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Present Compilation

One government publication which comes out In time to be of current use is the Municipal Directory and the 1950 copy came to hand a couple of weeks ago. It lists all municipalities giving the 1950 Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, Road Soperintendent. Latest population acreage and assessment figures are also given. It must be a handy reference for all municipal officers and we appreciate its up-to-the-minute municipal facts in newspaper work.

Population figures given in the 1950 Directory show: Acton 2,965; Burlington 5,575; Georgetown 3,303; Milton 2,341; Oakville 5,818; Esquesing 3,836; Nessegaweya 1,836; Nelson 5,840; Trafalgar 6,314 and Halton's total population of 37,648. Total acreage of the County is 232,226 acres and total assessment on which taxes are levied is \$32,497,968. There are 746 miles of roads and streets in the County.

Assessment figures in Halton are a bit confusing. The figures under the new assessment plan are given for Acton, Milton and Nelson where the work is completed. In the other nunicipalities the new assessment is not finished and the old figures are given.

To Mest a Need

Need of a more flexible system of county assessment has been evident for some time. A County equalization or adjustment every twentyeight years is not sufficient in a County such as Halton where conditions change drastically in Northern and Southern sections and rural and urban populations and growth. Need of change was found by North Halton District School Board ir, the temporary adjustment of levy recommended after study by the Board at a recent meeting.

The hope has been that the new County assessment which was adopted in this County would have righted this County levy sooner. The longer it is delayed the more aggravated the situation becomes. If Acton, Milton and Nelson can have the work done at this time, there seems little excuse for the rest of the County to delay the work unduly and surely the other municipalities can complete their work this year.

The fault in the old method of equalized County assessment was the fact that the establishment of equalization figures soon became obsolete and that preparation of new figures was too costly. If the new plan does not overcome these faults it too will be a failure. It is to be hoped the new system in Halton will show each year a true picture of assessment figures for both County and local purposes. We realize the task of putting such a new plan into effect is a big one. But we are also hopeful the work will not be delayed so long that its purpose or usefulness will be lost and its cost to the municipalities be greater than the old system of equali. ation.

The only Assessment system that will be satisfactory is one that shows values as they are at present and keeps those figures reasonably close at all times. Figures of a quarter century ago are absolete and requiring years to rectify them is not helping or making a hearty endorsation of the new plan

--------Wasting Their Time

A little note in an official clip sheet, from Ottawa once again illustrates the folly of those who think that world agriculture can be put in a straitjacket, remarks The Financial Post.

Returns from the 1949 wheat harvest in France were so good, it is reported, that that country Will probably have 500,000 tons for export this season. This is more than five times the quota allotted France under the International Wheat Agreement. And a lot of the other quotas · fixed by the IWA will probably look just as foolish when the actual figures are in.

It just isn't possible for man to determine what any crop will produce six months hence, let alone for a period of years. The biggest wheatharvest in Canada actually came from an acreage that had been artificially restricted to substantial-

ly below normal. Almost inevitably whenever crop control is attempted that is the result. Not only does Nature refuse to co-operate but the everage grower doesn't either. When ordered to cut acreage he naturally takes his poorest land cut of cultivation and is able to give greater. attention to the rest.

Ontario Budget Presented

The Ontario budget was presented last week and while a surplus of \$1,004,000 was predicted after \$20,620,000 had been placed in a sinking fund, the tax cuts were not heavy and the increases are placed on luxury items such as horse adjoining his property for \$5500. racing. Grants to elementary and secondary schools are increased over four million and this will come as welcome news to school boards and ratepayers and should not be taken as a lever to up educational costs which have been steadily

Of particular interest in Halton is the item of \$1,350,000 for new homes for the aged. Whether this County will share in this will of course be a matter for County Council to finally decide.

Budget highlights include-

Budget surplus for the seventh consecutive year \$1,004,000 after providing a Sinking Fund | and is now getting wettled in his cf \$20.626.000

Estimated surplus for 1950 51, \$166,000 Hospitals tax reduced from 20"s to 15"s, school in place of Miss McKenwin complete exemption up to admission price of 15c

Grants to Public Hospitals and Sanatoria for capital construction and maintenance totalled £13,100,000 in the fiscal year 1949.50, an increase of \$4,600,000 over the previous year Estimated grants for the coming year will total \$14,050,000, a further increase of \$950,000.

Grants to Elementary and Secondary Schools were \$37,285,000 in 1949-50. Estimates for the coming year provide grants of \$42,420,000, a further increase of \$5,136,000.

Enrolment in provincial schools has increased 81,000 in the last six years and now stands at over 727,000.

Grants to Universities are \$4,342,000 an increase of \$810,000. Provide for capital construction on public buildings and public works including additiontal mental institutional accommodation and conservation program the sum of \$15,000,000.

Provision for new homes for the aged and the community this week their maintenance will amount to \$1,350,000 in the coming fiscal year.

Grants to Conservation Authorities amounted Mr. Alger Cripps in Georgetown. to \$900,000 in 1949-50.

A record number of miles of rural power line was constructed in the past year.

Net debt increase March 31, 1943 to March 31, 1950, \$25,303,000 while there has been added to the Capital Assets of the Province \$168,-150,000 and the per capita net debt has decreased from \$127.56 to \$115.72.

Subsidies to municipalities and school boards for Highways, Police Forces, Fire Departments, Health and Welfare, etc., amounted to \$70,000,-

Last year over 98,000 additional motor vehicles were registered, an increase of 30 per cent. since 1939. Total registrations are now nearly

Provincial-Municipal public investment program in Ontario amounts to \$25 million monthly. Aid to housing by Ontario Government second mortgage loans, Federal-Provincial Agree-

Ontario's mineral production the greatest in history. Dominion-Provincial Constitutional Conference

Federal-Provincial arrangements with respect to income tax and logging tax.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Soon be the time of year when sidewalks wi again be found useful to pedestrians.

Another sign of spring-more surveyors on No. 25 Highway and like other spring signs they thir hope of better things to come.

_____ With Canada's big oil supply and John Lewis' dictation of the coal situation many will move toward Canadian independence in the problem of fuel supply.

That section of No. 7 Highway between Georgetown and Brampton doesn't receive the same careful and prompt snow removal that is appreciated west of Georgetown.

We like that clause in the Ontario budget that stipulates that the hospital tax on amusements must be passed on to the consumer. Now, if the Dominion government had only thought of that when taking off the war tax on gasoline we would be paying 10c a gallon less for gas to-

A couple of ignificant items reported in The Financial Post recently indicate that business is starting off well in 1950. Department store sales for the first week in March were up 6% over the same week a year ago, while carloadings, which have been running considerably below 1949, were only down J.5%.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the lame of the Free

Press of Thursday, March 21, 1860

Wm Lawson, 4th line Esquesing, has purchased the l'atton farm Mesars. Rafelman and Kopman opened their new store in Mrs Secord's block on Saturday An immense lot of wood, timber and saw logs have been drawn in during the past week.

During the year 1899 only two persons in the whole county wer committed to the county jail for

Mr John Russell, Erin who re cently sold out and refired from farming, has moved to Acton H recently purchased from Mr. Thos C Moore the fine brick residence on Lake Avenue, near the path

Miss If A Gordon has been en gaged as teacher in Bannockburn who has resigned to take a just Mr A C Warten of Toronto

several days during the week THOMPSON At the hospital in timelph, on Friday, 16th March George C. Thompson, of the 3rd

College of Medicine was home for

line, Erin, aged 49 years IELL. At the home of her son, Henry Bell, Lake Avenue, Acton, on Saturday, March 17, Mary Jane Walker, widow of the late James Bell, aged 60 years.

BACK IN 1930

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursay, March 20, 1930

The young people are still en joying splendld skat ng and hockey at the arena

Chautaugua has been providing some splendid entertainments for

Mr James Moure, Crewwon's Corners, has purchased the empress and mail delivery business of Mr. and Mrs Albert Young, of Everton, entertained about a hun-

dred and fifteen guests on Friday evening, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. The banquet and presentation to the Hockey Clubs of Acton in the

Town Hall last Thursday evening was a splendld community affair

MARRIFID

TROUSDALE-MARSHALL On Saturday, March 15, 1930 at the home of the bride's parents, Navsagaweya, by Rev M. C. Glandier, of Eden Mills, Florence E youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Marshall, to Mr. Sheldon H R. Trousdale of Puslinch.

DIED ARNAHAN At his home, Brock Ave, Acton, on Thursday March 13. 1930 Dav.d. Carnahan aged 66 years.

NYDER At Canadiagua, N.Y. on Wednesday, March 19, 1930 Louis P. Snyder, Inspector Royal Bank. Montreal, a native of Acton, aged i 64 years.

CANADIAN REGISIENTS

GIFT TO LINER The Royal Mail liner, the 'Andes' was presented at Southampton recently with a plaque from the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, to commemorate her malden voyage in December, 1939, when she brought 900 officers and men of the regiment from Halifax to Scotland. They were the first Canadian troops to land in Britain for the Second World War.

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