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EDITORIAL

Bigger Baskets for 1948

Most every New Year we aim to clear our desk and get a fresh start, but somehow so far in 1948 we have never yet come round to this annual clean-up. Not by any manner of means would we have you think that 1948 was different from any other year and the desk doesn't need clearing. It's just that we haven't had that usual half-day—generally a Saturday—that we could glance at the desk accumulation before we threw most of it in the waste paper basket.

Every day after every mail we make the preliminary discard but then there are always things that look interesting and we lay aside for future reference (on our desk). There's another reason why the desk isn't cleaned. The old wastepaper basket has been broken. The bamboo or reed sides have been broken all along one side and the contents come out on the floor.

Next piece of equipment we buy will be a new wastepaper basket and it's going to be a bigger one and a stronger one. The increase in the seeking for publicity for somebody's propaganda is growing. Used to be it was confined to governments and to Canada. Now it's world wide and we can see that bigger wastepaper baskets are the only answer to the problem. No, we're not complaining. We've been heaving at the wastepaper basket after every mail for over thirty years now. The load has built up gradually and now it takes only a fraction of our time to sort the good from the bad and fill the basket. But we must have a bigger basket.

Bouquets That Are Always Fragrant

There are lots of nice things that come our way in the mail, too, besides the free publicity seekers. For instance, recently an official of one of the large chain stores took time the other day to write a word of appreciation for one of our editorial comments. The Salada Tea Company wrote and told us that they had found our columns very satisfactory in advertising their product.

A Bell Telephone Company official also took time to let us know that the home town paper had rendered their company a satisfactory service and said thank you. An official of one of Canada's oldest banks also told us that they had found our columns very satisfactory and would continue their use this coming year. Not one of these went in the wastepaper basket. They are right here on our desk now someplace. There may be others and that's why this clearing of our desk is a personal job. We like to re-read those letters on days when the going may not be so bright. They are helpful even if they are buried and unanswered.

Shaping the World of Tomorrow

The aviation industry has given us a small world. Should it not do something, therefore, to make that small world livable—to help men grow big enough to live in a small world together, and fly through the air without flying at each other's throats?

The scientific industries have given us the way to split the atom. Should they not, then, give us the way to unite mankind? Men, with atom bombs, who have not learned to live together in their small world, will make the largest land quite uninhabitable.

Business, it would seem, has brought upon itself responsibility other than the mere supply of goods. Their place and way of work mold the mental and emotional personality of men. And the human undercurrents that come out of the factory do more to shape the world of tomorrow than all the discoveries that come out of the scientific laboratory.

Newspapers, too, have this further responsibility. If there is conflict in our own staff and if we only look for and report news of a world in conflict, we can only kill men's hope and faith in any better way of life. But, if we look for and print stories of people and groups who have

found the secret of caring for each other and thus getting along together, we furnish men new faith on which to build. And, if we live and work that way ourselves, we can speak, not just because we own and operate a printing press, but because we have cut a pattern. We can speak with the authority of experience.

A Hub of Industry

There are many statistics which prove rather dry study but because industry plays such a part in the growth and general conditions in most centres of Ontario, we find the manufacturing statistics of the province most interesting. It has been our custom each year to compile figures from this statistical record showing all the towns in Halton County and other towns picked at random in which our readers may be interested.

The figures are those compiled for the year 1945 which have just been released and the summary of manufacturing in the province notes, "With the end of the war in 1945, manufacturing production in Ontario, as well as throughout the rest of Canada dropped sharply. The production of war equipment was immediately curtailed and in many instances entirely discontinued. Many factories began to convert from war to peace time production, while the production of many lines of consumer goods surged upward. As a result of these changes production in Ontario during 1945, which was valued at \$3,965,069,021 represented a drop of \$374,728,763 or 8.6 per cent. as compared with the previous year. There was also a drop of 46,336 or 8.2 per cent. in the number of persons employed and \$92,554,673 or 9.5 per cent. in the amount of salaries and wages paid."

We have in our summary listed for each town the number of manufacturing establishments in that centre, the total number of salaried people and wage earners and the gross amount paid in salaries and wages and the gross value of production. In the government tables these are broken down and other information, given which is of interest but not possible to re-print in these columns. Here are the figures

Place	No. Est.	No. Salaries & Wages	Gross Value of Products
Acton	17	1012	\$1,334,129
Oakville	23	743	1,124,947
Georgetown	14	710	1,102,106
Milton	13	435	642,229
Burlington	9	344	487,524
Brampton	16	544	776,846
Erin	22	942	1,509,602
Fergus	5	27	26,165
Lindsay	12	809	1,406,498
Orangeville	29	1204	2,136,191
Paris	14	235	252,530
St. Mary's	20	1076	1,337,523
Simcoe	37	1422	2,031,562
Streetsville	20	536	780,146
Dundas	26	1355	1,858,212
Bracebridge	10	135	208,473
Clinton	23	863	1,236,261
Collingwood	12	162	183,523
Guelph	9	187	194,208
	17	1271	2,220,978
	90	5381	8,144,122

If readers are interested in the statistics of any other municipality, they are welcome to secure the figures from this record. It is well to impress the fact, however, that these figures are for 1945, the year of the close of hostilities. There have been many changes since in the conversion of industry to peace-time production.

Service Costs Money

We find agreement with that top ranking farmers' publication, the Farmers' Advocate, when it says, the people of Canada—of this continent in fact—are service mad. Consumers must have goods delivered to their doors just when they want them. Even rural people are demanding services that would have appeared outrageous to a previous generation 25 years ago. This craze reached its peak before the war when it was not unusual for a drug store to get a telephone call for delivery of a package of cigarettes or a postage stamp.

The middlemen (or middlewomen, if you like) are not parasites. They are performing a legitimate though not always useful service. No matter what machinery is created to take farm products from the farm to the consumer's door the distribution will cost something. Farmers can expect only a percentage of the consumer's dollar because of this distribution cost; but they can always expect more when the distribution is shown of all unnecessary service frills.

And these frills are not always on the consumer end of the distribution. In a good many cases these will be found all the way along the road from the time goods are loaded at the farm until they reach the urban table.

An all-out program of service-at-cost would help to banish some of the evil. When those who demand extra service are required to pay the extra price they might be satisfied to do some things for themselves.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The hockey schedule is drawing near a close and soon it will be decided what teams go on and play the winter sport and what ones get ready for the baseball season.

The snow banks on the highways in this district reached first level in many places and plows have started pushing the top section back to make space for the February storms.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 10th, 1898.

Tuesday's rain storm considerably reduced the snow banks. Mr. R. D. Graham has been re-engaged municipal officer for another year. Salary increased to \$450.

Rev. Jas. A. McLachlan, Rev. H. A. MacPherson and H. P. Moore were appointed by the Council as members of the Public Library Board.

The council will consult an electrical engineer at the next meeting relative to the establishment of an electric lighting plant for Acton.

The dramatic entertainment "All that glitters is not gold" given in the Town Hall under the auspices of the Canadian Order of the Woodmen of the World on Friday evening was a grand success.

Mr. James Graham, a farmer on the third line, Trafalgar, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon while helping a neighbor, Mr. George Buck, in cutting straw. They had cut down and removed half a straw stack when the remaining half fell over on top of Mr. Graham, one of Mr. Buck's sons and a hired boy. The two latter succeeded in getting out without much the worse but Mr. Graham was dead when found.

BACK IN 1928

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 16, 1928

The Valentine mail almost resembled the Christmas mail on Tuesday.

Knox Church Sunday School scholars held a jolly sleigh riding party yesterday afternoon. A wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon at the United Church parsonage, St. Catharines when Rev. Mr. Bennett united in marriage Miss Anna, only daughter of Mrs. Rittenhouse and the late W. B. Rittenhouse of Vineland Station and Mr. Bert Mowat of Acton.

The newly created Mens' Bible Class of the Baptist Church held a very successful Father and Son banquet last Friday evening.

DIED
In Nasagawewya Township on February 10, 1928, Lillian May Weatherall, beloved wife of Mr. James Kitchen in her 45th year.

LAING—At her home, 118 Bainsam Ave., Toronto, on Sunday, February 12, 1928, Alexandra (Alice) Laing, daughter of the late Adam Laing, of Acton.

SNYDER—At his home, corner of Mill and Wellington Sts., Acton, on Monday, February 13, 1928, James E. Snyder, beloved husband of Olive Griffen, in his 71st year.

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF Section 23 of "The Municipal Act" and amendments thereto and

IN THE MATTER OF the annexation to the Village of Acton of certain lands in the Township of Esquesing hereinafter described.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Application on the Corporation of the Village of Acton for the annexation thereof to part of the East Half of Lot Twenty-Nine (29) in the Third Concession on the Township of Esquesing containing in area Fourteen and Sixty-One hundredths (14.61) acres more or less, which application was heard by the Board on the 30th day of September, A.D. 1947, has been approved and an Order of annexation of the said lands will be issued on the 5th day of February, A.D. 1948. All interested property owners are hereby required to take notice that unless an objection to the said annexation is filed with the Board on or before 14 days after the said 5th day of February, A.D. 1948, the Order will issue. If any objection is filed during the said period and not withdrawn, the said annexation must be confirmed by a Special Act of the Legislature in which case the Act shall name the effective date.

DATED at Toronto, this 30th day of January, A.D. 1948.
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X-RAY — GAS
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4:13 p.m.; 7:33 p.m.; 9:38 p.m.;
8:23 p.m.; 11:28 p.m.

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

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Flyer at Georgetown, 6:37 p.m.;
Daily, Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.

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