

# RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

## BACK IN 1897

Taken from the edition of the Free Press of September 9th, 1897.

The Juniors went to Georgetown on Monday afternoon and played a losing game with the kids there, some of whom wear whiskers! The score was 21 to 7.

Messrs. Cooper and Atkins, two practical tailors and cutters of experience, have purchased the business of E. H. Schilling on Main Street and have taken possession. They are popular and energetic young men and should do well.

Mr. W. H. Storey, glove manufacturer, Acton and Mr. Wm. Hawthorn, head organizer of the Canadian Order of Woodmen of the World, were in the city on Saturday and purchased a monument from Ald. John Hamilton, to be placed over the grave of the late Bro. J. Wesley Campbell, Acton.

Mr. James Clark of the Acton Roller Mills has been shipping considerable quantities to Toronto, Guelph and other points lately.

Labor Day is so recent a holiday by statute that the public has hardly come to realize that it is intended for all to participate in. A good number of our citizens went to Toronto to visit the fair and numbers of others took in the baseball matches at the park. Labor Day is slowly growing in popularity.

## BACK IN 1927

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, September 15th, 1927

It was real summer weather again yesterday and today.

Acton will be on the detour map during the paving of the crossroad.

Two stained glass windows, erected in St. Alban's Anglican Church, Glenwilliams, in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Beaumont, will be unveiled on Saturday.

The ladies of Knox Church gathered at the Manse on Friday afternoon to hold a farewell social for Mrs. J. McDougall and Mrs. J. Lawson, who are both removing to Toronto.

Acton "All Stars" Ladies Softball team defeated Kodaks by a score of 17 to 1.

### BORN

MacDONALD—In Ottawa, on Wednesday, September 7th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. MacDonald, a son.

### MARRIED

JOHNSTON-SPROWL—At Knox Church Manse, on Saturday, September 10th, 1927, by Rev. A. C. Stewart, M.A., Dora Sprowl, daughter of the late Robert and Mrs. Sprowl, Acton, to Elmore Roy Johnston, of Hamilton.

### FLY TRAPS OUTDATED

With cooler weather setting in, flies are beginning to swarm into the interior of rural and urban homes. In the past, irate householders, battling the pests with poisonous pads, spiral stickers, gluey sheets of flypaper and fly swatters.

All these weapons have now been outwitted by the chemists. To-day, household sprays containing five per cent. DDT not only kill the flies but remain a threat to the flies' existence for several weeks.

Through the efforts of the white-coated men who are continuously juggling test tubes in search of new discoveries, fly sprays containing DDT have been so formulated that when they are sprayed as a mist on walls and ceilings of homes, they do not stain. Close inspection with the aid of a powerful lens, may reveal tiny specks of DDT which in themselves are lethal to flies. So potent is this insecticide it is not necessary for the flies to eat it. By merely getting it on the pads of their feet they will be killed. Since these small particles on the wall remain toxic from two to six weeks, fly protection is afforded that length of time.

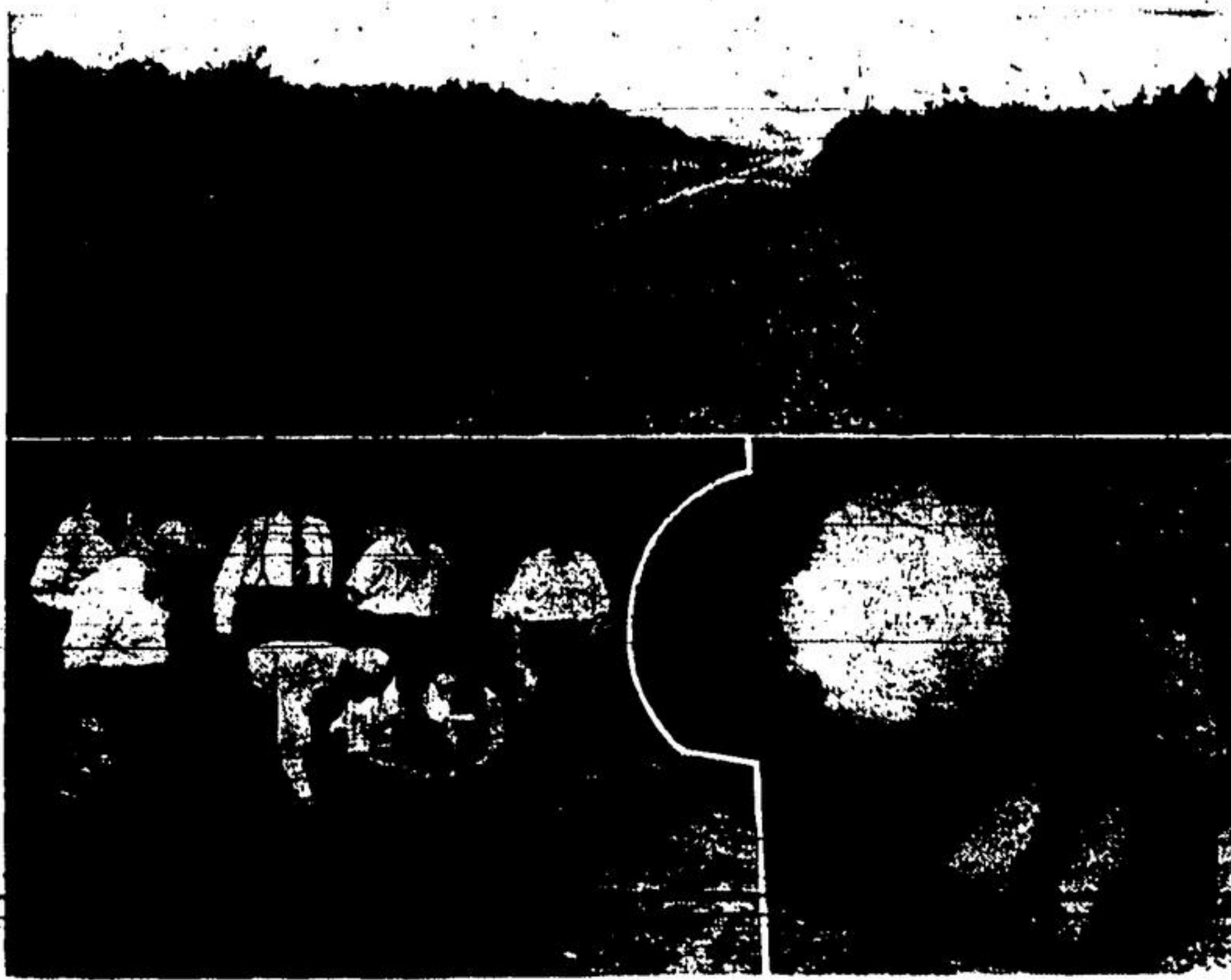
While DDT is sure death to flies it does not kill them as quickly as many other insecticides. To overcome this disadvantage scientists have added pyrethrum, an insecticide of plant origin. Pyrethrum is a fast acting insecticide which assists the action of DDT by knocking flies down almost instantly. A pyrethrum-DDT fly spray, with its combination of deadliness and knockout power, forms an excellent chemical fly swatter in any home.

### GLASS FIGHTS OIL FIRES

Spun glass yarn for maximum heat resistance is used in new type steam hose for fighting oil fires such as that recently at Texas City. Goodyear Tire and Rubber claim hose can carry 200 lb. saturated steam at 388 deg. F. for more than 200 hours under continuous flexing; say this would char and burst ordinary hose. Special glass cord was developed by Owens-Corning Fiber Glass Corp. New hose also serves heavy-duty steam or hydraulic service in foundries, steel and paper mills, road construction, dock and railway use.

Nearly half the homes in Canada still use wood as heating fuel.

## Uses for Jack Pine



Twenty-four years ago the communications department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, more or less as an experiment, installed a new type of telegraph pole along 31 miles of track of the Algoma district in Northern Ontario. The poles were made from the lowly Jack pine, long considered the comparatively useless poor relation of the Canadian forest, treated with creosote—the first installation of any consequence in Canada.

In order to provide increased clearances for new automatic block signaling, 495 of the poles in this section are to be replaced with longer poles this year. But so successful was the "experiment" of 1923 that many of the shorter poles are to be used elsewhere on the system and not a single pole has had to be replaced since that time due to rotting. In the top picture, some of the poles can be seen, still as good as new, along

a stretch of the main line just west of Ramsey, Ont., with a standing Jack pine snow break, effective and economical, on the right hand side of the track. At lower left Canadian Pacific officials test two of the poles to discover the penetration of creosote. Forestry experts look on, and the outer rings on the pole sections in the third picture show the 100 per cent penetration of the creosote.

### DON'T GIVE UP TOO EASILY

In view of the large number of drowning fatalities that have been reported this year, the advice of Dr. Gordon Bates of the Health League of Canada is worth the attention of all. Too often, Dr. Bates declares, artificial respiration has not been continued long enough to be certain that life is extinct. As a result, it is only fair to conclude, some unfortunate victims have been given up for dead when their lives might have been saved by continued effort.

Any one who has had experience with the rescue of drowning casualties can recall instances in which unconscious persons have been revived after almost every one present had given up hope. Dr. Bates himself points to cases of successful resuscitation in which the victim had been under water for nearly half an hour before being rescued. The fact underlines the importance of continuing artificial respiration as long as the slightest hope for recovery remains.

Applying artificial respiration requires the expenditure of more physical effort than is generally credited. It is not hard to understand the discouragement that follows when, after many long minutes of hard work, the victim shows no sign of life—no pulse, no heart beat, no eye reflex. But the knowledge that life can be saved after as long as four hours of artificial respiration should keep rescuers working, in relays, until the onset of rigor mortis proves that death has, indeed, won.

Any one vacationing near water would do well to remember Dr. Bates' three essentials for reviving drowning victims. They are:

1. Clear the air passage by pulling out tongue and any other obstruction.
2. Apply artificial respiration (preferably the Schaeffer method).
3. Keep artificial respiration up for at least four hours, or until rigor mortis sets in.

### ROASTERS FOR MARKET

When rearing chickens to roasting size, certain practices are advisable so as to obtain the most profit. The scarcity of protein feeds emphasizes the need to use other sources usually available on farms. By supplementing a simple and cheap ration with alfalfa and skim milk, cockerels under test at the Dominion Experimental Station at Harrow, Ont., showed a higher rate of growth than did birds deprived of these supplements, says W. Mountain, Head Poultryman.

Good pasture, skim milk or butter-milk and early morning freedom to search for insects before the heat of the day, do much to promote growth. Overcrowding, fighting and vermin are common, though easily rectified, causes of retarded growth. With heavy breeds the most rapid gains are made during the first five months. Two or three weeks more on a wet fattening mash will provide the nice finish preferred by the consumer. During the fattening period exercise should be reduced by confining the birds to pens, or if time is available, fattening crates provide an even better environment for maximum gains and finish.

Dry picking presents a dressed bird with its natural bloom unimpaired, although the semi-acid method, when properly applied, is accepted by some markets for quick sale. The grading of chickens is based largely on appearance and the blemishes caused by overcalding may cause an otherwise choice carcass to fall in a lower grade.

## The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

### CULTIVATING GOOD WILL

Golden Text.—Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Matt. 5: 9.

Lesson Text.—Prov. 3: 30-31; 15: 1, 18; 22: 24-25; 25: 18, 21, 22; 26: 20-21; Matt. 5: 9; Jas. 3: 17.

Exposition.—I. When Anger is Sin, Prov. 3: 30, 31; 15: 1, 18; 22: 24, 25.

Our Lord has taught us the meaning of meekness and patience which are recommended in these verses. Under the law in inspiration this is the commandment of God that we "strive not with a man without a cause, if he have done us no harm" (v. 30). Neither are we to envy—and thereby attempt to copy—the oppressor (v. 31). It is easy for some to be quarrelsome. Because of this kind of disposition Cain killed his brother Abel (Gen. 4: 8); Saul tried to kill David (1 Sam. 18: 11); the elder brother of the prodigal denied himself the feast of love (Luke 15: 25-32). A quarrelsome nature is doubly evil in a Christian; it not merely poisons his own soul but it gives false witness concerning Christ.

Our Lord suffered patiently (and 15: 1-4; Matt. 12: 17-21). A Christian should not be fault finding and resentful. He should have no share of an arrogant temper. Such is not the Christian spirit.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath" (15: 1). How true this is. It was by this means that Gideon appeased the anger of the Ephraimites, when they turned on him (Jud. 8: 1-3). And Abigail kept peace between Nebal and David by her quieting words (1 Sam. 25: 21-33). We can also think of many instances in which our own relations with others have been improved by kindness of speech. So it ought to be. How many people have been so hurt with unkind speech of a professed Christian that they will not now have anything to do with Christianity.

"A wrathful man stirreth up strife" (15: 18). When Israel and Judah divided they were both angry (2 Sam. 19: 43). It takes two to make a quarrel. To begin with, it only requires one. Then, as soon as that wrathful one gets going, all others of short temper join in. Christians would never be capable of stirring up such trouble if they were filled with God's Spirit (Eph. 5: 18-20; Gal. 5: 22, 23).

We are not to make friendship with an angry man (22: 24, 25). An evil temper is a contagious thing. It is impossible to keep such company except by conceding too much. By doing so, we run the danger of infection. Let the angry man alone and he will let his own wicked way if he will not listen to your tender counsels. By no means allow yourself to be unequally yoked with him (2 Cor. 6: 14-18).

II. Christian Attitudes, Prov. 25: 18, 21, 22; 26: 20, 21; Matt. 5: 9.

First, there should be genuine refusal to listen to any false witness against another (v. 18). Look at how the false witness is described—he is a "man" a "word", a "sharp arrow", all cruel and dangerous weapons. So is the tongue of a slanderer and no Christian will have a tolerant attitude toward such. Second, there is to be generosity in our attitude toward those who are our enemies (vs. 21, 22). We are never to allow the enemy's attitude toward us to hinder or limit our duty toward him (Ex. 23: 4, 5). This principle is carried over into the Christian ethic. Paul quotes these verses in Romans 12: 20, 21. Since Christ has forgiven us while we were enemies (Rom. 5: 10) and patiently redeemed us, we are to be likewise patient and winsome always seeking the salvation of our enemies (Luke 10: 33-36). The metaphor in v. 22 really means, to melt with kindness, being-taken from smelting metallic ores. No hard heart should be able to resist the warmth of our love (1 Jno. 4: 10, 11).

Third, a Christian's duty is to put out the fires of evil. "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out" (26: 20, 21). The fire stands for the fevered passions of men and women in evil mood. Wood means that which feeds the flames. Contention breeds strife so the Christian steps in to remove or settle the thing about which tempers flare. It is, counsel, which bids us guard against fanning the flames of evil passion and intolerant prejudice. This has nothing to do with the believer's duty to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). But every Christian must safeguard his temper and, while contending, be not contentious and spoil his own calm peace and joy.

Fourth, as Christians, we are to seek peace (Matt. 5: 9). The peace here referred to is, first of all, the peace of God which we are to seek and obtain by accepting the forgiveness for our sins provided in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 5: 1). Then we are to reveal that peace in the world's strife. By this we show to unbelievers how Christ makes men right with God and also right with one another. The basis of this peace is the love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12: 18; 14: 17; 2 Cor. 5: 20, 21).

III. Heavenly Wisdom, Jas. 3: 17. If we have been wondering as to who is wise enough to follow the ideals given in this lesson, this verse gives the answer. Note the qualities in heavenly wisdom: (1) pure; (2) peaceable; (3) gentle; (4) easy to be entreated; (5) full of mercy and good fruits; (6) without partiality; (7) without hypocrisy. How wise we will be then in living so close to Christ in heaven that all these qualities will be found in us.

Notice how distinctly different these virtues are from what is called worldly wisdom. The world inculecates (1) impurity; (2) strife; (3) roughness; (4) rebellious prejudice; (5) violence; (6) bigotry; (7) cunning. We need more lives which are guided and controlled with the wisdom from God.

### DEMOLITIONS ON HELIGOLAND

When the fortifications on the island of Heligoland were blown up recently the BBC sent several observers to describe the scene for listeners. Richard Dimbleby was in the destroyer H.M.S. Dunkirk, lying nine miles out to sea. He said, "The island itself was quite deserted. Even the birds who made it their nesting place had been scared away by small preliminary explosions, but near the detonators on the island remained two small naval transmitters." These broadcast an identification note until, on the third pip of the Greenwhich time signal, the executive order was given and the transmitters themselves were shattered by the blast that shook the island.

# Acton Fall Fair

## FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd and 4th

### SPECIAL PRIZES

HORSE SPECIALS	
1S	Best High Stepping Horse, 1st, \$5.00 cash; 2nd, \$2.00 cash
2S	Best Single Turnout, 1st, value of \$5.00; 2nd, value of \$2.00
3S	Best Span High Steppers in Harness, 1st, cash \$5.00; 2nd, value of \$5.00
4S	Best Span Heavy Horses, any breed, 1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00 cash
5S	Best Lady Rider, 1st, value \$3.50; 2nd, value \$2.00
6S	Best Lady Driver, 1st, value \$3.00; 2nd, value \$2.00
7S	Best Saddle Mare or Gelding, suitable for hunter, 1st, cash, \$5.00; 2nd value \$3.00
8S	Best Heavy Horse on grounds, Mare or Gelding, any breed, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$4.00 cash
9S	Best Pony, 12 hands and under, saddled and ridden by boy or girl under 16 years, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, value \$4.00; 3rd, value \$3.00; 4th, value \$2.00
10S	Best Single Delivery Horse, 1st, cash \$5.00; 2nd, cash \$3.00
11S	Best Showmanship of Foal, open to boy or girl; 1st, cash \$4.00; 2nd, value \$3.00
12S	Best group of not less than five Horses owned by one exhibitor 1st, value \$7.00; 2nd, value \$5.00; 3rd, value \$3.00
CATTLE SPECIALS	
13S	Best Jersey, get of sire, group of three animals either sex, bred by exhibitor from Halton County, Erin or Eramosa Townships. Any family having won a prize at a Fair in this area at a Fair in 1947, not eligible to compete by T. Eaton Co., Limited, Sheffield Plate Reproduction, Walter, Gadron and Shell design, value \$20.00
14S	Best Two Jersey Animals, any age, owned by exhibitor, by C. J. Fox, Kingsdale Jersey Farm, York Mills, Ont., 1st, \$6.00; 2nd, \$4.00
15S	Best Two Beef Calves, 1st, cash \$2.50; 2nd, value \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00
16S	Best Two Dairy Calves, 1st, value \$2.50; 2nd, value \$2.00; 3rd, value \$1.00
17S	Junior Herd, any breed, consisting of bull and cow, female, bred and shown in Ontario classes, all under two years of age, 1st, value \$3.00; 2nd, value \$2.00
18S	Best Guernsey Cow, in milk, 1st, cash \$10.00, by Acton Creamery; 2nd, cash \$5.00 by the Secretary
HOG SPECIALS	
19S	Best Pair Young Sows, under 6 months, value \$5.00
20S	Best Pair Weanling Pigs, Bacon Type, value \$2.50
21S	Best Pen Market Hogs, 1st, 2 hogs Pioneer Grower, value \$5.30; 2nd, 1 hog Blatchford's Hog Grower, value \$2.50, by J. A. Kerr, value
SHEEP SPECIALS	
22S	Best Flock of Sheep, consisting of 1 ram, 2 Ewes and 2 ewe lambs, any breed, 1st, value \$3.00; 2nd, value \$2.00
23S	Best Pair Marketable Wether Lambs, value \$2.50, 2nd, value \$2.00
24S	Best Five Ewe Lambs, 1 hog Campbell's Pastry Flour, value \$4.00; donated by Hotchen's Bakery, Acton, value
POULTRY SPECIALS	
25S	Best Pair Cockerel and Pullet, any breed, 1 bag Master Mix Laying Mash, by J. P. Kirkwood, value \$2.75
26S	Best Pair Dressed Chickens, by C. Bradley, cash \$3.00
27S	Best Pair Dressed Chickens, donor to receive same, by F. Holmes, cash \$5.00
28S	Best Pair Dressed Chickens, donor to receive same, by C. O. Plank, cash \$5.00
29S	Best Pair Dressed Ducks, donor to receive same, by J. K. Gardner, cash, \$5.00
HOME DEPARTMENT SPECIALS	
30S	Best Loaf of Homemade Bread, made from High Loaf Flour by D. H. Lindsay, 98 lbs. High Loaf Flour, value
31S	Best Light Cake made from Excelsior Flour, by D. H. Lindsay, 48 lbs. Excelsior Flour, value
32S	Best Quart Maple Syrup, donor to receive same, by Dr. A. J. Buchanan, cash \$2.00
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS	
33S	To Couple married greatest number of years, attending the Fair. Registration to be made with gatekeepers or Secretary, second day of Fair. The Acton Fair Prizes, one year value
34S	To the Person attending Acton Fair from the Greatest Distance. Report to Secretary for computation of distance. The Acton Free Press, one year value
35S	Best Appearing Child, under 12 years, and Child Carriage in School Parade, 1st, value \$2.00; 2nd, value \$1.00; 3rd, value 50c
36S	Best Decorated Bicycle in School Parade, boys and girls, by Pallant's Clothing Store, Acton; 1st, cash \$2.50; 2nd, cash, \$1.50; 3rd, cash \$1.00
37S	Boy with the most freckled face, 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.00, merchandise donated by B. D. Rachlin
37S	Girl with the most freckled face, 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.00, merchandise donated by Rachlin's Ladies' Wear
Three Judges for this Contest	
GRAIN, ROOTS, VEGETABLES AND APPLES	
38S	Best Collection of Farm Produce, including grain, roots, vegetables and flowers. Gardeners not eligible; 1st, Cash \$3.00; 2nd, value of \$2.00
39S	Best Six Quart Basket of Onions, value \$1.00
40S	Best Bag Potatoes, any kind, sample to be shown, potatoes delivered, December 1st, by Dr. A. J. Buchanan, cash
41S	Best Three Samples of Grain, consisting of Wheat, Oats, and Barley, half bushel of each, 1st, value \$2.00; 2nd, value \$1.80
42S	Best bushel basket of mixed Vegetables. Not open to market gardeners, by Lakeview Greenhouses, plants, spring of 1948, 1st value \$2.00; 2nd value \$1.00
43S	Best Bushel Shipping Turnips, 1st Cash, \$2.00; 2nd, Cash, \$1.00
44S	Best Peck of Winter Wheat prepared and exhibited by boy or girl 18 years or under, resident of Halton County, Erin or Eramosa Townships. Five prizes of \$2.00 each
45S	Best Bag of Potatoes, donor to receive same, by Wm. Cooper, Acton, cash
46S	Best Basket of Potatoes, 11 quarts, any variety, 1st, \$1.00; 2nd, 50c
47S	Best Barrel Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same, by Hinton's 5c to \$1 Store, cash
48S	Best Bushel Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same, by Hinton's 5c to \$1 Store, cash
49S	Best Bushel Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same, by Harold Wiles, cash
50S	Best Bushel Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same, by H. Mainprize, cash
51S	Best 11 quart Basket McIntosh Red Apples, donor to receive same, by A. McKean, Highway Garage, cash
51S	Best Bushel Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same, by B. D. Rachlin, cash
In Specials 47 to 51 inclusive, samples to be shown and apples delivered later	
PLANTS AND FLOWERS	
52S	Best 12 White Gladioli, 1st Cash \$1.00; 2nd Cash 75c
53S	Best Living Room Bouquet, 1st Cash \$1.00; 2nd Cash 50c
54S	Best Basket Cut Flowers, 1st Cash \$1.00; 2nd Cash 50c
55S	Centre Piece of Assorted Flowers, on tray, for dinner table seating twelve; 1st value \$2.00; 2nd Cash 75c
56S	Best Basket Wild Flowers, arranged for effect, 1st value \$2.00; 2nd Cash 50c
HOMECRAFTS DEPARTMENT SPECIALS	
THE ROBERT SIMPSON GRAND PRIZE	
To the Lady Exhibitor who wins the most points in the Home Department Classes, viz Domestic Science, Canned and Preserved Products and Homecrafts, the Robert Simpson Co. prize is a Silver Plated Tray, valued at \$11.00, plus tax.	