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Hydro in Acton Shows Surplus This Year of \$2,279.66

Balance Sheet Shows There are 655 Services in Acton

The balance sheet and operating report of the Hydro-Electric department was presented at the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission on Monday evening. It showed a net profit from the year's operation of \$2,279.66, after providing for depreciation on the tangible plant to the amount of \$1,704.00 and other reserves to the amount of \$2,200.00.

The balance sheet had many interesting items. The total value of the plant here is \$37,749.50; securities held amount to \$17,000 and total assets are \$171,469.14. Liabilities amounted to \$1,387.70.

Earnings for the year are given as \$51,297.02 and power purchased amounted to \$41,026.65. Total operating costs and fixed charges amounted to \$51,017.36.

There are 551 domestic services in Acton; 86 commercial light services and 18 power services; a total of 655 services.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Hydro Dept.	
Norton Motors, gas, etc.	\$11.15
Sutherland-Schultz Electric Co., repairs	2.75
Ellis & Howard Ltd., cable	20.48
George MacDonald & Co. supplies	25.27
Mrs. Smith, cleaning office	1.25
Oil Controller, gas ration book	1.00
A. M. E. U. membership	5.00
	\$46.90

Waterworks Dept.
Hydro Dept., power at Spring \$54.19
Commissioner C. M. Hanson, Reeve J. M. McDonald and Chairman H. MacArthur were present at this meeting.

Three Speakers at Junior Club Meetings at Lorne School

The Acton Junior Farmers and Junior Institute held their regular meeting in the Lorne School on Thursday evening. The Clubs felt very fortunate in securing three such good speakers for an evening.

The Junior Institute spent a very interesting half-hour with Mrs. Howard Switzer who spoke on "Hindrances." She explained how to make and also showed many useful and lovely gifts, which could be made at home.

Meanwhile, Mr. Keith Dolsen of the Ontario Agricultural College, spoke to the Junior Farmers on "The Feeding and Care of Dairy Cattle," after which a very lively discussion took place. This subject proved to be one which all knew about, and they seemed eager to discuss their problems and find new ways of getting the most from their herds.

Rev. Walter Fosbury of the Acton United Church gave a very inspiring speech at the joint meeting on "The Loyalties of our Times."

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

New Officers are Installed by the Lakeside Chapter

The installation of the new officers for 1934-35 took place at the meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. C. F. Leatherland. The meeting was in charge of Miss Alice McCallum new Regent.

Ten new members took the oath and were welcomed into the Chapter. Canvassers were solicited for the Red Cross and ten members volunteered. Plans were made to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Chapter at the April meeting to be held in the Y.M.C.A. Miss Frances Dills was appointed as Empire Study convener.

At the conclusion of the business a program was enjoyed. Piano duets were rendered by Mrs. F. G. Oakes and Miss Margaret Brown. A reading on Florence Nightingale and the Red Cross was given by Miss Elva Pearen. The meeting ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

GOOD AUSSIE RECORD
LONDON (CP)—In four years the Royal Australian Air Force has multiplied its peacetime strength more than 30 times. R.A.A.F. overseas headquarters announced. British-based Aussie squadrons have flown nearly 10,000,000 miles and completed 10,000 sorties.

Officers' Tea and Special Features at I. O. D. E. Meeting

The first meeting of the year for the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of the regent, Mrs. J. C. Matthews on Tuesday afternoon, taking the form of an Officers' Tea.

Mrs. Matthews presided, and addressing the members, expressed feelings of gratitude, honor and responsibility in assuming the new office as regent of the Chapter.

During the business part of the meeting the program for the coming year was planned. Red Cross canvassers volunteered their services for the local campaign and for the Blood Donor Clinic.

Ways and means of raising funds for the general and war funds of the Chapter were discussed and the membership was divided into three groups for this purpose. Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mrs. C. Hamilton and Mrs. J. M. McDonald will be the convenors of these groups.

Guests of the chapter were officers of the Lakeside Chapter and teaching staffs of the Continuation and Public Schools.

Mrs. Salt and Mrs. Dryden contributed two very pleasing piano duets. Miss Walker addressed the meeting, telling of the work of a Public Health Nurse in the school. She gave an outline of the history and accomplishments of the Public Health Nursing movement, stressing the great need of development in humanitarianism and public sentiment.

Following the closing exercises, the officers were hostesses for an enjoyable tea and social hour. Mrs. W. J. Beatty and Mrs. H. Malinprize poured tea. Refreshments were served from an attractive tea table covered by a silver bowl of spring flowers.

THE MASALES-HARRIS WEDDING SATURDAY AT GUELPH PARSONAGE

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church Parsonage, 57 Howitt Street, Guelph, by Rev. Geo. A. Wislart, on Saturday, March 4th, 1934, when Peggy Ann Harris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris, Milton, was united in marriage with Lorne McKinnon Masales, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Masales, of Acton.

The bride was attended by Miss Doris Smith and the groom by Mr. Douglas McEachern, both of Acton. The bride wore a soldier blue ensemble with black accessories and the bridesmaid chose a rose with black accessories.

After the ceremony the happy couple left on a wedding trip to Thorold and Toronto.

Brief Session of School Board in Tuesday Evening

Supplies All on Hand to Renovate Heating Plant—Music Supervisor Absent for Few Months

Trustees V. B. Rumley, F. S. Blow, W. G. Mason, J. Chapman and G. A. Dills were present Tuesday evening at the monthly meeting of Acton School Board. In the absence of Chairman F. G. Oakes, Trustee Dills presided.

The Secretary reported that non-resident fees had been collected and that \$1500 had been received as part of the Halton County grant.

The report of the boiler inspector was also received.

Mrs. C. Heard, who has been in charge of music at the school was unable to carry on this work for a few months owing to the illness of her father. The Board decided that for the present teachers in each grade could carry the music instruction until other arrangements could be made.

The Property Committee were asked to arrange for the immediate changes to the heating system as all the material was now on hand including the condensation pump.

Auditors Report Presented Shows Splendid Conditions

Mr. Leaver Compliments Municipality on Envious Position—Council Expresses Appreciation of Service of Fire Chief Gamble who Retires—Report on Fire Furnished by Chief Harrop.

At the meeting of Acton Council last evening Councillors A. Mason, W. J. O. Oakes, C. Kirkness and J. H. Boulton were present and Reeve J. M. McDonald presided.

Mr. H. A. Leaver, auditor of the Jenkins & Hardy Co. was present to discuss with Council the report for the past year. Mr. Leaver read a special report on the by-laws and reviewed the report. He stated Acton was in an enviable position financially with no bank borrowings. The outstanding taxes were negligible and all the books were in splendid condition. He had received fine co-operation from all officials in making the audit.

The auditors' report was upon a motion accepted and the Reeve on behalf of Council expressed appreciation of the splendid report and having Mr. Leaver present at the meeting to give such a full explanation.

The Clerk gave a report of the insurance adjuster regarding accidents which had occurred on the streets and investigation showed no negligence on the part of the municipality. Accounts of indigent patients from hospitals were discussed in regard to the liability of the corporation.

Accounts were passed as follows:

Norman McEachern, supplies for truck	\$ 57.98
Elliott Bros, supplies	17
A. T. Brown, supplies	30
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	10.29
Acton Public Utilities Commission, various services	173.71
Jenkins & Hardy auditors fees	301.55
J. B. MacKenzie & Son, coal	38.40
Acton Library Board, on account of grant	250.00
Dr. R. A. Finlayson, re examination	5.00
	\$937.40

The Clerk made a report on the collection of arrears of taxes and the payments that had been made.

A report of pupils attending Guelph Collegiate made by the Clerk was verified by Council.

The Secretary of the Fire Brigade had reported to the Clerk that Mr. J. E. Gamble had resigned as Fire Chief and the Brigade had appointed the assistant chief Wm. Chikholm for the balance of the year. The Brigade also desired custody of the gasoline ration book for the fire truck and asked Council to withhold purchase of hose nozzles unless for nozzles were being supplied.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to retiring Fire Chief Gamble expressing appreciation of the work he had done with the Brigade and regretting that his health did not permit him to continue. The grant to the Fire Chief in 1933 had been made as an expression of appreciation of his work which Council had found highly satisfactory.

A letter from the City of Kitchener requested Council to pass a resolution urging that a larger quantity of beer be made available for home consumption. The Council were unanimous in putting thumbs down on such a resolution and ordered the letter to be filed.

Chief Harrop gave a very full report of his investigation of the fire in which four lives were lost here. Complete details of construction of the building and of the occupants were contained in the report. The Chief also submitted coils which were found beneath Mr. Mills body. The coils had been fused together with the heat. Council expressed satisfaction at the complete report submitted by Chief Harrop.

Council had some discussion on extending the fire alarm system or the installation of a telephone. Enquiry was to be made as to probable cost and the equipment needed. Mr. Wilson of the Public Utilities was to be requested to make an investigation and a report to Council.

A garage erected without a permit on Elgin Street was to be torn down as directed by Chief Harrop.

\$25.00 and Costs For Failure to Report For Military Service

For failure to report for military service Harold G. Agnew was convicted and sentenced to pay \$25.00 and costs in Milton police court yesterday. The option was thirty days in jail, and he will then be escorted to Military District No. 2 and there remain until he receives his medical examination as to his fitness to remain for military training.

AWARDED MILITARY HONOR



Sergeant W. (Fred) Coles of Acton, who with Forty Years Military Service, has been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal and First Class.

Sergt. W. Coles Awarded Efficiency Medal for Service

Had Service in Two Wars and Untiring on the Home Front in the Present One

Announcement was made during this week by the Department of National Defence that Sergt. W. Coles of Acton had been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal and First Class. No more popular award could have been made and we join with citizens and friends in congratulating Sergt. Coles. He has one of the longest service records in Acton or district.

Born in Bristol, England, he enlisted in 1897 with his County Regiment, Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry. Then came the Boer war and from 1899 until 1902 Sergt. Coles served his King and country in this war. Returning to England he was discharged from the service in 1904 and came to Canada and to Acton in May 1904. Here his home has been ever since and immediately upon arriving in Acton he enlisted with the Halton Rifles under Captain Charles Gamble.

He served with the local regiment until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 when he left the company for active service and served overseas. On returning from overseas he served with the Welland Canal Force until the cessation of hostilities and then rejoined the local regiment when it was re-organized.

In 1922 C. S. M. Coles was awarded the Medal for Long Service with the Auxiliary Force. This year he completes 40 years of continuous service and it is fitting that the honor of having the Efficiency Medal and Class be awarded this year.

An only son, Sergt. Ernest Coles, is with the Canadian forces now serving overseas and a daughter, Jessie, is at home with Mr. and Mrs. Coles.

While Sergt. Coles cannot go active service in this war, he has never ceased his activities. He is an untiring worker and officer of the Navy League Branch, the War Service League, Red Cross and any place where he can lend a helping hand. The Acton Boy Scouts have through the years had much of his attention and support and the Canadian Legion has in him a staunch and untiring member.

Again we say congratulations, Sergt. Coles, on the honor so richly deserved.

Six Year Sentence Given C. Ferrier On Assault Charge

Charles Ferrier, 18 years of age, was sentenced by Magistrate Woodliffe in the Police Court in Milton to Kingston Penitentiary for a period of six years with hard labor.

This case arose out of an assault and robbery of Edward Cates. Ferrier said he hit him on the head with an axe after sleeping with him all night. He thought he had money and was going to get it. The amount he stole was \$100. Mr. Cates is still in the hospital. His arms are paralyzed and he will need care for the rest of his life.

Farm Barn Was Destroyed by Fire Last Thursday

Fire completely destroyed the barn on the Douglas farm at Lot 23, Town Line, Nassagaweya, and Esqueving last Thursday afternoon. This farm is now occupied by Sam Dunnington who resides there with his family.

The fire was first noticed about 2:30 Thursday afternoon, but it had made such headway that nothing could save the building. A brother, Ed Dunnington was in the barn and discovered the fire. Two horses stabled in the building were rescued, but a hay loader and truck and some implements went up in the blaze.

Fortunately the light wind was in the right direction and neighbors were able to contain the blaze to the one farm building. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Soldier Injured When Motorcycle Went Into Ditch

Private Edward Kelly, stationed at Camp Borden suffered a fractured collar bone and head injuries when his motorcycle went out of control on Monday afternoon and landed in the ditch.

The accident occurred on the Second Line about a mile above Acton and the injured man was found unconscious by Dr. F. G. Oakes after the mishap. Provincial Officer Ray Mason, investigated and the injured man was taken by ambulance to the General Hospital in Guelph. The motorcycle was not badly damaged.

Red Cross Canvass Has No Returns Yet Available

In the Red Cross Canvass in Acton the industrial canvass is well underway and to-morrow the house to house canvass will commence. The retail stores, etc. are almost completed. The material has been sent to the district surrounding Acton, but no reports have yet been turned in. March 12th is the date the work is to be completed and all are urged to have their returns in by that date. There are no figures yet available to show the progress of the drive.

School Area Plan Discussed by the Esqueving Council

Council Addressed Regarding the Holding of Local Option Vote for Township

Esqueving Township Council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon. Deputy Reeve G. W. Murray, Councillors George E. Cleave, George Currie and Wm. A. Wilson were present. Reeve C. H. May presided.

A letter from Mr. George E. Elliott was read regarding an obstruction of road allowance on Town Line, between Esqueving and Nassagaweya. A letter from Liquor Control Board was read in reply to an enquiry regarding taking a vote on Local Option in the Township.

The Reeve and Road Superintendent from Chinguarous attended the meeting in connection with the cost of work done on Town Line. Mr. Alex. Noble and Rev. Mr. Colebrook addressed Council in connection with the taking of a vote on Local Option.

Mr. L. L. Skuce, Public School Inspector, addressed Council, giving information on Township School Areas, regarding increased grants from \$100 to \$250 annually. The Clerk was instructed by Council to write the Secretary of each School Board, asking that a ratepayers meeting be held in each School Section.

Accounts were passed for payments as follows:

Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 5.85
H. A. Leaver, audit fee	200.00
R. J. Lovell Co., assessor's supplies	16.25
Corporation of Acton, hall Clerk's and Balliff's fees and rent of Town Hall	39.00
Georgetown Herald, account to date	62.58
A. W. Benton, stamps	7.00
A. E. Wilson, insurance premium on bond	40.00
Township of Nassagaweya 50% of relief on family	26.72

Road accounts of \$673.47 were also passed for payment and a by-law was passed fixing the salary of the Clerk and Treasurer.

Council adjourned to meet again on April 3rd at 2 p.m.

School Children Can Become Soldiers of Rank on Home Front

Sale of War Savings Stamps will Win Promotions for Those Who Make Best Effort

Formation of a Canadian School Financial Corps for the sale of war savings stamps by the pupils of Halton County schools, is announced by G. H. Harris, county organizer, under the National War Finance Committee. Mr. L. L. Skuce, county inspector, will be the commanding officer of the corps, which will be patterned after the regimental system.

Following the successful application of the plan in the county of Hamilton, where last year 11,894 pupils sold \$32,284 worth of war savings stamps, it was decided to organize Halton County.

The objective for Halton County is \$33,637 which is fifty cents per head of the population for the period from March 1 to June 30. The C.S.F.C. enlists boys and girls in the rural public schools to help Canada sell war savings stamps, not only to themselves and their families, but to as many people as possible.

Enlistment Buttons
In a letter to the teachers, Mr. Harris has outlined the objects of the movement, pointing out that the Government needs every cent possible to hasten victory and also to guard against inflation. It is also encouraging people to save their money while the war is on and have money available after the war for new purchases.

Buttons are supplied for this scheme and samples have been sent to the teachers. These buttons are rewards for war work and are to be issued only for the rank to which the boy or girl is entitled.

First is the enlistment button which has only the letters C.S.F.C. on it.

Buttons in the O.S.F.C. are the same as the non-commissioned ranks in the army. When a member has sold 32 stamps he becomes a lance-corporal. His membership button is replaced with a button with one red stripe of the lance-corporal's rank. When he sells 64 stamps the lance-corporal button is replaced with a full corporal's button, with two stripes. With the sale of 128 stamps he becomes a sergeant in the corps and the corporal's button is replaced with a sergeant's button with three stripes. Sergeant-major's button has three stripes and a crown and is given to him when he has sold 256 stamps.

Objectives Met
It is emphasized that this is not to be a stunt, but a basic plan for the sale of war savings stamps for the duration, and will aid rather than interfere with the present plans. There is no competition between the schools and quotas have been set for the various schools on what is considered a fair and equitable basis. The co-operation of the teachers is anticipated and reports will be presented each month of the sales made.

While a considerable effort has been made and quotas allotted for each school, space does not permit all these figures, but the objectives for the various towns and townships is as follows: Acton, \$1,100; Burlington, \$1,500; Georgetown, \$1,244; Milton, \$972; Oakville, \$1,900; Esqueving, \$1,835; Nassagaweya, \$418; Nelson, \$2,035 and Trafalgar, \$2,136.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50c.

A Dance in Orion Community Hall Saturday night, March 11th. Fisher's Orchestra. Admission 35c.

The Acton Junior Farmers will hold a social evening in Lorne School on Thursday, March 16th, at 9 p.m.

Young People's Personality Party in United Church, Sun, Iroquois, feed. On Tuesday, March 21st at 8 p.m. Admission 25c.

Women's Institute are holding a Euchre in the Town Hall, on Thursday, March 23rd at 8:30 p.m. Door prize extra. 35-2

Saturday, March 10th, Victory Binge, Town Hall. Sponsored by the Shoe and Leather Workers Organizing Committee, Local 28. Net proceeds to the War Services. 35-2

Friday, March 10th, Victory Dance, Town Hall. Sponsored by the Shoe and Leather Workers Organizing Committee, Local 28. Net proceeds to the War Services. See posters for the Band. 35-2