

The Acton Free Press
 Published Every Thursday at Acton, Ontario
 Authorized as second class mail, Post Office Department, Ottawa

SUBSCRIPTION RATES—\$2.00 per year in advance, United States 50c additional. Single copies 5c. Both old and new addresses should be given when change of address is requested.

ADVERTISING RATES—On application and as given in various column headings.

Although every precaution will be taken to avoid error, the Free Press accepts advertising in its columns on the understanding that it will not be liable for any error in any advertisement published hereunder unless a proof of such advertisement is requested in writing by the advertiser and returned to The Free Press business office duly signed by the advertiser and with such error or corrections plainly noted in writing thereon and in that case, if any error so noted is not corrected by the Free Press, its liability shall not exceed such proportion of the entire cost of such advertisement as the space occupied by the noted error bears to the whole space occupied by such advertisement.

G. ARLOF DILLS, Editor

TELEPHONES—
 Editorial and Business Office 124
 Residence 124

EDITORIAL

Port Hope Tackles a Problem

The advice of physicians is to the effect that men over 40 years should not shovel snow and of course most below that age have no desire to shovel snow so it seems that the logical thing to do would be to cease construction of sidewalks.

There is, of course, another option and down in Port Hope the 1948 Council tackled the problem at the first meeting and replaced the old by-law with a new, by-law. Perhaps it would serve as a guide to other Councils to give the details required of residents in Port Hope.

The terms include the requirement of citizens to remove snow and ice before premises owned or occupied within 12 hours after a snow-fall unless the precipitation occurs between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m., in which case walks must be cleared not later than 8 p.m.

The town foreman is responsible for clearing all roads and streets in town within 24 hours. After that he can remove snow from sidewalks where it has not been removed and then notify the town clerk who will bill the citizen responsible for failure to remove snow.

Bills must be paid within 14 days or in default the amount will be added to the tax bill of the property affected. Where the provisions of the by-law have not been complied with, the party or parties concerned may be hailed into court and if found guilty may be assessed a fine up to \$50 or the alternative of 21 days in jail.

Those Municipal Nest Eggs

Municipalities are not nearly as prosperous as they seem to-day, suggests the report of the Petrie Commission which has just completed its study of Fredericton taxation. The present rosy picture is the result of forcibly reduced expenditures during the war coupled with the buoyancy of property taxes during the same period. This situation allowed many municipalities to pay off old debt and build a nest egg. But it has not changed the revenue problem.

States the report:

"The only major revenue source left to municipalities is the property tax, which already provides about 75 per cent of municipal revenue in Canada. It is the opinion of the members of this Commission that the answer to the municipal revenue problem does not lie in increased property taxes. In many, perhaps most, communities, the property-tax had approached the saturation point before the war. Property tax delinquency and tax forefeitures had reached alarming levels. While the prosperity engendered by war had alleviated the burden of existing property taxes to some extent, and serious slump in business activity, accompanied by deflated property values, would quickly place the municipalities in a position similar to that in which they found themselves during the last depression."

While recognizing as a fact that "sweeping tax reforms cannot be started at the municipal level" this report does suggest two remedies that lie largely within that scope:

1. Municipalities must use with maximum effectiveness those revenue sources left to them.
2. Municipalities should be relieved of the responsibility for certain services, particularly those concerning public health and welfare.

Only the Headlines

It's a sad story that's being written these days across Ontario under the province's liquor control act or rather it's policy of sale. Newspaper headlines scream most every day with tragedies due to consumption of intoxicating beverages. Murders are committed by folks who are befuddled by the beverages being sold in unlimited quantities.

Not only does the sale of government liquors grow but the bootleg stuff also flourishes and adds to the suffering of many innocent

victims. A typical case is reported from Godrich the past week.

"Testimony that hair tonic, shaving lotion and wine 'bought bootleg at the roadside' were all consumed during a party which preceded the slaying, was given yesterday at the murder trial of Frederick Littlechild, 42, charged in the fatal stabbing of Charles Bell September 15."

At West Montrose a drinking bout culminated in the slaying of several people. These are only a few scattered items. There are the quarrels, the highway accidents and the broken homes that never even make the headlines. Surely it is time that Ontario took stock of the tragedy of the so-called government control policy of intoxicating beverages.

The Missing Factor

Even before the Foreign Ministers met in London, nine people out of ten were talking of the failure of the conference and of the inevitable creation of "two worlds", an Eastern world dominated by the Soviet Union and a Western world dominated by the United States. During recent months prominent figures in the democratic countries have suggested two lines of action to deal with this division of the world into hostile camps. The first school is for trying to hold a balance between the extremes. They are in favor of working out a compromise between Democracy and Communism and in some vague way to maintain happy relations between them.

Those who advocate this policy entirely fail to grasp the true nature of either Communism or Democracy. There is as much chance of their mixing as there is of oil and water. When one comes in, the other goes out.

Another school is for recognizing the fundamental cleavage and strengthening the Western group of nations by economic and military measures. By so doing they hope to hold at bay the aggressive advance of Communism.

But Communism can no more be confined behind political and economic frontiers than it can be stopped by planes and guns. Any totalitarian ideology, right or left, comes to power through the fears, greeds and hates, the irresponsibility and moral apathy of all of us. The only effective solution is a change of heart—in the ordinary man and the statesman.

Freedom cannot be maintained by dishonest politicians, selfish businessmen, power-hungry labor leaders, nor by apathetic and self-absorbed citizens in any walk of life.

Consumer Holds Key

The first thing to recognize about the current hullabaloo on prices and revival of price controls is that most of it is synthetic, states The Financial Post.

Some of the uproar is merely party politics. A lot of it is part of the campaign preparing the way for another round of wage demands. All the pro-Communist groups are joyfully adding to the noise. And, of course, one-dollar cabbage makes news and big headlines.

The housewife who is concerned with the wise use of her money, has in her own hands the complete answer to one-dollar cabbage. It is the housewives who ultimately set the price of cabbage and of other things, by their decisions to buy or not to buy. And nobody in Canada is going to suffer if cabbage is off his menu for a time. He has alternatives.

The second point which is getting submerged in the current commotion is that the reasons for food price increases are that people generally never had so much money to spend, hence are consuming or trying to consume at record speed.

Buyer resistance and increased production are certain cures for present maladjustments.

EDITORIAL NOTES

February will have five Sundays this year, which won't occur again for several years.

Most any time now will come the first report on what municipal taxes to expect as Council's decided on the 1948 budget and what the cost will be to meet the demands of ratepayers.

One solution to a lower butter price might be the use of margarine. It would help to keep down the cost of living and the "spread" on butter which sold last week anywhere from 72 to 79 cents a pound, depending on where you lived.

Thanks for the favorable comment of many on the appearance of your home town newspaper. The Free Press, in the new size in which it now appears. We're pleased at its acceptance with our readers.

Hespeler still reports a balance of \$3,800 remaining unpaid as the deficit of the Old Boys' Reunion fund of last summer. When the books were closed after the reunion the deficit was over \$16,000 but \$12,500 has since been raised in one way or another.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 20th, 1898

Contractor Lawson put in last week for Mr. John McQueen, a new set of Wilson weigh scales at his scale shed, corner Mill and Wilbur Streets. They have a capacity of 20,000 pounds and were necessary for the business of Beardmore & Co. and the Acton Tanning Co., who do their bulk weighing there.

Remarkable indeed was the heavy thunderstorm attending the January thaw. The lightning was unusually vivid and the thunder severe. For fully an hour the electric current flashed across the heavens, the thunder pealed and the rain fell in torrents.

About two o'clock yesterday, the store and residence occupied by N. Brown, Limehouse, was totally destroyed by fire.

The Acton Hockey Team will play the Rockwood village boys in Rockwood on Friday evening. Admission 5c. The cheap admission is intended to encourage all who wish to see the game to attend.

Wm. Jackson's barn at Everton was struck by lightning Wednesday evening. The implements, grain, hay straw and turnips were with the barn, destroyed.

The Free Library by-law came up for consideration at the meeting of council, was read a second and third time and passed.

BACK IN 1928

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 26th, 1928

January has shown some real winter weather after all. The buses were unable to navigate the filled-up roads for a couple of days.

Acton curlers are enjoying this winter game on the Georgetown rinks this year in increasing numbers.

The eighty-fifth anniversary of the Acton Baptist Church was held last Sunday. Splendid sermons were given by Rev. Dr. McCrimmon on Sunday. On Monday evening a musical evening was presented which was enjoyed by a large audience.

Misses William and Murray Somerville of North Battleford, Sask., are visiting their mother and sister.

DIED
 REID—At Hillsburg, on Wednesday, January 25th, 1928, Robert Reid, in his 92nd year.

CLARK—At the Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Wednesday, January 18th, 1928, John Clark of Nassagaweya, in his 43rd year.

AUCTION SALE

OF 25 HEAD GUERNSEY COWS AND HEIFERS

The undersigned have received instructions from

ED. DOLBY to sell by Public Auction at his farm, Lot 7, Con. 2, Township of Trafalgar, on Highway No. 25, 3 miles south of Milton, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1948 At 2 o'clock, the following:

1 Guernsey Cow, due time of sale; 1 Guernsey Cow, in full flow, bred Dec. 9; 1 Guernsey Cow, fresh 3 weeks, not bred; 1 Jersey Cow, in full flow, bred Dec. 26; 1 Guernsey Cow, in full flow, bred Dec. 9; 1 Guernsey Cow, in full flow, not bred; 1 Guernsey Cow, due March 5; 1 Reg. Guernsey Heifer, due March 10; 1 Guernsey Cow, due April 1; 1 Guernsey Cow, due April 10; 1 Guernsey Cow, due April 15; 1 Guernsey Cow, milking, due June 2; 1 Guernsey Heifer, due Jan. 7; 1 Guernsey Heifer, due March 1; 1 Black Part Holstein Cow, due March 1; 1 Holstein Cow, in full flow, bred Jan. 9; 2 Guernsey Heifers, 3 mos. old; 1 Jersey Heifer, 8 mos. old; 2 Heifer Calves, Guernsey; 1 Pure Bred Guernsey Bull, 6 mos. old. This is a fine herd of cattle, showing lots of breeding and milk, with a dairy test of 48.

These cattle sell without reserve as the proprietor is out of feed. TERMS: Cash Settlement with Clerk Day of Sale.

HINDLEY & ELLIOTT, Auctioneers 52-53

R. R. Ford, Clerk

E. P. Head

OPTOMETRIST
 EYES EXAMINED
 SCIENTIFICALLY

HEARING AID BATTERIES

58 St. George's Square,
GUELPH

Appointment Ph. 1529
 EST. 20 YEARS

HALTON POULTRY PRODUCTS

WANTED

POULTRY & EGGS

Chickens Ducks Turkeys

Custom Picked

PHONE MILTON 1-W

ELECTRICAL

• **CONTRACTORS**
 We take wiring contracts for houses, barns and other smaller jobs. Have us do that job and eliminate personal worry.

• **REPAIRS**
 Don't discard that helpful electric appliance. Bring it in to us for an excellent repair job. Appliances begin a second life when repaired by us.

• **APPLIANCES**
 New modern electrical conveniences for your entire home. Modernize your kitchen with shiny, gleaming, helpful appliances to cut down your work.

McEACHERN Electric
 ACTON

CARROLL'S

JAYLMEYER SOUP

VERY SPECIAL - VEGETABLE GELATIN TOMATO, GREEN PEAS, VEGETABLE BEEF, APPALOOSA, ONION.

3 TINS 25c

SPECIAL - HAPPY VALE

Pork and BEANS
 2 30oz TINS 29c

CANADA PACKERS SLICED SIDE

BACON 1/2 75c

FRESHLY GROUND ROMAR

COFFEE 1/2 51c

SWISS PORK LOAF
TEMPT 1/2 35c

SHELLSHELL
WALNUTS 1/2 25c

HEINE'S THICK
SAUCE 1/2 25c

WAGYATTA'S HOT BANANA
PEPPERS 1/2 26c

MONSIEUR POWDERED
CUSTARD 1/2 32c

FREE MEASURING CUP WITH

FISH CAKES 1/2 19c
DANDEE TEA 1/2 45c

C. C. SAUCE 1/2 18c
SPIC AND SPAN 1/2 23c

BLUEBERRIES 1/2 31c
CORN STARCH 2 21c
KETA STEW 1/2 21c
KETA SALMON 1/2 33c

LIMIT LAUNDRY
STARCH PACKAGE 1/2 11c

REHEIVE GOLDEN CORN
SYRUP 1/2 27c

AMT JAMAICA LEMON 1/2 65c

PANCAKES 1/2 47c

HEINE'S CHOCOLATE VANILLA
FUDINGS 2 9c

SWISS STAINED
BABY MEATS 2 29c

KEEN'S ENGLISH
MUSTARD 1/2 11c, 51c

HEINE PREPARED
MUSTARD 1/2 14c, 19c

WELL'S O
APPLE JUICE 3 27c

ROYAL MAJOR
TOMATO JUICE 1/2 11c
PRUNE PLUMS 1/2 17c

GUIDE QUAKER
OATS 1/2 28c

LYNN VALLEY
PEAS 3 25c

BEALFAY'S
BEANS 1/2 19c

BRUCE'S BRAND
SEED 1/2 19c

EAST OF SEAS
VEL 1/2 12c, 29c

70 POLISH SILVER
SELVO 1/2 15c, 23c

SAFETY KEEPER
SNACKS 2 25c

MAPLE LEAF VINE
LARD 1/2 27c

PEANUT BUTTER 16oz 39c
 OLD COLONY PURE QUEBEC
MAPLE SYRUP 16oz 50c

RED OLD CHOICE
TOMATOES 30oz 19c

ATLANTA
DILL PICKLES 34oz 27c

ATLANTA FANCY
APPLE SAUCE 30oz 17c

FACTORY OF BLAX O'GOLD CALIFORNIA
PEACHES 30oz 38c

ATLANTA CHOICE FITTED
RED CHERRIES 30oz 39c

GRAPEFRUIT
 Fresh Seedless, Size 96 6 For 27c

CELERY
 Fresh Green Stalks 18c

APPLES
 Mac No. 1, 6 Quart Basket 65c

ORANGES
 Navels, Size 288, Dozen 31c

Business Directory

MEDICAL

DR. W. G. C. KENNY
 Physician and Surgeon
 (Successor to Dr. J. A. McIlveny)
 Office in Symon Block, Mill St., Acton
 Office Phone 78—Residence Church St., Phone 150

DR. D. A. GARRETT
 Physician and Surgeon
 Frederick Street, Acton
 Formerly Dr. Nelson's office
 Office Phone 238—Residence 243

DENTAL

DR. A. J. BUCHANAN
 Dental Surgeon
 Office—Leishman Block, Mill St.
 Office Hours—9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 X-RAY — GAS
 TELEPHONE 148

DR. GEORGE A. SIRRS
 Dental Surgeon
 Mill St., corner Frederick, Acton
 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 TELEPHONE 19

LEGAL

C. F. LEATHERLAND, B.A.
 ACTON
 Barrister & Solicitor, Notary Public
 Issuer of Marriage Licences
 Registrar of Births, Marriages, Deaths
 Office 22 Phone Residence 181

LANGDON & AYLSWORTH
 Barristers, Solicitors, Etc.
 Offices
 Acton—Cooper Building
 R. MacIntyre Aylsworth, B. A.
 ACTON
 Phone Residence 2181
 Georgetown—Gregory Theatre Bldg.
 Phone 88w

LEVER & HOSKIN
 Chartered Accountants
 Successors to
JENKINS & HARDY
 1306 Metropolitan Bldg.
 44 Victoria St., Toronto
 Ely 9131

VETERINARY

B. D. YOUNG, V.S., B.V.S.C.
 Veterinary Surgeon
 Office: Brookville, Ontario
 Phone Milton 146r4

F. G. OAKES, V.S., B.V.S.C.
 Veterinary Surgeon
 Office and Residence Knox Ave.
 Acton Phone 130

MISCELLANEOUS

JOHNSTONE & RUMLEY
 Victor B. Rumley
 Funeral Home, Heated Ambulance
 Serving the community for 45 years
 Phone 30 night or day

WILLOUGHBY FARM AGENCY
 Largest & Oldest Agency in Canada
 Head Office, Kent Bldg., Toronto
 Georgetown Representative
 Tom Hewson
 Phone Georgetown 332W

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound
 8:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 9:16 a.m., 11:31 a.m., 2:46 p.m., 4:16 p.m., 6:26 p.m., 9:06 p.m., 11:11 p.m.

Westbound
 10:35 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 2:50 p.m., 5:11 p.m., 7:31 p.m., 9:38 p.m., 11:23 p.m., 11:28 p.m.

a. Daily except Sundays and holidays.
 b. Saturdays and Holidays only.
 c. Daily except Sundays and Holidays.
 d. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.
 e. Daily except Sundays.

RAILWAYS

CANADIAN NATIONAL

STANDARD TIME

Eastbound
 Daily except Sundays, 6:44 a.m., 9:48 a.m., 7:08 p.m.; Sunday only, 8:19 p.m. Daily except Sunday, Flyer at Georgetown, 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
 Daily except Monday, 1:17 a.m.; Monday only, 1:09 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:44 a.m., 6:48 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Saturday only, 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only, 9:43 a.m., flagstop; Flyer at Guelph except Saturday and Sunday, 6:36 p.m.

A. Floyd Smith

Jeweler

WATCHES — CLOCKS
 JEWELRY

75 Quebec Street, West
GUELPH, ONT.