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**EDITORIAL**

**An Industrial Centre**

Because this county of Halton is highly in-  
 dustrialized, as well as having a fine farming  
 community, there is keen interest each year in  
 the report of the "Manufacturing Industries"  
 published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.  
 A copy of the 1948 returns has just come to  
 hand and we find that in 1948 all the towns of  
 the county made gains in production of manu-  
 factured goods. This was the year following  
 the cessation of hostilities, so that the figures  
 indicate that the industrial growth was not de-  
 pendent on the manufacture of munitions or  
 tools of war. Some municipalities in other parts  
 of the province engaged in such manufacturing  
 showed a considerable decline in the year.

The booklet gives many interesting items,  
 but as has been our custom for several years  
 we group these figures under the four heads  
 which seem of most interest. In addition to  
 the five urban centres of Halton we give the  
 figures for other centres which may be of in-  
 terest to our readers.

Town	No. of Estab.	No. of Empl'ys	Salaries & Wages	Gross Value of Products
Acton	19	1098	1,550,109	11,187,148
Milton	12	630	845,704	3,539,659
Georgetown	15	932	1,927,256	5,828,964
Oakville	29	989	1,406,824	5,968,968
Burlington	9	292	464,220	1,904,738
Hamilton	24	840	1,274,434	6,511,852
Paris	20	728	1,110,100	6,945,928
Bracebridge	13	210	248,279	654,883
Kimberly	20	860	1,339,146	5,947,809
Dundas	28	1408	2,316,724	8,832,868
Collingwood	20	963	1,523,708	3,708,257
Hamilton	16	1045	1,370,539	4,908,295
Orangeville	14	244	284,332	1,811,802
Paris	22	1248	1,827,604	8,834,377
St. Thomas	42	1522	2,262,876	8,442,162

It is interesting to note that Acton's increase  
 in production in 1948 over 1945 was almost  
 \$3,000,000. In 1946 the production in Acton  
 amounted to \$8,917,214, while in 1946 the figure  
 had grown to \$11,187,148. Acton in terms of  
 value of goods produced made almost double  
 the value of any other town in the county and  
 in fact overshadows many towns of more than  
 double the population. In number of persons  
 employed and in wages and salaries paid this  
 community's importance are best told by the  
 figures presented from Dominion statistics.

Each year after compiling these figures and  
 during the ensuing months we get many re-  
 quents for copies from individuals and groups  
 of these manufacturing statistics. Last year we  
 neglected to make a few reprints. We suggest  
 you clip this item, but if interested readers de-  
 sire some extra copies we will have some re-  
 prints available next week.

**Pedestrians Still Have Rights**

In this automotive age when city and town  
 streets are crowded with autos and trucks,  
 whose drivers are sometimes careless of the  
 safety of citizens who are travelling afoot, it  
 is satisfying to learn that pedestrians still have  
 rights on our roadways.

Recently a motorist was fined \$20 and costs,  
 or ten days in jail, in Toronto because he had  
 crowded a pedestrian who was crossing the  
 street. His only defence was that he had the  
 green light with him, while the pedestrian was  
 walking against the red light. It was brought  
 out in the evidence, however, that the pedestrian  
 had started across the street before the light  
 changed and therefore was within his rights  
 in continuing to cross the thoroughfare. When  
 summing up the evidence the presiding magis-  
 trate said once a pedestrian had entered an in-  
 tersection and started to cross, he must be al-  
 lowed to complete the crossing in safety. This  
 would no doubt hold good on streets where  
 there are no traffic lights.

It is a commonsense rule, too, for a number  
 of reasons. Frequently a pedestrian is unable  
 to determine on reaching an intersection how long  
 the green light has been on. He will naturally  
 proceed to cross the street and may only get  
 part way across when the light changes. He  
 cannot remain in the centre of the street and it

is no more than fair that he should be allowed  
 to traverse the remainder of the crossing in  
 safety. Then there are many old and crippled  
 persons who are forced to walk slowly. They  
 are sometimes unable to cross an intersection  
 between light changes. They are certainly entit-  
 led to protection until they can complete the  
 crossing. If motorists would recognize this, there  
 would be less of the annoying practice of horn-  
 honking at pedestrians who are trying to cross  
 busy street corners and usually trying to get  
 across as quickly as possible. — Orangeville  
 Banner.

**Unfamiliar Local Places**

We are always learning of new places, but  
 we thought we knew the neighboring Town-  
 ships pretty well. When we read a sale notice  
 with a corner named "Wicket Corners" in Nass-  
 agaweya Township and were confused when a  
 resident referred to a place in Esqueving Town-  
 ship as "Sunshine Corner" we began to wonder  
 if we were keeping abreast of the neighboring  
 district and the rural centres.

We have found the location of both places  
 after some inquiry, but we wonder how many of  
 our readers have any idea of where these places  
 are, and we also wonder if there are other loca-  
 tions in the Townships with which many of us  
 are not familiar. We would like to hear of  
 them. They may not be important in world  
 news but they are of interest in a local way. If  
 you too are puzzled with the two we have men-  
 tioned we will be glad to give their location.

**Australia Shows Us How**

Australia has now supplanted the United  
 States as No. 1 promised land for Europe's  
 surplus millions, reports Whaley-Eaton Service  
 of Washington. This should shock Canadians  
 who have long believed that ours was the most  
 favored country.

If far-away Australia, with climate and re-  
 sources certainly no more favorable than ours  
 can get big immigration, then so can Canada,  
 says the Financial Post.

But we are not going to get very far with  
 merely a passive sort of immigration program.  
 We must put some real push into it.

There is an opportunity today that may never  
 be repeated for getting millions of the finest  
 people from Europe. Upset by the last war, and  
 fearing another, these people are anxious to get  
 a new start in a new land.

**Freedom's Destiny**

The two-headed god Janus stood at the gates  
 of Rome, looking both forward and backward.  
 But the barbarians stormed the towers of the  
 city just the same and tore down the pride and  
 glory of the ancient world.

Many who stand like Janus looking back on  
 the past and forward to the future are filled  
 with misgivings lest man unwittingly step over  
 the threshold to another dark age for civiliza-  
 tion.

For Revolution, Hatred, War and Death are  
 grim realities in many parts of the world.  
 World War in 1949? This is still a question in  
 the minds of many. But they mistake the issue.  
 World war has already been declared. In some  
 places it has long ago reached the shooting  
 stage. In others it is still in the shouting stage.  
 But all over the world it is no longer in doubt  
 that 1949 is going to be a year of increasing  
 ideological strife.

The organized forces of materialism have  
 long studied and understood the question of  
 ideological warfare. Their constant aim has  
 been to create a world atmosphere of division  
 and unrest in which they can effectively achieve  
 their strategic objectives, one by one. To-day  
 they threaten to win in an all-out bid for world  
 domination.

The democracies by contrast have been in-  
 nocent and amateurish in ideological under-  
 standing. We in Canada need immediately to  
 turn our attention to this urgent question. We  
 still have to develop an adequate ideological  
 offensive to match our military and industrial  
 strength.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Substantial cuts in income tax are predicted  
 by K. R. Wilson in the Financial Post. He says  
 that these reductions are almost certain to  
 take the form of higher exemptions and possibly  
 some percentage cuts as well in the forthcoming  
 budget.

You do not slide on ice, believe it or not.  
 Why is ice slippery? Well, according to those  
 supposed to be in the know, because when pres-  
 sure is put on ice, a tiny bit of heat is gener-  
 ated by friction. This heat melts the ice slightly  
 and forms a thin film of water. It is the water  
 we slip and slide on, not the ice itself. All of  
 which, of course, doesn't alter the fact that it's  
 the same hard landing when you fall.

**Recollections of Acton**

**BACK IN 1899**

From the Issue of the Free Press  
 of Thursday, February 16, 1899

Twenty six below zero is too  
 chilly for comfort in this region.  
 The contract for the supply of  
 wood at the public school has been  
 awarded to J. H. and J. M. Warren  
 at \$3.25 per cord.

John Moffat, liveryman, form-  
 erly of Acton, has left Milton for  
 Bradford, where with his brother,  
 he has purchased an extensive livery  
 business.

The wiring of electric light is  
 progressing rapidly. The sole  
 leather tannery was completed  
 Tuesday and the warehouse at the  
 G.T.R. and the residences on  
 Church and Wilbur Streets are  
 now in the hands of the electric-  
 ians.

Ex-Mayor and Mrs. O'Donoghue  
 and daughters of Stratford spent a  
 few days during the week, the  
 guests of Mr. George Mulholland  
 and other friends here.

Murray Crawford has purchased  
 the interest of Richard Curigan in  
 the lake at Campbellville which  
 they stocked with yearling trout  
 last year, and is now the sole own-  
 er.

**MARRIED**

**SYNOFF-GIBBONS** In St. Joseph's  
 Church, Acton, on Tuesday  
 7th of February, by Rev. Father  
 Feeney, Edward Synoff, Oshice,  
 to Elizabeth, daughter of Peter  
 Gibbons, Esq., Esqueving.

**DIED**  
**AKINS** In Nassagaweya on Sun-  
 day morning, 12th February,  
 Daniel Watson, wife of Robert  
 Akins, in her 68th year.

**CLEWSON** At Crewe's Corners  
 on Monday 13th February,  
 Bert, son of Morgan Clewson,  
 aged 15 years.

**BACK IN 1929**

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This last half of the winter has  
 been real wintry, with zero weather  
 and snow a-plenty.

The C.G.T. and Tunis Boys held  
 a sleighing party last evening and  
 were hospitably entertained by Mr.  
 and Mrs. G. H. Switzer at their  
 home on Main St.

Information came to Mr. John C.  
 Hill of the sudden death of his  
 nephew Mr. Charles H. Hill at his  
 home in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Hill  
 was the eldest son of James G.  
 Hill, photo artist, Cleveland, who  
 spent his earlier life in Acton. He  
 deceased was forty-seven years of  
 age.

The seventh annual concert and  
 dance of the Hewitt Shoe Co.  
 employees was a success in every  
 sense of the word.

A very pretty wedding was cele-  
 brated at St. Joseph's Church on  
 Tuesday morning, February 12  
 when Nora Elizabeth, third daugh-  
 ter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbons,  
 Acton, became the bride of Mr.  
 Theo. Papillon, Acton.

**THE UNITED CHURCH WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION AT MRS. G. MACDONALD'S**

The regular monthly business  
 meeting of the Woman's Association  
 of the United Church was held  
 at the home of Mrs. G. Macdonald  
 on Tuesday. The president, Mrs. J.  
 Moore presided and the devotional  
 period was taken by Miss Haw-  
 thorne. Mrs. C. L. Poole sang a  
 solo. The quilt committee decided  
 to disband and no further quilting  
 will be done by the society. Several  
 cards were sent to the sick  
 and plans were made for raising  
 money.

The meeting closed with the  
 Mizpah Benediction and then  
 lunch was served by Mrs. Macdonald  
 assisted by Mrs. C. L. Poole,  
 Mrs. L. Agar and Mrs. B. Veldhuis.  
 A social time was enjoyed and a  
 vote of thanks given the hostess  
 for her home and also to the lunch  
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