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Ties That Bind

At the time of writing this article the amount that will be sent to Acton, England, for our share of the Spitfire purchase is not known. The amount, however, is perhaps not as important as the response which this appeal met with by Actonians.

The event showed something of the depth of the ties that bind Canada and the Motherland. Acton, England, is near London. We attempt but fail to realize fully just what these sections of the Old Land are passing through.

\$1,000 is only a small part of the \$25,000 required for a Spitfire. Acton, Canada, is only a small community of less than 2,000 folks, compared with Acton, England's 70,000 people.

Co-operating for Acton's Growth

1940 will be marked as a year of marked industrial growth in Acton. The only available vacant factories have all been filled with industries, which not only thrive in war time, but will occupy just as considerable a place of importance in times of peace.

It is perhaps a point that may be overlooked that in both instances this year the present industries now operating here took the initiative to secure these additional industries.

It is but a further evidence of the interest that has been shown in Acton and its growth by Col. Beardmore and Mr. Amos Mason. It is by no means the first evidence in the community, and the hearty support given by Council and other municipal bodies in concluding the arrangements is backed by citizens generally who appreciate what these new industries will mean in the growth of Acton.

The Electors Will Decide

It appears to be the general plan throughout the Province to have the electors decide on the two-year term for Councillors and all municipal bodies. Acton will follow this plan and in December the electors will decide the issue.

Most municipalities are just as anxious to save on elections or other expense as the Provincial Government. Incidentally many of them would have saved on one this year if it had not been for the necessity of holding an election to decide this two-year question.

Every community knows there are times when

an election is not an expense but, in reality, a saving. Nearer election time we will publish some of the clauses that acceptance of the two-year term carry with the plan. Given close study, the matter will be given a decision next election day.

Conservation of Effort

Many communities have adopted the plan of having one annual drive for all war and community charities. A conference in Ottawa, called by the National War Service Department, also gave some consideration to amalgamation of the appeals of the Red Cross, the Canadian Legion, the Y.M.C.A., the Knights of Columbus and the Salvation Army.

We note that in some communities where the plan has been inaugurated it has received popular support. Brampton, for instance, had a \$15,000 objective and reached well over \$20,000. Without a doubt such an arrangement would curtail a lot of effort.

Since the annual Red Cross campaign has already been started in Acton this year, it is too late for any such amalgamation of the work. If nothing is done by the Dominion Government to consolidate the appeals before another year rolls round, it would be well for Acton to give consideration to such a plan.

Dry Land Again

The draining of what was known as Henderson's Pond, or Corporation Pond, but was in reality possessed by Mr. A. Mason, brings back many things besides old tiles, old car seats and other things that now come into view.

For instance, there is now in sight the stone work and one abutment that used to support the bridge that crossed the stream. That was the bridge built by Dr. Morrow over the creek when he used the land for pasture. According to the recollections contained in "Acton's Early Days," the present dam was built in 1874 by William Stephenson for the Acton Plow Company.

"When the dam was completed," we read in this historical book of Acton, "and the retained water began to creep up to high water mark posts, the matter put on quite a serious aspect for the Doctor. The little twelve foot bridge was now useless. A new two-span bridge and about 100 feet of approaches with crib work retainers were necessary if the pasture was to be of any service."

The pond finally became of no further use and now there is no necessity of maintaining it. It is perhaps a coincidence that Dr. Morrow sold the pond to Hon. David Henderson and although Mr. Mason did not purchase the pond from Mr. Henderson, but from Mr. J. Bell, Mr. Mason did purchase and resides in the house built by Mr. David Henderson and, incidentally, is prominent in the same political party with which Hon. David Henderson was so well identified.

Back to the pond property again. After sixty years under water it now appears to be going to take its place as dry land again—not as a pasture field but more probably to supply the site for new homes for residents of Acton.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The next public holiday will be Remembrance Day. Seems as if most every month has at least one.

With two new building subdivisions in course of preparation it looks as if the housing problem is on the way to solution.

You, too, can serve by saving. War Savings Certificates and Stamps offer an opportunity for even the smallest amounts.

Circus barkers have proved that the fellow who yells the most attracts the most attention and business. So it is with merchants; the fellow who is silent will not be rushed with business.

We feel impelled to congratulate Council again on the effort to inaugurate a system of municipal garbage collection. It's another of the worthwhile undertakings that will, we hope, be to the credit of the 1940 administration.

When the King government came into power again in 1935, the Conservatives had a majority of 28 in the Senate; now the Liberals have 49 members and the Conservatives 47. The need for Reform of the Senate has disappeared.—Chesley Enterprise.

A fellow we know who resided in a section of the community where the leaves are particularly thick on the ground these days, fails to see any glory to the autumn. We sometimes wish, ourselves, that the wind direction would change.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th

CHRISTIAN MOTIVES FOR ABSTINENCE

(International Temperance Sunday) Golden Text.—For the kingdom of God, we must eat and drink, but with righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.—Rom 14: 17.

Lesson Text.—Luke 1: 13-16; 2: 1-7; 4: 4; 6: 21, 25, 43-45.

Exposition.—I. Foundations of Godly Character.—Luke 1: 13-16.

Zacharias and Elizabeth were grown old and they were childless (Luke 1: 6, 7). They were both "righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

For years they had prayed for a child but their prayers were not answered. While Zacharias was performing his office as priest the angel of the Lord appeared unto him (Luke 1: 11). Although he was stricken with fear the angel quickly reassured him with the statement that he and Elizabeth were soon to be the parents of John (v. 13).

It was to be no ordinary event because many people would rejoice at his birth (v. 14) and he should be "great" (v. 15). The word employed here is a superlative and means greatness as to quality. It was the purpose of God to first discipline the parents through years of waiting in faith and earnest praying.

It would fit them to be the parents of the forerunner of the Lord. It was a heavy price they had to pay but it was well worth while.

The announcement (v. 15) of the qualities of the new child reveals what clear and painstaking processes go into making characters godly from birth. Without such parents as Zacharias and Elizabeth it cannot be done. God gives them instructions because He knows they will carry them out. It is well for us to ponder the nature of these instructions. John was to be raised in total abstinence. This was contrary to the habits of the circles in which he would have to live.

Wine was a common drink and strong drinks were the specialties of the well-to-do. But John was to have none of these. Why? God's purpose to make him "great" in all his personal qualities, as God made Joshua great (Jos. 3: 7; 4: 14). Wine is the symbol of mere natural joy (Ps. 104: 15). The joy of the Lord is not dependent on such stimulants but is of a more blessed and enduring quality.

The worst about alcoholic drinks is that they stir up the carnal in man and unfit him to worship and serve God. What ever does that degrades human character and thus renders it impossible as a witness for the Lord. Our inspiration is to come from the Lord, not from the sinful concoctions of man (Ps. 87: 7; 97: 12; Heb. 3: 18; Phil. 3: 1, 3; 4: 4, 10). There is only one way to be made a witness for the Lord and that is the Lord's way. John was to be full of the Holy Ghost from his birth.

II. Jesus' Childhood Years.—Luke 2: 40. This verse concerns the Son of God after He had been brought back from Egypt to Nazareth by His parents (Matt. 2: 13-23). We know little concerning the childhood of Jesus but one thing is certain. He would be holier and more perfect even than John. If John was qualitatively great, then Jesus was infinitely greater in qualities and perfections.

III. Jesus Meets Temptation.—Luke 4: 1-14. The contest relates to the great struggle between Satan and Christ which ended in Satan's defeat. The temptations were real and were in some senses eight things, but Jesus was asked to do them in a wrong way and in agreement with Satan. For instance, our Lord had just fasted forty days, and Satan suggests that He use His power to turn stones into bread as a demonstration of obedience to Satan. It was a severe test but our Lord met it completely. He laid down the principle that man does not live by bread alone but by every word of God. In other words, man's first thought in temptation is to be what God would have him do. If he does not know, his business was to find out. If he takes pains to do so he will find that God gives sufficient assurance to enable the tempted to win the victory (Ex. 23: 25; Luke 23: 35; Deut. 8: 3; Jer. 40: 11).

IV. Blessings to the Poor and Warnings to the Carnal.—Luke 6: 21, 25. These verses are part of a sermon preached by Jesus. The first verse refers to those who, for Jesus' sake, practice self-denial. In verse 20, Jesus "lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said, Blessed are ye poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." They were poor because following Jesus had meant an unpopular calling with all that could mean in their material lives. They had left all and followed Him. They had gained the Kingdom of God (Acts 14: 22; 1 Cor. 3: 21-23; Jas. 1: 12). Jesus said that the end of the way for those who had refused to see the Kingdom of God because they sought their satisfactions in the lusts and enjoyments of this world would be "hunger and tears" (Eph. 5: 4; Jas. 4: 9; Matt. 22: 11-13; Rev. 18: 7-11).

V. A Good Life Is Like a Fruitful Tree.—Luke 6: 43-45. Our Lord teaches that the inner character of the heart will decide the nature of one's life. Only a heart made rich by the grace of God will be rich enough to produce a fruitful life in service to God (2 Cor. 4: 6, 7; Eph. 3: 8; Ps. 138).

VI. WORSE THAN A CAMEL. An Arab sheik was being taken in a car across a very bumpy patch of desert. So bad was the going that at last the car overturned and the sheik was thrown out. Instead of protesting to the driver, the Arab picked himself up and apologized profusely, saying, "I'm so sorry I've not learned to ride off of these things yet."

WAR 25 Years Ago

By the Canadian Press

The German-engineered thrust in the Balkans caused apprehension throughout Allied countries 25 years ago in the First Great War. As Britain and France rushed troops through Salonika to the new theatre of war, Serbia's plucky little army was forced to withdraw on all fronts in the face of strong Austro-German and Bulgarian armies.

Taking advantage of the indecision of Greece, the Austro-German armies after smooching their way across the Drina, Sava and Danube rivers, captured Belgrade, Serbia's capital, and moving south occupied several important towns. The Bulgarians, driving in from the east, cut the Salonika-Nish Railway and occupied Uskub.

Although Greece permitted entry of Anglo-French troops through Salonika, she refused, on October 22nd, 1915, to participate actively on the side of Serbia. Britain offered the high island of Cyprus as an inducement, but this was turned down.

French Made Ground. On the Western Front, French troops defended newly-gained positions in Arras and Champagne. The enemy launched unsuccessful counter-attacks in an effort to regain ground lost at Soehetz and around Tahure in the opening drive of the Allies' autumn offensive. On the other hand, the French succeeded in capturing "The Curtain," strong German position, north of Meaulin in Champagne.

Austro-German armies on the Eastern Front strove desperately to break down Russia's defence before winter conditions set in. In the Baltic area attempts to advance near Riga and Dvinsk were frustrated. Successful counter-attacks far south in Galicia encouraged the faltering Russians who captured many prisoners in the Tamopol area.

FIGHTING RYAN OUT OF PRISON

Sentenced to Death in Spain, He Has Been Released by the Franco Government

Dublin, Eire, Oct. 23rd (CP)—Frank Ryan, who led the Irish battalion of the International Brigade, which fought for the Spanish government in the civil war of 1936-38, has been freed from prison in Spain, it is learned here. Captured by the Franco forces in 1938, Ryan was sentenced to death. Sentence was later commuted to 30 years' imprisonment. Ryan's release followed strong appeals by prominent Irishmen, among them General Eoin O'Duffy, who led the Irish forces which went to Spain to fight on General Franco's side.

AS AUTUMN COMES

Kingsville, Ont. (CP)—Jack Miner, ringed Canada Geese come in pair now—several old mates are together among the scores bearing bands of other years now flocking for their semi-annual stop-off at the naturalist's sanctuary here.

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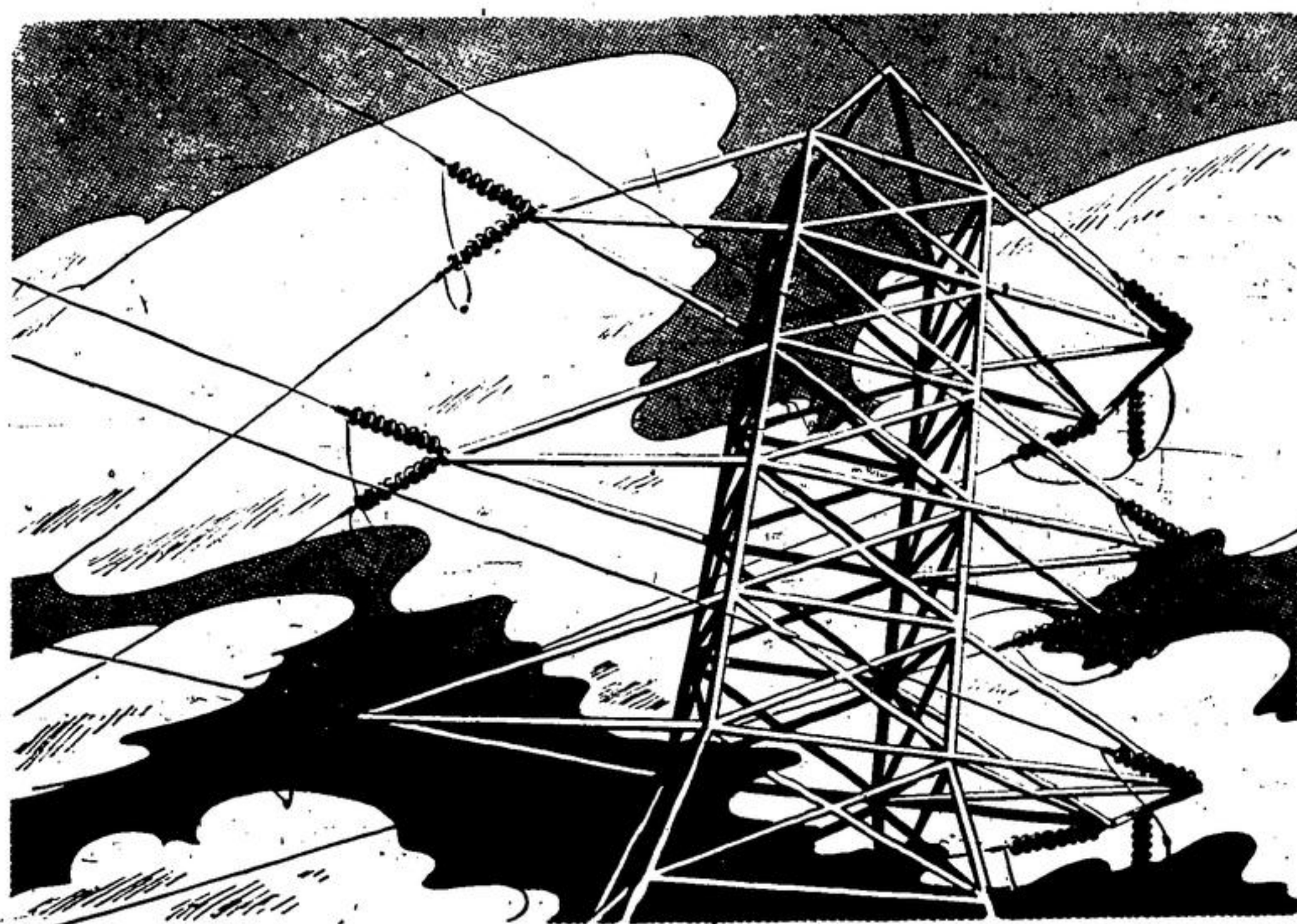
GRAY COACH LINES

Table with columns for 'COACHES LEAVE ACTON Standard Time', 'EASTBOUND - To Toronto', and 'WESTBOUND - To London'. Lists departure times for various routes.

IS GREAT FELLOW SAYS BEAVERBROOK

Minister of Aircraft Production Pays Tribute to Herbert Morrison

London, Oct. 23rd (CP)—Herbert Morrison has been a great help at the Ministry of Supply, Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, said in a statement after Morrison's appointment as Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security. "He has bothered me plenty by taking much material that might have been appropriated to aircraft production," Lord Beaverbrook said, "but for all his efficiency and competence I now forgive him. In the interests of the country may the new Minister (Sir Andrew Duncan) prove to be as good as Herbert Morrison." Mr. Morrison succeeded Sir John Anderson, who became Lord President of the Council.



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