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EDITORIAL

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.

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; Nassagaweya 1,836; Nelson 5,840; Trafalgar 6,314 and Halton's total population 232,226 acres and total assessment on which taxes are levied is \$32,497,968.

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.

To Meet a Need

Need of a more flexible system of county assessment has been evident for some time. A County equalization or adjustment every twenty-eight 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.

The hope has been that the new County assessment which was adopted in this County would have righted this County levy sooner.

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.

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

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

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ly below normal. Almost inevitably whenever crop control is attempted that is the result. Not only does Nature refuse to co-operate but the average grower doesn't either.

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 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 rising.

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 of \$20,626,000.

Estimated surplus for 1950-51, \$166,000.

Hospitals tax reduced from 20% to 15%, complete exemption up to admission price of 15%.

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 additional mental institutional accommodation and conservation program the sum of \$15,000,000.

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

Grants to Conservation Authorities amounted 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 \$70,000,000.

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

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

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

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A couple of significant 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 3.5%.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 22, 1950

Wm. Lawson, 4th line Esqueving, has purchased the Patton farm adjoining his property for \$5500.

Messrs. Kaufman 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 were committed to the county jail for drunkenness.

Mr. John Russell, Erin, who recently sold out and retired from farming, has moved to Acton. He recently purchased from Mr. Thos. C. Moore the fine brick residence on Lake Avenue, front the park, and is now getting settled in his new home.

Miss H. A. Gordon has been engaged as teacher in Bannockburn school in place of Miss McKeown who has resigned to take a position in Toronto.

Mr. A. C. Warren of Toronto College of Medicine was home for several days during the week.

DECEASED THOMPSON At the hospital in Guelph, on Friday, 16th March, George C. Thompson, of the 3rd line, Erin, aged 49 years.

BELL At the home of her son, Henry Bell, Lake Avenue, Acton, on Saturday, March 17, Miss Jane Walker, widow of the late James Bell, aged 60 years.

BACK IN 1930

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 22, 1930

The young people are still enjoying splendid skating and hockey at the arena.

Chautaugus has been providing some splendid entertainments for the community this week.

Mr. James Moore, Crewman's Corner, has purchased the empire and mail delivery business of Mr. Alger Cripps in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young, of Everton, entertained about a hundred and fifteen guests on Friday evening, in 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 splendid community affair.

MARRIED THROUSDALE-MARSHALL On Saturday, March 15, 1930 at the home of the bride's parents, Nassagaweya, 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.

DECEASED CARNAHAN At his home, Brock Ave., Acton, on Thursday, March 13, 1930 David Carnahan aged 66 years.

DECEASED SNYDER At Canadaguy, N.Y. on Wednesday, March 13, 1930 Louis P. Snyder, Inspector Royal Bank, Montreal, a native of Acton, aged 64 years.

CANADIAN REGIMENT'S 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 maiden 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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