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EDITORIAL

A Fine Growth

Last week saw Acton's latest subdivision come into usefulness when five of the fifty homes in the Wartime Housing subdivision were occupied. Shortly the balance of these homes will have tenants because there is a waiting list for all of them and more. The houses here will provide for about two hundred citizens, many of whom have been living in unsuitable quarters and many outside the municipality. This group will assist those who desire to rent rather than own properties.

In addition the Leishman survey has about fifty homes in various stages, some occupied and some just started. There are the other homes about town in smaller groups that have made the past year one of the greatest in home building in Acton in its history. The new homes have required additional services and these have been supplied as required. It has made quite an extensive construction program and until this year there will be little return from taxes. It appears the trend of the expansion is eastward and no doubt the contour of the land had much to do with this trend as well as the highway advantage. They are fine developments and Acton may well be pleased that in spite of material difficulties, they are now in the useful stage.

After the Tax Dodger

Canada's tax dodgers had better start taking violent evasive action, writes Ronald Williams in the Financial Post. Canada's little publicized corps of financial G-men are getting the range and bringing down more and more tax chisellers every day.

The anti-tax evasion guns really began laying down a barrage about a year ago, he reports. The enemy now as then: deliberate, wilful, fraudulent tax jugglers.

"The taxpayer who makes an honest mistake has nothing to fear: it's the schemer tax crook the government is after."

"To man the new tax enforcement guns, a special branch was set up within the Income Tax Branch during the war. But it didn't pack much of a punch until a year ago. Since then, a small but highly efficient group of specially trained Intelligence or 'I-men' have piled up an imposing record of convictions, jail sentences, fines and collection of back taxes.

Up to last week, 95 cases of deliberate tax conspiracy and falsification had been prosecuted. Only one case was lost."

"Bloodless Victory"

The tragedies of Czechoslovakia and Finland chalk up two more battles lost in the ideological war. While statesmen try to check this sweep of "bloodless victories" abroad, the ordinary man can keep his eye upon the "bloodless victories" which, despite our "purges", still continue here at home.

Ideological fifth columnists follow a regular pattern. Under cover of numerous democratic-sounding fronts, they work first to undermine foundations—the family, the church, the moral law, unity at home and in Europe. Western European Union, aid to Europe, our friendship with other nations and races, teamwork in industry, agreement in the labor unions. Young people are encouraged to sneer at morality, religion and their parents. Workers are encouraged to slacken production, suspect the boss and to elect the wrong men to key union positions.

If these fifth columnists cannot capture the labor unions or farmers' associations, they bring them into disrepute and impotence through unofficial strikes and slow-downs. Propaganda is spread to split all opposition into small groups both in labor and national politics. Needless and futile battles are fought on trifling issues with real issues never faced. How can democracy fight back?

The battle obviously must be fought at each point of materialistic attack. Moral standards must be maintained, religion upheld with new vitality and the family must win back its lost ground. These are the foundations of freedom. Labor unions can recapture key positions they have lost. Sound men can be elected, unofficial strikes and unreal elections can be stopped, through the resolute and united action of all members. The same is true of our political elections.

Win these battles—learn the secret of uniting men to stand for what is right at home and we can send abroad a task force that will help unite the democratic elements in Europe. We can launch a counter-offensive of "bloodless victories" that will unite Canada, move on to make Western European Unity a reality and help roll back the iron curtain.

Fast Growing Province

Business is really moving to B.C., states a special survey of the Financial Post.

In the last two years, 2,885 new firms have been incorporated. Close to 1,000 were new or transplanted Eastern concerns.

A quarter of a billion dollars' worth of industrial expansion has been completed, is under construction, or is planned.

B.C. has the highest per capita capital investment program of any province: \$157 (Ontario \$144).

Population is going up by leaps and bounds: 1,100 families are moving in every month.

A vast expansion program is under way in the pulp and paper industry.

Secondary industries, once a negligible factor, are rapidly assuming a primary role in B.C.'s economy.

On the average, B.C. is gaining better than one new plant every day of the year.

B.C. industrial growth since the early '30's has been greater than any other province: from \$128 millions in 1932 to \$680 millions (est.) in 1947.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There are folks who will be revelling in the fact that it's just thirty days more until the opening of the trout fishing season.

Acton now has a second service club and Rotary will take its place here and no doubt render the same fine service it has in every other community and country.

There was splendid attendance at the Easter services in the church on Sunday. It was a beautiful spring day and was enjoyed after the dull day which preceded it.

It's not wise to make predictions. But the observation can be made that Acton Tanners have done well in hockey again and to say every citizen is hoping for them, another championship as in 1939.

The Municipal Statistics of Ontario for 1946 came to hand this week. Some comparisons with the Municipal Directory for 1948 show remarkable changes for many centres in the past two years.

Spring must be here for already early gardens are being predicted and a radio report forecasts lettuce from the garden in May—which of course, everyone knows is possible but has a lot of conditions before fulfillment.

Wrong again were those who predicted a great exodus back to the land after the war, says the Calgary Albertan. The facts are that men and women are staying where they found jobs during the war. Nearly all the cities have gained in population since the end of hostilities.

Cutting down trees has been suggested as one means of getting rid of starlings. The London Free Press doesn't think much of that remedy. "Perish the thought! One of the things that is wrong with Western Ontario today is that we have too few trees. We need more of them."

The one-room school is feeling the pinch of the shortage of teachers, with 318 closed because no teacher is available, and 6,257 are presided over by "permit teachers" who fall short of training requirements. It is not a good thing for Canada or for the pupils to have so many one-room schools and so many teachers who are not fully qualified.—Chesley Enterprise.

In the Acton, England, Gazette, we read "Ten times as many horses were slaughtered at the Atlas-road and Hanbury-road slaughterhouses in 1946 as in 1942, states the Acton Medical Officer of Health's report for 1946. The 1946 number, reflecting the increased demand for horseflesh to supplement the meat ration, was 5,830". And we complain in Canada when our special cut of beef or pork isn't always available.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of March 24th, 1898

Crowson's Corners now has a store, blacksmith shop, two saw mills, a shingle mill and a chopping mill.

Messrs. John A. Gordon and John M. Warren went to the sale of Mr. John Isaac, Markham. At this sale thirty head of Canadian and imported Durham and Short-horns were sold for \$3000. Buyers were present from as far south as Kentucky and west to the territories.

Nominations for Reeve-ship, rendered vacant through the death of Mr. W. H. Story were as follows: A. E. Nicklin, proposed by Dr. J. F. Uren, seconded by W. H. Denny; J. B. Pearson, proposed by J. A. McGrill, seconded by John Williams; W. H. Denny, proposed by Alex. A. Secord, seconded by Hugh Mann; James Clark, proposed by H. P. Moore, seconded by A. J. McKinnon.

The farmers' boys are hiding eggs for Easter.

Boating is in order again. Fairy Lake is about free of ice.

The Epworth League held a birthday social in the Methodist Church. At this time the people adjourned to the auditorium where a very enjoyable program was provided including solos by Mr. Eddie Johnson, Guelph; readings by Mr. John Strachan, Rockwood; selections by Miss Mina Walker and numbers by the Sunday School orchestra.

BACK IN 1928

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, April 5th, 1928

The gardens were lost in a tempest of snow last Friday. Old Sol has brought them back again, however.

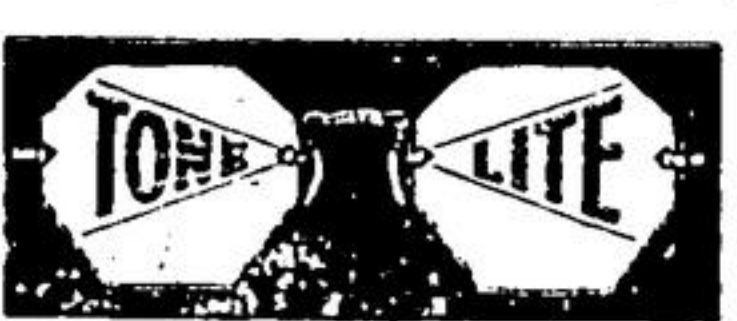
The meeting of the Dublin Literary Society was in the form of a social get-together of the section prior to the departure of their teacher, Miss Flossie Acheson. During the evening Miss Acheson was presented with a silver tea service.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church tendered a banquet to the members of the church on Tuesday evening. A cheque from the Ladies' Aid was presented to the leader, Mr. F. J. Salt, to be used for choir purposes.

Rt. Wor. Bro. T. C. Wardley, D.D.G.M. of Wellington District, made his official visit to Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. on Monday evening.

BORN—On Sunday, April 1st, 1928, at Private Patient's Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Black, a daughter.

DIED—At the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Jas. McDowell, Killarney, Manitoba, on Sunday, April 1st, 1928, Agnes Aitken, widow of the late Thos. ARTHUR GIBBONS. Anna Marguerite (Berta) Gibbons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gibbons. Second Line, Esquimaux, on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928, in her 27th year.



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