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## EDITORIAL

### Give Thanks

Monday is a day set apart for national Thanksgiving and of course is a public holiday. If ever there was a year in which Canadians have cause for giving thanks, it is this year of bounty. Shortages that there may be are man made and a great Providence has supplied a wonderful harvest throughout this great land, and given ample time to garner in the crops. Let us give thanks not only on Monday next, but every day, for the plenty that has been provided.

To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise  
In hymns of adoration;  
To thee bring sacrifice of praise,  
With shouts of exultation,  
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn  
The hills with joy are ringing;  
The valleys stand so thick with corn  
That even they are singing.

### As Others See It

A week or so ago the annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association was held at Niagara Falls. Your editor was unable to attend the sessions and we therefore had to glean our information from press reports and bulletins. Commenting on the event, the Financial Post says in an editorial headed, "Strength of the Nation".

"Of all the publications which go into the homes of Canada, few get read more thoroughly than local weekly newspapers. The 750 weeklies in Canada print more than a million copies each week, reaching most of the 7 million Canadians who live in areas of under 10,000 population.

The responsibility of the weekly editor to his community and readers is clearly stated by R. A. Giles, 1948 president of the CWNA, in a message to their convention at Niagara Falls recently:

"It is the aim of the local weekly to boost and build up its local people and community, which in turn spreads to larger spheres, for a sound public opinion on national affairs is impossible without a sound public opinion on local affairs.

We are still in the midst of a critical period of transition following World War II with problems of readjustment still on our hands. How can we overcome these? By our willingness to work harder for more production and not continually wanting more pay for less work. It is here that the individual can play his part along with the newspaper in helping to build up a nation of happy, united people, strong socially, economically and politically."

The excellence of the weekly papers published in this country's towns and villages is conclusive proof of the fact they reflect the basic strength and soundness of their communities. For these papers are well supported by local and national advertisers and well read by everyone in the community."

### In Newspaper Competitions

While the editor wasn't at the sessions of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, this year, the papers over which we have guidance were in the annual contests, and it may prove interesting to our readers to know where their local paper stands in such a Dominion-wide competition.

Both the Free Press and Canadian Champion were entered in Class II for papers of 1000 to 2000 circulation. There were 52 entries in this class and only the scoring of the first ten in the competition were published. Both the Acton and Milton papers were in this group of the first ten for the best all round paper. The Free Press was in fourth place and the Canadian Champion in seventh place.

The three winners in this class were the

Craton Review of Craton, N.C., with 81 points; Elmwood Herald of Elmwood, Man., with 80 points; The Empire Advance of Virdein, Man., with 78 points. The Acton Free Press scored 75 points and the Canadian Champion 70 points. Five of the top papers were from Ontario and five were from the other provinces of the Dominion. Two of the five Ontario papers in this group were from Halton County. We are pleased, naturally, with the competition and we felt perhaps our readers would like to know how their local paper stood in relation to those of similar circulation and that your town was represented by its paper at the national convention even if the editor could not attend.

Other Ontario papers in this group who were listed were: The Delhi News, Gananoque Reporter and Clinton News-Record.

### He Doth Protest Too Much

(The Financial Post)

The drubbing Ontario citizens are taking from Hydro and civic officials over the power shortage has them hanging on the ropes. From every newspaper, messages jump out about "YOUR Hydro system." The radio blares forth gravel-voiced exhortations about YOUR power shortage.

Several times sources of surplus power have been found to take up some of the slack, but prompt official statements are issued warning that "this is only a drop in the bucket." Housewives are told to do their ironing on Fridays, workers are told they should work week ends; stores are urged to close all day Wednesdays instead of the usual half day, daylight saving ended on schedule since any gain by extending it would not have saved enough power to make any difference.

To add to this confusion, Ontario's Hydro chairman, Robert H. Saunders, has stated that the people themselves are to blame for the power shortage because they didn't heed the warnings given in the spring, and made no effort to prevent it. He says it is foolish to blame the Hydro.

That sort of charge won't go down with the customers. Having put power matters in the hands of a public commission, they expect their interests to be better protected. Recently appointed, Mr. Saunders may not like to inherit the blame, but trying to pass the buck to the people is no master stroke of diplomacy.

Power consumption has been increasing rapidly in Ontario and in all other provinces since before the war. It is true that Ontario has been embarrassed by cuts in deliveries from Quebec. Nevertheless, citizens know that other provinces have no shortage.

If a shareholder corporation monopoly—like Bell Telephone for instance—were to fall down on its service job the way Ontario Hydro has done, it is easy to imagine what dreadful squawks would follow. But here we have a publicly owned monopoly failing, and the customers are being read lectures telling them in effect to take it and like it; that the shortage is their fault.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Don't use one light that is not essential. Hydro is yours but only a small portion of it.

With all party leaders selected perhaps we can get back to the job of government for the people.

Fall Fairs are over. There's just Thanksgiving and the Plowing Matches to divert attention from the Christmas shopping preparations.

The cash income of Canadian farmers was \$626 million in the first half of the year, as against \$450 million a year ago, due to higher prices for their products.

If the old tradition holds true that "winter does not come until the swamps are full" we can anticipate a long autumn with a lot more wet weather than we have been having.

Hon. Thos. Kennedy is considered a likely choice to succeed Mr. Drew as Premier of Ontario. This district seems to be the centre for drawing provincial leadership for the Progressive Conservatives.

This is Fire Prevention Week, a time to clean up and remove the causes that make fire losses in homes and industry, and take a big toll of lives each year. Check your heating equipment and make sure it is safe for winter firing.

Place your shoe (even without taking it off) into a new British-made electrical machine "Povilat" and turn switch. Coarse brushes first remove dirt; then another brush is fitted and shoe is cleaned and polished. Certainly sounds a lot less strenuous than the old fashioned way of doing the same job.

## Recollections of Acton

### BACK IN 1898

Taken from the Issue of Thursday, October 6th, 1898.

Those who have for many months been advocating the adoption of electric lighting for our streets could not but feel gratified with the result of the public meeting of ratepayers Tuesday night. Council will take immediate steps to have the by-law put before the people and the vote will probably be taken at the end of the present month. The manufacturers in town alone have already applied for about 250 lights. The probability is that a plant will start with 600 or 700 lights as soon as it can be installed.

Mr. Robert Wallace had his left foot seriously bruised between a wagon and boulder several weeks ago. He has been laid up ever since, but is gradually improving. The following prices (not encouraging) are current on Acton grain market this week: fall wheat 60 to 62; goose wheat 50 to 55; white oats 22; mixed oats 21; Barley 40; peas 48 to 50; rye 40. The first national prohibition battle ever fought at the polls took place last Thursday. The result shows that the electors of our fair Dominion are in favour of the annihilation of the liquor traffic. Total net majority for prohibition in Halton 612.

### MARRIED

WHITESIDE-WEBB - At Poplar Avenue Farm, Osprey on Wednesday, September 21st by Rev. Mr. Kelly, Lucy Mabel Webb to Robert Whiteside of Michigan.

### BACK IN 1928

from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 4, 1928

Acton has been well favored with splendid athletic meets and sports days this year.

Exchange of courtesies between Cheltenham, Ontario, and a town of the same name in England. Since Acton, England, and Acton, Ontario, commenced this very happy exchange of crest and flag, a number of towns have made similar overtures to each other.

Rally Day Services were held at both Knox and United Churches on Sunday with special programs. Much sympathy is felt for Miss Jessie Cumming in the death this week of her sister Miss Elizabeth Cumming at her home in Fergus.

The marriage of Lillian, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McKeown, to Mr. Milton Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, was solemnized on Saturday, September 29th.

### MARRIED

COLE-BESWICK - At the United Church parsonage, Acton, on Saturday, September 29, 1928, by the Rev. C. L. Poole, B.D., Ida May daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Beswick, Acton, to Mr. Geo. Jeffrey Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cole, Eden Mills.

### DIED

McCLURE - At the family home, Bowser Ave., Acton, on Saturday, September 29, 1928, Thomas Andrew McClure.

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of ALEXANDER D. MANN

All persons having claims against the Estate of Alexander D. Mann, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Foreman, Deceased, who died on or about the Nineteenth day of June, 1948, are requested to file proof of same with the undersigned solicitor on or before the sixteenth day of October, 1948, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Acton, Ontario, this Twenty-third day of September, 1948.

JESSIE ROBERTSON, Administrator  
By her Solicitor,  
C. F. LEATHERLAND,  
Acton, Ontario.

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of ROBERT CHARLES ALFRED LEAVENS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Robert Charles Alfred Leavens, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Ontario, Deceased, who died on or about the Twentieth day of August, 1948, are requested to file proof of same with the undersigned solicitor on or before the sixteenth day of October, 1948, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Acton, Ontario, this Twenty-third day of September, 1948.

RICHARD L. LEAVENS, Administrator  
By his Solicitor,  
C. F. LEATHERLAND,  
Acton, Ontario.

## Important Notice

All Hydro Consumers in the Guelph Rural Operating Area are requested to reduce their daily use of Hydro by at least 15 per cent in order to keep the consumption in the district within the quota. Unless the desired reduction is made within the next 7 days, service to the district will be interrupted at regular intervals daily, Monday to Friday, commencing October 6th. We especially request your co-operation in conserving the use of yard lights, water heaters and ranges.

S. A. SAYLOR  
Area Manager

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## Business Directory

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6:31 p.m.; 8:26 p.m.; 10:56 p.m.  
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p.m.; 2:59 p.m.; 5:29 p.m.; 7:24 p.m.;  
8:14 p.m.; 11:34 p.m.  
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p.m.  
a. Except Sundays and Holidays.  
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