

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 4th, 1897

A delightful sleighing party was held on Monday evening, the objective point being the home of Mr. Robert Johnson, Second Line, Erin.

At the Council meeting it was moved by W. H. Denny seconded by W. E. Smith that in view of the public safety and convenience, a six-foot sidewalk be constructed across the railway tracks at the Mill Street crossing and that Councillors Arnold Smith and the mover be a committee to wait on H. S. Holmes, agent, G.T.R. in reference to this matter.

Before leaving for the West, Mr. Joseph Anderson disposed of two of his houses. The rougher on Bower Avenue and about three acres of land adjoining was purchased by his brother, Mr. William Anderson, who occupies the property for \$1500.

Special this week at Moore's, South corner, Mill and Main Streets; 3 bottles pickles 30c; 4 lbs. dried peaches 25c; 6 lbs. currants, 25c; 1 lb. jar baking powder 18c; vinegar 25c a gal. tea 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c.

Stanley Park, Erin will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on Saturday.

BORN

MADDOCK—At 8 Catharine St., Toronto, on Friday, February 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Maddock, a daughter.

DIED

DUNN—At his home in Holyoke, Mass., on Friday, February 26th, Sylvester Dunn, brother of J. C. Dunn, manager Acton Tanning Co., aged 44 years.

BACK IN 1927

From the Issue of The Free Press of March 10th, 1927

The skating rink is now out of commission.

Municipal Treasurer Farmer received from the Provincial Treasurer this week a cheque for \$10,269 covering the cost of 20 feet in width of the Main Street pavement laid last fall.

The School Board has secured the property known as Fairview Place from the estate of the late Sidney Smith. The work of transforming the premises for the accommodation of the High School will soon start.

Dublin Branch of the Women's Institute put on a play entitled "The Lady of the Library" in Dublin School on Tuesday evening.

Over 1000 Orangemen and Orangewomen from all parts of Ontario are in Guelph for their annual three-fold Grand Lodge.

BORN

CREWSON In Acton, on Monday, March 7th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crewson, a son.

DIED

CREWSON At the home of her son-in-law Mr. A. E. Cripps, Bower Ave., Acton, on Wednesday, March 1st, 1927, Sarah Ann Crewson, widow of the late Morgan Crewson, in her 78th year.

STREETS NO WASTE BASKET

One of the unpleasant sights in many towns is created by the amount of waste paper and litter which is thrown into the streets. Many people seem to have formed the habit, when they have emptied some tin or paper container, of throwing this refuse into the street.

This throwing of waste into the street may be attributed mostly to children. If so, their parents should tell them that this habit gives the impression that many of the people of the town are not neat and careful.

The children can be told that they would be corrected if in their homes they threw their waste paper onto the floor. It is also undesirable to throw it into the streets where it makes an unpleasant sight. They should be told that when they avoid throwing litter in the streets, they are helping their home town and are doing their best to keep it clean. They can be told that their streets are not kept as a public wastebasket, into which people feel at liberty to throw any refuse they do not wish to keep.

The attempt is made in many cities to correct this habit by placing waste paper and refuse cans or barrels along important streets, and having them marked with some such notice as "Keep your home town clean." This plan is a constant reminder that if people want to do something for the home town, they can help by disposing of their refuse in some way so it will not be an unsightly object.

Throwing litter in the streets is no doubt the result of thoughtlessness, and if people were often reminded that it is a habit that should be corrected, one would think most of them would refrain from doing it.

The government of Peru is exploiting a rich new oil field on the slopes of the Andes.

At Ontario Good Road Convention



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FARM PRODUCTS - UP

VICTORIA, B. C. (CP)—British Columbia agriculture production in 1945 was valued at \$100,000,000 by government officials. The agriculture department predicted still greater returns for 1946, when it will be suggested that farmers increase potato production by planting 1,000 additional acres.

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of Margaret McDonald, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Northumberland, deceased, who died on or about the Seventh day of November, 1946, are requested to file proof of same with the undersigned executor, on or before the Eighth day of March, 1947, after which the Estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Acton, this Nineteenth day of February, 1947.

C. E. Leatherland, Executor, Acton, Ontario

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, FURNITURE, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from

A. G. FREEMAN

To sell by public auction at his farm, Lot 6, Con. 2 Nassagaweya, 1/2 mile N. E. of Moffat Station on

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th

Commencing at 1:00 o'clock sharp, as follows:

HORSES—1 dark grey Percheronilly, rising 5 yrs.; 1 Bay Percheronilly, rising 3 yrs.; 1 Percheronmare, 10 yrs. old; 1 Percheron Gelding, aged.

COWS AND YOUNG CATTLE—1 Red Durham Cow, due time of sale; Black Jersey Cow, due time of sale; Red Durham Cow, due March 28; Black Holstein Heifer, due March 28; Black Holstein Cow, fresh 6 weeks; 2 Red Durham Cows, in full flow, not bred; 1 Roan Durham Cow, in full flow, not bred; 1 Roan Durham Cow, milking; 1 Durham Steer, 2 yrs. old; 3 Durham Heifers, 2 yrs. old; 2 Durham and Poll Angus Heifers, 2 yrs. old; 6 Durham Steers, 1 yr. old; 1 White Durham Heifer, 1 yr. old; 1 Holstein Heifer, 2 yrs. old; 5 Durham 1st summer Calves; 1 White Durham Bull, 2 yrs. old; good stock bull; Any one looking for good grass cattle would do well to attend this sale.

HOGS, SHEEP, HAY AND POTATOES—1 York Sow with 12 pigs, 5 week old; 5 York Sows, due in April; 1 York Hog, 9 weeks old; 4 Suffolk Ewes, heavy in lamb; small quantity of Timothy Hay, 10 bags; Potatoes, Katadins.

FARM IMPLEMENTS—M H Binder, 6 ft.; Farming Mower, 6 ft.; M. H. Farming Hay Loader, 6 ft.; Disc, M H Side Delivery Rake, reversible; M H Manure Spreader, Farm-Wagon, 2 M H Cultivators, Walking Plow, 2 Section Drag Cultivator, Gray, 1 Bay, 1 White, 1 1/2-horse Grain Drill, Skip Sleighs, 1-section Seed Harrows, 2 Dump Rakes, Low Truck, Wagon, Farming Mill, Melotte Cream Separator, Hay Fork, Stone Road, new, Gas Engine, 2-hp. Stewart Hand Chopper, Cutter, small Bench Cream Separator, Hatters, Brooder Stove, coal, 500 chick capacity, rubber tread Buggy, Single Harness, set of heavy Breeding brass mounted Harness, in good shape, Old Collars, back band Harness, Bridles, etc. Single Harness, 4 high topped Collars, Milk Pail, Stamer Forks, Forks, Hoop Shovels, Rans, Chains, etc.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—8-1/2 Oak Extension Table, large Day-night Dresser, Old Tables, 2 Lawn Mowers, 1 Child's Crib, Wringing Brass Bed, Wash Stand, Old Chair, Dinning Chair, small size Dishes, etc. Butter Bowl and Ladle.

TERMS—Cash settlement with clerk day of sale.

No reserve as the farm is for sale and the proprietor is giving up farming.

Nassagaweya Women's Institute will serve refreshments.

HINDLEY AND ELLIOTT, Phone Erin or Milton

George Cutnie, Clerk, 35-2

How To Be Mistaken For A Lumberjack

(By John Gould in Christian Science Monitor)

Because somebody with bear-paw snowshoes wanted my peavy, I went to town yesterday to buy another. I hid it under a juniper bush the night before, and intended to use it again, because I am not able to roll 16-foot saw logs without it. Our local hardware man was fresh out; so I had to drive 10 miles beyond, and I landed in a deep-Maine woods on the main street of the thriving town just as the fashionable set were making their afternoon enjoyable.

I bought me a peavy for \$3.85, and then I walked up the street. People began offering me jobs and bidding for my services. I used the peavy like a walking stick, and gazed at the steeples, watched folks hunt for goods to buy, and shook hands here and there with old friends and strangers. From all quarters I was recorded as loom-and-enthusiasm, and bankers rushed out urging me to make a deposit, to use their telephone, and meet the girl bookkeepers in the back office.

"He's a logger," said a young girl to her little sister. Dogs paid me compliments and a woman opened an upstairs window and waved a dust rag at me. The Times, as the feller said when he bought a Tribune by mistake, has certainly changed. When I was just a farmer, and put on my tight brown shoes and a clean shirt for going to town, people scarcely noticed me, and they pushed me off the sidewalk as they exercised their urban prerogatives and dogs. But now I cut quite a figure and am definitely somebody.

I can tell you how to do it, too. You need a pair of felt boots, number 11, with several pairs of socks inside. The outer pair will have bright red tops, and you will turn down a two-inch lap on one leg and a four-inch on the other. Underneath you will have a pair with blue tops, and in a place a spruce knot snagged it as it went by, the blue will be plainly visible. Our pants will be of the breeches type, preferably of black and red checks, although all-red are available and approved. Your hip pocket will sag because in it you have the bucksaw wedge and the rawhide thong on it will be hanging down between Florida and Yucatan, a piece of red flannel on the end so you can find it in the snow. People who pull it in the crowd give the fiber a good tensility test, and usually everything snaps back so you think you've been struck by a wild pitch. Your cap can be of any useful style, but I like a toque that fits tightly and just slack enough for the windward ear.

The shirts are most important. You will wear at least three, and four if you don't have a pullover sweater for next year underwear. Since the war it appears that any mill which at some time has been loosely associated with a sheep, if it is only a pastoral scene on the office calendar, is permitted to make woolen shirts. The tags that come on them make interesting reading during the long winter evenings, and delineate the customs of the period. 10 per cent reclaimed wool, 15 per cent reprocessed wool, 20 per cent redeemed wool, 18 per cent imitation wool, 36 per cent prefabricated wool, 10 per cent salvaged wool, 7 per cent diverted wool; and everything a yard wide by the use of a WPB-approved warp, squirted through the wool at high pressure, made from hope-some vegetable plastics. These shirts are absolutely essential if you want to freeze every time you get 10 feet from the fire.

The best thing to do is hunt up all the pre-war shirts hanging on nails in the barn and patch them with old blankets and brau bags, until you have something suitable for intemperately winds and uncompromising thermometers. A logger with a new shirt today is an impostor. So your outer shirt will be blue-patched with green next stripes and herringbone, and so on according to the weather. You will look the part, and you will be warm. I have a buffer shirt with

patches on the patches. You will have heavy mittens with leather overmittens, and you will not have shaved later than some time ago.

Once your appearance would frighten the women, and children would be called home until you'd gone by. But the logger is now an esteemed person. He can stick his peavy into the floor beside the over-stuffed in the best parlor in town, and can polish the tops of mahogany coffee tables with his felt and impunity. He is spoken of highly on the radio, and newspapers eulogize his patriotism and public spirit.

And he is fabulously wealthy. Every time the whine of the snow-massula neighboring cars, he makes another \$100, and the million grow humpbacked bringing him war bonds and the bundles from Spiegel's. Once people felt his bulging muscles. Now they know his wallet is far larger, and when he comes to town they hurry up on all sides to help him carry his axe.

I do not thirst for notoriety, and glory is not my aim. I just wanted a peavy, and I am modest at heart. The next time I go to town, I shall dress with care, and I shall put on a necktie, and I shall try as far as possible to look like a civilian.

SPRING IS LITERALLY IN THE AIR

With the return of Canadian songsters, most of whom have spent the winter somewhere between the Ohio Valley and the Gulf States one is reminded that spring is on its way.

The early migrants are horned larks, appearing anywhere from the middle to the end of February, followed by crows early in March.

During the month of March they are joined by robins, coming in numbers around the middle or third week or sometimes earlier; bluebirds, kill-deers, redwings, bronzed grackles, meadowlarks, cowbirds, phoebes, flickers and song sparrows.

Ornithologists at the Royal Ontario Museum estimate that birds require one-day-to-fly-from-London-to-Hamilton, 9 days from London to Toronto, 10 days to Ottawa, 12 days to Collingwood, 14 to Sault Ste. Marie, 16 to Fort William and 33 to Cochrane.

A recent television experiment in England was undertaken by a hypnotist, but in the test such a high percentage of spectators were unintentionally put to sleep that a proposed public showing was cancelled.

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