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EDITORIAL

Citizens' Opportunity

On September 6th ratepayers of Acton will be given an opportunity of making a decision on the construction of sewers and a disposal plant for Acton. In December, 1945, Acton voters gave approval of expenditure of \$184,000 on the same question by a vote of 6 to 1. The vote was 342 for the project and 56 against. Some may well ask why vote again with such an endorsement.

When tenders were called for the work it was found that few contractors bid and the prices asked were around \$400,000 or better. The Council at that time and since, have very wisely let the matter rest until supplies and equipment were more available and more contractors would be interested in the work. It appears that time has come. The Municipal Board has required that the sanction of the ratepayers be secured on the larger expenditure. Therefore the vote next month.

As a citizen of Acton and a ratepayer we are for the expenditure. Every day our waterworks system pumps 100,000 gallons of water into Acton. Disposal of this water mixed with waste material is accomplished by hoping it will soak into the soil. For nearly thirty years this has been going on until Acton soil is saturated. No one wants to wait for an epidemic such as befell Mattawa before taking steps to maintain good health.

Another reason for our approval is the fact that from 1950 Waterworks Debentures will be paid on the system built in 1920 and Acton is financially able to pay for the installation. A glance at an Auditor's report bears out the improved debenture standing from 1950 on. In 1952 the yearly debt charges will be just half the amount paid this year and in 1954 that amount will be halved again.

September 6th is an important decision day for Acton ratepayers. We urge all citizens to study the matter carefully and whatever your decision be sure you vote. Many an important question has been defeated by those who were overconfident and finally badly disappointed. If you want Acton to have sewage disposal vote and work for it until September 6th.

Not Always Behind

To very many people both in Canada and in Britain airplane development has been assumed to be a field in which the United States had natural and inevitable pre-eminence. We are not given to boasting and there is no reason why we should start but, says The Financial Post, both Canada and Britain have turbo-jet transports in a very advanced stage of development, while no American aircraft manufacturer it is believed, has any equivalent civilian type beyond the drawing board stage.

Let us at least do justice to our own achievements. Let us remember that in radar, in television, in the atom-bomb itself, and in countless other scientific discoveries the United States has not been the pioneer. It has been the adaptor the developer, and above all the producer. There is no reason whatever for Canadians or Britons to be unduly humble before the achievements of the United States.

Business is not the most important thing. It is the brain inside the cranium, not the size of the skull, that counts.

How Long???

Fatal Brawl Follows Night Drinking Bout ran one of the headlines of the past week's murders. Others point to drinking having been the cause back of the troubles that culminated in murders. It's all very well to offer big rewards and put extra detectives and police forces to work but it's all pure hypocrisy. As long as the present trend continues in increased drinking of liquor we can anticipate more and more murders, domestic trouble and beanery gangs and vandalism.

The place to stop all this trouble is before people become intoxicated and commit acts that would never be done by them in a sober mind. We've had a sample of what government sale of liquor is doing. We know that the bootlegger is not being exterminated. We know more liquor is being consumed and more crimes being committed and yet for the sake of big revenues there are few who will oppose wider sale. How long before we become an enlightened people?

No More Gearshifts?

By 1950, predicts a writer in The Financial Post, more cars will be available with automatic gearshifts.

The first step to get away from gear-changing was taken in 1939 but cost kept it off all but the more expensive cars. Late this year, it will be offered on at least one of the cheapest—the Chevrolet. This, The Post is told, will be the main change in the 1950 Chev. The changeover is expected in November.

However, because it will cost extra U.S. dollars to bring in the parts, General Motors of Canada won't push it, at least for the time being. But it will be available as optional equipment for those who want it.

Development of Chev's drive means that the automatic transmission is finally here. Already the manufacturers are offering the no-gear changing device. And almost every firm is getting set to do so.

Northern News Good

Northern vacationists bring back the encouraging news that hay crops and other yields in Northern Ontario are bumper yields. This will indeed help to balance out the shortage that Southern Ontario will have this year and in these days of easy distribution should help to maintain reasonable prices.

Hay we are told is an exceptional heavy crop in the New Liskeard district and the potato yield promises well here too where rains have been copious. Second crops of hay in this district are also reported good so that all in all the overall crop picture of the province may not be so dull.

It does seem that turnips will not be in too plentiful supply this year which failure will be felt both for human and cattle fodder. The northern rains will also bring some hope that the power situation this fall and winter may not be as serious as last year when waterfall in this area was not so plentiful. It's good news indeed that those who have vacationed in the north bring back to the south of Ontario.

The Price of Inexperience

Business failures, a bellwether of economic conditions, were going up at an accelerated pace last week.

Total number of firms to go broke in the first half of 1949 was 311 against 219 in the same period the year before.

But this was a long way from the 1939 casualty list of 717, although total liabilities involved were almost as high. This probably reflects higher capital required to carry on business today. However, average loss was slightly lower than in 1948.

Dun and Bradstreet attributes this year's higher business-death-rate to concerns starting out with insufficient capital and experience. Faced with keener competition in the changing market, more and more are going to the wall.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Holiday periods are nearly over and school re-opens in four weeks.

We're back to normal again when a drought isn't news and a good rainfall isn't a phenomenon.

Next month is the month of rural fall fairs and prize lists are now in the hands of the printers with plenty of attraction for the exhibitors.

A recount of votes in Wellington changed the majority of the Liberal member from 32 to 27. Four years ago the Progressive Conservatives won by 15 votes. They're really close in Wellington.

The great Canadian National opens this month and many from this district are planning to see exhibits and many more are planning to be visitors at this great show window of the Nation.

Mt. and Main Street damages with vehicles are becoming too frequent to be accidental. The Highways Department has taken prompt action in putting on white lines to help avoid further accidents.

If Acton is to have a fitting reunion and celebration on becoming a town we suggest Civic Holiday in 1950 and it's not too early to make plans for the event and set a date. To be a success every citizen will have to lend a hand under Council's leadership.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1899

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 16th, 1899

Farmers are busy threshing. The taxes are due in two instalments 2nd September and 4th of November.

Mr. John Agnew has improved the front of his store and residence on Main Street.

Harvest excursions to the Northwest for \$10 are announced.

Messrs. Crewson Bros. of Crewson Corners are drilling a deep well for Mr. A. Stephenson on River Street.

The new siding and switch for Beattie & Co. at the GTR is completed. Agent Holmes says he has accommodation in the yard now for 130 cars.

During the exceedingly dry weather the past month the street sprinkler has been a boon indeed. Improvements at the power house continue. A tile drain now surrounds the building and a cement floor has been put in the boiler room.

MARRIED

PERSONAL SCOTCH. At the residence of the bride's parents, 20th Lane, Esquimaux on Wednesday, 9th August by Rev. J. Perrin, B.A. Emma, daughter of Wm. Scott, Esq. to Angus McDonald, Acton.

BACK IN 1929

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 8th, 1929

Rudolph Kowalski, of Acton, has entered into the swimming race in the Hamlet on August 10th.

Mr. J. M. McDonald has excavations made for a new house at the corner of Main and Agnes Streets.

Mr. Alex. Arthur, of Winnipeg is visiting relatives and friends in Acton and vicinity.

Mr. D. V. Ritchie and little daughter Valerie, of New York City are visiting Acton friends and relatives.

The choir of Knox Church and their friends held a most enjoyable motor drive and picnic on Monday to Bruce Beach. About fifty participated in the event.

MARRIED

BEAUCHAMPEL-GALBRAITH. At St. George's Church, Georgetown on Saturday, August 3rd, 1929, Jessie, young's daughter of Mr. and the late A. V. Galbraith, of Shelburne to Robt. S. Beauchamp, son of Mr. and the late George Beauchamp, Columbus, Ohio.

DIED

LAWSON. At his home in Crosswell, Mich. on Saturday, August 3rd, 1929, Graham Lawson, aged 81 years.

Excessive tiredness is said to indicate a mild form of insanity from which most newspapermen are happily immune.

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