

# EDITORIAL

## Let Us Think

Each year in late autumn we pause in our everyday task to reflect on serious events that have gone before and that have had a very deep bearing on this country of ours.

Within half a century aggressors have marched on smaller countries and in their quest for power and land they have claimed the lives of countless defenders. Answering the call of their country in a time of need they went to the merciless field of battle to protect these things we all hold dear.

But when the battle smoke cleared and the Cease Fire order came there were many who could not hear or see. It was too late for those who had given their life that we might enjoy a democratic way of life. Behind their sacrifice were the grieving homes, the empty chairs in the homes that contributed their most precious possession to the cause of freedom and a way of life.

For a short two minutes each year the millions of Canadians who owe so much to the fallen of two world wars, pause in grateful and sympathetic tribute to the memory of those courageous youths.

This year as we bow our heads let us think of those families deprived of a husband, a father or son. Let us think of the war aged parents and wives, and children. Consider the things they died to protect, the freedom and way of life we enjoy and as the trumpet sounds let us lift our heads and go forth determined that we will continue to defend the rights and privileges they died so nobly to protect.

Saturday is Remembrance Day

## Right, Left and Ahead

Continuing from last week's editorial comment on a visit to Quebec City we will assure readers that regardless of what is left out we will complete the tour.

The sightseeing excursion was a two hour trip from the Chateau Frontenac which we learned from John our driver, contained over 700 rooms. Its site was once occupied by the Chateau St. Louis, official residence of early French Governors. The hotel was opened just before Christmas in 1893 and has had four wings added and in 1926 the original part of the hotel was completely rebuilt.

We learned that many famous people had been visitors at this hotel and in 1943 at the Quebec Conference 100 political and military leaders of the world held sessions here for 18 days. Seems that Quebec City has the history of the centuries packed into every corner.

Many of our readers are, of course, familiar with these bus tours of cities. "On your right and on your left, you will see, etc." Often there are stretches where the driver has little to point out. But John had to talk constantly to keep abreast of what was to be seen from the bus windows.

There was the residence of Martin Boulet, the professor who taught Louis Joliet, the discoverer of the Mississippi, the Anglican Cathedral dedicated in 1804, built on the spot of the Chapel of the Recollets, the first Anglican Cathedral ever built outside the British Isles, monuments to Louis Herbert, Champlain, Cardinal Taschereau, etc. and monuments to those who fell in the first and second World Wars.

The post offices too have monuments in front and the golden dog with its legend. There are the colleges, seminaries, fine hospitals. Then, suddenly, you see the Grand Battery and the old guns which were never used but are still mounted on the city walls. Many old houses have been erected here over 200 years. And then, Quebec Harbour pops into view with its grain elevators of over five million bushel capacity.

There's Quebec's oldest house, the Sous le Cap, the shortest and narrowest street anywhere (or was it on the continent), six feet wide at one end and eight at the other and ending at a sheer end of the rock cliff. The old market place is pointed out, where the Indians came to trade and then the docks of the ferries and river boats. Perhaps while travelling the narrow streets, the bus will inch its way along. Sometimes the side mirror swung on its hinged mounting as it struck a post, and many times pedestrians walked close to buildings to give clearance. This is old Quebec. The story as John told it last Tuesday (and we suppose most every day) was enthralling.

We've been on tours in many cities but never one with the contrasts of old and new, the historical interest that went into the trip about Quebec. The bus stops and there is time for a visit to Notre Dame-des-Victoires, Quebec's oldest church, built in 1688 and then you are told as you come into the square that on this spot Champlain landed in 1608 and every inch is historical.

## Battleground of Canada

No doubt the Plains of Abraham are Canada's greatest historical spot, since it was here that the fighting of a few minutes decided whether Canada was to become a British or a French colony. These historic grounds have been preserved in National Battlefield Park maintained by the Dominion government.

Here, on the land decided to Abraham Martin in 1635, one can view the cliffs scaled by Wolfe and his army to engage Montcalm in that nation shaping battle. Here, too, can be seen the docks where the ocean going liners leave for overseas ports. And all about are monuments and markings of this battle and other battles when Canada's destiny was being decided by European powers. How the days and the changing of destinies have reversed in these 400 years.

The spot where Wolfe fell after being wounded three times is marked by a monument and the spot where Montcalm received his fatal wound is also marked, but in Quebec the memory of these two great generals is marked by one monument to both. Quebec City has more of these combined monuments than any other city. We're told that the narrow path Wolfe and his men took up the rocky precipice in 1759 is still visible.

Ups to the citadel, a height of land commanding a great view of the river and certainly a strategic point for military command of the city and any attempt by water to conquer Canada, one gets a view of the Quebec bridge, one of the modern engineering marvels of the age.

Here are the old city walls built at tremendous cost and still well preserved. From here one can still go down to the city by the St. Louis gates and realize that in those early days the importance of Quebec as a barrier against the invader was fully realized and labor expended to make sure that none passed to conquer.

There are still some of the Martello Towers left with their walls of eight-foot masonry and their historic importance is improved by pointing out that the towers were connected by underground passages which in those days must have meant many years of toil without the aid of modern excavating machines.

The bus trip covers a great deal of interest but how we would have liked to have had time for more minute exploration if such were permissible.

## In Confidence and Conclusion

Back at the end of the town we asked John, our driver, where we could get a copy of his travelogue or have something to keep us straight in anything we might want to confirm. He said it was all in a Guide Book that could be secured in any book store for fifty cents, so we secured a copy.

Later, we learned that a whole tour book was available to all guests at the hotel for the asking. Matter of fact, the tour was given with all the turns and directions for motorists and in both the English and French languages.

We made other little visits walking. For instance, there is the little French restaurant where the French pastries are a delight in eye and taste appeal. We haven't, however, acquired a great desire for the candy we purchased and feel a bit sorry for the tourist couple we noted with half a dozen boxes to take home to the United States.

We trust we have not wearied our readers with our rambles and observations of a very hurried visit to old Quebec City.

## Editorial Notes

The production of beer cans in the United States last year outranked production of all types of beer bottles by five to one. More people literally getting canned every year.

Note that Halton County Council questioned the legality of a motion to have the assessment completed next year. About time that common sense and justice took priority over legality.

Although more cement was produced this year than in the same period last year there's still an acute shortage. Canada's production seems to have difficulty in many lines in keeping pace with its building expansion.

Interesting to note that County Councils are approving legalized sweepstakes for Canada. Is the day approaching when our elected officials will be charged with the added duty of selling sweepstakes tickets? We wonder if it is realized what they are letting themselves in for by sponsoring such a resolution?

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1900

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of November 6, 1950

The excitement in Halton over the Dominion elections culminated last evening. Mr. Henderson's election by an increased majority was soon conceded and later reports showed that he was returned by a majority of 174 votes.

The first flurry of snow of the season came on Monday afternoon. It was accompanied by a fierce gale.

Sixty three tickets were sold at Acton station on Monday to citizens who went down to Toronto to witness the city's wonderful welcome to the soldier boys from South Africa.

While driving into Postmaster Matthews' yard with a load of hay Monday evening, Peter McLean had the misfortune to have the rear axle snap and the team with the front wheels of the wagon skidded off leaving the load across the Willow St. sidewalk where it remained until next day.

Owing to increasing business Messrs. Cooper and Atkins merchant tailors will remove next week to the store on Mill St. now occupied by Mr. George Stovel boot and shoe merchant.

Probably the largest funeral ever seen in the neighbourhood of Glen Williams was that of the late John Leslie on Monday afternoon of last week. The procession was so long that the last vehicle had scarcely left the Leslie farm when the hearse had reached the Glen Williams cemetery about a mile away where the interment took place.

### DEED

WILSON In Acton on Saturday 3rd November, Maggie (deceased) daughter of Mr. James Wilson, Main St., aged 24 years.

CUMMINGS In Hamilton on Tuesday 30th October, Andrew Cummings, son of the late John Cummings, Acton, aged 67 years.

GRANT On Saturday, October 27 at 244 Wilton Ave., Toronto, Adèle Mabel Elliott, wife of David M. Grant, formerly of Acton, aged 32 years.

### BACK IN 1930

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 6, 1930

The few days of Indian summer during the week were greatly enjoyed.

Oakville will receive a \$5,000 allotment from the unemployment fund.

New telephone lines have been installed on several streets about town the past few weeks.

The hockey players are getting in some real good training periods these days in preparation for the coming season.

Mr. (Dr.) W. F. Adams of Toronto addressed the ladies of the United Church Women's Missionary Society this afternoon at the Acton branch offering meeting.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hall entertained the Trio Blue Ladies at their home. After playing games and contests Mrs. H. S. Wilson assisted in serving a splendid luncheon.

At the annual meeting of the Acton Curling Club the officers were elected for the season. Various plans for improvement at the Curling Rink were discussed.

Early six boys took part in the Junior Farmers' Judging competition at Milton. Ten boys will represent Halton in a free trip to the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto.

### BORN

BOYD At Auckland, New Zealand on Thursday, October 27, 1930 to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyd a daughter.

### MARRIED

MANN HUCK At the home of the bride's parents, Owen Sound, on Saturday, November 1, 1930, to Roy H. L. Mann, M.A. of Acton, Edith Helena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Huck to Mr. Alexander K. Mann, son of Mrs. John Mann, Acton.

### MAKE LONG TRIP TO CAMP

Boy Scouts of the 1st Yellowknife Troop in the Northwest Territories travelled 950 miles to attend Sylvan Lake Scout Camp in Alberta this summer.

NORTH  
EAST  
WEST  
SOUTH

NEWS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

**Early Bird at 90**  
Better than most of the younger generation Mrs. Albert A. Biggard of Trafalgar gets up every morning at 7 o'clock. She has just turned ninety and received many calls, cards and gifts. Thirty-three cards came in one day.

**Friendly Copper**  
A friendly Oakville copper lived up to his name last week when a lady parked her car and then found she had no money to put in the parking meter. All her money was at home. She appealed to an officer of the law who came across with a penny for the lady in distress. So there's a spark of chivalry yet.

**Georgetown-New York Ticket**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyle of Georgetown will soon be off to New York on a plane as the guests of the Georgetown Lions Club. Mrs. Boyle, a British war bride who met her husband when he was with the Canadian Army overseas, won the all-expense trip at a Lions Masquerade last week. The couple will stay three days and two nights in New York, travel both ways by TCA and take with them new luggage donated for the draw.

**Georgetown Television Widows**  
The Georgetown Legion Branch 120 has decided to install a television set in their headquarters. They have been offered a set on trial for a month. The boys will be all up on the games and fights but the wives fear (and justly too) that they will become television widows.

**Surprise Draw**  
Mrs. T. Ware, Port Credit, was chosen to make the draw at the Oakville Lawn Bowling Club's At Home held in St. Mary's school auditorium there last week. She pulled a ticket out of the large pile and read the number of the lucky person who was to get a large hamper of groceries. Nobody responded. And still nobody answered. Finally someone suggested, "Look at your own ticket", so she did. Sure enough, the winning number! Rather embarrassed, Mrs. Ware carried off the groceries.

The Greek rebels, to defeat whom the United States has contributed nearly \$170,000,000 in aid, number about 25,000 soldiers.

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A FRESH SHIPMENT OF  
**FIG BARS** LB. **31c**

**SPICE CAKE MIX** TILBERT PKG. **35c**  
**HEINZ KIDNEY BEANS** 15-OZ. TIN **18c**  
**HEINZ PORK & BEANS** 15-OZ. TIN **17c**  
**CHAMPION DOG FOOD** 15 OZ. TINS **25c**  
**McLarens BAR-B-Q Relish** 16-OZ. JAR **29c**  
**ROMAR COFFEE** BAG **47c, 93c**  
**Chinese Type RICE** 2 LB. **29c**

LYNN VALLEY, SIEVE 4-5  
**PEAS 2 20-OZ. TINS 23c**

**NO RUB AEROWAX** TIN **39c, 49c**  
**STAFFORD'S MINCEMEAT** 7-30-OZ. JAR **35c**  
**BLEACHED RAISINS** LB. **33c**  
**CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP** 2 TINS **21c**

NO 196's  
**GRAPEFRUIT** - - - **4 for 21c**  
 FLORIDA, 25% FULL OF JUICE  
**ORANGES** - - - **Doz. 29c**  
 FRESH WASHED  
**CARROTS** - - - **3 lb. 10c**  
**BANANAS** - - - **lb. 18c**

FRESH DAILY—Celery Hearts, Cauliflower, Salads and Spinach in pkg., Radishes, Mushrooms, Cello Tomatoes