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We are interested to note recently that the County Assessor had made a report to County Council on the progress of the County assessment in Halton. We were disappointed however in that the report gave only the number of assessments under the new system in each muni-

cipalty. We would like to know and we feel the general public has a right to know how the new figures are going to apply in each municipality. Now that Assessments have been made under the new plan in all municipalities it should be an easy matter to give examples showing assesment under the old rate and assessment under the new schedule.

It should be an easy matter to select in each urban municipality three residences, three retail establishments and three industrial plants and give the present and the proposed new assessments. In rural townships three typical farm assessments could be given. These examples should be selected by County Council. as giving a broad picture of the whole plan and its general effect on the County.

County Council passed the new assessment plan and now have a further responsibility in keeping the public informed on the progress and what it means to the taxpayer. Responsibility did not end when the system was decided upon. An informed public is generally a fair public. But let's have the facts on County Assessment figures now that they are ready.

Exports To U.S. Soar

Canada's exports to the United States soared to a fantastic height in September, The Financial Post is informed.

Preliminary calculations suggest a figure of \$165 million. This is far greater than anything achieved in the wartime peak and almost double the corresponding figure of September, 1947.

. In the first eight months of this year, Canadian exports to the U.S. have averaged \$110 million monthly. In the same period last year, the monthly average was \$80 million.

Several factors have contributed to the phenomenal upswing in our exports to the United States: (1) A big flood of Canadian cattle and beef into the U.S. (The September shipments are estimated at between \$20 and \$30 million.) (2) An upsurge in exports of manufactured items, stimulated by pressure from the Canadian dollar conservation restrictions. (3) Continued heavy shipments of Canadian base metals, lumbers, newsprint, pulp and paper items.

Expansion Without Provision

The fortieth annual report of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, which came to hand a few days ago, contains some interesting information on rural hydro service. At the end of the fiscal year, October 31, 1947, there were nearly 196,500 rural consumers of all classes supplied through rural operating areas served by 24,400 miles of rural lines. Despite shortages of materials and men, 21,000 new consumers were served and 1000 miles of primary lines were built. Of the new consumers, 17,300 were served from existing lines.

peak loads recorded for all rural operating areas reached a new maximum of 146,625 kilowatts -195,500 h.p.-an increase of 20 per cent. The report notes that in previous years the maximum aggregate power sold in rural areas occurred during the summer months; of July or August. In the latter part of the summer of | for Peel, Hon. Tom Kennedy who has been in 1947, however, so rapidly were customers being added to the rural lines that the usual drop in load, following the exodus from summer resorts, was more than counterbalanced by the increased demand from permanent residents in rural areas.

The peak of 146,625 kilowatts established and long experience.

in October compares with 142,120 killowatts in Composition August, which itself was 19 per cent higher than the previous summer's beak. The keen demand for rural electrical services continues and will likely continue for a number of years. Evidence of this is found in the fact that at the end of October, 1947, there were on hand and in immediate prospect some 35,000 rural applicaants requiring service in 1948. To serve part of this group it would be necessary, the report states, to construct 5,300 miles of new primary lines. The Commission's objective is to serve some 30,000 new consumers in 1948 and to contruct 3,400 miles of new rural lines.

A splendid program of expansion but something like building a new railroad without any rolling stock. It appears that Ontario has failed to provide adequately for this new or the old field with sufficient power, all of which proes that the cackle came before the egg, or the teacher. people are ahead of the leaders.

A Marked Improvement

Most folks are delighted with the gradual improvement being shown in the observance of Hallowe'en. Somewhere in the past ages the custom of destruction came to be associated with the last night in October. There was no justification for it or in fact anything associated with the night that called for such observance. But like all bad habits it grew and gradually became more serious.

It will take time to eradicate the nonsensial destruction entirely but a fine start has been made in the past few years with the children and young people and Hallowe'en is getting a saner and more enjoyable observance as the result of the parties arranged by service clubs. It's the same old story that if parents and children join in the fun together, a very happy time can be had, but if the children are pushed off on their own there is no estimating the trouble that can be concocted on Hallowe'en or any other night.

There's an improvement in the observance of Hallowe'en that will grow for the better for both young and old. Perhaps the changed attitude will spread to other days than October 31st. We may some day find more pleasure playing together and less in war destruction if we get the right attitude.

Biggest Killer

To the motor car goes the dubious distinction of being the major violent killer on this continent, points out The Financial Post. Last year 4,129 people, or more than 10 a day, lost their lives on the highways of Canada. In comparison the murder is a puny enemy.

Only by exercising everlasting caution can we hope to curb these mounting losses in traffic killed and maimed. The authorities must be more careful in issuing permits to reckless and inefficient drivers, in eliminating hills, curves and other proven danger spots along our streets and highways. Above all, the average motorist must be made to realize that every time he gets behind the wheel he is operating a machine, which, through a little carelessness on his part, can become as quick and deadly as a machine gun.

EDITORIAL NOTES

For those who must do it early this is the month for Christmas shopping.

We can't be reminded too often that we must save all electricity possible if the present shortage is not to bring more dire consequences.

Television sets are coming on the market and the price range is between \$700 and \$800. But they're not essential to living in these

While most commodities show high prices, the Irish are having their day with Canadian potatoes retailing at very moderate prices and in good supply.

According to the Farmer's Advocate, a leading agricultural journal, "the mad rush for education and white collar jobs is slowing down and the University enrolment in the freshman year is substantially less all across Canada."

In the parlance of bigger business we might explain that "due to conditions beyond our control" last week's and this week's issue of your hometown paper are the work of a loyal In October the aggregate of the monthly staff who are getting out the issues without assistance from the editor. We thank them and know you'll enjoy the change too until repairs are completed.

> Ontario has a new premier chosen by one of those bloodless contests. That popular member the Legislature for 29 years is now at the head of the Province's Affairs. A man who has stood high in the public life of the home Community for that long must be a pretty sound man for such a position. We can anticipate more fulfilments and less promises under his steady hand

Recollections

BACK IN 1898

of Acton

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 4,

The honor roll for October for Bannockburn School bears the following names: M. Watson, A. Mc-Donald, J. Henderson, M. Kennedy, Mabel Mann, R. Watson, I Donney, H. Dobble, A. Henderson, S. Cole, Bessle Mann, M. Moffat, E. Denney, Tenn Moffat, M. McDonald, S. Watson, G. Moffat, A. McNair,

A very happy family reunion was held yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hynds, 230 Simcoe St., Toronto, the occasion being the golden wedding day of this esteemed couple, parents of Mr. George Hynds, Acton, who were thomselves for years resi-

The Epworth League is to be congratulated upon the success of their song and story recital on Hallowe'en night. A large audience assembled and the program was of a character at once refined entertaining and meritorious.

This community was thrown into deep gloom Tuesday morning when it became known that Mr. Benjamin Watkins had died from injuries he received when horse ran away on Monday evening, upsetting the buggy which fell upon Mr. Watkins.

CONLEY -- At Buffalo, N.Y., on Friday, 28th of October, Katle, daughter of Mrs. Bridget Conley, Speyside, aged 31 years. OOK-At his home, lot 29, con. 6 Esquesing, on Tuesday, Novemher 1st, John R. Cook, aged 38

BACK IN 1928

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 1, 1928

Mr. A. McCann has sold his resdence on Mill Street to Mr. Hiram Fisher, who will remove to Acton. Mr. John Chapman who has been superintendent of St. Alban's Sunday School for the past three years was presented with a teacher's bible before his removal to Tor-

onto to take a new situation. Hallowe'en parties were enjoyed by Young People's groups the past

Rev. George W. Barker of Grace Church, Toronto, and former pastor of Acton Church was the special speaker at Anniversary Services of Acton United Church Inst.

WILDING -- At Freeport Ont, on Sunday, October 28, 1928, Mrs. John Wilding, niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Burlingham. ZIMMERMAN -- On Saturday, Oc-

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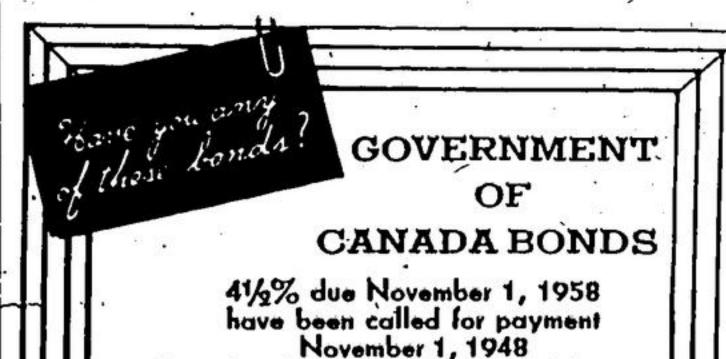
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