

EDITORIAL

Father's Day

Sunday is Father's Day—a subject a little more difficult of approach than Mother's Day since Mothers do not write editorials. The light-hearted approach has become both traditional and characteristic of the difference between the way we celebrate Father's Day and the much more full-hearted warmth we associate with Mother's Day. Behind the surface levity of Fathers who write about those in the same category, there is an admission by sons and daughters that once a year there is a need for tribute to fathers and most families and mothers, where home relations are right, delight in recognition of the head of the home.

Well, Sunday is Father's Day. It's not necessary to make him king for a day to win his gratitude, but you may be sure he will appreciate any recognition your heart may prompt and it need not be an expensive gift. It is your thoughtfulness and recognition that warms his heart.

Three Days of Convention

Just back from a three day gathering of newspaper folks held in Montreal — and of course convention travel and thoughts are uppermost. Seemed hard to realize that it was seventeen years since the Ontario and Quebec publishers had gathered in Montreal, but time does fly. Of course, we have been in Montreal between conventions, but there are many changes. This was brought home by the missing faces and the larger attendance of younger folks who have come into the weekly newspaper field—many of them sons of publishers of earlier years.

Travel between here and Montreal is quite rapid and convenient. It's possible to go to bed in Toronto and have breakfast in the eastern metropolis by train. Travel comfort on the railways is constantly improving with new types of sleeping cars which we have told readers about previously. We like the new roomettes that are a marvel of compactness and efficiency. This year the Windsor Hotel, one of Montreal's oldest, was convention headquarters. It was here the King and Queen were entertained on their trip to Montreal and a large picture of the banquet in their honor hangs in one of the halls. Newer hotels are the Mount Royal and the Laurentian.

Shop Talk

Newspaper conventions devote a large part of their programs to problems that are common to printers and publishers. Ideas are freely exchanged and discussion is vigorous and helpful. Much of the discussion is on the convention floor and more of it is in small groups after the sessions. Not all of it relates to printing either and even school district problems of various towns might be the subject that finds common ground, or civic improvements and their success or failure. All towns in Ontario and Quebec have common problems which give broadening knowledge by association and discussion.

Then there are competitions for newspaper improvement, with the papers judged according to population of towns. Winner of the editorial page was the Newmarket Era with the Fergus News Record third. The trophy for the best paper in villages under 1500 population was won by our neighbouring contemporary, the Elora Express. Trophy for the best front page in towns of 4,500 population and under was captured by the Aurora Banner with 76 points. The Listowel Banner with 73 points was in second place. Richmond Hill Liberal was awarded 71 points and the Acton Free Press 70 points. Papers were not entered in the competition but all papers in Ontario came under the scrutiny of the judges.

Newspaper editors from New York State fraternize with Canadian editors at conventions and in Montreal there were several who attended, brought greetings and exchanged experiences from south of the border. A few years ago a joint convention was held in Buffalo with American editors.

Sight-Seeing in Montreal

Newspaper Conventions differ from most business gatherings owing to the fact that they provide an opportunity for showing attractions to a wide field. Thursday afternoon the group were guests of the City of Montreal on a sightseeing tour, stopping at such famous places as Notre Dame Cathedral, Brother Andre's Shrine, the Wax Museum and the Migdets' Palace. Montreal is famous for its churches and historical buildings. Guides were with the party making explanations and pointing out important features. Another popular tourist attraction of Montreal is the open air sight-seeing street cars which offer a tea mile trip at 25c and which enjoy a good patronage.

Our tour ended up at the chalet on the top of the mountain where Mayor Houde was host. From here can be obtained the best view of Montreal with its buildings, its bridges and harbors. The view was inspiring in the daylight and

would be very attractive when city lights are blazing. Here a delightful luncheon was served, a musical program given and dancing enjoyed before the return to the hotel before nine o'clock.

Mayor Houde is a fine host. In spite of his bulk, which we judge would put the scales at well over 300, he gets about and personally met and chatted with everyone in the party. He was the ring-master of the event, entering into the enjoyment with enthusiasm that was contagious. He spoke only briefly and requested there be no formal thanks. You've seen his photographs and know his attraction is not in his build or his beauty. He made no attempt to find a dancing partner.

Our tour of the city did not include the Montreal Harbor but when our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Symon, asked us after dinner on Saturday night what we would like to see, we without hesitancy asked about the harbor. Knowing full well that Charlie knew how to drive the route, it was a delight to once again see this busy port. Few people fully realize the size of Montreal harbor.

We won't attempt to describe it, but rather make some observations. The Lachine Canal with the boats going through was most interesting. Its locks are not large; boats seemed to have only inches to spare. Its operation is not modern but still it is interesting. One cannot suppress amazement at the hundreds of English made cars which still are crowding all vacant spaces and the information that more are being landed each week. There's no shortage of these motor cars anyway.

Rather surprised also to see structural steel beams being piled on the docks from a boat discharging its cargo. One cannot help pity the English folk who cannot get cars and overseas countries which require rebuilding but are sacrificing for our dollars.

Montreal homes on the mountain are beautiful and indicate the wealth of this city. Construction here must have been costly and maintenance very heavy. Mr. and Mrs. Symon took us to many beauty spots our trip of Thursday had omitted and to which a bus could not travel.

Distributing Products

Montreal's shipping facilities have been much improved during the past year by the opening of a new marshalling yard by the C.P.R. Not many could have the opportunity afforded us since a special train left Windsor street station on Saturday to take us to this railway installation. One of the cars in the train was a flat car with benches for those who desired to ride outdoors. The C.P.R. marshalling yard is the latest on the continent.

You have all seen engines shunting cars into various sections at stations, with the engines placing the cars and brakeman operating switches. It's a long job. At the St. Luc yard one diesel brought in a train of 70 cars while we were there. The cars were examined, weighed and placed in any one of many sections of track with only one man along the tracks uncoupling the sections. The whole operation was done by electrically controlled switches. We were told over 1,000 cars were "put over the hump" in one eight hour shift and it was the plan to put 3,000 cars a day through the yards. Space will not allow detail but if you're interested, you may see the descriptive book we brought home which explains the operation. The yard covers 682 acres and has 75 miles of rail in a total of 111 tracks. The switch signals are repeated in the locomotive cabs. While the construction is next door to the metropolis, not a single dwelling was removed and it crosses no highways.

Food

We have always been enthusiastic about the food served on our Canadian railways. In our experience the meals excel anything on the lines south of the border. On the trip out to the St. Luc Marshalling Yard, the C.P.R. arranged to serve a buffet luncheon to the party. We wondered how it would be done but we soon found that the officials had solved that problem in their modern coaches with collapsible tables.

This luncheon excelled the excellence of anything we have seen or partaken of in any hotel or elsewhere. We went to see the table the full length of a special lining car with the array of food which had been prepared. Not often does a country editor gaze on such a display of culinary art. We hesitate to give a detailed description but Mrs. Dills does more justice in the recital than we could do, and we suggest the ladies who may be interested secure it from her in casual conversation. Serving of the food was as quiet and efficiently marvellous as the preparation and arrangement. The Chef who had prepared it beamed over it all as only a master in the art can, and modestly accepted the many compliments heard on all sides as he hurried between kitchen and serving table.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 11th, 1931

Fairview Cemetery improvements had many admirers on Sunday at the Oddfellows' decoration service. Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore will preach anniversary sermons in the United Church, Rockwood, next Sunday.

Rev. C. L. Poole, B.D. attended the Library Institute at Hamilton this week, representing Acton Public Library.

The plant of the Ontario Memorial Company in Acton has been sold to Kilmington Bros. of Toronto who will add new equipment and expand the business.

Nearly a hundred applications were received by the School Board for the two vacancies on the Continuation School Staff with salaries ranging from \$850 up to \$1900. On Tuesday evening the Acton Lodge of Woodmen of the World entertained sixty visitors from Toronto and ten from Milton. The degree team from Toronto exemplified the degrees very carefully and several new members were initiated into the Order.

MARRIED
ALLAN-JOHNSON—On Saturday, June 6, 1931, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Johnson, "Sunnyside Farm" by the Rev. C. L. Poole, B. D., Florence Martha, to Edwin Chester Allan, son of Mrs. Allan and the late John A. Allan, of Erin Township.

DIED
ROBERTSON—At Calgary, Alta. on Saturday, June 6, 1931, Donald Stewart Robertson, of Milton, beloved husband of Katherine Dewar, in his 63rd year.

NASSAGAWEYA S.S. No. 7

W.M.S., Ladies Aid Plan School Picnic

The W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid were entertained in the home of Mrs. Ed. Dredge recently with most of the members present and five visitors.

Plans were made for the Sunday School picnic to be held early in July in Lowville Park. Mrs. Bob Early sang a beautiful solo, "My Task," accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Crawford. Douglas Dredge played a few numbers on the piano. Rev. J. E. Sutherland gave an address on Home Mission Work "of our own church" and closed with the motto "Christ for the World." He pointed out the task is for the whole church not just the leaders.

A report of the Spring Rally at Fergus was given by Mrs. B. Freeman and Mrs. D. Henderson.

Mr. Sutherland closed the meeting with prayer and Mrs. Dredge served dainty refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed.

Mrs. Paul and the grade 8 pupils joined the other schools on a bus tour to Hamilton Rock Gardens and other places of interest last week.

The census taker is busy in this district.

Mrs. Nelson Anderson's friends in this district were sorry to hear of her accident last week when she fell and broke her leg. She is confined to Guelph General Hospital.

Almost all English sparrows in Canada are descended from eight pairs imported from England in 1850.

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 13, 1901

Mr. J. C. Matthews, who has been taking a course at Albert College, Belleville, has graduated taking very creditable standing. He took exceptionally high standing in commercial law, arithmetic and composition.

Acton Fire Brigade will hold their annual garden party in the park on Friday evening. The programme will comprise a series of athletic competitions for which valuable prizes are offered; a tug of war between teams of Georgetown and Acton Firemen, addresses by ministers of the town and music by the Cornet Band.

The Pan American Shows which visited Acton on Saturday attracted very large crowds to town from a wide radius. The trains which brought the outfit to Acton arrived at an early hour and the canvas city was pitched on the front fields of the Beardmore farm on Queen Street. Shortly before noon the parade took place and was viewed by thousands who lined the streets. It was the most pretentious parade which ever traversed the streets of this town, and created quite a furore. The manager was pronounced very good so far as it went but of course was not so extensive as that of the shows which call at the cities. The circus is started to have been as good as was expected. There was evidently as much interest manifested in the operation of loading the show on the cars as in the show itself.

At two o'clock last Thursday the fire bell rang out a fierce alarm and immediately upon arousing from their slumbers our citizens saw that lurid flames lighted up the entire town. It was soon ascertained that the saw mill, where the fire originated, was almost entirely consumed before the fire was discovered. When the devouring element got a foothold there the building, with its splendid outfit of new and improved machinery was soon entirely and in a remarkably brief space completely destroyed.

Mr. Brown has no intention of re-building, but will cut out the stock with a portable mill. Sixteen or eighteen men were employed at the mills.

Citizens generally were glad to see the circus leave town on Saturday evening and not remain over Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Matthews will open his ice cream lawn, which was so popular last year, on Saturday. It will be lighted by electricity.

Reeve Williams and Clerk Moore had a busy time on Monday morning signing the numerous debentures and coupons for the new \$4,000 issue.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Britain's Lord President of the Council, said recently that a chain of 13 experimental husbandry farms is to be set up by the Minister of Agriculture. At these stations, new methods of research will be tried out on a field scale, under controlled conditions. Mr. Morrison stated that government expenditure on Agricultural research in 1950-51 would amount to 3 million pounds.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 17th, 1951
Please Note: Sunday School will not be held this Sunday.
11:00 a.m.—Children's Flower Service—Children's choir, birds and flowers. Special speaker, Mr. George Poole, Howard Park United Church, Toronto.
7:00 p.m.—What Christianity Is (No. 6)

Baptist Church ACTON

SUNDAY, JUNE 17th, 1951
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:30 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
Friday, 8:30 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Saturday 23rd—Mission Circle picnic.

Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
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SUNDAY, JUNE 17th, 1951
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship.
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Luxton, B.A.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17th, 1951
Trinity IV

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:15 a.m.—Holy Communion—Rejoice in the Lord.
7:00 p.m.—Evensong.
Annual picnic for Sunday School and congregation, Saturday, June 23 to Old Mill, Guelph.
Laying of corner stone for new Parish Hall, Sunday, June 24th at 3:30 p.m.
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