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EDITORIAL

Becoming a Town

So Acton is about to step from Village to Town status. The steps might have been taken ten years ago but evidently there was no point in making the change. As a matter of local historical interest it might be recalled that it was in 1844 that the first Post Office was obtained for the hamlet and the name of Acton adopted.

From 1844 to 1873 the centre remained part of the Township of Esqueping and in 1873 Acton became an incorporated Village and has remained as such until this year, when proceedings are now in progress to have Acton take town status.

While the municipal statistics lists 48 towns with populations under 2000 in Ontario, there are only nine villages with populations over 2000 and we believe Fergus is this year considering joining the group of towns which will leave only seven. We are glad to see Acton's growth and we commend this change.

We've lived in the village for many of the 76 years since incorporation and we never could just bring ourselves to strong advocacy of a change to town status. But with the present population well over 2600, it does not seem wise to make longer delay.

We hope that with becoming a town we will not lose that community spirit of co-operation that has made Acton a bit different. We hope we will retain that same spirit of working together that has accomplished such things as the Scout Home, park improvement, building a swimming pool, an arena, etc.—working and playing together in a village way. We hope that becoming a town won't stop the neighborliness and make folks unfriendly. We hope the family won't become so big that it will have wide spaces of division. We will be glad to see Acton become a town; but don't let's lose any of the things that have made its Village days so pleasant.

We have what cities lack. Let's keep it no matter what the growth or status of Acton may become.

Last Week's Best News

In spite of the fact that the budget news is now over a week old, it's still being talked about by most Canadians, because it was the best news received in alleviation of taxes since 1940. It reduced the Canadian tax bill by nearly \$370,000,000 and removed 750,000 Canadians from the income tax rolls.

Here are some illustrations of the income tax deductions brought about by the Liberal Government's budget:

A single person earning \$2,500 will have his tax cut from \$420 to \$235; a single person earning \$5,000 will have his taxes reduced from \$835 to \$700; if he earns \$10,000, the cut will be from \$2,253 to \$1,960.

Taxes payable by a married person without dependents at the same three levels will come down from \$170 to \$75; from \$870 to \$510, and from \$1,990 to \$1,660.

In the case of married persons, with two matter what the growth or status of Acton come-groups, from \$130 to \$30; from \$830 to \$453, and from \$1,930 to \$1,582.

Mr. Abbott pointed out that Canadians who have been paying 1949 taxes by the payroll deduction method and who have been eliminated from the tax rolls as a consequence of the new budget will receive refunds. In dollar terms taxpayers in all brackets will be benefited but the effect is most marked in the lower income groups.

Of special interest to 'teen-agers was the statement of the Finance Minister that special taxes on soft drinks, candy and chewing gum have been removed. This was interpreted, as meaning that there is a fair chance that these products may soon sell for five cents again.

The fifteen per cent. tax on all travel tickets has been dropped as have the extra taxes on long distance telephone calls, telegrams and cables.

Canadian women will be heartened at the news that the twenty-five per cent. tax on jewelry, cosmetics and toilet preparations is reduced to ten per cent. and the thirty-five per cent. tax on luggage, handbags and similar articles is also down ten per cent. Mr. Abbott said that pens and pencils, which have been taxed thirty-five per cent. will henceforth be subject to a levy of only ten per cent. A further compensating factor is that, in the future, these taxes will be paid on the manufacturers' price instead of on the retail price as has been the practice in the past.

Two items which are not subject to tax reductions are liquor and tobacco.

Mr. Abbott's third-budget will go down in history as 'the little man's budget'—bringing benefits to every family in Canada.

Rotary Easter Seal Campaign

With the Easter Season near at hand, Rotary Clubs throughout Ontario, including Acton, are making plans for their annual Easter Seal Campaign on behalf of crippled children. At the present time there are thousands of crippled children in Ontario who need the help of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, the sponsors of the Seal Campaign.

This campaign was inaugurated in 1947 under joint auspices of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children and Rotary and other service clubs which are devoting their resources to this very commendable work. Following along the lines of the Christmas Seal Campaign for T.B. prevention work, the Easter Seal drive brought very encouraging results in the way of providing new finances for crippled children's work. Last year, about two hundred service clubs reported over 3,000 cases to the Society having to do with polio, tuberculosis, rickets, congenital and accidental crippling. Disposition of these cases resulted in hospitalization, treatment, appliances supplied or other aid.

The Acton Rotary Club is again joining in the appeal and is asking the support of all citizens of the community. Letters have been sent out to local residents containing seals, accompanied by a return addressed envelope for the contribution. It should be stated receipts for all donations to this fund will be submitted for income tax purposes. The Society for Crippled Children has expanded its work to an extent that requires a public appeal for financial aid and it has adopted the Easter Seal campaign for the purpose of enabling all citizens to make a contribution to the project. "Merrywood-on-the-Rideau" Camp opened last year is sponsored by the Crippled Children's Society. There is no more humanitarian undertaking than that of helping to restore crippled boys and girls to soundness in health and limb. Undoubtedly the Easter Seal drive should meet with a very generous response in Acton and community.

Buy Easter Seals and Help Crippled Children!

EDITORIAL NOTES

After last Wednesday night we had a lot more supporters in our contention that No. 25 Highway from Acton to Milton was the worst in Ontario.

If you received interest on your compulsory savings returns, don't neglect to add the amount to your income tax returns this year when filing them before April 30th.

With the lower price of butter, now margarine will have competition. Without a doubt consumers will pay more for good butter at any time in preference to the new substitute.

It requires a lot of explaining to the municipal taxpayer to convince him that the Ontario grants are better when he is obliged to pay an extra mill this year on his tax-rate since the subsidy was taken off.

The controversy and proposed legislation of the province on the margarine question is about the most foolish of the day. Printers might with equal justification, claim exclusive rights to the use of black ink and ask legislation to bar other equipment from using that color, making other forms a sickly grey so that it would not be used.

The Financial Post hopes that consumers will not lose the \$86.5 millions in excise taxes dropped in the Dominion budget. "Whether or not consumers will get the full benefit will depend on the provincial and municipal governments. In the past, some of these secondary governments have had a bad record for leaping into tax fields as soon as vacated by the Dominion. They did it on gasoline and amusement taxes. Let's hope that trick isn't played again."

Recollections of Acton
BACK IN 1899

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 24th, 1899

Mr. James Barry, dairy farmer, has secured a horse clipping outfit and is clipping horses for all who apply to him.

Hilton Post Office had a growing postal revenue and increased money order business in 1898. Acton's postal revenue was \$2,400.78, money order business \$34,892.33 and salaries and allowances \$637.81.

Mr. George Stovel who has been running a boot and shoe business at the corner of Mill and Main Streets, has purchased the shop, dwelling and stock of boots and shoes belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Agnew.

The school of dress cutting is now open in Acton, where dress cutting in all its branches may be learned. Lessons given at your own home or place of business by J. C. Sligh, without any extra charge.

Mr. Archibald McTavish who was unfortunate enough to break his leg a few weeks ago, has had the injured member set in plaster, and has been able to be at his place of business the past few days.

The cross-channel tests of Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy which began yesterday have been entirely successful with Signor Marconi personally conducting the tests.

BACK IN 1929

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 28th, 1929

The maple syrup from the neighboring farms is a real tempter on the family menu now.

On Friday evening Lodge Woodgreen No. 302, Sons of England, was favored with a visit from Royal City Lodge, White Rose Degree team, Guelph.

The advisory committee appointed to meet with the Council and confer on the building of the new arena met and it was decided the Park was the logical location. This is the first step towards the erection of the arena.

Struck by a C.P.R. freight train as he stepped back to avoid another travelling in the opposite direction, Arch Black, 75, of Christie Station, two miles from Campbellville, was instantly killed on Tuesday morning.

Telephone growth in the Acton district during the past two years has resulted in 16 miles of new rural pole line and 22 miles of new rural circuits added to the Acton branch which provided for 40 new rural subscribers. There are 331 telephones made up as follows, business 106 residence 107 and rural 118.

The Boy Scouts conference which opened Friday night had representatives from troops of Guelph, Brampton, Georgetown, Norval, Fergus and Oakville. Acton Bulldog Troop are to be congratulated upon the splendid way each fellow did his bit to put the conference across.

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