

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON BACK IN 1897

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 24th, 1897

The jubilee celebrations were inaugurated last Friday afternoon with a spectacle unique alike for impressiveness, beauty and attraction. Over a quarter thousand of the registered and regularly attending scholars of Acton Public School, assembled at the school, marched in procession through the town and gathered in the town hall, where they sang patriotic songs, waved British flags and cheered for Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

An exciting baseball match was played here on the afternoon of Jubilee Day between Acton and Argyle of Toronto. At the end of the ninth inning the score was even 7 to 7. Acton went to bat for a tenth inning and succeeded in scoring two runs while their opponents made but one. Acton batteries were Stehler, Clark and Ryder.

Henderson & Co. are selling a very serviceable suit for men, all wool for \$5.00 and best roll cutter only 10c a lb.

The Farmers Institute excursion rate for the picnic at Guelph on Friday is 35c. Children 20 cents.

Tall rye has been plentiful this season. Fife Samson's reports a field cut last Saturday when the grain measured between 7 and 8 feet.

A merry-go-round has taken charge of the dimes of the children and young people on the vacant lot opposite Park Avenue the past week.

BACK IN 1927

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 30th, 1927

Acton Creamery has erected a new electric sign on their premises on Mill Street.

Last Wednesday evening Acton Citizens' Band paraded to the new bandstand at the Park entrance and gave their first concert.

The United Church re-opened on Sunday after being re-decorated and greatly improved. At the morning service, Rev. Mr. Zimmerman preached his farewell sermon. In the evening Rev. R. S. E. Large of Forgan took the service.

Canada's new postage stamps issued to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee went on sale yesterday.

Rev. D. E. Macdonald, a missionary from India, occupied the pulpit in Knox Church last Sunday.

KILTY At the Woman's College Hospital, Toronto, on Wednesday, June 22nd, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. William Kilty, a daughter.

MASALES In Acton, on Sunday, June 26th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Masales, a son.

MILTON

Under threatening skies and amid the picturesque beauty of Victoria Park, adjoining the county buildings, an impressive memorial service and unveiling ceremony in honor of our fallen heroes, was held here last Sunday afternoon.

Milton's new fire truck had its first run last Friday afternoon when a blaze was quickly brought under control by the Milton Fire Department. Starting from a rubbish fire at the rear of the Milton District Co-operative store, the high wind carried sparks to a small warehouse where flames started to creep up the frame structure. The blaze quickly spread to the exit corridor of the Princess Theatre, where a portion of the asphalt covering was destroyed. Frances Margaret Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ward, was married to Fraser Deacon, son of Col. F. H. Deacon and Mrs. Deacon in Westminster Central United Church, Toronto. The marriage vows were heard by Rev. Dr. Bruce Hunter.

Representatives of a new industry were present at Council meeting. They proposed purchasing a piece of property in Milton to erect a factory for the manufacture of electrical porcelain. The site selected was east of Court Street, or near the C.P.R. tracks. The price of this lot was set at \$25. They proposed to erect on the lot a 300' x 100' cement block building and to start operations as soon as possible. They expected to employ at least 25 local people within a year.

GREEN GRASS VALUE

Investigations at the Range Experiment Station, Manberry, Alberta, have shown that growing cattle make daily gains of two to three pounds per head during the spring and early summer when the grass is green. The grass contains a high percentage of protein which rapidly diminishes as the range matures and reaches the cured state. This change in the composition of range food results in a corresponding change in the gains made by cattle. By early September daily gains are reduced to less than one pound per day, with a further reduction until cattle may only hold their weight in the late fall months.

RAINDROPS

The sound of rain upon the roof was not unwelcome sound; softly it fell, and soon the call from one bird to another rose above the even patter of the rain. The birds were glad! And what of ferns and small wild flowers that grew close by our little house. After the shower had passed, we took the trail down through the woods and found a fairyland: bright silver beads hung gracefully on each blueberry bush; and raindrops, caught in cup-shaped flowers now shone like diamonds when a ray of sunlight touched the flowers; and two small trees looked like a pair of candlesticks. The rain had silvered all the ferns, and hung like strings of pearls upon the blue-eyed flowers. And while I looked on all of this, my heart was glad—for always this will stay with me—this magic of the raindrops in the sun!

Mary H. Oliver

GEORGETOWN

In the school room of Georgetown United Church on Saturday afternoon, June 14th, an Indian Tea was held, arranged by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Church.

Miss Doris Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, McNab St., was among those who graduated from the School of Nursing at Brantford General Hospital on Friday, June 6th.

With Presentation Day rapidly approaching, the W.M.S. Service Recognition Fund is slightly over the \$6000 mark. This was reported by treasurer H. H. Ireland at a meeting of the committee on Monday night, presided over by Mayor Joseph Gibbons.

The lovely choral ceremony of the Church of England was enacted at St. George's Church on Saturday, June 14th at 3 p.m., when Elsie Doreen Stigger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stigger and Harvey Slater Dewhurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dewhurst were united in marriage by Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson. The couple are both members of the choir.—Herald.

This is no time for small men in big jobs. We need great men in all jobs—even little ones.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th.

OUR HERITAGE FROM ANCIENT ISRAEL

Golden Text: He (God) will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. Isa. 54: 13.
Lesson Text: Ps. 119: 105; Isa. 2: 2-4; Mic. 6: 1-8.
Exposition: I. The Word of God, Ps. 119: 105.
The Scriptures in this lesson are not well connected. This selection relates to a testimony to the Word of God. It is true that God made Israel the repository of His oracles (Rom. 3: 2; Deut. 4: 7, 8; Ps. 78: 4-7; 1 Cor. 9: 17; Dan. 10: 21). It was by the Word of God that the worlds were formed (Heb. 11: 3), that man was created and enlightened (Gen. 1: 2; Jno. 1: 3, 4); that man is saved (Rom. 10: 8, 9, 17); that the saved man is guided (Heb. 12: 25-29).
II. Peace, Isa. 2: 2-4.
The title of this lesson presumes that we receive a heritage of peace from ancient Israel. We have the Scriptures but not peace. The passage presents God's sure prediction not of a mere "ideal," but what it is to be realized on this earth when our Lord Jesus having finished His prophetic work, which He did at His first coming, and His atoning work, which He accomplished at His death (Jno. 19: 30; Heb. 9: 28), and His High Priestly work, which He is now accomplishing in His Ascension glory (Heb. 7: 25), shall come again to reign as King. Then all war shall cease, and not till then (Dan. 9: 26). It is a wonderful picture of that time when the Holy Spirit gives us in verses 2-4; every word should be deeply pondered. The meaning is so plain that the words need little comment. Jerusalem shall be King Jesus' throne city, the centre of all earthly government. History in these days is making fast toward that long since predicted, and from Zion, the actual literal Zion in Jerusalem, the law shall go forth to the ends of the earth, Jerusalem shall be the centre of the world's greatest and most successful missionary enterprise. "The Word of Jehovah from Jerusalem."
III. "Hear ye now what Jehovah saith," Mic. 6: 1-8.
When God speaks there is only one thing for an intelligent man to do: listen, and listen attentively, intently and obediently. It would be an immeasurable blessing if all present day preachers so spoke that they could always say, "Hear ye what Jehovah saith." They could if they would always speak by God's one "book," the Bible. In Micah's day "The Lord has a controversy with His people"; so He has today, with His earthly people Israel, and also with the Church. In language of great poetic sublimity Micah calls on nature, the mountains and hills to hear this controversy; man had turned a deaf ear to God, even His own people had turned a deaf ear to Jehovah, let the mighty mountains and the glorious hills hear God's voice. They will hear it again some day and go hither and yon at His omnipotent bidding (Zech. 14: 4-7). In great tenderness God pleads with His faithless, rebellious and disobedient people.
What marvellous and matchless pathos in the words "O my people what have I done unto thee," etc. (Jer. 2: 4, 5; 13: 3; 12: 14, 22; Hos. 11: 8; 14: 1, 4, 7), and for God's love for the backslider is just the same today. Can any testify against God? God recounts His redeeming and delivering work for Israel: (1) He had "brought them up out of the land of bondage"; so He has us. (2) He had "sent before" them "Moses, Aaron and Miriam"; great as Moses was, he was nothing to Him whom God had sent before us (Jno. 1: 17; 8: 12). (3) He had turned Balaak's intended curse through Balaak into a marvellous blessing (Num. ch. 22-25). Now comes the practical question for God's wondering people.

How shall they "come before Jehovah" whom they have so grossly wronged, and of whom they have been so forgetful and toward whom they have displayed such incredible ingratitude? The mere performance of outward religious ceremonies, no matter how costly, will do no good, "thousands of rams" or "rivers of costly oil" will avail nothing. "The sacrifice of Jng, even of one's dearest, the "first born," will not suffice to atone "for the sin of one's soul." "God has already given His only begotten as an all sufficient basis of forgiveness and justification and we do not need to give ours—Jng. 3: 16; Gal. 3: 13; Isa. 53: 6; 2 Cor. 5: 21.) Not.

All God required of Israel, wicked as Israel had been, and all He requires of any of us, is true repentance: (1) "To do justly, i. e. to surrender our lives completely to God's control and conform our daily conduct exactly to His will as He reveals it in His own word. (2) "To love mercy," i. e. to be constantly regardful of the needs of others as well as our own, especially of the needs of the unfortunate and downtrodden. (3) "To walk humbly with our God," i. e. to realize that we are sinners and trust in God's grace and not our own merit for acceptance before Him (Rom. 3: 19-27; 4: 5; Eph. 2: 4-8; Luke 18: 9-14), to realize that we have no moral power of our own and trust in God's transforming grace (Eph. 2: 1-5; Titus 3: 3-5) and to depend upon God in prayer for wisdom and strength each day (Isa. 40: 31; Jas. 1: 5-7; Luke 18: 1).

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ON THE TERRACE STEPS--RIDEAU HALL

His Excellency the Governor-General and a group of the ladies who attended the Convention. At the extreme left of the picture is C. B. Smith, of Cree more Past President of the Association and on the immediate left of His Excellency is W. C. Aylesworth of the Watford Guide-Advocate, President