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#### The People Decide

A week from next Tuesday Acton voters will decide on whether the installation of sewers will be made and whether Acton will keep in step with similar improvements now being done in Milton and just completed in Georgetown. It is well that a public meeting has been held and emple time been given to put the question in its right light.

The vote is for the go ahead signal on a \$350,000 expenditure for Acton sewers. It should not be confused with any industrial disposal system which would have to be decided later entirely apart from this vote. There have been so many probabilities put forward that the electors cannot be blamed for being confused.

It was also well established that ratepayers desire the cost to include laterals to the street line and assurance was given that this could be included and the work would be done at the time the contractors were laying the lines.

The question has been put fairly to the ratepayers. It had no extra polish by way of a selling argument. The bare facts of costs, etc. were not camouflaged Anyone who thinks that this added service will not have to be paid for is badly mistaken. We think it's moderate cost spread reach and investment houses are of opinion Acton can well afford the expenditure and already are enquiring about the sale of bonds

The decision is an individual one. If Acton needs sewers and sanitary disposal now is the now is the time to say so Council has done well to give the ratepayers the opportunity to settle the question. If it is passed it will mean much more work for municipal officials and members of Council, but progress always means additional Lurdens Tuesday, September 6th is the day for your decision.

# Part Time Jobs?

As one of our exchanges points out, there was a time when school boards, although neve. underworked, had a comparatively straightforward time of it. Their sessions dealt with the hiring and firing of teachers, construction and repair of school buildings, which were themselves fairly simple. Sanitary arrangements were likewise simple and so were most of the other problems.

High School board must, in the sum total of their there for the next two weeks. It's Ex time again. individual experiences and wisdom, be able to competenty grapple with such problems as mass arising from the use of the auditorium for public in transporting pupils to and from school on an involved network of bus lines and small feeder lines; complicated financial setups which wind themselves around pupils attending school from without the school district; hiring of personnel other than teachers, such as cooks and caretakers.

These men, operating farms and stores and cars, remarks the Chesley Enterprise. other businesses by day and doing the job of a corporation board of directors in their spare time, are versatile fellows indeed!

# Where Fighting is Futile

There's nothing quite so hopeless as a farm barn destruction or house going up in flames. In built up areas there is usually some form of fire protection and of course all towns and cities have good equipment and brigades to fight fires. There is a water supply, plenty of pressure, and property.

Out on the farm properties, once the blaze gets a firm hold, there is no stopping it until destroyed. Water supplies are never adequate and the best that can be done, by the willing | tinued high-level economic activity in Canada."

workers is to endeavour to save other buildings that are constantly threatened.

That's why it's advisable to use every precaution against fire on a farm. Town fires usually result in partial destruction while rural fires invariably are a complete loss. It's pitiful to stand by and see the destruction go unhampered in a tarm fire. It's disastrous in these days of high building costs because the structure can never be replaced for the amount of insurance carried.

### Must Sell U.S. More

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Public attention has been so focussed on our trade problem with Great Britain that we have been inclined to forget that there are still serious difficulties to be solved in this matter with the United States. True, by a combination of restric ing imports and boosting exports, we have reduced the alarming, unfavorable balance that had developed since the war.

Fast, to conclude that our troubles are over. Not until we boost our exports to something much closer the import totals, can we afford to breather casier. We are still very far from that goal

The best way of balancing our US trade is not to cut import down but to build exports up. That should be our long term policy

Not only is this good business for us, it is also Some 18 more left this week good business for Uncle Sam because a strong, prosperous Canada constitutes the best-possible northern defense for the United States.

## Tax Value

The thinking and summary of the editor of the Paris Star is applicable to most communities. Too often we as citizens are apt to say taxes are high and give little consideration to what we received for this yearly levy. Here's the way the Paris editor puts it:

"The other day we were talking to a former Paris citizen who had moved to a residence out tide of the town. He said that living in the country had a lot of advantages, but he never really appreciated the services he got in town until he left.

"For instance, he pointed out that there is garbage collection. What a headache that is in the country. Then, in the winter there are ashes After you have filled up all the holes in the driveway, a great pile accumulates. And getting the kids to school presents another problem, especially in the winter. An inadequate water system often gives a lot of trouble

"The fire hazard is a constant worry with no fire department handy. The friendly police officer, who is available if a suspicious character ever a period of years is quite within Acton's is in the neighborhood when your wife is alone with the family, is missing, of course, outside the

'Ye editor got to wondering how many people really appreciate the value they get for their tax money. Take our streets, lights, bridtime to get it. If you want Acton to lag behind | ges, weed control, health service and the multitudinous services we get for so little output how would we like to do without them?

> "Probably we get more value for the tax; A death chamber where dangermoney than for any other sum we spend. The lens criminals will be executed everage Paris taxpayer's assessment is probably \$2,000, for which the taxpayer pays about \$106. That represents about \$2.00 a week or about 30 cents a day. Think of it less than the average taxpaver spends for cigarettes or theatre or refrehments. Less than many spend on a vacation

> "If we were without town services for a short period, our friend said, we would be glad to get them back at twice the price. We think he's got 'ecution. Purpose of the demonstracomething there

# FDITORIAL NOTES

The great CNE opens tomorrow and many Now the members of the average district from this district will be attending and exhibiting

There's some talk now of introducing another. All stages of their life cycle will be feeding of pupils, diet and costs; social problems grade of milk. Every grade has meant higher cost, and less cream in the past. Why can't we and organizational gatherings: logistics involved thave just good, clean milk with a little cream left

> Canadian auto factories turned out 140,115 units in the first six months of the year, compared with 129,182 cars last year and 126,215 the year before. Apparently somebody is buying new

A sign in all General Mothrs plants reads: Islands in the Bering Sea, west of According to recognized aerotechnical tests, the Alaska. bumblebee cannot fly because of the weight and shape of his body. But the bumblebee doesn't ERECTION OF ACTON INTO A know this, so he goes ahead and flies anyway."

Where's the recession, asks the Ottawa Citizen? "Whereas the United States has ex. the erection of the said Village Into perienced unemployment sufficiently Serious to to take effect on or about Septemwarrant relief projects in some regions, Canadian ber 15th. 1949 all the tools deemed necessary to stop the blaze, employment remains at a record level. Now the and keep the fire from spreading. In towns and economic outlook in the United States is brighter. cities there's a fighting chance against a fire in | The experience of recent months suggests that the Canadian economy is not as vulnerable to changes in the United States and abroad, as Canadians have thought in the past. It is too everything within reach has been burned out and soon to claim that a major change in this respect has occurred, but there is reason to hope for con-

# Recollections of Acton

**BACK IN 1899** 

Taken From the Free Press of Thursday, August 24, 1250

Contractor Alex Cripps will commence the erection of the offices at the Tanning Co, next week. Contractor Campbell is putting up two more dwellings on Mount

Campbell (Cobble Hill). While unloading grain at the farm of Mr N F. Lindsay on Tuesday afternoon, the rack lifter dropped and alung the whipple-tree with great force against Richard But we would be foolish, says The Financial Brown, painfully bruising his arm He had a narrow escape from more serious injury.

The 'electric light will shortly be installed at "Fairview Place" the present High School huild-

Acton never before suffered such on exodus where so many first class citizens and property owners have removed to the North-West Mr and Mrs Geo Edwards leave

Flint Michigan Mr W E Smith offers for sale his dwelling, barn ands two lot his dwelling, barn and two lots Avenue on John Screet.

this morning for their home in

ERKINS A. At Gloversville, N.Y. on Monday, 14th August, John Perkins, Jr., formerty of Acton

nged 24 years

# **BACK IN 1929**

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 12nd, 1929

The results of the Acton High school show that the pupils made a very creditable showing in the departmental examinations

Nineteen will receive the Old Age Pension in Halton County on November 1st. There were 32 applications before the Board for

Mrs. E. K. Cook and Miss Alice Cook removed this week to Guelph to make their home with Mrs W McLaughlin

A very pretty wedding was colemnized in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday mortung when Elimere Papillon, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T Papillon of Acton, was united in narriage to Arlington White, eldest son of the late Mr A White and Mrs White

# DIFD

NICKLIN At Brampton on Thurs day, August 15th, 1929, Warner Nicklin, son of the late Edward Nicklin of Acton, aged to years

# **PUBLIC EXECUTION**

publicly will be a feature of the Canadian National Exhibition open-I me here next week

The criminals all bear the same name Masca Domestica or common house fly. The death chamber will be in "Chemical Wonderland in the general exhibits building

Thousands of flies are being bred at MacDonald College, Ste Anne de Bellevue. Que for this mass extion is to show how modern chemistry helps control predatory insects which cause nullions of dol lars in damage annually in Canada.

The flies entomologists say the progeny of one pair under favorable conditions would total 191,000,000 -600 (600 (600 (600 in less than six months will be confined in a special "death house" where they will be kept alive with a sugar solution represented-egg pupa, larvae and dult. As the larvae burst into the adult stage they will be driven up into a glass lethal chamber above and atomized with a spray of special insecticide containing DDT pyr. thrum and dimethyl napthalene

Under the Fur Seal Agreement with the United States, Canada will receive approximately 13,000, skins this year. This is the Dominion's 20 per cent of the annual take from the seal herds of the Pribilof

It is the intention of the Village of Acton to make application to the Ontario Municipal Board for the status of a Town. Said erection

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