

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1896

Taken from the edition of the Free Press of December 16th, 1896

The Dublin school report with A. C. Warren as teacher gives the following names: W. Sumerville, A. Arthur, G. Wallace, H. McLean, M. Kaley, C. Wallace, W. Staker, G. Elliott, A. Mulholland, W. Mullin, H. Mullin, H. Storey, M. Sumerville, J. Kaley, P. Arthur, C. McPherson, A. G. Stone, J. Kaley, A. Carty, J. D. Keith, J. Carty, J. Smith, C. Gibson, J. Mulholland, I. Mullin, A. Keith, E. Sproul, F. McPherson, M. Storey, John Stewart, John Arthur, D. Carty, E. McArthur.

Messrs. J. A. Speight and Co. completed last week a cistern for Messrs. Beardmore and Co. It is circular, 24 feet in diameter and 12 feet deep and will hold 100 tons of water for use in the boiler.

From some of the advertisements in Acton:

Symon Bros. 1 box gunnysacks 25c, eggs doz. 15c, apples 25c, bag hockey skates \$1.75, 2 dippers tin 1c.

A. F. Gurney and Co. raising our rents perks coconut.

J. H. Matthews. Blankets, whips, bells.

T. C. Moore and Son. groceries and crockery.

A. T. Brown. perfumes from his bottle up.

W. Williams. boots and shoes.

Henderson and Co. millinery, dress goods, mantles.

C. F. Gaudin. velvet, tams, 45c, silk handkerchiefs 15c.

Thos. Ebbage. sash, doors, frames.

C. A. Pannascher. thimble, stove, ranges.

J. A. Speight. furniture and under taking.

BORN

GILFILLAN. In Rockwood on Sunday, December 6th to Mr. and Mrs. Gail, a son.

BACK IN 1926

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 16th, 1926.

The gasoline tax yielded the Provincial Treasury \$3,376,000 this year, nearly twice the sum realized last year.

Mr. J. B. Mackenzie has generously offered to supply a mammoth Christmas tree if a community tree is decided upon for Acton.

Clayton Bewick, Ballinacred, held a very successful sale of farm stock at which the highest price cow brought \$119.

No. 7 Beardmore Workman's house on Cameron Avenue occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. Kane was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

Mr. Jack Robertson, formerly of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff here, has been moved to a Windsor branch of the bank.

MARRIED

IRELAND-CROSS. At St. Alban's Church, Acton, on Saturday, December 11th, 1926, by Rev. F. H. Ware, Georgetown, assisted by Rev. P. A. Sawyer, Elmer Garfield Ireland to Sarah Elizabeth Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cross, all of Acton.

DIED

STRAUSSER. At Detroit, Mich. on December 14th, 1926, Lucy Statham, beloved wife of Harry Strausser.

CUSTOMS OF THE SEASON

Christmas is and always has been Britain's greatest and gayest festival. Even back in the Middle Ages a visiting French priest, Pere Cyprian, marvelled at it, declaring that in Britain Christmas was kept "with greater ceremony than any other realm in Europe." It has always been the feast of the family and the friends. In olden times hospitality was extended to all a landlord's tenants, too. The great noblemen and landowners were at this season allowed to dress their retainers in their own livery, forbidden all the rest of the year, and they kept open house for all their tenants. The Yule log was brought in from the woods with dancing and rejoicing and the thick Christmas candle lit. Then there was singing games were played and the Mummings performed. In many places a Lord of Misrule was elected to direct the festivities and everyone, including the nobleman himself, was subject to his commands. One of the oldest Yuletide traditions is the singing of Christmas carols. Many English carols are very old and very beautiful. And groups of young people from clubs, schools and churches still go round singing them in the weeks before Christmas. Usually the money they collect is given to charity. Some localities have their own carols. For instance, much hunted Coventry, England is the home of "Lully, Lullie, Thou little tiny child" and after the terrible raid of 1940 the people of Coventry gathered among the ruins and sang this hymn. Christmas bells are rung by the churches on Christmas morning. Houses are decorated with holly, mistletoe and evergreens, the traditional mince pies and plum pudding so far as they are available today are still eaten. And presents exchanged.

COULD BE

"Mr." said the newspaper man's eye. "I know why editors call themselves 'we'."

"Why?"

"See the man that doesn't like the articles will think there are too many for him to look."

QUELPH LIVE STOCK SALE

EVERY SATURDAY
At 10 o'clock
On the farm next to Reformatory, No. 7 Highway
This is a community sale of calves and pigs of all ages, cows, stockers, sheep, chickens, hay, grain, wheat, mixed chop and implements. Bring here what you have to sell and we will do our best to give you satisfaction.

WM. GIBSON,
Auctioneer
B-18-4
Miller & Scott, Prop.

PIONEER WINTER SPORTS

"When Winter muffles up his cloak And binds the mire like a rock, Then to the loch the Curle's flock Will give some speed." — Robt. Burns

In accounts of the early settlers of our country seldom is reference made to organized sport as we know it today, but curling was one of the first games to become universally popular. After the formation in 1820 of a club at Kingston, others sprang up in the years to follow in Fergus, Galt, Guelph, Perth, Niagara, Scarborough, Milton and other centres. Gradually inter-club competitions evolved. In these early days substitutes were used, blocks of maple or beech or well-shaped iron for stones and corn brooms in place of the Scotch broom.

The Canadian print room at the Royal Ontario Museum offers evidence that sleighing and skating were popular pastimes of our forebears. Recorded there are scenes showing the intense interest centred around the sleighing races and one delightful set of six prints shows in pictorial form a winter picnic to Montmorency when a Captain Hodge drives Miss Muffin. The series shows the couple coasting on sleds, getting lost in the snowdrifts on the way home. Judging by the expressions in the arrival home scene, explanations were required to account for the lateness of the hour.

THE CURRELLY GALLERY

The ever popular room containing the Royal Ontario Museum's splendid collection of armours now bears the name "The Currelly Gallery." To Dr. Charles Truck Currelly, whose tireless energy and zeal were responsible for the amassing of a great part of the archaeological collections which have brought fame to this institution, it is a fitting tribute. Deeper and more permanent than the impact of his name upon the stone above the archway is Dr. Currelly's contribution to education in this province.

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Reg'd. Grading Station 079
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MONSTER BONES

WALLACETOWN, Ont. (CP) — Large bones, believed to be the remains of a prehistoric monster, are being dug up on the farm of Alex. Horkay near this village. The biggest is a thigh bone measuring 30 by 44 inches.

WOMAN IN THE MIRE

VANCOUVER (CP) Speaking of the housing shortage: Twenty-one members of a Vancouver family plan to live in a new bungalow here. The problem of this outsize family, came to light when it was learned they had broken a zoning by-law by building additional rooms in the basement.

ACTON ELECTIONS, Monday, Dec. 16

WM. COON

Will Appreciate the Vote and Support of Electors for

Acton Council 1947

IF ELECTED I WILL SERVE THE COMMUNITY TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY

EMERGENCY!

— SAVE ELECTRICITY!

A critical power shortage now exists in Southern Ontario. Savings in the use of electricity will be needed on the part of all citizens in order to avoid serious difficulties during the present winter period, and Hydro is asking all consumers to conserve electricity wherever possible in order to relieve this situation.

THE DAILY PERIOD DURING WHICH SAVINGS SHOULD BE EFFECTED IS BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 8 P.M., AND CONDITIONS ARE PARTICULARLY ACUTE BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

Factories and industry are asked to switch from day to night operation, in whole or in part, wherever possible, and also to effect all power savings practicable. Street lighting should be reduced to the lowest level consistent with public safety.

THIS IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Eliminate the use of electricity for signs, billboards and store windows from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Eliminate all Christmas decorative lighting until Saturday, December 21st, and again after January 1st.
- Turn off lights when not required.
- Use the minimum number of lights in the living-room, consistent with good vision.
- Do not use electric air heaters and grates.
- Use electrically heated water sparingly and check leaking hot water taps.
- Do not use range elements on "high" when a lower heat will serve, and turn off all elements as soon as possible.
- Cook oven meals as often as possible and avoid the unnecessary use of surface elements.
- Turn the radio on only for programs desired; if not listening, turn it off.
- Operate electric toasters and other small appliances only as needed.

The electric power shortage is a general condition following six years of war and arising from the fact that it was impossible to proceed with the development of sufficient new power sites during the war because of the requirements for war production. Since the war, the critical shortage of men and materials has seriously delayed the development of new sources of power.

The Commission has been reducing loads within its direct control, wherever possible. These reductions are not enough, and it is now necessary to appeal for assistance on the part of all consumers.

Hydro appreciated the splendid voluntary assistance on the part of its consumers during the war, and believes that similar co-operation will be forthcoming at this time.

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

J.H. Creighton

For Acton Council 1947

If you feel that my former experience in Council will better enable me to serve in the best interests of Acton, I shall appreciate your vote and influence.

Fred J. McCutcheon

For Reeve of Acton 1947

I have served five years previously on Acton Council — two years as Councillor, three years as Reeve. If I can be of further service to Acton, I will appreciate your Vote and Influence at the Elections on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th