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EDITORIAL

Acton Day June 25th

A week from Sunday, June 25th, Acton will mark with a fitting service the elevation of this community to the status of a town. Actually Acton has been officially a town since the first of the year. It is fitting that a suitable event in which all citizens and friends of the past and residents of the district could participate has been provided.

Acton has had the required population for becoming a town for the past ten years and is now nearer the 3,000 mark than the required 2,000 population. For seventy-seven years Acton was an incorporated village. It took sixty-seven years to gain the second thousand population and the last ten years sees almost the third thousand increase.

Sunday, June 25th will be a momentous occasion. For many of us the village was a friendly place in the days when we knew who resided in every home, could call every one by name as we met them on the street and most of the population were employed in either the tannery or the glove shop. There are many happy memories of the Village which has been replaced by the Town.

Likewise, there is some elation and joy in fact that growth is shown, that identification of residence is helped by numbered houses and places of business; that even if we can't name all we meet they are still friendly, and they may be employed in any of the eighteen industries which now ship products to world markets from Acton. Sunday, June 25th is a great day for Acton and for all of us to take part.

It is a matter of deep regret that Rev. A. C. Stewart, who had planned to speak to Actonians on that day was so suddenly called to the higher community. The spirit and life he gave in service to Acton and district for nine years will always be cherished in the hearts of those who remain and will be present in Acton Park on June 25th and in the years that follow.

Delay and Dissatisfaction

The new county assessment that was inaugurated in Halton to improve and equalize the County rate is not proving very satisfactory and it appears will even be more costly than the old plan of holding a County Court of Equalization. It is twenty-eight years since the assessment of Halton has been equalized and it is obvious that the figures now being used are unfair to many municipalities and very favorable to those places which have had greater growth and expansion in this period. We are in sympathy with those municipalities who are carrying more than their share of the County levy.

We believe it is now about five years since Halton started the new county assessment and yet we find that only three of the municipalities have completed their assessment while six are still unfinished and stalling the inauguration of the system. The municipalities which have finished the work may well ask why? If the assessment can be done in three it can be done in the other six. Completion would settle a lot of present dissatisfaction. Evidence of this dissatisfaction may be seen in the attempt of the North Halton High School Board to secure a more equitable basis for sharing of school costs.

If the assessment is going to be delayed further it might be well if County Court of Equalization were demanded of County Council. Twenty-eight years has seen too many changes and five years is certainly long enough to inaugurate the new assessment plan.

Failing a Court of Equalization a fine of a minimum of $1000 a month might be an incentive for the delaying municipaities to bestir themselves. But, of course, such a stipulation might be difficult to find favor when the majority would be subject to fine. Democracy has its limitations, too.

D For DAD'S Day

On the day set aside for father,
When father is king, and supreme,
Let's bring him his slippers and zip up his zippers
And feed him on peaches and cream.

Let's let him go through with his stories
With never a word of reminder,
Let's never correct him or coldy inspect him;
Let's try, if we can, to be kinder.

Let's listen to all of his programs
Let's give him the paper's front section,
Let's buy him a present and be extra pleasant,
And show him our love and affection.

Let's not wear him out with complaining,
Nor bicker nor badger nor borrow.
Let's not make him hurry or needlessly worry -
We'll be back to normal tomorrow.

- Richard Armour

To Be Or Not To Be

The number of meetings we attend in recording the happenings in the home town usually takes care of quite a lot of time. We don't mind this because the time is being used to advantage.

What does bother us is the time meetings and events are scheduled for and the time they start. Recently a meeting was called for 8 p.m. and we arrived five minutes before the hour to find one other person and ourselves were the only ones on time. Indeed, it was 9 p.m. before the entire group was present.

This unfortunate yet popular situation seems to be the greatest time consumer on our agenda and we feel sure it affects everyone else the same way. Those that don't arrive on time are quite likely sitting at home waiting because they know proceedings won't start on time and those who arrive on time must wait for the others to decide to make the move.

It seems that if everyone would begin to attend functions on time there would be a lot of time saved. A combined effort to destroy the "fashionably late" idea would be a boon to all.

Who Is Opposed?

In view of the fact that observance of the King's Birthday can so easily be changed from December to June it appears downright foolish that the Canadian parliament has not taken action to make Victoria Day and Dominion Day fixed on Mondays each year rather than falling in mid-week.

Reason for changing of the King's Birthday observance by six months is given that birthdays and New Year honors conferred by the King would clash. In view of the fact that so few are affected by the honors and so many are affected by mid-week holidays the neglect to change is more than ever obvious. What's wrong with making Dominion Day the first Monday in July and Victoria Day the last Monday in May? Who is there to raise objection to such a proposal? We believe all political parties would have agreement on such a proposal and therefore it could not be even made an election issue. Parliament has delayed too long now on making the change. The long week-end finds approval certainly with the working folk and some member of parliament can find real favor by sponsoring the change of these holidays to Monday. There is no excuse for further delay.

Perhaps Parliament prefers to deal with more trivial things and such a change would not provide sufficient time for foolish debate and those who did oppose the change would look foolish in the eyes of the electors.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Seems to be the season of family reunions as get-to-gethers are scheduled, family trees are unearthed and people talk of long lost relations.

Workers in Russia have to work twenty times as long as Canadians to earn a pound of sugar. The average Canadian industrial worker earns the price of a pound of sugar in six minutes; the Russian works two hours for his.

Last week Chesley opened a fine new Public School to replace the High and Public Schools destroyed by fire. The loss necessitated an expenditure of $300,000. The High School building being used is of steelox construction.

Toronto and Windsor appear to have entered into competition on a vice clean-up. Was a time when Montreal used to be Toronto's competitor but some of the smaller cities apparently can challenge Toronto the good when it comes to vice.

With the many days now being observed such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc. we suggest that the calendar makers mark these days on the calendar pads of the future. It might be quite a chore to mark them all but a start could be made.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 15, 1900

Messrs. Humphries and Hawke shipped a car of flour to Montreal last week.

Councillor Williams is having the electric light installed in his residence and livery stables.

The lacrosse match on Monday night for the benefit of the band, was the first of the season in town, but it attracted a good crowd and proved very exciting. The match was between a team of Storey employes and a team from the town.

Mrs W. Sidney Smith and Master Sidney arrived here from San Francisco, Cal. on Friday and will spend summer at Fairview Place.

Mr Charlie McCann of the World, Toronto, spent a few days at his home here last week.

An interesting meeting of the resident Old Pupils was held on Friday evening and arrangements made for successfully carrying out the proceedings of the proposed reunion of the pupils of the late Robert Little 1862-1871.

At the home of Mr J. R. Anderson on Friday last Alice Wilson a little girl they had taken to raise aged seven years three months died suddenly. The little child was at school on Wednesday and while playing she was hurt about the body, from which inflammation started and peritonitis set in.

Wiring is in progress at the town hall at present and lights will probably be turned on for the first time for a public entertainment on July 13.

BACK IN 1930

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 12, 1930

Acton Ladies' Ball Team defeated the Rockwood Ladies by a score of 20-9 in Rockwood last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mowat of Los Angeles, California, arrived this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mowat.

The annual picnic of the Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ware at Campbellville.

Hugh Walker, one of Guelph's outstanding figures for half a century died at his home in Guelph on Saturday at the age of 94 years. He organized Walker Lodge No. 321 at Acton in 1874 and was the first master of the local Masonic Order.

A lovely June wedding took place in Church of Christ, Everton, on Saturday afternoon when Lillian Pearl, daughter of Mrs. Geo. G. and the late George Robertson, was united in matrimony to George Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young, Rockwood.

MARRIED

WELSH-CRIPPS—At Eugenia, Ont., on Wednesday, June 11, 1930, Edna May, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cripps, Acton, to Morris, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh of Eugenia.

DIED

LITTLE—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Bell, Guelph, on Monday, June 9, 1930, Susan McFarlane, beloved wife of the Rev. John Little in her 72nd year.

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