

EDITORIAL

Halton Member Proposes

We were interested to note that Halton's Member of Parliament, Hughes Cleaver, had proposed that some radical changes be made in the procedure of business in the House of Commons. The proposal made by Mr. Cleaver was endorsed by Prime Minister St. Laurent to the extent that a committee be formed to bring in a report.

Anyone who has occasion to look over the copy of debates of the House of Commons will agree with Mr. Cleaver that much time is wasted and taxpayers pay for the waste of time. With Mr. Cleaver's seniority of many years of service as a member of parliament, he has been in a position to notice this "wasting and in view of the fact that he is next session retiring, he can be in an excellent position to suggest and do some of the things that are very necessary to the reform of parliamentary procedure for the benefit of the whole of Canada.

We are pleased to note Mr. Cleaver's introduction of the subject and knowing something of his progressiveness we can expect that there will be a start made to reform parliamentary procedure before he leaves his position. He will have the backing of all Canadians in getting more efficiency in the country's business and less talk.

Limits

Mr. Abbott's budget has been announced and the changes for a year have been made and business can be resumed under the regulations which have been stipulated. Any reductions that have been made in the tax load are indeed appreciated. That period between the first of the year and budget time has come to be a serious one for manufacturers. Sales, except in case of necessity, are curtailed by customers who hoped for some alleviation of the tax. This would be noted the past few months by tobacco producers, manufacturers of electrical goods, and dealers in automobiles, who have encountered a waiting public.

We are glad to note that Mr. Abbott realizes the taxation load is at its near maximum and that relief from this load is very necessary in future budgets. As long as Canadians are all earning well and working regularly the tax load is bearable, but we must admit that our period of full employment and high earnings has been lowered in the past few months and consequently the ability to pay high rates of taxation. Perhaps some of this relief will be overdue before next budget time rolls around and perhaps the surplus estimated in the budget will not be so large as anticipated.

As long as defense commitments are high, taxation is bound to be at a high level and as long as the present period of uncertainty prevails among nations of the world there appears a need for an adequate defense program. There is, however, no need for waste in this program and here as in every other department of public affairs the taxpayer is entitled to economy of operation and efficiency in building of arms equipment. Public funds are not unlimited.

Profits First

With over 92 per cent of the eligible voters casting their ballots last week, Dundalk decided that the town didn't want either a liquor store or a beer warehouse. There were 560 eligible voters and 520 ballots were cast. Dundalk may well be congratulated on the choice that has been made. There are altogether too many outlets in the province already and they are of no benefit to the well-being of the citizens of this province. The Wets failed to secure even a majority while 60 per cent of the vote was required before the outlets could be established.

This week Brampton electors go to the polls in a similar vote and the result will be known before this issue reaches our readers. If Ontario's consumption of liquor is to be kept within reasonable bounds, there needs to be a constant alertness on the part of those citizens who put first things first. With big profits available the liquor interests are constantly trying for new markets, more outlets and bigger sales. The trace of ruined manhood and womanhood they leave behind means nothing as long as sales are mounting.

Beauty On the Farm

There is no denying that startling changes have taken place on the farm in the last 25 years. The horse is making its last stand against the never-tiring tractor. The kerosene lantern is being replaced by the electric bulb as hydro wires are being strung across the rural countryside like huge spiderwebs. The automobile has become an essential form of farm transport. But modern as they are, many Canadian farms require one highly essential thing to bring them up-to-date—a huge paint job.

Go anywhere in the rural scene and evidence will be there in abundance: weather-beaten houses and barns which too often haven't been touched by a paint brush for years—if at all; valuable implements brown with rust; dingy home and barn interiors.

There is another way to look at a good paint job. In recent years paint scientists have discovered that color has a definite psychological effect on human beings. Some colors will create an atmosphere of coolness and relaxation; others warmth and excitement, while some will set a depressive mood. Hospitals have recognized these facts and are decorating their operating rooms and wards with colors that help patients to get well more quickly.

In a farm home with its dozen and one daily problems, it is necessary for the setting to be as relaxing as possible. It should exude cheerfulness, optimism and well-being. A few quarts of good paint could go a long way towards achieving this end.

Any Page, A Good Spot

Every week we get a request from some individual or organization to "please put this story on the front page, where people will see it." This strikes us as being rather funny. You see, the average reader, particularly in a weekly paper, covers the whole paper. As a matter of fact, he usually glances casually at the front page, turns to the other sections of the paper, and then slowly makes his way back to the front page. You cannot "bury" an item in a weekly because the reader will search it out wherever it may be.

Frankly, we have always felt that every page in the paper is the front page. It is different in a large city where the world news is generally carried on page one. There the reader interest is focused on the front page. In a weekly newspaper like The Free Press every page carries an array of local and interesting items.

The front page, of course, is the "show window" of any newspaper. We put many of the newest items on the front page, but by no means all of them. It consistently amazes us how stories on the front page are often missed by some of the readers while some little item sandwiched in one of the inner pages will be read always.

Editorial Notes

The plans for spring cleaning aren't getting much co-operation from the weatherman.

There are folks we know about who are already cancelling engagements which might interfere with other important business on May 1st on the trout streams.

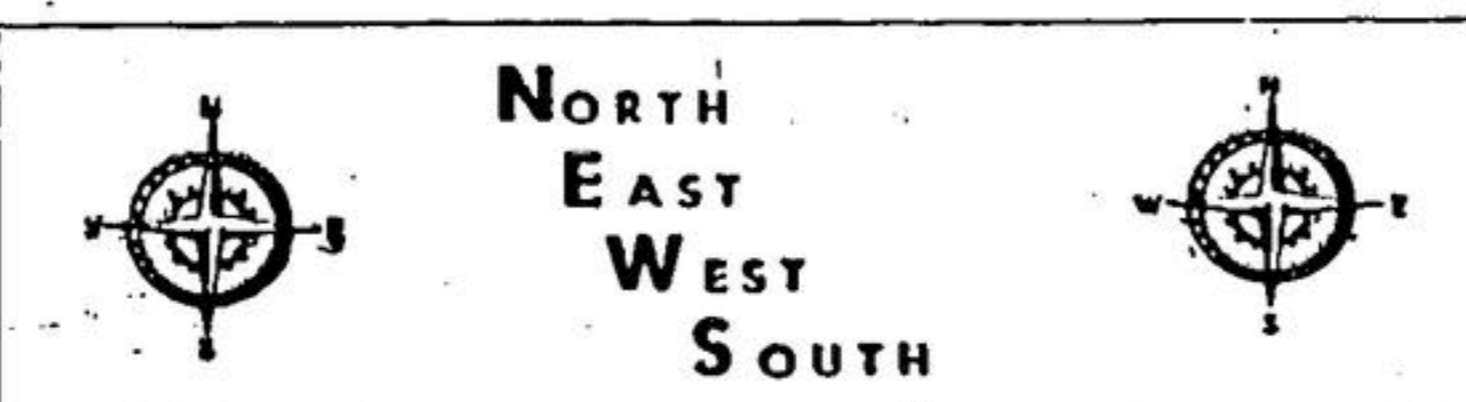
Orangeville, where there are three new schools, has only increased its tax rate by two mills this year and is budgeting for a surplus. The rate is 56 mills this year in that town.

Nova Scotia has the distinction of showing a downward trend in liquor sales. There was a drop of \$1,000,000 in sales since 1950. It's an example other provinces might try to emulate.

The latest bit from Washington deals with the Army Engineers' Depot at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1942, it was built at a cost of \$3 million. In 1949, it was sold as war surplus for \$205,000. Two months later, the U.S. government rented part of it for storage purposes, paying \$100,000 a year. In 1951, the U.S. air force rented part of it for the same purpose, paying \$200,000 a year. Now the U.S. army wants the whole building back and has been authorized by Congress to pay \$2.5 million for it.



"No, you can't quit practicing until they leave."



Hornby Hero

The postmaster at Hornby is the hero of a story recalled in last week's Georgetown Herald. How long ago it happened, the article did not say. Georgetownite Mrs. E. Carney met a lady and her son on the "Franconia" sailing from England to Canada, and the pair said they were coming to visit in Hornby. Mrs. Carney was feeling sea-green most of the way, and didn't feel well enough to "pursue conversations. After she recovered her sea legs, however, she thought she would like to ask the English visitor into Georgetown for tea. She wrote an appeal to the Hornby postmaster who promptly passed on the message! The English lady was quite impressed by Canadian postal service.

Mrs. A. Obliges

Kate Aitken had a duty in Halton when she returned last week from her whirlwind tour around the world! On one of her broadcasts she told how a Canadian soldier in Korea had popped "the" question by mail, and been accepted by cable. On a leave in Japan he bought "the" diamond, but did not want to send it so far by mail. So he entrusted the ring to Mrs. A., who delivered it to his fiancée in Oakville.

Share Sport

Spring air has turned the fancy of Georgetown sportsmen to hunting and angling. They are selling \$5 shares to raise money for a clubhouse.

Golden Wedding

Former Georgetown residents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rachlin celebrated their golden wedding last week in Toronto. One of their seven children is B. D. Rachlin, Acton's mayor.

Fire Questions

A resuscitator hits the NEWS columns again this week. Fire Chief Fred Shaw of Oakville said he thought he'd need the department's resuscitator for personal use after 30 Trail Rangers paid a visit to the

fire hall. He was almost completely inundated by their questions as they reviewed the firefighters' array.

Easter Treat

The Easter holidays bring special events for a lot of Halton youngsters. In fact, so many are making good use of their spare time that the Oakville Memorial Hospital has turned the board room into a special tonsil ward for vacationers. "Oh, the poor kids," said the Oakville Trafalgar Journal reporter. "Oh, the poor nurses," replied one of the poor nurses.

Easter in Halton

Of course the county was criss crossed with cars last week-end bringing and taking Easter visitors. On Friday, many were out hiking or picking pussywillows by the side of back roads. Many exchanged visits despite the most uncooperative weather, and of course the local churches were well attended.

Warble Fly Powder For Erin Township

At a special meeting of Erin Township council held on March 20th, the Department of Highways was requested to transfer \$900.00 from the amount set up for construction and maintenance in a road appropriation by-law to the one for bridges and culverts.

Council authorized the Erin Township Branch of the Federation of Agriculture distribute warble fly powder throughout the Township, with the municipality to pay up to \$50 lbs.

The tender of the Cox Construction Co. to supply, crush and deliver gravel on the town roads at 95 cents per cubic yard was accepted, being the lowest tender. Gravel is to be placed on roads between June 2 and Oct. 1. The contract is subject to the approval of the department of highways.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, For Christian character development
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Subject: Continuing Steadfast
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship New color pictures you will enjoy! Also new illustrated hymns
8:30 p.m.—Intercongregational Fireside program Refreshments in the Baptist Church
Thought for the Week
"Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

(Anglican)
Supply Minister, Archdeacon Mackintosh of Hamilton

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
A Welcome Awaits You

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship
"They that wait upon the Lord shall receive their strength."
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

BAPTIST CHURCH

ACTON
Douglas B. Shuter, Pastor

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th, 1952
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:30 a.m.—"The Meaning of Spirit for the Man of Today" Baptismal Service
7:00 p.m.—"No More Goodbyes"
8:30 p.m.—Bible Society Fireside Special announcement elsewhere

Friday—4 p.m. Mission Band; 7:30 p.m. Junior High Fellowship
In the ten year period from 1941 to 1951 five persons emigrated from Canada for every six persons who immigrated to Canada.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902 From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 17th, 1902

Captain J. G. Langton of Company 6, Acton of the 20th Halton Regiment lectured at the Military Institute, Toronto, on Monday night on "The System of Messing and Supply of Rations at Canadian Camps of Instruction." The Globe says "respecting the lecture, 'Captain Langton gave a brief outline of what had been done for his own regiment through grants made by the Halton County Council, in the way of securing good rations properly cooked and served in a marquee.'"

The beauty of shapely heads and pretty faces is very greatly enhanced by modish headwear with fashionable trappings, and Miss Store, the head milliner at R. B. Scott's new store, and her staff of assistants, must have been favorably impressed with the throngs of shapely heads and pretty faces which visited their showrooms at their first millinery opening last week. The keynote of many French hats shown lies in the broad flat effects. Queen Alexandra, as is well known, loves pearls and her favorite trimming is consequently in vogue this coronation year in profusion. One beautiful creation, shown was a Russian turban made in white, brim of tuckered malle, and handsome embroidered lace crown with pearls, side trimmed with crossed esprey and pearl cabuchone lace, with ribbon velvet at back.

"Shut the door" signs are now disappearing. It doesn't take an acrobat to make a backward spring. Mr. W. Erskine has much improved the appearance of the Palace Drug store the past week, by papering and decorating the interior.

Socialists and communists want to share everything equally — except the power to rule.

Back in 1932 From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 14th, 1932

The concession lines are rather difficult to navigate these days. It's rather a foolish prediction to say just when it would be advisable to lay up the snow shovel.

Last Saturday evening the local Post of the Empire Service League met to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of Vimy Ridge.

Acton Council accepted \$20,000 bequest from the Estate of J. A. Murray and will invest in suitable securities for the present time. Acton Citizens' Band asked if a room could be fitted up at the arena for quarters for the Band.

A number of janitor's tools were stolen from the basement of the school. Transportation of pupils to the Musical Festival was arranged at the monthly session of the School Board. There will be over a hundred pupils from Acton Schools taking part in this event.

The meeting of the Young People's Society of the United Church on Monday evening was in the form of a mock trial, when the United Church was tried for not fulfilling her missionary duties. Many interesting facts regarding the missionary fields and the work of the church were given.

A largely attended mass meeting of the farmers of this district was held in the Town Hall at Acton. There were about 250 present and a splendid meeting in discussion of farm problems was held.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. E. Curry was held from the home of her brother Mr. James Symon to Fairview Cemetery. Mrs. Curry had been living in Sauls St. Marie with her sister Mrs. Campbell.

DIED
PLANT—At the home, near Acton, on Wednesday, April 13th, 1932, Hanna Louisa Beatty, beloved wife of James Plant in her 70th year.

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