

# EDITORIAL

## Easiest and Best

The next few weeks will be busy with the Christmas shopping—the time when most folks spend a good deal of thought about the purchases they make to please the ones they love; a time when many greetings of good will are exchanged between friends. It's truly remarkable what a busy time is created each year by this exchange of good will. It grows and grows and someday it may encompass the whole world and spread throughout the whole year.

But these are shopping days. The bigger the centres, the more turmoil there seems to be in getting the shopping done. If you would make your shopping simple and less tiring the place to do it is in your own community—in the stores where the merchant knows you and can be helpful in showing his stock. In the home town you won't be rushed from floor to floor, the crowd will be moderate at this time of year and you'll receive personal attention.

For value and selection these days you'll find it hard to do better than right in your home town. City stores have higher overhead and can offer you no better selection than you will secure right here. Count up your travel costs and other expenses and the wear and tear on yourself and you'll be money in pocket by doing your Christmas shopping right now and right at home.

## It Troubled Solomon, Too

It may not be much comfort but, Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University and a noted economist, reminds us that mankind's present struggles with the problems of inflation aren't exactly an innovation.

In a speech recently before the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at Quebec City, he pointed out that "the full story of inflation, both in regard to its value as an economic stimulus and to its nauseous aftermath, extends back across all the pages of history."

"Stretching our minds back to that great Solomon whose wisdom has become proverbial wherever the Bible is read, the record clearly indicates the extent to which the prosperity of Israel during his reign was due to the inflationary stimulus provided by the loans from Hiram, King of Tyre, towards financing the rebuilding of Jerusalem, including the great Temple, and the extensive public works throughout the Kingdom of Israel.

"There was no cost-of-living indices at that time, but the chronicler is clearly descriptive, even poetic, when he suggests that towards the end of Solomon's reign, 'silver was no more esteemed than stones in Jerusalem.' The value of money had fallen sharply and as you remember, Solomon's successor, Rehoboam, was confronted with the sharp problems of a business crisis and depression so serious that it split the Kingdom and precipitated civil war."

No one, added Dr. James, significantly, mentions Rehoboam as being a popular king. Financial Post.

## A Wet Win?

Peel County has at last repealed the Canadian Temperance Act by a majority of 2,597. Less than 50 per cent. of the voters of that county registered their vote on the question. In 1947 the Act was upheld by a majority of 557. Newspaper headlines following the voting gave the inference that the vote was a victory for the wets which could scarcely be a correct interpretation.

The Canada Temperance Act has been an orphan piece of legislation for some years. It appears that at one time the Dominion Act governed the administration of the sale of intoxicating beverages. For many years the provinces have set up laws governing the sale of liquor. It was common knowledge that the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act were difficult to administer and were therefore very loosely enforced. They conflicted badly with the provincial laws and there has been a tendency to scrap the Canada Temperance Act.

Now Peel County will come under the same laws as most other counties in the province. Manitoulin Island recently voted repeal also of the C.T.A. Many sections of the county are still under local option and further voting will be necessary to clear the way before Peel will be as wet as the rest of Ontario.

It is doubtful if the wets can claim the voting in Peel County as an indication of any general approval of the wider distribution and sale of intoxicating beverages there or elsewhere in the province.

Perhaps you never noticed its passing. But gone is the one cent postage stamp. It won't carry a postcard, a Christmas card or a newspaper anymore. The one-center which was so prolific a short time ago is now only of value to the stamp collector.

## Regulating Regulations

In these days of regulation of business we find much confusion and a great need for defining laws. The following item from the Municipal World offers some recommendations that seem reasonable in the matter of store hours and the classification of various businesses.

"Because many merchants are these days selling various lines of merchandise in the same store, a grocer for example may be operating a lunch counter in connection with his business, it is frequently a problem for business tax purposes to determine just what class of business such merchant is carrying on.

"The same problem often arises in connection with by-laws which require shops of a certain class to close on a certain half day or between certain hours.

"Both of these problems could be solved if, after due enquiry, the assessor in assessing such persons was required by a statutory amendment to The Assessment Act to specify in his business assessment of such persons what class of business is being carried on, and where more than one class, what is the preponderating business. If the statute went on to provide that the class or preponderating class of business for which such person was so assessed as shown on the last revised assessment roll would be deemed final and binding for all municipal business tax and closing by-law purposes during the year for which the assessment was made, then the class of business would be definitely settled for business tax and closing by-law purposes, and the present difficulties removed.

"Persons so assessed would suffer no injustice as they would have a right of appeal against this part of their assessment the same as they have with respect to other particulars.

"The present situation would be further improved for business assessment and closing by-law purposes if the Legislature were to specify by name the classes of business which would be recognized for such purposes."

## Royal Tour Returns

The Royal Tour has served a double purpose, strengthening the devotion of Canada to the Royal Family and deepening the gratitude of Britain to Canada, reports The Financial Post's London correspondent.

In fact, Canada is now enjoying what is called a "good press" in England. The old boast that was heard 52 years ago that "the 20th century belongs to Canada" is now being heard again.

Young people all over Britain are casting their imagination in Canada's direction, and if the currency and shipping problems could be solved there would be a mighty flow of vigorous British people to Canadian shores.

## Editorial Notes

It often happens that men who talk too much think too little.

These are days to slow up in your driving. Remember, stops can't be made as promptly as when pavements were dry.

Those centre white lines on the highways are blessed many a time by motorists who have been on the highways with the heavy fogs of the past week.

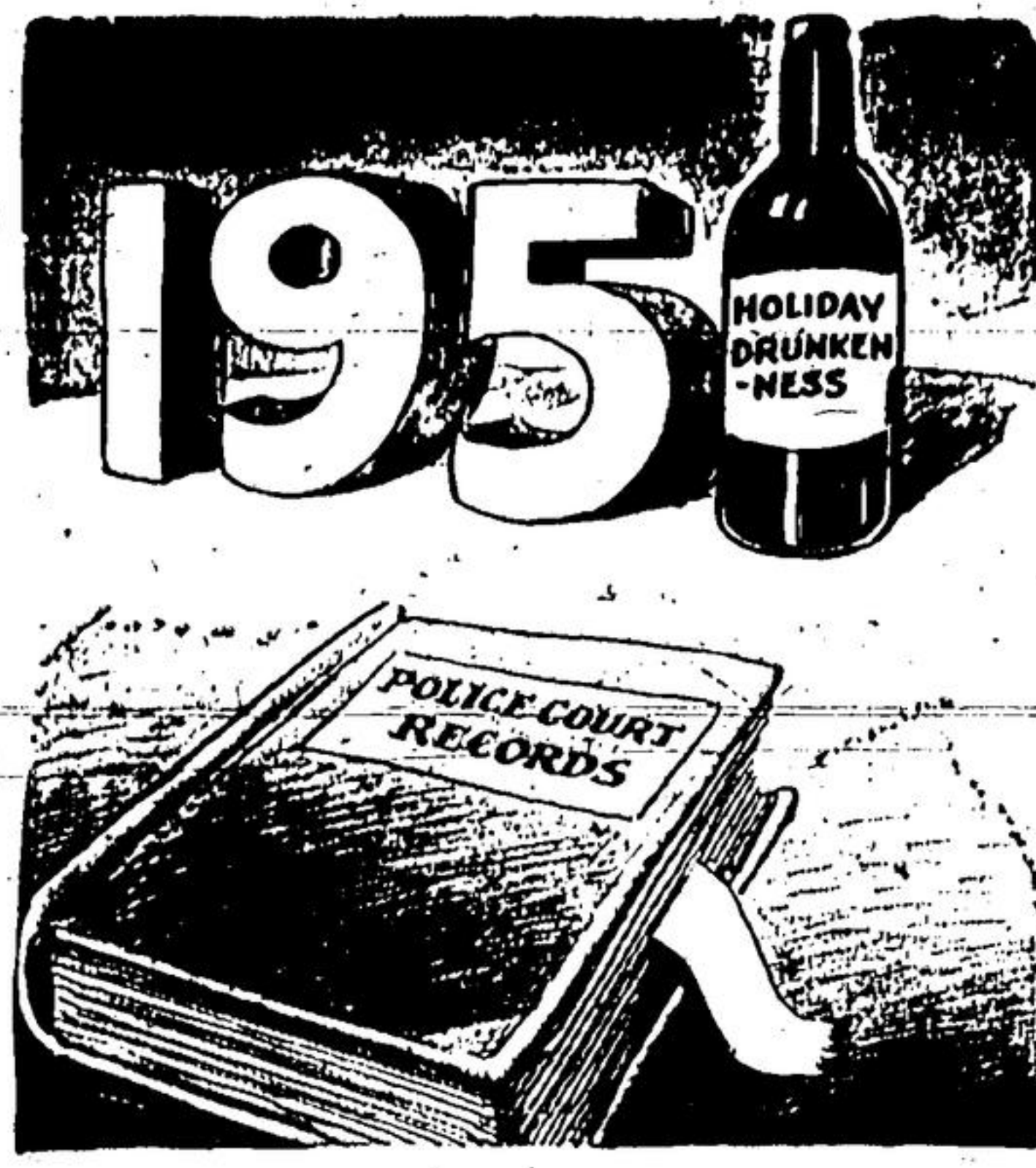
Looks as if there would be a plentiful supply of all the things usually offered for Christmas trade. Shortages have been largely overcome, but it's best to shop early.

The roads which were such a contentious issue in last year's municipal affairs just had passing attention in this year's problems. What a difference a few months can make in the outlook and the problems.

No matter what your choice, it's the duty of every ratepayer of Acton to get out and vote on Monday next. Give your candidates your support and do your share in securing good municipal administration. It's your money that will be spent by next year's public officials.

Only when citizens are aware of the fact that they, personally, have to pay for the cost of government and governmental services do they realize that they, personally, have responsibility in seeing to it that government is operated efficiently.

How mechanized can we get? We read recently of a father who had difficulty getting the favourite bedtime stories right. He recorded the favourites on a tape recorder and now sits on the bed while they are played back. The kids have told him several times his presence is not necessary.



**1951 HOLIDAY DRUNKENNESS**

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER**

**Back in 1901**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 5th, 1901

Farmers hereabout were plowing on Monday. At the meeting of the Farmers' Institutes last week, the secretary J. L. Warren, outlined the Halton Institute as the most progressive in the province, having 200 members more than any other.

John E. Connor, a blacksmith, at West Superior, Wis., has begun suit in the Canadian courts against the Canadian government to recover an estate valued at over \$3,000,000. The estate comprises the site of the city of Guelph.

Rev. G. A. Gillett, who has been ministering to the congregation of the Disciples' Church here the past month was last Sunday morning, at a congregational meeting, unanimously called to continue in the pastorate of that church.

The mania for robbing cellars, which has been so prevalent in some sections this fall, has reached this vicinity. One night last week the cellar of Mr. Joel Leslie, Errin, was cleared so effectively of things edible that the family had to forage among the neighbors for something to eat for breakfast. On Thanksgiving morning a couple of men entered the cellar of Mr. Thomas Elliott's home on the Second Line by smashing the lock on the outside cellar entrance, and were busily engaged in filling a bag with cooking, fruit, butter, etc. when a couple of young folks of the home who had been attending the wedding of Miss Margaret Waldie and Mr. Matthew Job, Jr., found them there. The household was at once alarmed and proceeded to corral the thieves. Mr. Elliott hit one of the men as he was emerging from the cellar and broke a chair over his back, but he got away. They tracked them by means of a light snow which had fallen into Newton's bush where woodcutters are at work, and there the trail disappeared. It was found that the despicable housebreakers had been in Dublin School furnace room during the night.

The Bijou Comedy Company have been playing to fair crowds in the town hall the last three evenings.

Agriculture and tourism have much in common. Success of each depends on good weather and on individual enterprise by individual operators.

**Back in 1931**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 3rd, 1931

And now the hockey season, with its attractions, is with us.

Election for Reeve and Councilors will be on Monday with Geo. Barber and C. M. Hansen contesting the Reeveship and Geo. Cowie, J. F. Davidson, Evan Jones, Wm. D. MacArthur and John Nicol for Council.

For the first time in many years the Lorne Rifles, formerly known as the Halton Rifles, held a church parade in Oakville. Tuesday evening was Ladies' Night at the Acton Canadian Legion and a most enjoyable evening was spent in progressive euchre.

Acton lost the first hockey game by 7-3 when they played in Galt with the Galt Intermediates. For the local boys it was the first time on skates this year.

**DIED** At Newmarket Hospital, as the result of an accident, on Thursday, November 29th, 1931, John Wilderspin, beloved husband of Alvina Allen, in his 43rd year.

Last year Canadians paid \$1,663,000,000 by direct taxes and \$26,103,621 in indirect imposts.

## Coat Tail Control Warning Is Given

In these days of steadily growing taxation and growing dependence on government to do things we once did ourselves, it is good to have a sharp warning as to where this easy course may lead. The Financial Post points out. That warning came from J. Gerald Godson, president of the Toronto Board of Trade, in an address this week.

Scarcely a week passes, as he pointed out, without some group or organization pressing one or other of our governments to undertake some new project for spending public moneys or to embark upon some form of paternalism.

If we are really sincere in preserving the principles of free enterprise as well as personal freedom itself, then as Mr. Godson warns "we should not be developing state control by the backdoor method" of catching hold of the coat tails of government everytime we want something, instead of fending for ourselves.

# AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1951  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. Loyalty Sunday Subject, The Supreme Beatitude. Consecration of Pledges.

7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship. Christmas hymns. An illustrated film strip of other years. "Too Much 'T'." Hymns and music on the screen.

"Thought for the Week"  
"It is highly convenient to believe in the infinite mercy of God when you feel the need of mercy, but remember also His infinite justice."  
—R. Haydon

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1951  
Advent 2

9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Beginner's Class.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening prayer conducted by Rev. W. A. Hunter, rector of St. Patrick's Church, Guelph.  
A Welcome Awaits You

**Presbyterian Church in Canada**  
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1951  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Dixie Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
Visitors are welcome  
"The Lord is near unto all those that call upon Him."

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
Douglas B. Shuter, Interim Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1951  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:30 a.m.—"What is This Thing Called Sin?"

7:00 p.m.—"Doing the Wrong Things for the Right Reasons."  
8:30 p.m.—H. Y. P. U. Fecalede in Georgetown Baptist Church.  
Friday, December 7 4 p.m. Mission Band; 8 p.m. Baptist World Alliance Women's Day of Prayer.  
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