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EDITORIAL

Acton, A Leader Industrially

That interesting statistical report on Manufacturing Industries in Ontario came to hand this month. The 1946 figures are made available in late 1949 by the Department of Trade and Commerce. Acton's position in industry for a town of 2700 population is, according to these figures, phenomenal. No other community that we can find of similar size has such manufacturing capacity. In fact many larger centres and some cities in the province do not meet the figures that Acton can show in manufacturing. Many readers enjoy these items and we therefore give a summary of towns in the province and the industrial figures as shown in the latest report. It is available on application to the Bureau of Statistics for a modest sum.

We herewith give a list of several towns and cities showing the number of industries, the total salaries and wages paid, the number of employees and the gross value of the products.

Place	No. Industries	Salaries & Wages '46	No. of Products	Gross Value '46
Acton	19	\$1,550,100	1008	\$11,187,148
Oakville	20	1,400,824	890	5,908,966
Georgetown	15	1,027,256	932	5,828,964
Milton	12	845,705	530	3,530,650
Burlington	9	464,220	302	3,104,738
Barrie	20	1,110,000	798	6,945,928
Brampton	24	1,474,484	940	5,550,854
Erin	9	482,852	338	1,324,474
Port Erie	18	1,601,544	822	4,714,215
Clinton	9	220,325	195	905,544
Bracebridge	13	246,279	210	656,883
Cheley	11	434,387	303	1,344,523
Collingwood	20	1,523,708	934	3,704,237
Dundas	28	2,316,724	1403	5,832,868
Elmira	20	1,359,166	890	5,947,900
Elora	8	482,852	338	1,324,474
Georgetown	90	8,287,830	5503	31,540,144
Hanover	16	1,370,530	1045	4,908,305
Hespeler	16	2,208,700	1721	8,180,783
Lindsay	35	1,024,032	870	4,736,952
Paris	22	1,627,864	1248	6,354,377
St. Thomas	42	2,363,876	1522	8,443,162
Weston	42	3,444,067	2070	10,358,480

We might go on, as all the towns seem to be listed in this census of industry. The only one we recall that is omitted and does not appear this year or other years is Fergus, which we had always considered quite an industrial centre and has a population of about 3000.

How Long?

Seems to be a constant query in our travelling in the course of business. Three years ago we detoured east for a month while one section of 25 was under construction. Last season we detoured west and waded through while another section was constructed. Then Milton had sewer construction in hand and more detours. Finally the road was fair and Milton sewer depressions were just levelling off and the contractors decided to lay sewers on No. 25 in Acton and now we detour a concession west to get to and from Milton. Interesting and progressive, of course, but getting rather monotonous.

Winter Driving Hazards

Statistics show that the mileage death rate from traffic accidents rises as much as 50 per cent during the winter, according to J. O. Goodman, General Manager of the Automotive Transport Association of Ontario.

"Longer hours of darkness and adverse weather conditions causing poor visibility combined with slippery streets produce dangerous driving conditions," Mr. Goodman said.

"It is possible to drive under such adverse conditions without so much as a scratched fender," he said, "but it requires defensive driving."

The knowledge and practice of defensive driving enables the professional truck driver to roll up thousands of accident-free miles in all kinds of weather. The average motorist can well afford to take a leaf from the professional driver's book and drive defensively as well.

The basic principles of safe winter driving are: (1) Slow down on icy, wet or snowy roads; (2) Adjust your speed to that of the general run of traffic; (3) Avoid sudden changes of speed and direction.

"It is the latter which causes the great majority of skids," Mr. Goodman concluded.

Two Jobs for Parliament

There are two little jobs which Parliament should handle without fail this session, urges The Financial Post. Neither need take much time nor arouse any controversy. They are:

1. To have all national holidays, like Victoria and Dominion Days, celebrated on the nearest Monday to the actual date.
2. Where daylight saving has been approved to have it start and end on the same day and hour throughout the whole country. Last year there were variations of weeks in the starting of this measure and even longer in the ending of it.

For both jobs all that is needed is a little initiative on the part of Parliament and the co-operation of provincial and municipal authorities. Let's have it, says The Post and we heartily agree. A lot of confusion will thus be avoided.

A Provincial Question

The Ontario Legislature might well consider any changes to be made in the Sunday laws to please the cities. Local option was tried in Ontario in the matter of the sale of intoxicating liquor and, rightly or wrongly, was very much discredited. Permission for commercialized Sunday sports in certain parts of the province is a principle of local option.

Before liquor can be banished from a municipality, or Local Option be upset once it has been adopted, a 60 per cent. vote is required. The Toronto vote in favour of commercial sport was only slightly over 52 per cent. Moreover, on the basis of the vote polled by Mr. Stewart Smith, it may reasonably be assumed that 40,000 of the 80,000 total were Communists, or their fellow travellers. After all, Ontario is still a Christian community, and surely such a vote forms a flimsy basis for radical departure from the traditional Sunday.

Why A Health Week?

In the last 25 years, Canadian death rates have fallen in a remarkable way. Discoveries in the field of scientific medicine have had a profound effect on our civilization, and naturally have resulted in higher standards of health.

Some diseases which were known as scourges—no more than 25 years ago—are now either completely under control or partially checked. For instance, case and death rates in Canada for tuberculosis, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria and whooping cough have fallen spectacularly in that period of time. Infant and maternal deaths are on the downgrade, and smallpox has just about disappeared. A spectacular instance of change for the better is seen in diphtheria statistics—9,093 cases and 1,280 deaths in Canada in 1924 against 898 cases and 85 deaths in 1948.

Despite all this, however, there is still much room for improvement in the nation's health picture—many problems continue to baffle medical science, public health workers and the general public alike. For instance the attack on cancer and arthritis has only begun; the venereal-disease problem is still a significant one; more attention needs to be paid to the health of industrial workers by both management and the workers themselves.

There is still much need for research and education in the field of nutrition. Poliomyelitis is another problem which must be solved, while even the common cold still has humanity baffled. Medical science and health workers generally still have much to do, and that is why such events as National Health Week, sponsored annually by the Health League of Canada, the nation's Gold Cross Association, are necessary. Health week helps make Canadians aware of the facts—helps give them a clear view of the nation's current health picture—and points out what they can do to help improve the picture.

Canada's sixth annual National Health Week is scheduled for January 29th to February 4th.

EDITORIAL NOTES

I can't do a great deal for my nation unless I give a square deal to my neighbours.

New cars are getting past the showrooms and on the roads. Another sign of the end of shortages.

Subsidies might be defined as what most folks want but few know how they are paid or are desirous of contributing toward.

There was a time when we thought we would like to enjoy Vancouver's winter weather but Ontario has it beaten this year according to news stories from the west.

If professional sports are to be given the sanction of the Ontario Legislature it is a matter for the whole of Ontario to decide—not just one for a city vote. The matter involves the whole province and the only democratic way to deal with it is a referendum by the electors of the province.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 23, 1950

The municipal authorities are determined to put an end to the snow-balling nuisance on the streets. A number of black eyes were carried by citizens last week as a result of snow balling. Offenders are likely to be arrested in future.

Mr. D. Herlierson, M.P. leaves for Ottawa next Wednesday evening to be present at the opening of Parliament.

Acton has at last a chartered bank located within her borders, and the business men and farmers of this section who have had banking accounts in Guelph, Toronto, Georgetown and elsewhere, will in future be enabled to do their banking business with greater facility and convenience. On Monday Mr. W. H. Travers, manager of the Herlitz branch of the Merchants Bank, arrived in town and has opened office in the brick building on Mill Street, occupied by R. J. McNabb, Division Court Clerk. It is the intention of the bank to build suitable bank premises in some central location next summer. Mr. J. H. Wallace, late accountant at Windsor, is the manager of the Acton branch.

The plastering of the new Baptist Church is completed and now the carpenters and painters are putting on the finishing touches. It has been decided to have the opening services on Sunday, 18th of February.

Acton fire brigade presented its report to Council and stated the brigade has on hand the following for fire protection: general fire alarm at the Town Hall; three electric alarms, one in the caretaker's house; one in assistant engineer's house and one in the driver's house; Ronald steam fire engine, 120 feet rubber hose, coal cart, 22 rubber fire coats, 28 rubber fire hats, 18 pair rubber boots, 15 lanterns, 60 fire buckets, 1 hook and ladder truck complete. All of the above are ready for immediate use.

MARRIED

JESSOP-LESLIE At Balsara Grove, Erin, in the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, 17 January, Mr. Wesley J. Jessop, Erin, to Bertha, daughter of George Leslie, Esq.

BACK IN 1930

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Jan. 23, 1930

The band will be present at the hockey match to-night to provide music between periods.

The roads are in pretty fair condition again. The road to Milton was passable on Monday night.

Mr. A. B. McLean is remodeling his store on Mill Street, now occupied by Miss Hickey's shoe store and will when alterations are completed remove his barber shop to these new premises.

Mr. Henry Holgate, C. E., head of the Engineering Department of the Atchafalaya Southern Railway, Montreal, died suddenly at his home here on Tuesday. Mr. Holgate had come to Acton with his parents when a little lad when they settled here.

Large congregations assembled on Sunday to hear the farewell sermon by Rev. A. C. Stewart at Knox Church. On Tuesday Rev. and Mrs. Stewart and family were "at home" to friends at the Marne and hundreds of citizens of Acton and vicinity made a social call. They were also the recipients of several presentations on that day.

The Men's Club of the United Church had a very special evening when Mr. Taylor Statten gave an address in his work among boys and Mr. C. A. G. Matthews showed a most interesting series of motion pictures.

DIED

ROBERTSON—At his home, at Everton, on Saturday, January 18, 1930, George Gray Robertson in his 60th year.

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