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G. ARLOFF DILLS, Editor.

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**EDITORIAL**

**A Year of Progress**

The annual audited statement for Acton will be available to ratepayers this week and it is a statement of which any citizen may well be proud. This year's statement has several changes. For instance the list of tax arrears which sometimes occupied as much as five pages are all on one page this year and the amount is the lowest in the past fifteen years.

The report is in many ways more easily understood by the average citizens and more condensed. Improvements in town finances during the year are noted as outstanding taxes reduced by \$1,640.31, Victory Bond of \$3,000 purchased and debenture debt decreased by \$9,284.46.

Another small table compiles the savings that were made in town funds the past year, amounting in all to \$5,462.67. It is also pointed out that this year three debt charges of \$1,378.57 will mature. The statement of revenue and expenditure shows a surplus on the year's operations of \$4,445.82. In concluding his remarks Mr. H. A. Lever the auditor, says "The statements describe a year of progress in the affairs of the village." We know that citizens generally will agree with this remark. We suggest they secure a copy from the Clerk or Treasurer and become acquainted with Acton's finances. The book will answer any questions you may want to know. The explanations given are very helpful to a complete understanding. The affairs of Council, Utilities Commission, School Board, Library Board and the Cemetery Board are all given in this annual publication.

**No Place to Stop**

A week from Monday Canada's Fourth Victory Loan will start. It is the biggest job in a loan Canadians have ever tackled. Here in Halton County we are asked to subscribe \$2,400,000 as our share. It is much more than has been raised in any previous loan and everyone connected with the Victory Loan organization is well aware of the magnitude of the task. Our local objective has not yet been announced but it will no doubt be a bit staggering and there are many who will say it cannot be done and a few who will dismiss the subject at that or with some other item that has just recently affected their mode of living or enjoyment.

There were also those folks back in 1939 and 1940 who watched the might of Germany roll over conquered nations and subjugate their people. There were those who when the Italians stabbed France in the back said it was utter foolishness for Britain to hold out alone. There were folks aplenty who read the war news and wrung their hands.

But there were also those resolute souls who kept the light of battle in their eye and said we shall not fail or falter. When it looked as if the German air might would bomb the tight little island from off the face of the earth, there were those who kept on fighting with the inadequate weapons they had. There were those who in spite of public ridicule continued to build and plan for these days of 1943 in which we are ready to attack.

And now we are ready to attack. Now we need to subscribe to the biggest loan to back that attack that Canadians over there are going to deliver. Hitler and Mussolini have been stopped. They are now in retreat. Now is the time to keep them running. If you believe in delivering a knockout blow when your opponent is groggy; if you think the time to score goals is when the other team is tired; if you believe the time to hit the ball is when the opposing

pitcher is tiring; then you will agree that the time to put everything you have in the fight is in this Fourth Victory Loan. Yours is the answer. Let's have more of those resolute souls who will lead the attack when we must not fail or falter. We can do it again. Hitler must be kept on the run and Mussolini run over.

**How About That Paint Brush?**

The spring clean-up campaign is due again. It may mean more work for the average householder this year with the "odd-job man" gone into war work, but the need for brighter and cleaner cities, towns and villages is as great as ever. The layman who wields a paint brush in the spring helps himself, his community and, incidentally, the visitor to the district who often enough casts an appreciative eye over his handiwork.

A drab community is the worst possible advertisement and it is a matter for wonderment that inter-town business and sport rivalry is not more generally carried into the realm of civic improvement. Provincial competitions, graded in regard to population, with a trophy for the cleanest, best-looking municipality in each group, might have the desired result.

It is true that certain communities, by virtue of their location are able to make a better showing than others. But that should only spur leaders in places less favorably situated to greater effort. Of course the job should not stop at house and store painting, improvement of wayside cabins and soft drink stands; the removal of unsightly and sometimes dilapidated signboards and the freshening up of side streets as well as main streets.

With all the preparations for post-war planning and rehabilitation going on at Ottawa, Canadian municipalities have a good lead in doing a little town planning—even though along elementary lines—on their own account. Bomb-blighted London and other British cities are planning for the future. Surely what they are forced to do by necessity could be done in Canada by choice.

Clothes do not make the man, they say, but a man's appearance does stand for something and an attractive town or village has its praises sung in the most unexpected places.

**Two Ways of Life**

Most folks with relatives or friends overseas and in the fighting forces live largely for the day when there will be re-union again in the homes. From time to time before the war ceases we do see such reunions and in three homes in the Acton district such reunion came this past week. Pte. Gordon Babcock and Spr. Sam Gisby are back in Canada and at Chorley Park Hospital; Sergt. Max Storey comes back to Canada to take training for an officer in the army.

If you feel at any time that rationing in Canada is severe; if you have a suspicion that war restrictions, taxation and other items are interfering with your income and your enjoyment of the things regarded here as common place; we advise you to have a conversation with any of these men who have lived in England or Europe under wartime conditions. They will likely tell you that we in Canada don't know there is a war on. They will laugh at what we call restrictions as no restrictions at all.

If you have a war grouch you'll soon lose it if you talk to some one who has been closer to the war. That conversation is a much easier cure for your grouch than going to the fighting front. Remember this when you are asked to donate to a war charity. Remember it when you are asked to buy Victory Bonds or are called on to help in some of the various organizations. We wish it were possible for every citizen to get these conversations with the boys they know in their own locality—the boys who lived under our conditions and also under conditions in the war zone.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Whether spring has a few more snowstorms or not, Easter will arrive next week.

The wool of ten sheep is needed to outfit a Canadian soldier, yet a \$100 Victory Bond will buy socks for 270 men.

Do your share in maintaining your municipality. Meet your municipal taxes as they become due and avoid penalties to yourself.

Hours of beverage rooms may be curtailed, but only in the afternoon and not at the hours at which it was pointed out most seriously affected war production in local plants.

Hydro in Acton continues to show a fine operating surplus, and the thirteenth power bill a good credit. Most consumers would enjoy a participation more often in sharing the dividends earned—that is of course if Hydro is still a public enterprise.

It was encouraging not only to trustees but to citizens generally to have such fine inspectors' reports of Acton Schools presented at the last meeting. Parents will feel gratified to know that their children attending schools here are receiving the advantage of good educational facilities and proper tuition.

**The Week at OTTAWA**

Specialty Written for The Acton Free Press BY DOUGLAS GREEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

Canada's farmers may look forward to adjustments in the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act which will make it "a more effective instrument."

Justice Minister St. Laurent told J. G. Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative member for Lake Centre, in the House of Commons that a bill will be prepared to provide for these changes in the act, and that a proposed order-in-council, planned at once, would enable a court, in an action for recovery of land, to make an order for the temporary relief of the debtor. Application of the Act will be extended to Manitoba as well as Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Meantime, farmer members representing all groups, have asked the government to allow more latitude in the charges farmers may make against their income for tax purposes.

**Farmers' Income Tax**  
Early in the present session, Mrs. Doris Nelson (Unity, North Battleford) characterized a farmer's wife as his "greatest asset," and suggested she be paid for the work she performed and her husband allowed to deduct this expense from his income tax dues.

Robert Fair, (N.D., Battle River), since has gone Mrs. Nelson one better with the suggestion that the income tax on farmers be abolished altogether. He said last year less than 1,500 of an estimated 750,000 farmers paid this tax, and the expense of collecting it was probably almost equal to the revenue gained.

Finance Minister Halsey and Revenue Minister Gibson, responsible for the collection of income tax, have registered opposition to the demand for concessions to farmer income taxpayers. Mr. Halsey informing the House that it would be "impossible" to grant complete income tax exemption to farmers.

The House of Commons still has before it income tax resolutions which Finance Minister Halsey hoped would be on the statute books by the end of March, and he has reminded members that forms must go out, and asked them to stay close to the subject matter of debate. The budget, the Minister said, was introduced March 2 in the hope that it would be put through by March 31 so that taxation measures could speedily be dealt with.

**Labor Relations**  
Recent disputes and strikes in several industries, some of them changed in production vital to the war effort, are believed to underlie the decision of the National War Labor Board to hold a public inquiry into "matters affecting labor relations and wage conditions in Canada."

A review of the government's labor relations policy, as outlined in an order-in-council declaring employees should be free to organize in trade unions, that there should be no stoppage in wartime because of strikes and lockouts, and that "fair and reasonable" standards of wages should be recognized, is among the matters falling within the scope of the board's inquiry.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said his party welcomed the announcement that the labor board would hold a public inquiry to allow the submission of proposals for the improvement of labor relations, but that in his opinion the invitation was "almost three years too late."

**Wheat For Belgium**  
Farmers will welcome Trade Minister MacKinnon's announcement that an agreement has been concluded between the Canadian Wheat Board and the Belgian ministry of economic affairs covering the purchase of 7,000,000 bushels of wheat by the Belgian Government authority.

Of the amount contracted for, 200,000 tons will be made available upon demand by the Belgian government, and a request for it will be put forward "as soon as part or the whole of Belgium is liberated." Within 10 days of the demand, the first shipment of 50,000 tons will be made, and the remaining 150,000 tons will be shipped in a period of from two to three months later.

The price agreed upon under the contract is 90 cents per bushel, basis Fort William, Ont., with the buyers paying carrying charges at the rate of four-fifths of a cent per bushel per month from December last, when the agreement in substance was reached.

**MAPLE EXPORTS**

Export permits are now required for all shipments of maple syrup and maple sugar to any destination, with the exception of small casual shipments of one gallon or less of maple syrup or two pounds or less of maple sugar.

**JAP JEWELS FOR SALE**

LONDON. (CP)— Pearl necklaces seized by the British Navy while en route from Japan to Germany have been placed on sale in jewelry shops here under order of the Admiralty prize court.

**HELP KEEP HIM ON THE RUN**



Your Victory Bond purchases are needed to start Hitler's complete downfall this year.  
Courtesy The Western Star, Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

**Famous for flavour since 1892 —**  
the 'Salada' name assures you of a uniform blend of quality teas.  
**"SALADA" TEA**

**CARROLL'S**

Libby's **SAUER KRAUT** Pound 10c

**BAKING POWDER** Carroll's 1-lb. tin 19c  
**MONARCH FLOUR** 7-lb. bag 29c 34-lb. bag 84c

**COFFEE** Carroll's 5-oz. pkg. 19c, 35c  
**GOLDEN TIP TEA** 3-oz. pkg. 14c  
**FRY'S COCOA** tin 19c, 31c  
**Cornflakes** Kellogg's 2 5-oz. pkgs. 15c  
**QUICK OATS** Quaker 1-lb. pkg. 19c  
**Shredded Wheat** 2 pkgs. 23c  
**JAVEX** One Bottle Makes a gallon of Bleach 1-lb. 14c  
**CLEANSER** Carroll's tin 5c  
**Toilet Tissue** Seal White 4 rolls 25c

**Butterscotch** Flo Mix 2-lb. pkg. 27c  
**DOG FOOD** Champion Dehydrated 2 5-oz. pkgs. 19c

**CALIFORNIA CARROTS** 2 Large 17c

**SEEDLESS FLORIDA ORANGES** Size 250's 35c Dozen

**TEXAS SPINACH** 2 Pounds 29c  
**RIPE BANANAS** 14c Pound

Fruit and vegetable prices until Saturday night only.

**Ovaltine** tin 58c, 98c  
**Catell's Milk Macaroni** 1-lb. 10c  
**SPAGHETTI** 1-lb. 10c  
**Aunt Jemima Pancake** 5c  
**FLOUR** 15c, 35c Golden  
**CORNMEAL** 1-lb. 5c  
**Harry Harro's Custard** 5c  
**Powder** 5c, 10c  
**Windsor Toilet** 1-lb. 5c  
**SALT** 1 1/2-lb. 5c  
**Foot's Balm** 5c  
**FLAKES** 1-lb. 10c

**Haver's Lemon Oil** 1-lb. 25c  
**POLISH** 1-lb. 25c  
**Concentrated Super Suds** 1-lb. 20c  
**Antiseptic Toilet Soap** 2 cakes 11c  
**Clair Floor Wax** 1-lb. 59c  
**Round Clothes Pegs** 3 doz. 10c  
**Woolhouse Mop** 10c  
**Light Bulbs** 10c  
**Rabbit's Blue** 10c

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**Business Directory**

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**TIME TABLES**

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**

Going East  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 6:49 a.m.  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 6:38 p.m.  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 9:49 a.m.  
Sunday only ..... 8:19 p.m.  
Flyer, at Georgetown ..... 9:24 p.m.  
Flyer, at Guelph ..... 8:55 p.m.

Going West  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 1:06 a.m.  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 8:50 a.m.  
Saturday only ..... 2:29 p.m.  
Daily, except Sunday ..... 7:24 p.m.  
Sunday Only ..... 11:54 p.m.

**GRAY COACH LINES**  
CHANGE OF TIME TABLE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24

**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**

Eastbound  
6:46 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 6:26 p.m.; 9:16 p.m.; 10:41 p.m.

Westbound  
10:53 a.m.; 2:38 p.m.; 5:06 p.m.; 7:33 p.m.; 9:28 p.m.; 11:53 p.m.  
a—To London.  
b—Sundays and Holidays only.  
x—To Guelph daily, to Kitchener, Sunday and Holidays.  
y—To Kitchener.  
z—To Stratford.

**NOTED IN OTTAWA**

There are thousands of newcomers in Ottawa these months, but not all of them live around O'Connor Street, so they haven't seen the capitol's two outstanding business places yet.

Not Murphy-Gamble, or Devlin's, or even the Chateau Laurier and the Lord Elgin. There's a Chinese laundry with a sign in front which reads, (so help me), "Wash Shing Laundry"; and across the street, an Americanized cleaning establishment called "Rudy's Value Service."—The Printed Word.