he used until his death, in 1908. Later it was used as a private garage, and finally Mr. W. A. Storey had it converted into two very comfortable residences. There were bought several years ago by the late Mr. William Mason, he and his family occupied one of the house until the death of Mr. and Mrs. Mason. This home has been added many times in late years. The father and mother and three of the daughters have all passed on. Miss Lattie still has her home here and Mr. Frank McIntosh whose wife was the latest bereavement in the family. The other half of the house is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dawkins.

The portion of this lot, at the corner of Bower Avenue and John Street was purchased by the late Abram Matthews, grandfather of our present Postmaster, when he retired from farming. Mr. Matthews was one of our early settlers. He came to Acton in 1848 from Pilkington, in Wellington County, and settled on the farm where Mrs. G. H. Switzer and her family now reside. Mr. Matthews built this cottage and it was the first house built of concrete ground in town. He lived there for a number of years and then built the concrete cottage on Frederick Street, now occupied by Mrs. Talbot. This was his last home here. He died full of years, esteemed by everybody after having been a worthy resident for about half a century.

After Mr. Matthews was through with his Bower Avenue house he sold it. It later became the property of Mr. Mack Secord. I think he brought his bride, Miss Panny Powell, of Guelph, to this home. They spent many happy years there. Their talented daughter, Miss Rachel, had her birthplace there. In the course of time the family removed to Guelph, Mrs. Secord's girlhood home.

Mr. William Blair owned this property for a number of years and made his home there. When he removed to Lake Avenue, he sold to Fred Denny, who had given up farming and came to town for a rest. Fred lived there for a year or two, but always had a hankering for farm life again. When Charlie Bailey was ready to sell the Lusty farm which is one of the best in this community, Fred Denny concluded that was where he wanted to spend the rest of his days and he bought it. Fred and his family are having a good time there and are very proud of their farm and farm home.

Well, Cameron M. Emery was the last purchaser of the old McBain lot and still owns the property. I guess that's enough for this week. Look for more in next issue. I may finish up Bower Avenue and I may not look next week and see.

The Old Man

WRONG-WAY IMPETUS

"Sambo" said the employer to his negro servant, "you are an hour late this morning."

"Yes sah, I know it sah. I was kicked by a mule on my way, sah," replied Sambo.

TIME TO RUN

Husband: You know, dear your griddle cakes always remind me of a baseball game.

Wife: How's that, dearling?

Husband: The batter doesn't always make a hit.

HIGH VALUE IN 1938 OF MAPLE PRODUCTS

Although the 1938 maple syrup season was relatively short, the conditions were particularly favorable for the maple products industry. The crop was exceptionally heavy, being estimated in terms of maple syrup as 3,300,700 gallons. This is practically double the volume of the short crop of 1,673,400 gallons in 1937 and equal to the 1929 crop, the year of peak production when the total crop was also estimated at 3,300,000 gallons, in terms of maple syrup. The value of the 1938 crop is estimated at \$5,840,000, as compared with the value of the 1937 crop at \$2,245,500. However, with surplus heavy prices in general in 1938 are lower than in 1937.

Of the 1938 crop only 10 per cent. was made into sugar, as compared with 26 per cent. in 1937. A decline in the proportion of syrup made into sugar is indicated in the four producing provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, the decline being particularly marked in Quebec, when only 12 per cent. of the crop is estimated to have been made into sugar in 1938 as against 34 per cent. in 1937. In New Brunswick also the proportion of production made into sugar declined from 27 per cent. of the total crop in 1937 to 34 per cent. in 1938. Reports from producers indicated that about one-third of the syrup would be kept for home use and the remainder sold. For sugar, it was estimated that the production of sales would be approximately the same as for syrup.

STILL THE "HOWLER"

Preas are men who play games for money, and are quite different from poets. A fugue is what you get in a room full of people with all the doors and windows shut. A cuckoo lays other birds' eggs in its own nest, and viva voce. Letters in sloping print are called hysterics. The minister of war is the clergyman who preaches to the soldiers in barracks. In America people are put to death by execution. Guerilla warfare means that they are up to their monkey tricks again.

BAD ENOUGH AS IT IS

Moose—Ah she's glad Ah wasn't King Solomon. Rastus—Whaffer you has dot 'pinion Moses—Iuh, huntin' up washin's for one wife keeps me plenty busy.

HICK-DOUGH, PERHAPS

The tenderfoot, who thought he could ride, mounted a pony in front of a lot of cowboys. The pony soon threw him. "Well!" said a cowboy, helping him up. "What threw you?" "What threw me? Why, she bucked something fearful! Didn't you see her buck?" cried the tenderfoot. "Buck!" said the cowboy. "That's all she only coughed!"

MEANING IN DOUBT

Mrs. Smart—My daughter is going abroad to study singing. Neighbor—That is very considerate of her.

COULD AFFORD TO BE

"Isn't that lawyer a rather extravagant man?" "By no means! I've known him to make one nut hat for several years!"

INDICE CONSTANTE

Are you aware you were doing more than fifty miles an hour? Learner—Impossible, officer. I've only been out half an hour.



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