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EDITORIAL
 In Our 75th Year

In the general rush of events, the years roll along all the quicker and so it occurred that on Dominion Day The Free Press entered its 75th year of publication. There are still a few of our readers who remember that first issue in 1875 and a very few have been continuous subscribers since that time. One we recall is Mr. G. H. Brown, Acton.

We just cannot let an Anniversary occasion pass without a word of thanks to loyal subscribers, correspondents, advertisers, patrons of commercial printing division and friends who make possible the continuity and progress of a weekly newspaper in Acton and all such communities.

It had been our hope that we could mark this 75th year in a special way and to that end much progress has been made. We have doubled the size of our former building and almost completed one of the finest workshops for the staff to be found outside the cities. We have the best of printing equipment in this modern shop with automatic presses and machines that are very intricate and interesting. We think this expansion is quite in keeping with the community and district growth.

We plan during the year to hold open house at a date to be announced when anyone will be welcome to visit the plant, but this event will have to be deferred until we are more settled and the weather is cooler. It would seem that in the seventy-fifth year, some latitude might be allowed to let the observance extend over the year. So you'll probably be hearing and seeing more of our 75th year. In the meantime, we're busy producing the history of Nassagaweya for a hundred years.

How's Business?

How was business during the first half, what's the outlook for the second half? The Financial Post made an industry-by-industry survey, found conditions still buoyant and over-all considered likely to remain so for the balance of the year at least.

Employment and over-all industrial production figures were still at high levels. Steel was in a particularly strong position. Weakening of base metal prices in U.S. was having little if any effect on Canadian production schedules. Consumers still had plenty of money to pour into retail cash registers.

Only soft spots showing were in textiles, wood pulp and fine papers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

School holidays for the next two months—good old school days.

The holiday week-end took its toll of accidental deaths and this district was not immune.

While the weather may not be classed as a "favorite" topic it at least rates high in most conversations.

Faith of Our Fathers

When the Fathers of Confederation met on Prince Edward Island eighty-two years ago, they pioneered the birth of a nation. Following a protracted struggle, often tinged with bitterness they were able to bring together the territories and factions which now form the Dominion of Canada.

The unity of Canada had long occupied their minds and shaped their activities. At a conference in England the previous year, the name "Dominion of Canada" applied to the uniting provinces was adopted. Credit has been given to Sir Leonard Tilley of New Brunswick. A sentence from the Psalms inspired him: "He shall have dominion from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth." The founders not only founded a nation, but gave it an ideology big enough to hold it together.

These Fathers, under whose national architecture we have lived, are entitled to some kind of report of stewardship. How has this vision been maintained, or how has their idea of God's dominion been taken up and followed through? Was it not the intention of our founding statesmen that God's law should rule the activities of this land? That absolute standards should become the measure of our personal every day living and our national policy? Yet, some will dare to tell us to-day that "the myth of God must be removed from the minds of men."

Let's Have Them On Monday

Latest recruit in the campaign to have national holidays observed on Monday is the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada. At its national convention in Toronto a resolution endorsing such a change was forwarded to the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

From business and other groups all over the country have come similar resolutions, and not a single voice, so far as The Financial Post is aware, has ever been raised in opposition.

Why federal and provincial authorities have not got together long ago and put through the necessary legislation is hard to understand. From

every possible angle the change appears desirable. As the JCC resolution points out the longer week-end would give urban people both grown-up and children, a chance for a real and useful holiday. That alone is reason enough but there would also be immense benefit to business generally. At present when one of these holidays is observed in the middle of the week there is a costly interruption with no compensating advantages whatsoever.—The Financial Post.

Have We Learned Much Since 1794?

Rather interested to learn this week that the Brewers and Hotel Association, and the Ontario government are making a study of beverage room operations with a view to raising the standard. Might be a good idea if club and other licenses would also come within the study. Among our reading this week was the early history of Nassagaweya, which is being compiled for the centennial at the end of this month. In 1794 there was an old law in the Statute Book and this is part of it:

"The Magistrates were to decide as to the number of hotels required in a district, also to enquire into the life and character of the person applying, and if they find him to be an honest, sober, and diligent man, they may grant him a license. But if the person has not been licensed the previous year, they may require a testimonial under the hand of the Parson and Churchwardens and of four reputable and substantial householders, setting forth that the applicant is of good fame, sober life and conversation, and has taken the oath of allegiance."

Remember that was the law in 1794 when Canada was a very young country. It might be that our present day lawmakers might give that old law some study in present day regulations. Just when or why it was dropped from the Statute books we do not know. But we may well wonder if the 150 years have taught us much.

MAILED

WHITHAM RICE. At Glen Williams on Wednesday, 21st inst. Mr. James Whitham of Georgetown by Miss Minnie Rice of Glen Williams.

BACK IN 1929

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 4th, 1929

A special meeting of the Council was held when tenders for the new rink were received. Eastern Steel Products were successful in bid of \$14,537.

The Kitching-Watson reunion held on Saturday June 2nd, marked the fifth reunion of the families. The gathering was in charge of the Kitching family and a good time was had. The reunion is to be held every two years.

Miss Elsie Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burrows, of Stratford, was married on Saturday to Richard Austin Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reid, Acton, in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Stratford.

The Continuation School pupils planned a farewell to Miss M. J. Macdonald on Thursday when they held a luncheon and presented her with a fountain pen set.

Acton's Big Three Days proved a splendid success. The sports events were well attended and the Old Boys and Girls gathering proved one of the best that has been arranged. The parades and entertainment provided were enjoyed by all.

Mr. W. Norton has been joined by Mrs. Norton and family and have taken up residence in the home he recently purchased from the estate of Miss Annie Corrigan.

BORN

BURKHOLDER. At last 19, Cox St., Esquimaux Twp., on Tuesday July 2nd, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Burkholder, a son.

DIED

JONES. At his home Church St., Acton, on Wednesday morning, July 3rd, 1929, William Evan, beloved son of Evan and Elizabeth Jones in his 17th year.

Might we remind readers again that there will be no issue of The Free Press on Thursday, July 28th, while the editor and staff are having the annual vacation.

Used to be that Auction Sales were events that on farms at least, were confined to the fall and winter months, but these days find them possible at any season of the year.

When your hands are on the wheel, your life is in your hands. Take it easy. The time to prevent an accident is before it happens. To check accident check your car—and double check your driving.

Who shall we chase with the new jet fighters asks the Winnipeg Tribune? "Of the latest jet fighter plane it is said it would 'make the angels gasp.' Is it angels we would be after?"

John Gloga, well-known British writer, in a pamphlet on the workings of Socialism in his own country, quotes the London Evening Standard as authority for the statement that India recently ordered 10,000 railway buffers from the Royal Ordnance Factories, which charged £24 trade price was £6, 8, 0. The Ministry conducting the negotiations agreed to accept £9, 12, 0, and the Treasury agreed to write off £162,714.

Recollections of Acton
BACK IN 1899

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 6th, 1899

The championship lacrosse match in the Royal District played on Dominion Day between the Thistles of Fergus and the Crescents of Acton was one of the most sportsman-like games ever witnessed in the park here. Notwithstanding that Fergus is one of the most experienced clubs in the country, the home team won a signal victory with a score of 5 goals to 3. About 1000 spectators witnessed the game.

Mr. W. A. Storey of the Canada Glove Works has given the corporation electrician the contract of illuminating the big sign on the roof of the factory on Bowser Avenue and Alice Streets with colored electric lamps. The intention is to flash the name of the firm with electricity as the evening transpires. It will be one of the very largest illuminated signs on the continent.

Geo. T. Wilson has resigned the position of Postmaster at Nassagaweya and Mr. Charles A. Geddes has been appointed in his place.

Four fine new barns were raised in this section last week. On Friday Messrs. Alex Burns, John Richardson and Chas. Davidson raised new barns on their farms and on Monday Mr. C. Swackhamer, of Churchville raised a fine barn.

Mr. Henry Grundell, machinist, has been appointed engineer of the Fire Brigade.

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