

Acton Votes 13 to 1 "Yes" County Says it by 10 to 1

Government is Freed of its Pledges by Overwhelming Vote on Monday When Every Province Except Quebec Answers Request—Local Vote Showed Acton and Halton Wanted a Free Hand for Victory.

Acton and Halton County joined with all other parts of Ontario and seven other provinces of the Dominion in releasing the Dominion Government from any former pledges and urging that every effort be made to assure victory for the Allies.

In Halton county the vote was 10,158 "Yes" and 1,012 "No" or 10 to 1 in favor of relieving the government from its pledges. It made a total majority of 9,146 yes votes. Almost 91 per cent. of those who voted marked their ballots "Yes."

In Acton members of all political parties joined in an effort to obtain as large a "Yes" vote as possible. The committee room adjoining Wild's Bakery was a busy spot all day and the results achieved are shown in the vote secured.

The following is the complete result of the vote in Acton and Halton County by municipalities and by wards.

ACTON

No.	Williamson	Yes	No	Yes	No
Black	166	21	145	12.6	87.4
No. 2A, Y.M.C.A.	166	11	155	6.6	93.4
No. 2B, Y.M.C.A.	152	12	140	7.9	92.1
No. 3A, Town Hall	135	6	129	4.4	95.6
No. 3B, Town Hall	144	10	134	6.9	93.1
No. 4, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy's Store	147	10	137	6.8	93.2
Georgetown	1,095	70	1,025	6.4	93.6
Milton	793	51	742	6.4	93.6
Burlington	1,373	190	1,183	13.7	86.3
Oakville	1,841	126	1,715	6.8	93.2

ESQUERESING

No. 1	102	17	85	16.4	83.6
No. 2	142	12	130	8.5	91.5
No. 3	147	16	131	10.9	89.1
No. 4, Dublin	164	19	145	11.6	88.4
No. 5	71	11	60	15.5	84.5
No. 6	217	9	208	4.1	95.9
No. 7	115	13	102	11.3	88.7
No. 8	53	3	50	5.7	94.3
Total	1,011	100	911	9.9	90.1

NASSAGAWEYA

No. 1A	125	7	118	5.6	94.4
No. 1B	50	13	37	26.0	74.0
No. 2A	60	15	45	25.0	75.0
No. 2B	94	17	77	18.1	81.9
No. 3	81	16	65	19.8	80.2
Total	410	68	342	16.6	83.4

NELSON

No. 1A	238	29	209	12.2	87.8
No. 1B	89	13	76	14.6	85.4
No. 2	88	17	71	19.3	80.7
No. 3	99	20	79	20.2	79.8
No. 4	74	18	56	24.3	75.7
No. 5	61	1	60	1.6	98.4
No. 6	111	6	105	5.4	94.6
No. 7A	277	33	244	11.9	88.1
No. 7B	174	16	158	9.2	90.8
No. 8	94	17	77	18.1	81.9
Total	1,309	170	1,139	12.9	87.1

THAFALGAR

No. 1	105	23	82	21.9	78.1
No. 2A	131	6	125	4.6	95.4
No. 2B	95	24	71	25.3	74.7
No. 3	110	19	91	17.3	82.7
No. 4	89	4	85	4.5	95.5
No. 5	114	15	99	13.2	86.8
No. 6	204	6	198	2.9	97.1
No. 7A	149	9	140	6.0	94.0
No. 7B	187	17	170	9.1	90.9
No. 8	102	15	87	14.7	85.3
No. 9	144	29	115	20.1	79.9
Total	1,430	167	1,263	11.7	88.3

GRAND TOTAL

Yes	10,158	No	1,012	Total	11,170
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Bowling and Tennis Club Plan Good Season This Year

There was a splendid attendance last Friday evening at the annual meeting of Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club and increased interest was shown and a determination to wipe off the annual deficit on last year's operation. Officers for the year were elected as follows:

Hon. President—Col. A. O. T. Beardon.
Hon. Vice-Presidents—W. J. Gould, and S. G. Bennett.
President—J. M. McDonald.
1st Vice-President—W. H. Clayton.
2nd Vice-President—Dr. W. G. C. Richardson.
Secretary-Treasurer—A. Battye.
Chairman—Bowling Committee—W. Richardson.
Chairman—Tennis Committee—J. Lorne.

Senior fees for the year were set at \$4.00 and for a man and wife, \$6. This latter fee was not transferable to include other members of the family. The junior and associate members' fees are \$1. The grounds are getting in good shape and it appears members will have a splendid long season this year.

At a subsequent meeting of the Bowling Committee a complete program for the summer activities was outlined consisting of local mixed rinks competition to be played each Tuesday and Thursday evenings during June, July and August, with suitable prizes to be given each month to the two highest women and men.

Men's doubles will be held each Monday night competing for the Beardon trophy.
A ladies' competition was also proposed and this is to be arranged at a later date.

Three tournaments, two twilight and one afternoon and evening meeting is expected to be carried out. These are far outside rinks as well as local dates are to be arranged later.

The tennis committee are making plans for an extensive program for the summer. Further particulars will be announced after the committee meeting which is to be held early next week.

DUBLIN FRIENDS HONOR MR. AND MRS. PETER MEISNAAC

Last Wednesday evening a large number of friends and neighbors gathered at Dublin School to honor Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meisnaac. Walter Lambham acted as chairman for a short program which opened with Mrs. George Robertson leading in all singing. Silver threads among the girls; a vocal duet was given by Doreen Steele and Eleanor Ross; solo by Mrs. Robertson; reading by Mrs. George Somerville; solo by Verna Webster; and concluded with Charles Cutts singing a number of old songs, such as "School Days," etc., with everyone joining in. Molly Cutts was then called upon to read the following address:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Meisnaac: It is with great pleasure, you, many friends and neighbors have gathered in the Dublin School to spend this evening with you and yet it is also with a feeling of regret as you are leaving the section. We are glad your new home will not be too distant away and we hope you will still continue to be members of "Dublin" where you will always find a hearty welcome. You are going to be greatly missed as you have always shown such interest in all community affairs and a willingness to help.

Sincere best wishes go with you to your new home where we all wish you many more years of health, happiness and a well-earned rest. We hope these gifts will be a comfort and bring many happy memories.

FINE TEAM WORK

Skelton, England (CP). A team of work horses named "Cathedral" and "Eusebius" won top honors at a plowing competition in this Yorkshire village.

New Building Added to Plant Wool Combing

A new storage building approximately 50 x 75 is being erected at the plant of the Wool Combing Corporation in Acton. The new addition is one storey in height and fills in the section between two of the buildings. The brick wall is now up and the roofing is being put on. It will be completed in a week or so. The Georgetown Lumber Co. has charge of construction.

EDEN MILLS CHURCH SCENE PRETTY WEDDING SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Eden Mills Presbyterian Church, beautifully decorated with house plants, ferns and spring flowers was the scene of the lovely ceremony which united in marriage Miss Wilma Jean Lowrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowrie, R. R. 1, Campbellville, to Flight Sergeant James Daniel, Royal Air Force, of Cornwall, England, son of Mrs. E. Daniel and the late S. J. Daniel, of Gunnislake, Cornwall, England. Rev. Dr. W. J. McVior officiated at the ceremony which was held at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a floor-length gown of white net over tulle. Her finger-tip length veil of tulle was caught to her head with orange blossoms and she carried an arm bouquet of red roses, fern and lily of the valley.

Miss Isabel Lowrie attended her sister as bridesmaid in a floor-length gown of pale blue net with short puffed sleeves and matching halo hat. She carried an arm bouquet of pink roses. Sergeant W. C. Sellers was best man. Mr. Russell Lowrie, brother of the bride, and Mr. Frank Lemmer, of Guelph, were ushers.

Miss Florence Lowrie, cousin of the bride, played the wedding music and Mrs. F. Lemmer, cousin of the bride, sang as solo during the signing of the register, "O Perfect Love."

A reception followed at the home of the bride where Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie received with the bride party, the bride's mother wearing a British navy blue gown with three-quarter length sleeves. Her hat was in matching shade and her corsage of pink roses. A telegram of good wishes and congratulations was received from the groom's mother in England.

The bride and groom left for Toronto, the bride travelling in a two-door sedan with a chauffeur. The groom is a member of the Royal Air Force at present stationed at No. 4 Wireless Training School in Guelph. They will reside at 13 Suffolk Street East in Guelph.

Guests at the wedding were the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. Abbott, Miss Isabel Lowrie, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. J. Guthrie, Miss Margery McWaters, LAC and Mrs. B. Smith, Miss Ruth Bullagh, Mrs. C. Rennie, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lemmer, Miss Florence Lowrie, Sgt. W. C. Sellers, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. McVior, all of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. R. McKee of Welland; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrie, Mrs. W. Lowrie, Sr. of Eden Mills.

Gifts to the bride-maid, soloist and organist were gold air force pins; to the ushers, gold cigarette cases with the air force crest and to the best man an air force ring.

THE RUSSELL PEAVOY WEDDING SATURDAY IN ACTON HOME

Spring flowers and palms decorated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norma McEachern in Acton on Saturday April 26th when V. J. Peavoy, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peavoy of Acton, became the bride of Stewart Alexander Essery, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Russell of Acton.

Rev. A. F. S. Fogarty officiated. Miss Margaret Brown played the wedding music and Mrs. A. Kerr sang. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white tulle with a counterpane of lace and a finger-tip veil with headpiece of small gardenias. She carried a bouquet and fern. She was attended by her cousin Miss Orina Finns as bridesmaid in a gown of pale blue chiffon, pink flower bandeau and carried pink and white carnations and sweet peas. Douglas McEachern was best man.

At the reception the guests were received by the bride's mother in a red blue crepe with corsage of pink and white sweet peas. Assisting was the mother of the groom in navy blue and corsage of pink and white sweet peas. On the wedding trip by motor the bride wore a symphony blue and navy coat and sky blue accessories.

DIED AT 102

DUBLIN, (CP). Ireland's oldest woman, Mrs. Katherine Wynne, died at Enniscorthy, in her 102nd year.

Weekly War Commentary

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by GUY RHODES Canadian Press Staff Writer

Britain is fulfilling her pledge to strike ever-increasing blows at the sources from which flow the sinews of war for Germany and Japan. While military "blows" are being landed, the possibility of an early invasion of the continent by land and sea, the air offensive against the Nazis' war factories in Germany and occupied France grows in intensity.

Weather conditions alone interfere with the Royal Air Force's round-the-clock drive against targets across the English Channel. Given clear skies, hundreds of bombers take off daily for sweeps that carry them as far as the Baltic Sea.

The Ruhr Valley, great industrial area and chiefly important from a military standpoint because of the great Krupp armament works at Essen, received a terrific pounding at the opening of the aerial offensive. Other attacks were made on the naval bases at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven where Germany continues to build and repair warships only with the greatest difficulty.

Bombers have flown as far as Augsburg for an attack on a plant that manufactures submarine Diesel engines and south to Italian armament plants at Genoa and Turin.

Last week planes with loaded bomb racks swept across to the Baltic Sea to Rostock. On two successive nights the flares, many of whom received their training in Canada, smashed at the port where Germany builds her Heinkel planes and concentrates supplies for shipment to the Russian front.

Some of the most telling blows have been scored on French war factories. Earlier in the month at St. Maflard works in the Paris area were reported to have deprived Hitler of potential output of 20,000 trucks, tanks and armored vehicles.

Huge orders are said to have been placed with French factories. But completion of these is being hampered by sabotage, the "go-slow" tactic.

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New Regulation Now Effective in Renting Houses

Effective today it is illegal to rent any building or part thereof without a written agreement being made on a governmental form, one copy of which must be kept by the tenant, one copy by the landlord, and one copy must be filed with the Regional Rentals Office, Northern Ontario Building, Toronto, within ten days. A copy of this new rental form may be seen on application to Clerk C. E. Leatherland, who today received this information from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. This ruling does not apply to boarding or lodging houses or renting accommodation for less than a month.

ACTON DELEGATES ATTEND THE I.O.D.E. CONVENTION IN HAMILTON

The 22nd Annual Provincial Convention of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire was held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, in Hamilton, on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Those attending from Acton from the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. were Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Peter Smith and Miss Pearl Smith, and from the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. were Mrs. M. M. Leitch, the regent, Miss Bernice Reid, and Miss Emma Robinson.

A TORONTO WEDDING OF INTEREST TO ACTON-READERS

A pretty wedding of interest took place in Toronto Saturday afternoon, April 25th, at 3 p.m. when Miss Marie Holding, daughter of Mr. James Holding and the late Mrs. Holding of Toronto, and Mr. Charles Douglas MacArthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacArthur of Acton, were united in marriage by the Rev. W. J. Johnston of Eglinton United Church.

The bride was given away by her father and wore a navy blue ensemble, with accessories to match.

A reception was held for immediate friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Green, 49 Sherwood Avenue. The happy couple left for a short honeymoon trip to points west and showers of best wishes. Upon their return they will reside near Acton.

Reserve Army Needs Men To Train for Emergencies

Registration Booths Are Open for Those Ineligible for Active Service Forces—Will Receive Uniform and Equipment—Training Will Not Interfere with Civilian Duties—Citizens' Committee to Assist in Getting Acton Platoon to Strength.

To bring the Acton Platoon of the Reserve Army Learning Seats up to full strength a campaign for recruits opens this week here. Registration booths are at F. L. Wright's office, 1, W. Agar's coal office and The Press Office. Here registration forms and literature explaining the purpose of the Reserve Army are available. Forms are also available at Mrs. Armstrong on Monday evening after 8 p.m.

What the "Reserve Army" Is At the outbreak of the war Canada had a very small regular army. The rest of the army of Canada was the Non-Permanent Active Militia, or what is known today as the Reserve Army.

At the outbreak of the war the units of the Reserve Army were mobilized and when required to make the divisions of the Active Army. As each unit was mobilized it drew off a contingent of Home Defence Unit. The Reserve Army prior to the war was made up of any age or medical category who was moderately physically fit and available. Today, however, there can be no enlistment upon the field of manpower for the Active Army. In consequence the Reserve Army is "topped up" by the following categories to form the Reserve Army by Home Defence.

Young men, 17 and 18 years of age at medical categories A, B or C; all men, 17 to 50 years of age in categories C, single men, 16 to 50 years of age in categories A, B or C, married men, 31 to 50 years of age in categories A, B or C.

The Reserve Army as will be noted by the categories of these eligible for enlistment is for home defence only. The classes in it are not eligible for Active service under the present army composition. In times of emergency in Canada the untrained would be of no practical value in the field. If trained in the use of modern weapons and equipment and coordination of movement the aid of this reserve army would be of immense value, not only as to damage inflicted on the enemy but also in practical leadership to the public.

At the special registration booths, application forms will be available. You sign an application form which does not bind you in any manner whatever and has nothing at all to do with the Active Army. It does indicate (1) your desire to be ready and (2) where you can be reached in emergency. In due course, you present yourself to the unit for medical examination which in Acton will be made by a board of three local doctors. If accepted you train an average of one night a week, you go to camp with the unit for 15 days, and throughout the year you attend for half day's training on school week days.

Council Endorses Campaign Recruiting Reserve Army

Seaman Herb Dron Tells About Port In Australia

Sydney, N.S.W., Australia
Mr. A. Dills, Editor and Publisher, The Acton Free Press

Dear Sir: We are having quite a visit in Sydney, which is a very nice city, especially for a sea port. We are having practically eight inside the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge, the second largest bridge in the world. I was informed that it would take 80 men six years to paint the bridge from end to end. I have a match box cover giving full details of the bridge but as it is not at hand, I am unable to tell you much about it.

In Sydney, as yet they have no blackout, but they have what they call a "brown out," which is what you would call a partial blackout. I believe that Sydney has one of the finest and largest natural harbours in the world, and it is really a very clean city. They have a population of about one and a half million. They have underground trains running through and around the city, electric cars, also street cars, trams as they call them, double-decked buses, all kinds of taxis and a large fleet of ferries.

Sydney seems more like Canada, or the States than any other city I have been in. In fact they use customs, money, etc., of both America and England. The English, they call them Pommies, and the girls, they call them Sheilas, and their accent is somewhat similar to the English. They have their customs and habits, operated by their women's Auxiliary Services, for the men of the services, including the Merchant Navy. They also have their naval cadets, and one place, known as the "Royal Naval House" situated in the centre of the city, and only men of the navy are allowed in. Soldiers and air force are not allowed in at all, except aviators belonging to the Fleet Air Arm, and no one is allowed in unless in uniform. That is the first strictly enforced organization I have come across in my travels.

Most of the cadets in Sydney, which are operated by the Women's Auxiliary Forces, serve meals and lunches free of charge to all men of all services. They will accept no money from them. And although I have visited many different organizations for service men, such as Y.M.C.A., S.A., N.A.A.F.I., and other societies, but this is the first place I have come across any place that served any free meals. In Cape Town, South Africa, they would in spite you to their homes for a visit or a week-end or would send their arrangements to you and you would arrange free bus fares for service men. Their main effort was to do their best to see that all men of all services enjoyed their stay in Cape Town. While in Sydney I would say their main effort was to see that the service men are kept well fed. Of course they have their free concerts and dances and all kinds of recreation for men of the service.

I have never been any place yet where both the civilian and military population has so much respect for service men as they do here. I have had different men stop me on the street and tell me how much they enjoyed the salaries and how much they were appreciated by them. One evening while I was in one of the parks a civilian walked up to me and started a conversation. He said "I have a brother serving in the A.I.F. in Italy and I would like to write you a letter in the 'Globe' if you wouldn't mind a naval man to take my hat off to him, and I always have said 'God bless all these boys of peace and respect shown publicly are very much appreciated. It is very hard to be a member of His Majesty's Royal Canadian Navy and to know that your little efforts in this battle for freedom is understood and appreciated and this is the first country in the world where I have ever seen a soldier offer praise or ever show appreciation for naval ratings."

But the navy certainly has taken good care of our various military and air forces, in fact I have never yet done ours is on the sea, others are on land and in the air, and although at present we have not a few, they are the army and the air force have been doing a wonderful job the world over, and I believe that in a very short time now that we shall have convened to us all in a big way that the Reserve Army

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Coming Events

Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. are sponsoring the presentation of the feature film "Hall of Fame" at the Gregory Theatre on May 11th. Proceeds are for the Acton Vicinity War Services League.

Misses' Show will be presented by the Ladies of Hillsburg in Ballina-Hall, Friday, evening, May 8th, under the auspices of the Ballina-Hall Groups of Red Cross workers at 8.15. Proceeds for Red Cross Admission 25c and 5c.