

THE MAN

I judge no man his form of prayer, quarrel not with any creed; This world has room enough to spare For all the roads that upward lead, A kindly heart is always fair, No matter what its caste or creed.

County Assessor Outlines New System Of Assessment

The growing interest in the new system of property assessment in Halton County is evidenced by the increasing number of enquiries. In order that all property owners may have an opportunity to understand what is being done I am prompted to take this means to outline, briefly, the method of procedure in setting up the permanent Record System of Assessment, and to mention some of the more outstanding factors which will influence values.

all types of buildings using all types of materials. This range of spots is the result of an extensive survey and is based on average 1940 costs for labor and material throughout Ontario.

The County Assessor must compile and supply each Local Assessor with an Assessment Manual. In Halton this manual will contain a scale of building costs as before mentioned. A description of the different classes of farm land grouped from the following types:

Land suited for the cultivation and growing of general farm crops. Land suited for permanent pasture. Land suited and being used for market garden farming. Commercial orchards. Commercial vineyards. Commercial timber.

in the use of the Manual and it is the duty of the County Assessor to advise the local assessors and supervise the work. The Municipal Councils have given considerable thought in selecting local Assessors. Very soon these men will be going out in the areas allotted to them to perform the first executive function in our democratic system of government.

OAKVILLE

Appleby College was the scene of a delightful outdoor skating party on Friday evening, when the boys of the college acted as hosts to 75 senior girl pupils of Bishop Strachan School, Toronto.

TOWNSHIP OF NASSAGAWEYA APPLICATIONS FOR ASSESSOR and CLERK

Applications, plainly marked as to contents will be received by Mr. Lloyd Crawford, Reeve, Campbellville, Ont., up to 5 O'clock Saturday, February 1st, 1947, for the following positions:

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON BACK IN 1897

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 28th, 1897

The first session of the new county council of 1897-8 was held at Milton on Tuesday. Those who were declared duly elected were:

Div. 1—Henry Robinson, George Andrew. Div. 2—W. G. Pettit, Mr. Fisher. Div. 3—Dr. Webster, D. Hutcheon. David Hutcheon, of Nassagaweya, was elected Warden for the year.

The Board of Trustees of the Public School met on Wednesday evening for organization. Mr. Geo. Hynds was elected chairman for the third time.

The return hockey match between Acton and Georgetown was played here Saturday afternoon. The score was 8 goals for Acton and one for Georgetown. The line-up for Acton was: goal, Lawrence Williams; point, A. Smith, cover point, T. McPhail; forwards, V. J. Gilpin, Frank Mcintosh, Fred Ryder, R. Sinclair.

Halton Agricultural Society held its annual meeting on Wednesday. The spring fair will be held on Thursday 22 April and the fall show on Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8.

The Treasurer read his report which showed a deficiency of \$20. Considering the loss in the burning of the old hall, the statement was not bad.

The Erin Advocate last week entered on the 6th year of its existence. The business section of Shelburne was almost all wiped out by fire this morning, January 26. The entire plant of the Shelburne Free Press was destroyed.

Toronto is the latest point for gold finds. The Dan Valley is claimed to be underlain with gold.

MARRIED

MOFFAT-McPHERSON—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, January 20, by Rev. Mr. Finney, assisted by Rev. H. A. McPherson, John Moffat, of Milton, late of Acton, to Agnes, daughter of Malcolm McPherson, Esq., Esquimaux.

BACK IN 1927

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 3rd, 1927

Michaelmas Day yesterday—"half the feed and half the hay."

Mr. A. H. Bishop, florist and gardener, reports that a robin has been harboring among the trees in his garden the past week or two.

The members of the Young People's League and the Sunday School of the United Church presented a pageant "The Way of Life" on Monday evening. About seventy took part.

The Council is considering name signs for Acton's streets.

The United Church entertained the choirs of Knox, St. Alban's and the Baptist Churches at a skating party on Wednesday evening.

William Murray, son of Mr. Will Murray, Erin Township, was seriously hurt when hit by a falling tree while working in the bush.

DIED

COLE—At his home, 26 Erindale Ave., Toronto, on Sunday, January 30th, 1927, John Cole, in his 47th year.

McMURCHY—At Dresden, on Sunday, January 30th, 1927, Lily McMurchy, daughter of the late D. McMurchy, and Mrs. McMurchy, of Erin, aged 43 years.

NON-FROSTING GLASS

A British safety glass company with patents in use all over the world, brought out a type of glass during World War II which was successfully used for aircraft cabins. The glass also does not become dim when exposed to sudden changes of temperature and it always ensures perfect visibility. The glass in a still more improved form is being produced for refrigerator doors. Thus the housewife can easily check on the contents of the refrigerator.

It can readily be understood that evaluations would not be uniform throughout Municipalities having more than one Assessor, and much less uniform throughout the county as a whole. In consequence we find property owners dissatisfied with their assessment and claiming that it is not comparable with values placed on similar property located in other parts of the Municipality or County. Then, too, the varying conditions and changes made by time and progress, throughout the County, brought property values for assessment purposes, very much out of line for County equalization.

With these imperfections in mind and with a County-Assessment/Equalization due, the County Council of Halton, decided to adopt the Permanent Record System of Assessment, and appointed a County Assessor to set the system and supervise the work. Throughout Ontario nine other Counties had already adopted this method of assessment, which is also in operation in parts of the Canadian West, the United States and England.

County Assessors are appointed by the County Councils, but the appointment is subject to the approval of the Supervisor of Assessments in the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs. The Department instructs all County Assessors, and advises and assists in the administration of this system.

The first duty of the County Assessor is to classify and zone all property within the County and to establish basic values for each class and set percentage allowances to compensate for varying conditions and less favorable locations.

The Department of Municipal Affairs furnish each County Assessor with a table of replacement costs for

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