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#### Your Vote is Yours

The matter of your franchise in the coming election is yours, but you must make sure that you attend to the details in securing that vote. Right now the important thing is to see that your name is on the voters' list. Copies have been posted up on the Council Chamber door at the Town Hall and can be seen at any time. Of course you can ask some one else to look after this if you wish, but you can do it yourself. an epidemic of municipal officials who have shortages. If your name has been omitted, the correction can be Fortunately there are absolutely no symptoms of the made on Tuesday, March 12th, when the enumerators spread of the epidemic here. for Acton will be at the Council Chamber to add any names that have been omitted. It is not necessary to delegate this job to some one else, unless you so wish. After March 12th will be too late to add any names: See now that your name is on the list.

# In Course of Publication

the Auditors' Report for the past year. Copies will be available for general distribution in about three weeks' time. The report has many interesting features, and the fact that all of last year's supply wast used by citizens shows the keen interest that ratepayers have in the affairs of their municipality.

A brief perusal of the report shows that Acton is now in good financial condition and the future looks very promising for a continuance of this imrpoves ment. This year the Current Account Section showed a credit balance of \$2,699.54, against a debit balance last year of \$60.69. A net increase in the cursome more attention.

\_\_Another feature that is encouraging is the debenture statement. Nearly all of the issues are due to expire in the next few years. The longest terms are on the waterworks and arena, which still have about ten years to go. The Young Street pavement will be paid in 1943 and a group of sidewalk debentures all retire by 1945. A Public School debenture is paid in 1943 and the Continuation School debenture will be fully paid in 1947. All of these issues are drawing at least 5%, and the larger portion of them 6 and 61/2% per annum. The waterworks chlorination plant debenture will be retired this year. Interest charges have made up the larger portion; of these payments in others, while some achieve it for themselves until the last few years. Now the principal payments Niagara Falls Review. are increasing rapidly and the total debt drops more quickly as a result.

· We could go on at some length with this story, but then we would be "telling the story before it is done" and in a few weeks ratepayers can have this book for their own perusal.

# Beating the Machine

operating a slot machine and the gadget failed to deliver the necessary slugs when he should have ist. cashed the jackpot. The young man immediately corrected the faulty machine by smashing it and taking out his nickles-nearly five dollars' worth.

The story goes on to say: "It is alleged that be- industry in Canada for better distribution of purcause of certain legal technicalities the proprietor chasing power and sound future development."-C. failed to report the destruction of the machine to the W. Sherman, President, Dominion Foundries and authorities." We never advocate the destruction of Steel Ltd. property or the breaking of the law. But when folks break the law by having these machines, which are illegal, well, there seems to be one fellow who found effort so thoroughly and well that the price of eggs. way to beat them at last. At any rate the above which was 32 cents in August, is now down to 29 story appeared last week in the Simcoe Reformer.

### History Again "

Some one who hasn't a copy of "Acton's aErly Days" asked us recently how old the Town Hall was and we replied well over fifty years. The fact is that it is really nearly the sixty year mark, having been built in 1881-82, and the cost was between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

A question we cannot answer is how much money has been expended on it since for maintenance. Certainly not sufficient. But the very lack of that maintenance shows what a splendid construction job was done at the time of erection. A few years ago we heard a report given by a man of building experience, who had examined the foundations of the building and he reported it as almost as good as the day it was erected.

The Council that got the erection of the Town Hall started was C. S. Smith, Reeve, W. H. Storey, D. Henderson, M. Speight and D. W. Campbell-men as solid and substantial as the building which they planned.

### EDITORIAD NOTES

Sales of new passenger motor cars in Canada during 1939 amounted to 9,0000 vehicles, valued at \$97,092,388.

Indicative of Canadians' fondness of ice cream the production in 1938 amounted to 8,104,979 gallons valued at \$9,848,265.

Wellington voters will have two brands o National sendidates and a Liberal to choose from in he coming elections. Variety, anyway.

Those who patronize events in the Town Hall wil certainly commend the Council on the purchase of some new seating equipment for the auditorium.

1939 motor vehicle licenses are only good for 24 days more, and it looks as if those last few days would see a rush for the new yellow and black during the year.

The district surrounding seems to be having quite

Gold production in Canada during the first ten months of 1939 amounted to 4,235,880 ounces, compared with 3,877,239 ounces in the corresponding period of 1938, and 3,380,735 ounces in 1937.

Acton is to have a tax sale, to clear up title of Last week Acton Council received and reviewed four or five properties. We can only recall one other such sale in this Municipality, which speaks pretty well for the majority of the property owners.

> "This-month the Salvation Army are making an appeal for funds to help in their war work and other work. The cause is a most worthy one and deserves the consideration and most generous support that can be given it. The work of the Army speaks admirably for itself.

Barrie plans to organize a Chamber of Commerce, rent bank account during the year of \$5,516.72 was, with a membership fee of \$5.00. Most towns realize shown. During the year the debenture indebtedness the value of such an organization. Midland business was reduced by about \$9,000.00. The tax arrear list men are so sold on their Chamber off Commerce that shows about a \$500 improvement but is still due for some of the merchants each contribute an \$100 a year or more to its activities.

> Colonel Drew complains of being gagged and Premier Hupburn has clamped down on the censorship on motion pictures. Now, if the Colonel had been the leading man in pictures, instead of devoting so much time to oratory, perhaps he wouldn't be suffering from that choking sensation.

# WHAT OTHERS SAY

Success is the thing that some are content to envy

Another way to keep cookies and candies safe from juvenile hands is to lock them in the pantry and hide the key under the soap on the washstand .-Hartney Star:

There are lots of funny people in the world. Why\_ we know men who would much rather dig in the The story-is told that in Delhi a young fellow was ground for fishworms in May than shovel snow in February or March .- J. Ollier in Sheburne Econom-

"I hope management wifl consider decentralized

Hats off to the hen. She-has-been doing her war cents a dozen.-Financial Post.

# **Ontario News** of the Week

By Murdle McDonald

Manpower for war effort is rapidly becoming a major problem in Canada. With all divisions of its wartime program nicely under way, this country must a'ready face the question, how is going to get enough men and women to do the job we have undertaken.

Canada's population is not a great deal more than it was in 1914. Yet she is attempting to put just as many men uniform as during the last war and embarking on a course of agricultural and industrial production so much great- campaign. er in extent and volume than last time. it will call for almost superhuman effort to carry it on.

In sizing up our actual enlistment of became clarified. Mr. Mackenzie, speak- Toronto Police Board to close units would be the equivalent of one divi- Toronto Alderman came forward big Empire air training scheme, excluwill have after all about the same number of men in uniform as in the last war. Such being the case, how are the remaining citizens going to keep up the prodigious amount of work to be requir ed on the land and in the factory?

At Hamilton last week, C. M. Canfield, prominent Canadian business executive declared that in his opinion every ab'ebodied man would have work before the end of 1940 for the seeking. He predicted that in building construction alone, there would be a very heavy increase

A day or two later, in Toronto, Horace . Hunter, publishing house president, drew attention to the fact that during 1940 Great Britain was spending \$500. 000,000 in Canada. Moreover, the Canadian government would be spending one million dol'ars a day throughout the year for services and supplies, another \$365 000,000. Break that down into actual jobs in

every municipality throughout the nation, and you have an eye-opening picture of the tremendous industrial task facing Canadian citizens

True to earlier prediction, the general

election campaign is going on in an at mosphere of comparative calm. Apart from the customary personal digs which are, part of most pre-election periods, there has been little indication thus far of violent reactions one way or another among the electors themselves.

Two of the more intriguing high-spots in the campaign last week came from Premier Mitchell Hepburn, at St. Thomas, and from Dr. Manion, at Winnipeg. Said Dr. Manion: "But let me tell the Prime Minister that most of the best Liberals are outside the King Government and a number of them are ready to join with me in forming a National

Said Premier Hepburn: "I have nothing to say on the matter," when questioned about an Ottawa newspaper re- were down 76 per cent. port that he was getting ready to help Dr. Manion during the remainder of the

that the authorities are treating militant Communists with kid gloves. men for military service, many of us Douglas Stewart, business manager of hailed by leaders in public health both have been drawing wrong conclusions. the Clarion newspaper, which was shut in Canada and the United States as one One division of men in England and an- down, was sentenced to a penitentiary of the greatest contributions to health other in Canada, with apparently no term, he remained defiant, said he would nove in sight to put any more in the use his influence for the Soviet to the "It has long been established," he says, field, looked sma'l in comparison with limit anywhere. Later an Appeal Court the five divisions under arms in 1918. reduced Stewart's sentence to a shorter It was not until Hon. Ian Mackenzie term in the Reformatory. Last -week with the growth of knowledge on the spoke last week, that the real situation when Chief Constable Draper urged the part of the public in North America. ing in Vancouver, drew attention to the Ukrainian halls' because he felt they ed pasteurization. We are proud that fact that Canada's naval and air force were hot beds of subversive activities, a Ontario was the first Province or state sion, and the personnel needed for the plead for the Association. Detective Nur- and the government will naturally be sey told the Board that some members complimented internationally on the latsive of actual fliers, would be the equi- of the Association had been convicted est proof of the value of pasteurization. valent of two divisions. Thus Canada for sedition, had served penitentiary terms and were still attached to the organization.

#### AIR TRANSPORT SAFETY PASSES NEW MILESTONE

One fatal accident in 106,429,000 passenger miles was the record of commercial airlines in the United States in the year, January 14th, 1939-January 14th. 1940, according to Robert H. Hinckley, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Authority Washington. "This is a record," he said, "well beyond what many people, even within the industry, thought possible a few months ago."

#### PRODUCTION OF POTATOES

The Canadian potato crop in 1939. of 60,650,000 tushels was but slightly higher han the yield of 59,897,000 bushels a 1938 which was one of the shortest crops on record. In the Maritime Provinces there was a substantial increase in 1939 over the previous year, but elsewhere in out there you is drivin' me out of my Canada, declines or minor increases were mind recorded. The value of the crop for 1939, however, is expected to show a substan- Honey, dat ain't no drive dat's jest a tial increase over 1938.

### ONTARIO'S FORWARD STEP

supporting this Legislation.

The Evidence was in the figures of reportable diseases, the Prime Minister particularly to undulant fever and typhoid fever. He also reported a decrease in the cases of bovine tuberculosis coming from the country to the Hospital for Sick Children.

There is a growing feeling in Ontario Director of the Health League of Canada, Phone-Milton 235r3 - After 10 pm When of the Ontario Government had been

> "that raw milk is responsible for a vast to to attack the problem on a broad scale

Besides diminishing undulent fever. typhoid fever and bovine tuberquiosis, pasteurization will undoubtedly infant mortality. Unofficially it is said that there was a considerable improvement in 1939 and when the final figures are released we may expect Ontario to make a new record.

Lazy Dan-Horsey, I'se goin' out to de Dan's Wife-You wastes so much time

Lazy Dan-Drivin' you out of yo' mind?

Premier Hepburn's statement in the Legislature that already evidence was developing that lives could be saved by the pasteurization of milk was received with gratification by those who had been

Typhoid fever was down 49 per cent in-1939 and there were 32 per cent, less cases of undulant fever, the latter entirely a milk-borne disease. Typhoid deaths

News of this marked improvement will be received by health authorities all over North America with profound interest, according to Dr. Gordon Bates, General He stated that the progressive legislation

"This year will see another group of municipalities come under the working of the Act and I congratulate these places on being able in the future to prevent many diseases now common among them.

"I am also glad to say that we are constantly hearing of more farmers doing Gas for Extractions home pasteurization to protect their own families. When 'a'l farmers do that, we may expect to see bovine tuberculosis P. W. PEAREN, D.D. S., L. D"S completely wiped out, which will mean there will be fewer and fewer crippled

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