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Canadian Legion Holds Service of Rededication

Parade and Open Air Service in the Park—Collection Went to Bombed Hospital

It was fitting indeed that the annual church parade of Zone 26 of the Canadian Legion coincided with the Sunday in the Reconsecration Week. Combining of the two made an impressive service here, not only of legionnaires but of more from town and district.

The parade formed at the Town Hall at 2.30 and by way of Bower Avenue and Frederick Street marched to the Soldiers' Monument for the first part of the service. The Lorne Scots Regimental Band led and was followed by standard bearers of the Legion branches and local patriotic organizations. Legionnaires were present from Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Milton C.A.T.S. and Acton Ladies Volunteer Guard, Acton Boy Scouts and Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E., all participated in the parade.

At the cenotaph Zone Commander H. E. Earl of Milton read the proclamation for Reconsecration Week. Last Post and Reveille were sounded and the band led in the singing of that old hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past". The Reconsecration week Grace closed this part of the service. A wreath was placed on the monument by the Legionnaires.

Under Legionnaire J. M. McDonald, the parade re-formed and proceeded to the park. Here service of rededication was carried out with Rev. A. E. Brooks, Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Rev. H. L. Bennie leading in various parts. The band led in the singing of the hymns.

In his address Rev. H. L. Bennie said the thoughts returned of another war when lives were given and sacrifices made in an effort to end war. Now in the third year of the second great war it was fitting that we should rededicate ourselves to this task again.

We must give thought to the sacrifices of the future and since we are going to finish this war on the side of victory the cost of lives and sacrifice will be tremendous. Looking back we must also look to the future and remember these sacrifices as we stand under the cross.

In those hours of darkness overshadowing our shores, whom shall we turn to but God. Gradually we see his hand in the future unfolding before us. The ways of evil will be defeated and the armies of Jehovah will triumph. The task before us is one too stupendous for us to achieve alone. But what men with God's help have done before they will do again. The present was the time to reconsecrate ourselves to Him Who is able to save. Mr. Bennie urged all to a rededication of our lives to the task that now lies before us.

During the services a collection was taken, which was given after incidental expenses in connection with the service were met was handed over to the Bombed Sick Children's Hospital in London, England.

The National Anthem and a prayer and benediction brought this very impressive service to a close.

Following the service the Lorne Scots Band gave a splendid band program on the stand at the park entrance. The program was a varied one and the performance of this fine band was greatly enjoyed by a good number of people who remained.

SPECIAL RALLY DAY SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

A Rally Day service in the United Church on Sunday morning promises to offer several unusual features of interest. The service has been planned to attract the fathers and mothers of the children specially and to give them some adequate idea of what their boys and girls are getting in the church school from Sunday to Sunday. With this in view the service will be held in the school room, instead of the church auditorium as usual and at eleven o'clock. Before programmes will be a feature as also will be picturesslides with an abundance of bright music. Several of the scholars of the school will have a part in the program and the Prime address will be given by the new minister Rev. W. A. Fleming.

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

This Week's Register

Ross Swackhamer has joined the Canadian Dental Corps and is now at the No. 1 Bombing and Gunnery School, R.C.A.F., Jarvis, Ont.

Fifty-Six Year Old Newspaper Items of Interest

Packed in among some goods that had been shipped here Mrs. Melvin Walker, Mill Street, found a page from The Globe, Toronto, dated May 16, 1885. There were several things of interest on these two pages and among them was the following:

THE CANADA GLOVE WORKS

In 1869 Mr. W. H. Storey founded the above works at Acton, Halton County, Ont., and from their inception to the present time, prosperity has attended the energetic proprietor. Recently commodious new premises have been erected of which The Acton Free Press says: "The dimensions are 40 x 100, and four stories high, including basement. The exterior appearance of the building is really fine, and presents an especially attractive view from the G. T. Railway. The basement is of dressed stone, and the walls proper of pressed brick, painted in appropriately contrasting colors. The roof is fire-proof. The copings and cornices are handsomely finished in neat designs in brickwork. The building is well lighted. The interior appearance is cheerful and pleasing and the various apartments are so arranged as to meet the comfort and convenience of all concerned." From the basement to the top story everything is as neat as a new pin, and the work is so arranged that perfect system prevails throughout. From 150 to 200 hands are engaged, and 100 sewing machines are in operation. The goods produced comprise every grade, from the coarsest buckskin to the daintiest covering for ladies' hands, and a ready market is found throughout the Dominion.

Another item was a war map showing the battlefield of Fish Creek. There was what was described a terrible casualty list. Sixty-five were dead or missing exclusive of rebels. Articles also gave severe criticism of the officers and those in charge of the battles.

Reading the war articles one could not help but see a similarity today on the present war and the criticism often put forth.

Unemployment Insurance Plan Still Troublesome

Utilities Commission Plan For Additional Help for Miss Speight

The Acton Public Utilities Commission met Monday evening in regular session due to Tuesday being the first day of Acton Fall Fair.

The following accounts were passed:

Hydro Dept.	
Highway Garage, antifreeze	$ 7.50
Norton Motors, gas and oil	14.46
Sutherland-Schultz Electrical Company, repairs	5.85
Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies	17.91
Bell Telephone Co., services	5.81
Bell Telephone Co., adjustment of pole rent	2.20
Tremco Manufacturing Co., caulking compound	21.25
Department of National Revenue, sales tax	79.05
Canfield Electrical Works, relay, repaired	5.25
Powerlite Devices Ltd., fuse links	36.96
Canadian General Electric Co., Meters	84.66
Sangamo Company Ltd., stop watch	27.80
Acton Free Press, printing	7.81
C.N.R., Transports and C.O.D. express etc.	6.63
	$322.57
Waterworks Dept.	
Hydro Dept., power at spring etc.	63.80
Hydro Dept., August operations	118.53
Canada Brass Co., supplies	3.06
	$185.39

A letter of appreciation was received from W. Coles, secretary of the Business Men's Association for assistance rendered them during their Saturday night draw this past season.

The Commission decided to advertise for an assistant to the secretary, Miss B. Speight. Applicants to state qualifications and salary expected, both for part time until the end of the year and full-time work. Applications to be in by the next meeting of September 30th.

A communication was received from the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission in reply to request for further information regarding Unemployment Insurance. Stated in part that the majority of municipalities are complying with the Federal legislation.

Miss Speight was instructed to write the secretary of the O.M.E.A. at Guelph, stating their decision on this matter of Unemployment Insurance.

All members of the Commission were present.

Acton Fair for 1941 was Great Success Bigger Attendance and Finer Exhibits

Packed House for Arena Show

Fair Officially Opened by Col. A. O. T. Beardmore—Splendid Exhibit of Horses and Cattle and C.N.E. Winners — Manufacturers' Exhibit of Made in Acton Products a New Feature—Midway Was Bigger Than Ever—Vivian Clarke's Horse Won Jumping Events.

Graced with the finest of early Autumn days the Acton Fair of 1941 was another big success. The rain that fell just prior to the arena performance on Tuesday did not stop the crowd from attending the performance. The building was jammed to the door and gate receipts showed it to be within a few dollars of the record high.

Wednesday was another fine day and attendance figures revealed that the crowd was much larger than last year and above the average. President M. Symon and the untiring and very efficient Secretary E. T. Thetford and the Board of directors have every reason to be proud of the 1941 event. There were the little incidents that cause concern in any such undertaking but again not a serious accident marred the two day event and all are pleased in this record.

As usual the Arena show on Tuesday night played to a capacity house. Returns show that it came close to the record year and no more could be accommodated. The rain which came on just at eight o'clock was no deterrent because all know Ecfe the show could carry on.

The Fair Directors are determined that this event shall be kept up to a high standard and this year's performance was up to the mark. The show lasted nearer four hours than the three hours promised. The well-known Russ Creighton of Toronto was in charge of arrangements, supplying the music and arranging the sound and lighting. He also made the announcements.

President M. Symon welcomed all to the fair, expressed appreciation in the first night's attendance and hoped that everyone would enjoy the two days that had been arranged.

The rain did interfere with the program. The staccato as it fell on the big metal roof made the first part of the program very difficult to follow. Blondie and Athabaska the black face team had a real problem carrying on. An act that under better conditions is a headliner.

Art McCall and Ruth Gibaud are a team that performed to splendid advantage. The feats of strength and skill in balancing drew forth rounds of merited applause from the crowd. Ruth Gibaud also appeared to advantage in tap dancing numbers and solo acrobatic acts. They are a pair whose performance was one of the highlights of the show. Doug McTague as Mountain singer was an artist who also pleased the crowd and he was generous in rendering many request numbers of old favorites.

A novelty that drew plenty of laughs was Ginger Ott the acrobatic horse. He did all kinds of dances, manoeuvres and gymnastics that only a horse in two sections could do and provided plenty of fun.

Winners against representatives from twenty other counties. The Dalton Junior Girls presented the feature that brought first prize to Halton County. It was one of the projects of junior girls' work. A presentation of what was appropriate in clothes for girls for various occasions. Mrs. Alex Neal explained the work and what was being accomplished. The presentation was made by Miss Verna Webster as commentator and leader and Miss Molly Cutts, and Miss Dorothy Steele as models. Clothes for farm work, sports, travelling, evening wear and the accessories that went with them were modelled and explained. It was a unique presentation and enjoyed.

The events with the saddle horses are always popular and this year some splendid performances were given and there were keen contests in all events.

In the open class Miss Vivian Clarke of Norval won first place. Mr. Armstrong of Brampton second and Mr. Ledson Streetsville was third.

Miss Clark also carried off first place in the ladies' jump, Mr. Ledson of Streetsville second and Mr. Armstrong of Brampton third. The crowd gave Miss Clarke a big hand for her performance. The animal that won for her was one formerly owned by Dr. Sifton's stables. Miss Clarke has been a regular competitor with jumping horses at Acton Fair for some years and the crowd admired the persistence that this year brought her in top place in both classes.

COL. A. O. T. BEARDMORE
President of Beardmore & Co., Who Officially Opened Acton Fair Yesterday Afternoon

Eight horses and riders scrambled for seats on horses and barrels alternately in the Musical Chairs contests. The little black pony which carried a rider who slid off close to the ground had the crowd with him and finally won for P. Landlaw & Sons of Norval. The event lost none of its popularity on Tuesday night.

That game of sweating horses, flying lath and potatoes, known as the potato race had all the thrills packed into it and the pony too, termed by Russ Creighton as the Baby Austin H. Brown, R.R. 4, Acton, won first; J. Devereaux of Georgetown, won second and the pony of P. Landlaw and Son of Brampton took third place.

The exhibit in the hall was on the whole a very good one. Potatoes, roots, grain and vegetables had one of the best showings in some time and were a good sample. There was also a good showing of flowers and the ladies' work made a splendid exhibit with many new exhibitors taking part. The baking and canned goods section was not large and neither was the fruit but the quality was good. The school exhibits were attractive and there was a small showing in the new class in children's work.

The Women's Institute exhibit did not have as many competitors as usual but made a real good showing.

A new department this year was one in which manufacturers in Acton were invited to show some of the goods that are made in industries and plants in Acton. While all these manufacturers were not able to make an entry this year it is hoped that the event will next year be all inclusive and give visitors a picture of Acton's industry. It was the subject of much favorable comment.

Beardmore and Co. gave a showing of various leather products, sole leather, belting and the latest to the line the new suede leather now being made here. Mason Knitting Company showed some of the lines of children's underwear, that keep that plant working to capacity.

In war work not many were aware of the fine machines that are being made by Acton Machine Shops. Only some of the smaller parts and, the smallest machine made could be shown. The importance of the wool industry in Acton now, by showing the raw wool both domestic and imported, displayed by the Canadian Wool Company and the scoured, carded and combed wool and wool tops now being processed here by the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada. The latter two industries, that at last fall fair time had not a machine in Acton. An exhibit of gloves by the Superior Glove Company showed another phase of Acton's industry. Baxter Laboratories, another institution in Acton, also had a display that gave some conception of the work that is carried on in the laboratory here of that company.

A reminder that every Canadian has a duty to help win the war and can serve well his country and himself was the basis for the War Saving Committee in charge of Mr. W. J. Gould, a veteran of two wars.

The botanical exhibit shows splendid collection of roles that is being gathered. Bird continued interest and new collections for this years showing. Under Mr. N. F. Moore this department has steadily increased in interest and this years was up to standard.

The biggest midway ever seen at Acton Fair was in operation the first night. Empire Shows had plenty of rides and thrills for young and old and after the arena show was in full swing.

SECOND DAY

Yesterday afternoon the second day's activities started off with the parade of school children. Led by Acton Band it moved off from the Town Hall shortly after one o'clock and by way of Mill and Main Streets and Knox Avenue wound up in the Fairground. Parade dismissed and with a whoop and a yell the youngsters soon set things in motion. Winners for the best decorated bicycle in the parade were Joan Somerville, Ken Adamson and little Teddie Irwin.

From the platform in front of the grandstand President M. Symon welcomed one and all to Acton Fair. He said a full program had been arranged and he hoped all who attended would find the fair an enjoyable one. He introduced Col. A.O.T. Beardmore as one who had always taken a kindly and helpful hand in Acton Fair as the guest who would officially open the Fair.

Col. Beardmore, President of the Beardmore Co., and a native of Acton, said it was not only a pleasure but an honor he appreciated to officially open Acton Fair. He had been reminded before going to the platform that he had been an honorary director of Acton Fair twenty-eight years ago when it was first formed as an independent fair. He congratulated the boards of the years on the pro-

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Big Crowd Attends Final Prize Night

Post Office Square Packed With People as Acton Business Men Distribute Twenty Prizes

It is estimated that a thousand people were packed in the Post Office square on Saturday night for the final draw of the Acton Business Men's Association. At any rate the barrel was well filled with coupons and when the names were called there was only one absentee.

Ed. Allen, R. R. No. 3, Acton, won a side of bacon. Ten baskets of groceries were distributed going to Bill Knight, Miss Leda Britton, Mrs. Earl Davidson, Mrs. R. Darby, Mrs. F. Mooney, Dr. F. G. Oakes, Alex. McGregor, Murray Smith, Miss Florence Elliott and Alda Braido.

Winners of bread tickets were Mrs. Duby and Mrs. W. Dobbie.

Four bags of flour went to Wynn Little of Rockwood, Miss Minnie Gibbons, C. W. McKeown, and Darlow Johnston.

Three bags of sugar were won by Miss Mulholland, Mrs. N. Morton and Mr. Culp, Hespeler.

There was only one who did not answer for a prize. Mr. Alex. Near, Nassagaweya.

This was the concluding event for the season. The contests have made Acton a popular centre on Saturdays. Every street in the down town section was filled with cars and there were hundreds of people on the main street.

Mr. Charles Kirkness was the pepp announcer at the microphone and Mr. Charles Cutts rolled the barrel and mixed the coupons. Mr. W. Coles, Secretary of the Business Men's Association was timekeeper and Clerk.

ACTON LEGION RECEIVES VALUED GIFTS LAST WEEK

At the regular meeting of the Branch held on September 10th, Comrade Tom Mason displayed a beautiful afghan which his wife had made. He advised that Mrs. Mason being unable to do any active war work, wished to donate the afghan to the Legion, to be used to best advantage for British War Relief.

The gift was gratefully accepted and the secretary was instructed to acknowledge same to Mrs. Mason, expressing the sincere appreciation of the Acton Legion Branch for her kindly thought.

The Afghan was on display at the Acton Fall Fair and now in the show window of Messrs. Johnstone & Rumley.

Comrade Chalmers presented a Schmeider-Enfield rifle and bayonet which had been given to the Legion by Mr. Alex McDonald of Church Street.

Mr. McDonald has had the old rifle in his possession for over forty years. It is a very welcome addition to the Legion relics.

Second Hundred on a Good Start for the Hospital

St. Alban's Guild Tea — Legion Collection All Go To Aid to London

Helping those little children in the London England Sick Children's Hospital was not forgotten during the many other local activities of the week. Saturday night it had gone over the $100 mark and Sunday and days following it strided toward the second hundred.

Thursday night just after The Free Press was issued one who prefers to only be known by initials started off with a V for aid to the helpless little ones being treated amid the ruins of a once beautiful hospital in Old London.

Saturday afternoon the Ladies' Guild of St. Alban's Church held a very successful tea. That evening the treasurer was able to turn over to the fund $15.75. Then followed a couple more V's that will do more good in helping than those on the windows and windshields. Sunday at the Legion service of Rededication the collection had a surplus of $30.67 for the Fund. And thus those who actively participated in the other Great War lent a hand in helping again in the present conflict. We have heard rumors of other plans to help. If you want your money to help in this work the fund is yours and every cent is sent direct to the Hospital for Sick Children in London England.

Always lending a helping hand in worthy causes the Lakeside Chapter gave this week's final boost to the Fund with their contribution of $10.00. And now Acton's fund is over half way on the second hundred dollars.

Here is the statement of the fund as it stands:

Previously acknowledged	$ 82.67
J. H. M.	5.00
St. Alban's Guild, proceeds of tea	15.75
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Toronto	5.00
Masales Dairy	5.00
Zone 26 Canadian Legion, Rededication Service collection	30.67
Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.	10.00
Mrs. T. Rumley	1.00
	$155.09

Soldier's Daughter Receive Certificate In Father's Absence

Tribute to Act of Pte. Orville Brown at the Rededication Service on Sunday

On Sunday afternon during the services of rededication a most interesting ceremony was the presentation of a parchment acknowledging and commending Pte. Orville Brown for his quick action in saving from drowning a bather in Fairy Lake a year ago.

Through the efforts of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. acknowledgement from the Royal Canadian Humane Association was received. On Sunday afternoon Reeve J. B. Chalmers read the following address:

Tribute to presence of, mind and heroic action of Orville R. Brown.

As we are here assembled to rededicate ourselves to the task of Empire and of war against evil, it is very fitting that there should be given to us the opportunity of marking a deed of simple duty and quick thinking that just a short year ago was performed in this very park and a life was thereby saved.

It is also fitting to know that the one who performed that deed is now serving overseas with His Majesty's forces and cannot now be present to hear our words.

Nevertheless, we would like to mark this as a token of the type of manhood that is keeping from ourselves the tyranny of oppression and the slavery of freedom.

SO DO WE HONOR THEM IN THIS DAY.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire have made this possible by drawing the attention of the Royal Canadian Humane Association to this quiet act and securing this certificate of honor.

Since Pte. Orville Brown is now serving in the Canadian Army Overseas on his behalf June Brown, his daughter, received the parchment from Mrs. E. E. Barr, Regent, of the Chapter.

A copy of the address is being mailed to the Commanding Officer of Pte. Brown's regiment in England. The public presentation at this service was most fitting in connection with Rededication Week.

Addition to the House of Refuge Under Discussion

Would Cost Each County $4000—New Heating System for County Buildings

A meeting of Halton County Council was held in Milton last Tuesday with all members present.

At the morning session Dr. A. L. Noble, physician to the House of Refuge in Brampton, addressed the council with regard to the advisability of building an addition to the House of Refuge. Dr. Noble pointed out that the present accommodation was very unsatisfactory since they were at present caring for 111 persons in quarters that were only intended to house 80. Dr. Noble also suggested that if, and when, an addition should be added it would be far more satisfactory if part of the building could be used as an infirmary so that all ill patients might be cared for in one section of the building. He also advised enlarging the staff, including an orderly for the men's quarters.

Asked as to why incurable patients were kept in the House of Refuge Dr. Noble stated that if proper quarters were provided a certain number of chronic cases could be taken care of quite adequately and with less expense to the two counties than if they were hospitalized.

Blue prints for the proposed new addition were submitted to Halton County Council from the County of Peel with the request that a decision be reached today as Peel Council were also in session and awaiting their decision. The estimate for building the proposed addition was set at $8000 that is $4000 for each county.

Since several of the Halton members were entirely unfamiliar with the House of Refuge it was decided that at the close of the council meeting the entire council should pay a visit to the House of Refuge before giving a decision as to the building of an addition.

The following business arising from the reports of the standing committees took place. A letter was received from Mr. W. J. Dick, Crown Attorney, advising Council that he would be returning to his offices in Court House on September 29, as the premises which he had recently occupied with his son had been sold. Mr. Dick also drew the attention of the council to a clause in the Statutes which made it clear that it was the duty of the council to provide suitable accommodation in the County Buildings for the Crown Attorney.

After some discussion as to just how office space in the Court House could be so arranged as to cause the least confusion and yet accommodate everyone, it was finally moved by Mr. Cleave, and seconded by Mr. Gilbert, that we instruct the clerk to notify Mr. W. J. Dick, our Crown Attorney, that his office will be available and also that the clerk be instructed to notify the Provincial Police to move to the West corner room of the Court House. This room is also used for the Grand Jury when necessary and that of the Provincial Police was formerly used by Mr. Dick until recently. The motion carried.

The next subject for discussion was that of a new heating system for the County Buildings. This had been under consideration for some time and the County Buildings Committee had made the necessary investigation. It was therefore moved by Dr. Heslop, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that Thomas Patterson, Hornby R. R. 1, be given the contract of converting the present heating system in the county buildings and the registry office at an estimated cost of $1,665. Carried.

A discussion followed as to whether or not the County Council were liable under the Unemployment Insurance Act, to insure their employees. According to word received from Dominion Government they were liable but the provincial apparently thought they were not. It was moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the clerk be instructed to write some of the larger county bodies and get their views in regard to this matter. Carried.

Other resolutions passed were as follows.

Moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Robertson that the expenses and sessional fees of the County Council

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Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

J. Cadesky, Optometerist, will not be in his office here until October 20.