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EDITORIAL
 A Community Event

There have been many fine re-unions marking various events in Acton and lots of Actonians will recall the one marking fifty years of incorporation as a village in 1923. The occasion of Acton becoming a town is a very opportune time for such another re-union. Depression and war years saw many events passed up since 1923 and folks in town and Actonians living elsewhere would, we believe, relish, this summer, an opportunity for gathering in Acton and joining in any celebration marking the town status. It can't, in any event, be said that the re-union plans have been overworked in this community.

We believe all citizens will be glad to note that Council has decided to call a meeting to discuss a town celebration for this summer. If it's going to be a success it will require the whole hearted support of every citizen. Council has taken the first step, but it's not up to Council to do the whole job. Let's give our support in the plan. Let every one be a booster and a willing helper. Remember many hands make the task easy and the first step is to attend the meeting called by Council for March 3rd. That's the first move to mark Acton's elevation to town status. Other steps will likely follow if a celebration of the occasion is approved and there'll be every opportunity for all to share in the event.

Farm Forums
 The Farm Forums which are reported each week have come to be a very popular department of the news pages. The country folks read them to find out the viewpoints other forums take in discussing the various subjects and urban people read them to be more conversant with the many rural problems of today.

The spread of the vogue of the farm forum is remarkable. It has grown in popularity and usefulness because it gives to the rural people an opportunity to discuss common problems, and to provide some of their own answers to questions which are disturbing their minds. In many cases, the deliberations of the farm forum groups have led to action programs for the benefit of their own communities.

The farm forum is truly democracy in action. Because it provides a basis for the crystallization of the thoughts of rural people. Some consider the forums real practical adult education. We have often felt that it would be a good thing if there were a similar type of forum for people of the towns and cities, business men, manufacturers, or other vocations, where they could meet in small discussion groups and talk over their problems and suggest their own solutions in a homelike atmosphere divorced entirely from any political bias. Much good has been accomplished by the farm forums, and we feel that such an activity would have equally beneficial results in the towns and cities.

Should Government Own Property?
 Municipal governments profess to be outraged at the new tax formula offered by the federal government to remunerate cities, towns and villages for what have been to date tax exempt properties.

We have every sympathy with the municipalities but we wonder whether they have as yet got to the heart of the problem. Our federal government spends millions of dollars of our tax money each year to build public buildings across the Dominion. Millions more are spent to revise and repair these buildings. Many of these construction projects are dictated not solely by economic need, but by political and employment considerations. Few of us would argue that our public investments in undertakings of this type are handled efficiently or economically. Public construction is very often a "pork barrel" product.

Might it not be worthwhile to consider the practicability of disposing of current publicly-owned buildings and refusing to build any more?

Rather we, as a government, would adopt the same procedure as is now found to be most efficient by large business, namely the leasing of property on long-term rentals.

If the government required space in a particular municipality, it would advertise that it was prepared to rent space of the following specifications for a certain period of time and would invite tenders for the supplying of that space. Private contractors who had land sites on which they wished to erect buildings could then offer their proposals. Existing property owners could tender, making such conversions, themselves, as would be necessary.

In this way, we believe, millions of dollars worth of our money would be saved and the whole question of the tax relationship between the federal government and the local municipal government would be solved.

Property would remain, as it should be, in private hands. That privately-owned property would pay its proper tax load. The federal government would not have millions of dollars tied up in property sometimes of dubious value. The actual true cost of operating each government department, insofar as property charges are concerned, would be known annually through annual rentals.

We doubt very much if any government is justified in getting into the building business either through constructing housing or public buildings, and certainly no government should own or operate either beyond an emergency period.

A Farm Charter
 God has chosen the land to work his miracles. As freely as we who work in the fields give our whole hearts and care to the land, so freely will it yield its fruit in abundance.

We pledge ourselves to rear and tend the birds and beasts with such love and care that they shall multiply and prosper. They shall provide bounteously for people and enrich our soil in the fulness of God's perfect plan.

We will see that our yards, roads, buildings and machinery become a model that gives lift and inspiration to all.

At the heart of every farm is the home. We who are trusted with its care will create a spirit which will be a welcome to all who enter it. We will keep it clean and beautiful. We will bring imagination and care to the planning and preparation of every meal.

By being as open as the fields to every frost, rain and ray of sunshine, as willing to change as the oak sheds its leaves in autumn, as eager to reach out into the unknown as the first blossom of spring, so shall our farm live in the hearts of men and help to bring abundance to the nations.

The aims in this charter were set down by farm workers, who turned one of the worst farms in West Suffolk, England, into one which has increased production four-fold since 1939.

The tractor-driver on this farm, when offered a job on a neighbouring farm at £2 a week more than he was getting, refused the offer, saying, "We have something on our farm that money cannot buy."

Debt 30 Times Pre-Great War
 Back in 1913, states The Financial Post, before the first world war, Canada's national debt amounted to little more than half a billion dollars. When the war was over and won it had climbed to almost \$3 billions. Now a few years after another and still more expensive war, the country owes \$17 billions or 30 times more than in 1913.

Even after making due allowances for the fact that our population has doubled since 1913 and the interest rate payable on our debt has been substantially reduced, this enormous expansion cannot be viewed with complacency. With our greatly boosted national income and our huge gain in productive capacity we can and are carrying this load.

But any temporary interruption in our present prosperity could change that picture drastically. That is a point we must keep firmly in mind whenever vast new government expenditures are hinted.

EDITORIAL NOTES
 The second session of the twenty-third Ontario Legislature opened today and if all the problems are dealt with that appear to require attention of the Ontario government it will be a heavy session.

Manitoba is preparing to adopt permanent license plates for automobiles. It's getting closer and perhaps Ontario will soon see the wisdom of this method of stopping car thieving and saving the bother each year of renewing license plates.

At least half of February has gone without the usual blustery weather and heavy snowstorms and the mild winter pattern of 1950 has been followed. That was written Monday morning and a few hours later a real snow storm was raging.

Recollections of Acton
BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of February 18th, 1900

The finishing touches are being put on at the new Baptist Church. The carpets are down and the pews arranged.

Mr W. A. Stewart has purchased the Lamb farm adjoining his own on the second concession at a fair price.

Nearly every vacant lot in town was an improvised skating rink on Saturday. The boys and girls had a jolly time.

T. A. Morton has placed another chair in his barber shop. The establishment now boasts of three chairs and three hands, an evidence that business is looking up.

Mr James Leslie, eldest son of George Leslie, Esq., of the 1st Concession, has purchased the Samuel Johnston homestead, Lot 10, Con. 3, Erin, 100 acres. The price paid was \$3225.

The board of Education met on Wednesday evening and accepted the tender of John McQueen for sound maple wood for the school at 3.85 a cord.

Rev. W. Bryers and family will remove shortly to Napanee. They have been highly esteemed citizens and during their seven years residence have made many friends.

MARRIED
 OAKES-LISTER At St. John's Church, Rockwood, on Wednesday, Feb. 15th, by Rev. J. K. Godden, M.A. Mr. H. Oakes, Guelph, to Miss M. Lister, Erin.

DIED
 ATKINSON At Nanawaga, on Sunday, February 11th, John Atkinson, aged seventy-five years.

BACK IN 1930

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 13, 1930

Not much motoring on the side-roads these days.

On Saturday afternoon a couple of curling rinks from Richmond Hill came to Acton to play games with the local curlers here.

At the Annual Fair Association meeting in Toronto Mr. R. J. Kerr was chosen as Director for No. 5 District which includes Halton, Peel, Simcoe and York counties.

By defeating Milton in both play-off games, Acton won the honors for Group 5 for the good old town. Both events were real games and each was won with only one goal separating the opposing teams. Acton met Paris winners of Group 6 in the first game last night and won 3-2.

Three excursion trains between Acton and Milton within a week is quite a record.

DIED
 CONWAY At her home, Church Street, Acton, on Friday, Feb. 7, 1930, Margaret L. Hutchison, beloved wife of Charles A. Conway.

DARBY At the home of his son, Charles, Darby, Nanawaga Township, on Sunday, February 9, 1930, Edward Darby in his 81st year.

WOOL STILL TOPS AS CLOTHING FIBRE

In spite of all that has been done by research experts, no fibre has been found to equal that obtained from the fleeces of the sheep. Those who study true values are unanimously of the opinion that for clothing, wool still reigns supreme. It is noteworthy that those in search of new fibre from which to make cloth fibres, still accept wool as their standard of perfection. Even the very names of fabrics made of synthetic fibres are borrowed from the lexicon of wool, such as flannels, chevrons, tweeds, worsteds, etc.

Continued wool popularity is reflected in a gradual increase in the uses to which it is put, and in the ever-widening margins of the world demand over world production. At the present time there is no indication that wool production can catch up on world consumption for some years to come as wool stock piles are low.

Sheep populations in both the United States and Canada are lower than they have been for 50 years, despite the fact that the prices for lamb, mutton and wool are the best they have been since the turn of the century. In Canada, production of wool is now considerably less than 70 per cent of the tonnage required by home manufacturers.

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