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EDITORIAL

Looking Back on 1947

Old 1947 draws to a close. The memo pad on our desk has only a few more sheets and by the time this issue is in the mails the last day of 1947 will be drawing to a close. We would be remiss indeed if we did not in these closing days of the old year take the opportunity to thank correspondents, readers, advertisers, patrons and all who have been so helpful and co-operative in our task of getting out the Free Press, your home town paper each week and giving attention to the commercial printing entrusted in our care. It certainly has been appreciated.

Perhaps the year just past has not fulfilled all your desires. There has not been the return to pre-war supplies that all have looked for. There has not been the peace in all parts of the world that was anticipated but 1947 surely made a contribution to post war recovery and the world war years were over and the husbands, sons and daughters were back in civilian life and not in foreign lands fighting world battles.

Yes, 1947 is a year for which most of us have every reason for thankfulness and we want to contribute our thanks for the past.

Looking Ahead in 1948

To-morrow we enter a new year, 1948. It will have one more day for opportunities than the old year we are leaving. (It's leap year). What it holds for all of us no one knows. We carry over the unfinished tasks of the year just closed and we enter the new year with all the promise that anything new always affords. It may not measure up at its close to your every desire. But as we enter it is our sincere wish that it may bring everyone of you a great measure of health and happiness and when you have these you have all the wealth this world can give.

Yes, Happy New Year to All!

Municipal Responsibility for Icy Streets

Contrary to general belief, there is no responsibility under the Municipal Act, upon either the Highways department or the Municipalities, to sand icy roads and streets and cases are known where municipalities have assumed such responsibility in the settlement of cases arising from this cause.

It is an interesting fact, however, that municipalities are required under the Municipal Act to protect pedestrians on icy sidewalks. If a dangerous condition arises from ice, it is the duty of the municipality to take measures to reduce such hazard, failing which they may be liable for the consequences of any accident arising therefrom.

It is understood that a municipality may be absolved from responsibility if ordinary precautions are taken to reduce the hazard although an accident may have resulted.

Where Revenue is Not All

While on the west coast this summer the progressiveness of British Columbia was noticeable even to a visitor of a few days. It was not difficult to understand why this western province is the fastest growing of all in the Dominion and it might be well if some of the older provinces would emulate some of the ideas that come out of the west and not be so smug in our present greatness and place as one of the leading provinces.

For instance, we learn this week that the Province of British Columbia intends to take a large share of its revenue from the sale of intoxicating beverages and devote it to an educational program to teach the evils of drinking intoxicants. The educational program is to go into the High Schools of the province. Evidently British Columbia realizes that it requires temperate citizens more than great revenue. Certainly a wise choice and one looking to the future greatness of this far west province.

The Department of Highways in British Columbia has issued an order forbidding billboards on its highways except authorized essential signs pointing the way to tourist resorts. British Columbia is more interested in keeping its natural scenery for the tourists than in marring it with promiscuous

signs. Again the province shows interest in its people and natural heritage over the opportunity to gain immediate revenue.

Again we say Ontario might well make a study of British Columbia and its government's approach to its problem. There must be many reasons why it is Canada's fastest growing province. It is not just a coincidence wholly attributable to its location.

A New Year Thought

A sound lot of advise for the New Year or any other time is from George Trundle, Jr. in the 108th issue of his pungent little booklet which he sends out each month. He is head of Trundle Engineering, U.S. consulting management engineers.

1. God helps those who help themselves.
2. Hard work creates wealth.
3. Use wisely what you have.
4. Do not covet your neighbor's property.
5. Respect the idealism of others.
6. People cannot live on ammunition.
7. Selfish, quarreling groups will wreck a country, a community, a business.
8. A contract is only as good as the men who sign it.
9. You can't live forever on taxes or charity—any more than a cow can live on its own milk.
10. The few hundred people who represent the nations of the world at the United Nations cannot succeed in making a peaceful world unless they have the understanding, the guidance and the support of every man and woman in the world.

A Christian Celebration?

Reading in the Toronto daily papers of the celebration of the Christmas holidays, it would seem there was room for improvement for the New Year. The Liquor Control Board should view with alarm the work of the police department in protecting the public from the sale of their commodities. It might be borne in mind too that the figures given do not show all the sorrow that was caused by the liquor traffic on this Christmas Day but here are extracts from one Toronto daily.

"One hundred and eleven persons were arrested, 26 summoned, while cars were taken away from scores of others in the all-out police drive in Toronto over the Christmas holiday which resulted in not one traffic fatality being recorded in this city. From 4 p.m. to midnight the police switchboard answered no less than 489 calls concerning 40 traffic accidents, 24 persons being drunk, 31 fights, 5 thefts and 6 fires. Requests were made to take 13 autos from their owners and 3 hit-and-run accidents were reported. There were 6 autos stolen and 6 autos recovered, while no less than 220 miscellaneous calls were put over the police radio.

In addition hospitals were plagued by inebriates who required treatment as well as looking after the injured in traffic accidents."

That's the record in one city. It could be duplicated across the province. Surely it gives no reason for pride in this day and age. It is a condemnation of Ontario's Liquor Control policy. Evidence of the growth of sale and the cultivation of more drinkers. Surely the New Year celebration will show a saner method of ushering in 1948. It's hard to believe that in a Christian nation so many took this way of celebrating the birth of Christ.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Happy New Year to One and All!

The snow plowing on the Highway between Acton and Milton certainly hasn't left any straight furrow.

A man is an animal who doesn't think he has enjoyed his turkey dinner unless he takes a little bicarbonate of soda later on.

Your home paper the Acton-Free Press, is going to be bigger in 1948. In a week or so there will be an announcement of interest to all the home town folks. Just now we are making the preparations for a change.

Seems as if most everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. Certainly the weather was ideal for the holiday and the two holidays gave most everyone an opportunity to catch up after the hurried weeks that preceded the holiday.

The hockey season is getting under way and soon will be the big winter sport and topic of conversation. Yes and quite a bit of the local news too. Your home town paper will carry the stories each week.

National advertising increase 14 per cent in October, compared with the same month last year. To those who spend advertising dollars, it might be of interest to note that newspaper expenditures were 34 per cent higher while radio increased only 4 per cent, and magazines 8 per cent.

Many smokers are criticising the boost in cigarettes from thirty-three to thirty-five cents per package of twenty and with reason; but the retailer should not be censured for the increase. What many cigarette smokers do not know is that twenty-one cents of the thirty-five cents a package now costs, goes to the Federal treasury in the form of excise tax.—Smith's Falls Record News.

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The following letter was received from Osborne Mitchell, Secretary of the H.E.P.C. of Ontario and we pass it on for your consideration. Part of the letter was as follows:

December 15, 1947

To all municipalities in Southern Ontario:

Re: Power Conservation

Although there has been a substantial reduction in the demand for power arising out of voluntary conservation and the application of restrictions, heavy cuts are still being made in the delivery of power to industry. Moreover, system power resources have recently been reduced owing to lack of rainfall causing poor water conditions.

Winter has now set in and little improvement can be expected in the replenishment of water storages, with the result that system power resources may be expected to progressively deteriorate throughout the remainder of the winter. In these circumstances, it is evident that unless additional voluntary savings can be obtained the Commission will be obliged to order Municipalities to reduce their load from time to time by as much as 15 per cent, or possibly more. The Commission's engineers are now drawing up such reduction schedules in order that any necessary reductions may be equitably distributed amongst the municipalities.

The consumers are also warned in the letter that unless the necessary savings are made, the power may be cut off entirely during parts of the day.

Published by the Acton Public Utilities Commission in the hope that this drastic action may not be necessary.

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 (STANDARD TIME)**

TO LONDON	TO TORONTO
10.38 a.m.	6.31 a.m.
2.50 p.m.	4.16 a.m.
5.13 p.m.	9.16 a.m.
7.33 p.m.	11.51 a.m.
8.38 p.m.	2.06 p.m.

a—Daily ex. Sun. d—Sun. and Hol. Sat., Sun. & Hol.
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11.51 a.m.	2.06 p.m.
4.46 p.m.	6.38 p.m.
9.06 p.m.	11.11 p.m.

Westbound

10.38 a.m.	12.35 p.m.
2.50 p.m.	5.13 p.m.
7.33 p.m.	8.38 p.m.
10.38 p.m.	12.35 p.m.

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Sunday only, 8.10 a.m.	7.08 p.m.
Daily except Sunday, 6.37 p.m.	Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10.11 p.m.

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Daily except Monday, 1.17 a.m.	Monday only, 12.09 a.m.
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