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EDITORIAL

Back to School—Acton School!

The shortest days of the year are at hand for pupils and teachers—the days before school starts after the long summer vacation.

School supplies and clothing of a different kind from that enjoyed during the summer will be necessary. Wherever it can be purchased locally it should be done.

What applies to patrons of stores likewise applies to those who operate stores. Communities are built by community loyalty to all the institutions in the community.

Mirror and Bond

Prize lists now issued for Acton Fair show this splendid community event to be presenting in this its twenty-sixth year one of the finest fairs of its years of successful operation.

A perusal of the 1939 list in comparison with that of a few years back reveals many changes. We find more competitions for junior farmers creeping in.

Just how fine a mirror of farm conditions the fair fairs are is not often realized. Not all the activities of the fair are visible on Fair Day, either.

Whether We Like It or Not

We might as well be honest about it. We were quite surprised to get the markings of the judges in the newspaper contests and find that the editorial page of THE FREE PRESS had a marking of 91 out of 100.

we didn't consider them a necessary part of every newspaper, we know they would have been deleted long ago.

We recall too that in school days we detested geometry and art. The only difference seems to be that in later years we have been able to conceal our dislikes from the examiners.

Towards More Permanent Roadways

We often think that if communities realized the impression given visitors and towns folk by the condition of streets and roadways, there would be a general improvement.

We believe every municipality would be well advised to adopt such a program. With gravel and material to keep down the dust, a dirt-road is not the cheapest type for maintenance.

Perhaps Church Street and Bower Avenue and a section of Mill Street might come under the same plan.

The Man Who Sold Hot Dogs

A subscriber of the Bowmanville Statesman told the editor of that excellent newspaper a story, well worth passing on.

There was a man who lived by the side of the road and he sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes, so he read no daily newspapers.

But then something happened. His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio? Haven't you been reading the newspapers?"

Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son's been to college, he reads the papers and he listens to the radio, and he ought to know."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Back to Standard Time on Monday. Here's where we get back that lost hour of last spring.

The amount of liquor consumed in Ontario increased in four years from 9 1/2 million gallons to 26 million gallons.

The exhibition crowds are again this year finding new thrills at the annual event. We plan on visiting there on Press Day (to-morrow).

Shipments of Canadian silver fox fur to the United Kingdom amounted to 153,434 pelts in 1936; 203,233 in 1937, and 193,508 in 1938.

August and September are distracting months. But it appears that the crisis this time will come to a showdown—if it hasn't already before this item appears in print.

Canada holds an outstanding position amongst the water-power using countries of the world, with an average hydraulic installation of 731 horse-power per thousand of population.

The holes on the highway, between Acton and Milton are most numerous at this end. Perhaps the gravel applied was not evenly distributed between the north and south, or did it all slide down?

Interest in the announcement of the publication of "Acton's Early Days," shows that many folks are interested in local history much the same as in local news.

Burlington is to spend another \$65,000 on its waterworks system. Is that the system whose former debentures were generously backed by the whole of the County of Halton?

Ontario News of the Week

By Marjorie McDonald

Where to Canada?

With Great Britain mobilized for war against Hitler's threat to destroy the independence of Poland, the Canadian Government held emergency cabinet sessions.

But while a spokesman for Australia declared emphatically that that Commonwealth was ready to send manpower to the Mother Country, in the same general manner as during the last great war, official Ottawa kept a significant silence on this point.

The answer may have been given officially from Ottawa by the time this column is in print, so slightly do decisions come in the time of war crisis.

"With Britain at war, Canada becomes the vital supply depot. Volunteers will embark to fight besides Englishmen, of course. But if conscription comes, it will likely be conscription of men and women to man farms and industrial plants to meet unprecedented demands for war materials of all kinds."

Some time ago, Prime Minister Mackenzie King declared that Canada would never again send an expeditionary force to fight in Europe. He was criticized then, and later when he repeated that statement.

With industry in Britain under constant threat from enemy planes during war, Canada was looked upon as a new strategic centre in which to carry on the business of keeping armies supplied with all the necessary war materials, guns and ammunition, clothing and food-stuffs.

What affect war would have on business in Canada is so uncertain that it would be foolish to hazard a guess. It is interesting to observe however the seeming confidence of a number of key men in the country's ability to weather such a storm if it broke.

Right or wrong, this answer would account for the odd silence at Ottawa whenever the opportune time arrived for Canada to affirm her loyalty to the Old Country.

Talking about business, we should tell the amusing story of two Toronto business men who were deploring the state of business for them three weeks ago.

Last week, they met at luncheon. The textile man was in a dither, roundly cursing customers who piled in orders all in a heap.

At the Canadian National Exhibition, the attendance is another sign that there are more joy envelopes being given out each week.

PRODUCING THE PROOF

At Rugby the late Major Bartlett was once asked in class: "What is the meaning of the word 'adage'?"

"Without hesitation, young Bartlett replied: 'A place to put cats into.'"

"Why, sir," replied young Bartlett in astonishment, "doesn't it say in Shakespeare: 'Like the poor cat in the adage'?"

HOUSE FINCHES SEEN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Far from their usual range, which normally extends as far north as Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming, a pair of house finches took up residence in Okanagan Landing, B.C., during the month of June, raised a family, and then departed.

The house finches built their nest in a Virginia creeper which climbs the verandah of the bird officer's home. Both birds were shy and quiet, contrary to their usual habits, and when first examined the nest contained five eggs.

In addition to its occurrence at Okanagan Landing, the house finch has recently been found in Penitence and Victoria, B.C. The three records fairly well establish it as a Canadian species.

TO AVOID MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Following is a valuable list of rules for the guidance of both children and adults in connection with motor traffic, the careful adherence to which would undoubtedly lessen the toll of accidents:

- 1. Don't ever ride with strangers. 2. Always walk on the left hand side of the road and get clear of the road when you meet an automobile. 3. Don't ever cross a road or highway until you are sure there are no cars coming from either direction.

WORLD GIRLDE OF COTTON

Lancashire's production of cotton cloth is now so extensive that it would stretch eight times the distance between the earth and the moon, according to the latest figures which have just been published.

The figures are only now available because there is necessarily a time lag before the total production from all sources can be worked out. They are difficult to appreciate, but it may be stated that the yardage of the products of Lancashire looms for the year was sufficient to provide a belt of cloth approximately 40 inches in width which would extend 80 times round the world.

The clearest idea of all, however, can be gained from the realization that the cotton cloth production of this country is sufficient to provide every living soul on earth (according to 1931 estimates) with two yards each.

In 1937 Lancashire cotton weavers paid £59,037,000 for their raw materials (primarily cotton yarn) and produced goods to the gross value of £84,500,000. The average net output of the 173,595 persons employed was £142 and this compares with £123 in 1925.

STREAMLINE WHISTLE

The whistles of the new streamlined Grand Trunk Western locomotives—sister engines of Canadian National engine 6400, now on exhibit at the New York World's Fair have been heard more than 3,000 miles, in Northern Ireland Germany, to be exact.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT



LONGEST POSSIBLE TELEPHONE CALL IS FROM BAY, CALIFORNIA, TO ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA, THE CALL BEING ROUTED THROUGH NEW YORK AND LONDON, AND BY RADIO OVER THE OCEANS.

A GILA MONSTER OF NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA, AND TEXAS HIDES IN A COOL BURROW DURING THE DESERT SUMMERS, LIVING ON FAT STORED IN ITS TAIL.

THE JAW BONE OF A WHALE FORMS THE ARCH OVER A DOOR OF BIRD MUSEUM ON GRAND MAHAI ISLAND—OFF HAWAII SCOTTS.

Eire's First High Commissioner to Canada



The first High Commissioner appointed by Eire in Canada, Mr. John Hearne, is pictured here with Mrs. Hearne and their charming children, Maurice, Right, and Justin, aboard the Duchess of Bedford as they arrived at Montreal en route to Ottawa, where Mr. Hearne will take up his new duties.

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Table with columns for COACHES LEAVE ACTON, Standard Time, EASTBOUND, and WESTBOUND, listing train times and fares.