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**EDITORIAL**

**An Unfinished Task**

Last summer most everyone saw the need for a swimming pool in Acton. As evidence of the interest in the project there is on hand a fund of over \$4,000 for such a community pool. We realize fully that interest in a swimming pool is as hard to maintain in winter as the volume on sales for snow shovels is in mid July.

Being a member of the Swimming Pool Committee we know a meeting is being held this week to get the organization active again. We know most other citizens will be pleased to learn of the renewal of activity. We also know the reputation that Acton has to maintain to complete tasks that are once undertaken. We all hope that sufficient headway can yet be made to have some use of the community swimming pool this summer. If the canvass is completed immediately there is still time to proceed with the work this season. It's an unfinished task that should be completed so that other projects may receive consideration as they materialize.

**Canadian Opportunity**

That the "shift in the economic centre of gravity to the North American continent holds out great opportunities for Canada if we can but grasp them," was suggested Tuesday by W. T. G. Hackett, economic adviser of the Bank of Montreal, in an address to the Chamber of Commerce in Fort William.

"Across the Atlantic to-day people are looking abroad," Mr. Hackett said. "On all sides, one hears of plans to go where fresh opportunities exist opportunities for industry in the sense of resources and markets and for individuals in terms of a fuller life.

"Is it too fantastic to suggest that the ultimate resolution of the deep-rooted economic dislocations, that have been so apparent in the first half of the twentieth century, will involve a great migration of peoples and skills from an over-crowded Europe to the New World?"

In relation to her population, Canada is probably developing new industry to-day at a more rapid rate than any other country in the world, the speaker asserted.

"Looking to the future, a well considered and vigorous immigration policy can broaden our home market and facilitate further industrialization, developments that will tend to diminish our vulnerability to outside influences," Mr. Hackett commented.

"I suggest also that there is one competitive advantage that a small industrial nation can readily achieve, and that is a world-wide reputation for speciality products of extremely high quality and standard. In this respect, why couldn't Canada become the Sweden or Switzerland of the Western World?"

**Not a Provincial Matter**

The proposal of the federal opposition leader, Mr. Drew, to submit the Newfoundland issue to all provincial legislatures was one which could have had serious consequences, asserts the Financial Post. This endeavor to reverse history, and to hand powers and duties to the provinces which they never had, would give many thoughtful Canadians cause for apprehension. If we were to carry that policy far—throwing important national issues into nine or ten provincial debating rooms—we would very promptly paralyze our national government, and make decisive action impossible.

The job of government assigned the provinces is set forth in our constitution. Most of all of them have more work, which they should be doing efficiently and discussing intelligently, than they now seem able to handle. We, the citizens, are represented in decisions of the federal government just as much as we are in decisions of the provinces. If we don't like a decision of either government we have our way of doing something about it.

**Influencing Public Opinion**

At this season the earth seems dead. Yet from that desolation the pulse of birth will quicken a billion seeds and the world grow young again with hope of harvest.

What has this to do with public opinion? Just this—the organs of public opinion can, through new life in the hearts of men, create a moral seedbed from which new life will spring up for entire nations.

To-day we see in many parts of the world the organs that create public opinion—Press, Radio, Motion Pictures, Theatre, Art—being used as weapons to infiltrate men's minds with alien ideas which must indirectly lead to the death of liberty.

Many people say they pay no attention to the newspapers. A minute later, often unconsciously, they offer as their own opinion something that they read at the breakfast table. So it becomes of supreme importance how writers, artists and ordinary people use the liberty we have inherited.

If it is not used to export the right ideas to the millions, the press and radio of the free nations may be taken over by those who want to export the wrong ideas. That bid is already being made. Revolution sweeps across the world.

**In Peace or in War**

Why does the Canadian Red Cross need \$5,000,000 in peacetime? To-day the Red Cross is working just as hard to hold the peace as the Society did to help win it. There are many problems to be worked out in any country after years of war and Canada is no exception.

There are problems of health; of young people needing guidance; of isolated families in need of medical and dental care. New Canadians who have arrived in our country need help in becoming citizens. There are veterans who are still serving, lying on hospital beds, who are blind or crippled. There are the people of Europe people who have not only lived through years of war and devastation but are now living through cold, hunger and privations.

These are just a few of the things that are in need of your money to carry on these are a few of the needs that your dollar will fill.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The Lenten season began yesterday and Easter is but six weeks distant, and even the first day of spring is but seventeen days ahead.

Whether it's acceptable to the majority or not, it appears we are to learn some results this year of the program of county assessments inaugurated four or five years ago by County Council.

While municipal tax rates are higher each year it should be remembered that they are still far below the scale collected by Dominion and Provincial governments and we see many more improvements for our money and less foolish debate.

Each year, some 185,000 motorists fail to obey the traffic signal lights on the Queen Elizabeth Way. Highways Minister George Doucett told the 47th annual meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association in Toronto recently. "Obviously," he remarked, "when there is any marked disregard of such warnings the lights become a menace rather than a safety measure, for law-abiding motorists depend on them."

Make hockey a game not a free-for-all: urges the Stratford Beacon-Herald. "The specific disease from which hockey is currently suffering is deliberate, dangerous roughness—taught, to their shame, by has been professional players in the role of coaches, encouraged by the tin-horn element of the fans, and accepted as inevitable by referees of second or third class calibre."

City people have been surprised at farmers buying margarine, but the Ottawa Citizen explains it this way: "Many milk producers—perhaps most—never make a pound of butter from one year's end to the other. Usually they ship their milk or cream to the creamery or cheese factory. When they want butter they buy it at the store, just as they get sugar, tea or salt. So as consumers they save just as much when they buy margarine as do city dwellers."

H. E. Rice, of Huntsville, has for fifty years been editor of the Huntsville Forester. It's a long time for public service in any community and Mr. Rice has a splendid half century of service to Huntsville to look back over. Judging by his present activity he'll have another twenty-five years for continued achievements in the future, and we join with many others in wishing for him these and even more years of happiness in going along with his town.

**Recollections of Acton BACK IN 1899**

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday March 2nd, 1899

Mr. Frank Ruggell has bought the farm of the late Wm Moore, Scotch Brook, for \$3500.

Messrs. Arnold Bros. of the Excelsior Glove Works are arranging to put in steam power.

Samuel Dery of Campbellville, Halton County, was arrested upon a warrant issued by Postoffice Inspector Burnham, charged with stealing a mail bag at Campbellville station on January 12. Dery had been seen loafing around the station and admitted having seen the bag on the track which contained about \$250 in registered letters and claimed he threw it back on the platform. When searched \$125 was found on his person.

The fine residences of Messrs. Alex Secord and John A. Grail are now lighted with electricity. Eight of the best residences in town now have electric light, ranging from twelve to twenty-five lamps each.

A traveler for an electrical supply house was in town on Tuesday and distributed the statement recently made by Contractor Johnson that Acton had saved fully 25 per cent in making the contract for the installation of the electric light plant three months ago, instead of waiting for spring.

**MARRIED**  
Parsonage, Nassagaweya on Wednesday, February 23, 1899, by the Rev. Dr. Scanlon, George T. Willson of Kitchener, to Miss Edna J. King of Campbellville.

**DIED**  
AGNEW. In Acton on Saturday, 25th February, Thomas Agnew, aged 64 years and 3 days.

**BACK IN 1929**

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 28, 1929

Cutters are not in demand any more. At an auction sale in Esquesing two good cutters brought only \$1.00 each.

At the carnival in Georgetown last week Mr. Alfred Busby won three first prizes—for the best cutted gent, in the potato race and in the half-mile race.

A disastrous fire on Sunday afternoon at Hornby completely destroyed the Lansday Hotel landmark. A number of years ago it had been converted into a store building and operated by Mr. Harry Robertson.

Mr. J. C. Milne has disposed of his butcher business to Parker Bros. of Rockwood. Mr. Milne purchased the business a little over a year ago.

Last Thursday evening Board more and Co. tendered a complimentary banquet to the members of their log-of-war team who are Industrial and Dominion Champions this year.

**BORN**  
MANN. In Toronto, on Saturday, February 23, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mann, a daughter.

**ERIN**  
The Erin entry in the COHL wound up the current hockey season by absorbing a 10-2 drubbing at the hands of the boys from Dundalk. The Shamrocks came to the end of rather a hectic season, and to their credit they have 1 win, 1 tie and 8 losses.

Donald Bell has a television set installed in his home. The equipment is very complicated and delicate. A sixty foot aerial, similar to radar equipment brings in a Buffalo station quite clearly.

Erin Township lost one of its highly esteemed and oldest citizens when death claimed Robert D. Nodwell, at Homestead Farm, Hillsburg on Thursday morning, February 17. Advocate.

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