

EDITORIAL

Why 43 Mills?

The tax rate for Acton has been struck for 1951. It's nine mills above that required last year owing to higher costs of running our municipality and due also to improvements we will soon be using. If the old assessment plan had been in force the rate would have been 86 mills.

In comparison with other municipalities the taxes here are not too high. All over Ontario we have had an expansion of municipal services. We've had public approval given to big debenture issues—improvements which the big majority considered were well within our scope. Acton is growing and is experiencing the cost of growth. There just isn't any other way than to pay the cost in the tax bill.

The duties of council are not always easy. On them revolves the hearing of all groups of ratepayers who believe and argue for various new municipal expenditures. On them comes the duty of hearing any complaints from those who pay the bills. It will be well if ratepayers will make a careful and intelligent study of the budget appearing elsewhere in this issue. It's your money and in the interests of public understanding council has decided to give the complete details in this week's and next week's issue. We suggest you clip it for your own reference and understanding of your municipality.

Problems of Growth

The problem of greater Toronto and consolidation of the adjoining built up area are duplicated it appears in Brampton where the nearby industrial expansion of Malton is creating a problem in Brampton's rapid growth and the extension of services to accommodate the concentration of employment in this district.

Last week a delegation from Brampton conferred with Hon. C. D. Howe in Ottawa to get some assistance in view of the fact that the Dominion government war program is largely responsible for the influx of people.

The Peel Gazette says: "Never has the need for such a common endeavour been more necessary than it is at the present time. The problem to be considered is one of abnormal nature in that it is apparent the town of Brampton must plan for residential accommodation on a large scale for people engaged in an industry located beyond our borderline. Very seldom is a community called upon to meet such a situation, at least on as large a scale as the current influx of employees at A. V. Roe (Canada) Limited in Malton. Towns located within reasonable commuting proximity to large cities have always had this condition but, as a general rule, the number of commuters constitute but a small percentage of the population of the towns affected."

There you have it. The problem of Toronto and the immediate district is spreading. Brampton is meeting the same kind of problem and the present structure of taxation makes no allowance for these growth conditions.

Street Improvement

We were rather interested to read editorial comment in the Bracebridge Gazette recently on the paving of streets in that town! Not being conversant with road paving material the term "mulch" covering was intriguing but the part we could understand was that the cost was approximately \$20 for a road surface of this nature in front of the average residence.

It is said the life expectancy of the surface is ten years and therefore the street would be free of dust and mud for this period and not require any calcium or oil treatment. The suggestion is made in Bracebridge that the total \$20 amount be paid by each resident and avoid issuing a debenture and that it would make a much better street and well worth the convenience to all citizens.

In view of the fact that the figures here are comparable in street mileage etc. with those in Bracebridge we quote that paper's argument for the "mulch" surface. It might be considered a basis of solution to our street problems here.

"The figure presented for mulch surfacing, based on an increase on last year's cost, runs at \$3,000.00 per mile. With eleven miles of unpaved streets in the town the entire job would amount to \$33,000.00. Work on graveling and grading the unsurfaced streets last year cost approximately \$2,700.00. Taking this same cost over a period of ten years would bring the total to \$27,000.00. And this does not include an outlay for work for abating dust nuisance.

"\$2,700.00 this year will be more than a mill on the tax rate. Every citizen in the town would be much further ahead to pay out \$20.00 and have this street mulch covered than to continue paying this amount on taxes. Included in his twenty dollar payment would be the assurance that he had a dust free street, and in the spring and fall, a mud free street."

Cheaper and Better Houses

A group of U.S. technical experts claimed that Americans could be getting better homes today and at from 20 to 40% less cost. The main reason they were not getting these better and much cheaper homes, they maintained, was because of enormous waste in materials due to general inefficiency in the home-building industry, irrational municipal building codes and featherbedding.

The present home, it was charged, uses 50% more cement and cast iron pipe than is necessary and far more lumber, gypsum and steel. Foundations are unnecessarily deep. Houses are too far apart. There is far too little standardization of doors, windows, kitchens, bathrooms, ceiling heights, etc. Building codes are much too complicated and require sometimes twice as much pipe, electrical wiring and other materials as would be sufficient.

Whether or not in Canada we are as wasteful in all these matters as is charged in the United States, comments the Financial Post, certainly we could benefit from a good, hard look at our home building here, too.

Destiny Beckons

The destiny of Ontario is now clear. Because of its remarkable industrial development in the past decades; because of its unique proximity to the largest markets in the United States; because of its central location for obtaining raw materials and delivering finished products, it suddenly finds itself producing 50 per cent. (by value) of Canada's manufactured goods. In a year, our factories pour out goods worth six billions.

We felt proud as we read this introductory statement to the publicity booklet, "In Ontario Your Plant Will Grow", published by the Department of Planning and Development of the Ontario government.

The booklet describes in a most attractive manner the various advantages of Ontario for manufacturing. It deals with markets, availability of skilled labour, convenient transportation by water and air as well as rail and highway, the constant supply of materials available, the abundant power, and ends with the assistance that the Department is only too willing to afford any prospective manufacturers who would be interested in settling in this province.

On the back page a map of North America, all light blue, is crossed by a black arrow pointing right at the very area in which we live—Southern Ontario. Big lettering at the bottom of the page re-iterates "In Ontario Your Plant Will Grow!"

And the most impressive part of the whole booklet is the realization that we are fortunate enough to live in Halton, typical of all of Ontario in its fertile land, prosperous industries, good transportation, proximity to large centres, and above all, in our happy and healthy people.

Editorial Notes

We're all in favour of any scheme which will make it unnecessary to change auto plates every year and if we must change why can't it be done in the warmer weather.

Boys and girls of yesterday are the citizens of today and it is only to be expected that the band would ultimately revert to Acton Citizens' Band. This trend was shown at a recent meeting and all will be pleased to see it continue to function and be of service to the community.

Rather intriguing was an advertisement we noted recently of a duplicating machine. It pictured this fine new machine ousting the "paper pirate". Three top executives smiled, posed with a pretty girl beside the machine eliminator and big saver. Was there a real saving with all four needed to kick out the little paper pirate? What were salary costs of the four in comparison with the so-called pirate?

The following item is from Le Progress of Hull, Que.: Federal statistics inform us that the Canadian people spent \$614,000,000 for alcoholic liquors in the year 1948-49. To get a fair enough idea of the importance of this expenditure it is enough to remember that 10 years earlier the total spending of the federal government amounted in 1938 to about 600 million dollars. Ten years later the Canadian people were spending as much for alcoholic liquors, beer and wine. Canada, like all other countries, considers itself overburdened with taxes of all sorts. A country that spends more than a million and a half a day for alcoholic liquors is not short of money. If half of that million and a half a day were spent for humanitarian and social purposes what good it would do!



"Technically I don't think we should let your wife as a liability."
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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thurs., Feb. 21, 1901

A large company gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Statham, Church St., last Thursday evening to participate in a parlor social held under the auspices of St. Alban's Church. A delightful evening was spent, the only regrettable feature being the absence of the pastor through illness. Mr. T. H. Harding was master of ceremonies and presided over a very enjoyable program contributed by Messrs. R. J. Gurney, Councillor Jeans, Miss Biscoy and the scholars of the Sunday School with Miss Jean Smith and Mr. J. B. Wallace as accompanist. Rev. H. A. Macpherson and Mr. H. P. Moore contributed brief addresses.

The following officers-elect of Acton W.O.W. were installed by Past Consul-Commander Francis on Monday evening at the regular meeting, as the officers for the ensuing year, of Acton Camp No. 62: C.C., Sov. H. Jeans; A.L., Sov. G. Vincent; clerk, Sov. G. Agnew; banker, Sov. S. Wilson; escort, Sov. J. Forbes; watchman, Sov. A. Secord; sentry, Sov. S. Russell; physician, Sov. C. I. Kelly.

A special meeting of municipal council was called for last Friday evening to appoint an assessor for 1901, the by-law being overlooked at the regular meeting.

R. D. Graham was appointed municipal officer for the performance of the following duties: Assessor, collector, sanitary inspector, caretaker of Town Hall, Public School, cemetery, public park, making monthly collections of electric light accounts, cutting weeds, repairing and building sidewalks, village constable, pound-keeper, truant officer, and such other duties as may be required in connection with the work of the municipality. The salary was fixed at \$450.00.

The oldest delegate at a recent county Sunday School convention was Mrs. Jane Sprowl of Acton. This veteran is 78 years of age, but yet exhibits a lively interest in the work.

If the boys and girls who catch on to passing sleighs do not quite catch on, there will be an accident. Catch on!

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ALLAN—At the home, lot 8, con. 2, Erin Township, on Monday, February 16, 1931, William E. Allan in his 78th year.

TANNIN FROM TREES

Several wild plants and trees have been found to yield enough tannin in practical quantities to make substantial contributions to the needs of the tanning industry, according to a report from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Most of the tannin used in the leather industry in the United States in the past came from chestnut trees, it is reported, but as a serious blight has reduced this usual supply, researchers have been seeking other sources. Trees like hemlocks and oaks and even the shrub-like wild sumac have been found to yield tannin in commercial quantities; and investigators are testing certain plant roots as a possible source.

Homes For Aged Expansion Project

Ontario's current expansion program for its homes for the aged features more than fifteen projects. Welfare Minister W. A. Goodfellow announced recently.

New accommodation for more than 2,000 aged persons will be provided by construction of new homes for the aged or by enlargement of existing homes. Besides new accommodation, the program will also result in provision of modern and comfortable housing for old people, often in localities where in the past there have been no adequate facilities.

Such a home was recently opened at Sault Ste. Marie. It will provide accommodation for 126 elderly persons. Work has already begun on Halton's Home for the Aged.

NEW FORESTS

Forest lands of Britain are being increased by 3 million acres. With existing woodlands, this will give the 5 million acres of timber land called for in the postwar program.

BACK IN 1931

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Feb. 19, 1931

It still snows with ease. Many interesting and enjoyable Valentine parties were held last Saturday among the young folks.

At a meeting of the Galt Business Men's Association, Mr. Angus Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kennedy, Acton, and one of Galt's business men, was elected to the position of Secretary of this important organization.

Mr. Albert O'Neill, of Kamlongs, B.C. who is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill, at Lincolnton, renewed acquaintances in Acton on Monday. It is thirty-five years since Mr. O'Neill went to the west.

With all the pomp and ceremony and fancy dress social features, the Ontario Parliament got into swing last week.

Burlington, Caledonia and Elora have all been eliminated by Acton hockey team. On to Stratford for Saturday night with the return game here on Monday. The boys are playing some real hockey and the fans are right with them.

The three act comedy "Betty Ann" by St. Joseph's players on Monday and Tuesday of this week had all the attractions of a local play and drew splendid audiences at both performances.

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SOME CROPS NEED SALT

As some foods require salt to bring out their flavour, so do certain crops. Swiss chard, table beet and crops like celery, mangolds, sugar turnip respond to applications of table salt along with the fertilizer, according to scientific workers in various parts of the world engaged in nutrient studies.

Workers in different countries are beginning to suspect that sodium (common salt is sodium chloride) may act as an important co-partner with potassium, calcium or magnesium stimulating their effectiveness by its presence.

DANISH CATTLE FOR GREECE

A Greek cattle purchasing commission in Denmark has bought over 800 head of Red Danish dairy cattle, according to a recent Foreign Trade report.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1951
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject: "The Bible: Discovery versus Revelation."
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Subject: "In Christ there is no east or west. (We are going to take a short trip to Holland by way of miniature slides.)"
Thought for the Week: "To the Christian, death has redemptive significance. It is the portal through which we enter the presence of our Lord. (Hilly Jasper.)"
The tomb is not an endless night—It is a thoroughfare, a way that closes in a soft twilight And opens in eternal day. (Anonymous)

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Lupton, B.A.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1951
Leit. III
9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer. Beginner's class.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Lenten Service Wednesday evening 8 p.m.
A Welcome Awaits You

Presbyterian Church in Canada
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REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., Minister

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1951
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
12.15 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
7.00 p.m.—Divine Worship.
"Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."
Visitors will be made welcome.

Baptist Church
ACTON
Mr. Stanley Woodcock, Student Pastor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1951
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible class.
11.30 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Youth for Christ" from Guelph. Ambassador quintette.
Thursday, 8.00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
Friday, 4.00 p.m.—Mission Band.
8.00 p.m., B.Y.P.U.

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COACHES LEAVE ACTON
Eastbound
4:30 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:58 p.m.
Westbound
10:17 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Eastbound
Daily 6:44 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:54 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only, 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday, 1:58 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12:38 a.m.; Daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m.; 6:50 p.m.; 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:10 p.m. (flagstop); Saturday only 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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