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EDITORIAL

Education Week Next Week

The week of November 14th to 20th is Canadian Education Week and certainly we might well as a young country give some serious thought and endeavour to gain some better understanding of the educational needs and trends that play such an important role in the lives of all Canadians.

The years of education in our schools and the years that follow immediately after leaving schools are indeed formative years. In a bulletin issued by the Teacher's Federation themes for the various days of this week are suggested which do cover many phases and draw attention to the importance of the educational program of our schools. Under these headings comes: the school emphasizes spiritual values; develops health; the school needs the support of parents and public; needs qualified teachers; needs adequate finances. Yes, the schools need the help and understanding of all of us, not next week, but every week.

Apptly the leaflet has the caption "The School Builds the Nation." Truly the schools are builders of the nation but to build their best they require the help and sympathetic aid and financial support of everyone. The years of the past have seen real advancement in educational trends. The present years and the years ahead will undoubtedly see many more changes and improvements.

Where are Food Prices Going?

What's the food price trend now? A year ago, says a Financial Post article by B. T. Huston, editor of Canadian Grocer, you were sure of being right in forecasting a fairly general upward swing.

To-day it's not so easy. The threatened disturbance to world peace again and rearmament programs mean strong government demands on production and tendency to higher markets. So does the big national income due to high wages an increased government spending. That's the situation to-day.

To counteract that there's increased production of foods not only on this continent but in Europe. Crops in Canada generally have been good. They would have been better had it not been for the droughts in the East and floods in the West.

So barring another hot war we should see a good many price reductions. But in general the easing of prices is sure to be general for the balance of this year and early next.

Finances of Ontario's Municipalities

That very interesting volume which gives the Municipal Statistics for Ontario for 1947 has just come to hand. It is a very complete summary of the various municipalities for the year. In fact it is so complete that its many columns and figures may prove bewildering to the average citizen who glances at a copy and does not immediately find what interests him at first glance. A more casual perusal will however, show that everything is very much in order and not too difficult to find in spite of the multitude of columns and figures.

The volume answers almost every question one would ask about the financial condition of Ontario's Municipalities. Looking at Halton towns we note that population figures for the five are Acton 2367; Milton 2218; Georgetown 3080; Burlington 4943 and Oakville 5003.

In the matter of collection of arrears of taxes the best results are shown in Georgetown which reports no tax arrears. Acton had \$302 in arrears. Burlington \$3,281; Milton \$4,035 and Oakville \$14,206.

Milton is in the best position for debenture indebtedness. The total of debt for Milton stood at \$19,665. This will all have been retired by 1952. Acton has \$6,015 debenture indebtedness or 28.75 per capita. Oakville has \$57,388

or 11.4 per capita. Burlington has \$525,003 debenture owing or 106.41 per capita. Georgetown has a total debt of \$476,957 or 154.63 per capita.

These are but a few of the figures that can be gleaned from this volume and which those interested in municipal affairs will enjoy seeking out. They are quoted only as a sample taken at random to show how thoroughly the affairs of Ontario's municipalities are given to those who may desire to secure the information. We don't intend reading the volume from cover to cover but as a reference it is indeed invaluable.

A Town That Aims at Friendliness

According to the Record-News of Smiths Falls, Ontario, that town is regarded by many to be populated by "an unfriendly folk", a decline of friendliness having been experienced there since the conclusion of World War II. Not so long ago there was a time when a person walking down town could call by name everyone he or she met. There are almost continuous changes in the residents, owing to the people going and coming, thus giving the newcomer little chance to get acquainted.

To offset such a feeling of aloofness among new arrivals, what is called a "Welcome Wagon Service" has been organized, and of the results the Record-News says:

"This service certainly has proven a real 'ambassador of good will and friendliness' in many cases—even though its great work may not be generally known throughout the town. The moving van or truck or whatever conveyance, is scarcely off the block, when the 'Welcome Wagon' arrives at the newly occupied house, apartment or rooms. Gifts from various merchants and organizations, literature describing the town and its facilities and a friendly word of welcome from the driver of the 'Wagon' makes the newcomers feel that at last he or she is amongst friends. This 'Welcome Wagon' service has been made possible through the co-operation and support of merchants and business men."

After telling of the work done by the churches, the article concludes, "Perhaps the apparent lack of friendliness, on the part of older residents to newcomers (and we have received several complaints about same) is an external manifestation of the town's growing pains, but unless citizens seek and apply effective remedies, the disease may become both chronic and malignant. Residents, in general, have an important role in the matter of making Smiths Falls the friendly town to its newcomers."

It is not an uncommon thing for towns to be charged with "an apparent lack of friendliness" as in the case of Smith Falls, but not every town makes such a thorough effort to overcome that feeling. As the Record-News says, the change in personnel of the population due to any considerable influx of newcomers due to growth, with a consequent loneliness among the new arrivals, may result in the development of a feeling that is best alleviated by an increased friendliness on the part of those already well acquainted with the established citizens and their ways.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Find a big enough idea to live for and you'll never be unemployed.

No matter how much Hydro you save it won't be enough so plan on saving more and more.

Metal prices advanced this week and among them Linotype Metal which is now selling at 27.2c per lb. The pre-war price was 10c a lb. and the high following the first World War was 18c.

Esqueusing Township now undoubtedly has the finest township hall in Halton. It will indeed make a centre for the activities of all parts of the township and fill a need.

A by-election is to be held in Carleton on December 20th to enable Mr. Drew to sit in Parliament in January. It is to be hoped there is more light in that riding than will be available here or the seat might be doubtful for the new leader.

This is Remembrance Day and services of Remembrance for those who gave their all have been held. It is well also to give thought in living to means that will prevent a recurrence of a world war. Surely they did not sacrifice in vain.

We wouldn't go as far as a contemporary in wishing a special place in purgatory for those miscreants who are guilty of throwing bottles on the highways and constitute a hazard for many people, but we would like to see the broken bits of glass rubbed into a part of their anatomy where they would be a sharp reminder of their misdemeanor.

Recollections of Acton BACK IN 1898

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

Snow flurries. It's becoming wintry. Citizens will now consider how many electric lights they would like in their residences or places of business. There were 135 votes cast on the by-law and 94 were for, with 41 against.

The teaching staff of Acton Public School for 1899 has been engaged as follows: Principal T. T. Moore; 2nd Dept. Miss C. McPhail; 3rd Dept. Miss Ida Patterson; 4th Dept. Miss Rhoda Featherstone; 5th Dept. Miss Eliza H. McQueen.

The benefit concert, tented at Acton Cornet Band in the Town Hall last Friday attracted a large audience. The Harmonic Orchestra rendered a number of selections. Ex-Reeve A. E. Nicklin presided and made a model chairman.

Mrs. W. H. Storey visited her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Dryden, in Guelph this week.

The remains of the late John R. Cook of the 6th line, Esqueusing, were interred at the Limehouse Cemetery last Thursday afternoon.

The report of the Librarian for October shows that the popularity of the Library continues to grow. The membership at the month was 110 and 12 new members were enrolled. During October 324 books were issued.

BACK IN 1928

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 8th, 1928

A large number from Acton attended the Golden Jubilee Anniversary Services at Ballinacree United Church on Sunday and the supper on Monday evening.

The Dublin branch of the Women's Institute held a concert in Dublin School on Friday night. The members put on a play "The Seven Stages of Life".

Two Toronto young people had a serious motor accident on the highway east of Acton last Friday evening when they crashed into the rear of McEachern Brothers' threshing outfit.

The Streetsville skating rink was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Defective wiring is believed to have been the cause.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart were host and hostess to the members of Knox Church choir at a Halloween party at the Manse.

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 RICHARDSON — At her home, Rockwood on Sunday, November 4th, 1928, Louisa Ann Freeman, beloved wife of John Richardson in her 71st year.

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