

# EDITORIAL

## At 85

Dominion Day may be a fixed holiday but in these days of travel of summertime, it's pretty difficult to fix any holiday, except on a week-end. And so we found that many workers are observing Dominion Day on most any day within the week of July 1st.

Tuesday was the 85th birthday of our Dominion and it may be that this Canada of ours was worthy of more than one day to observe this birthday. We are no ordinary nation. Canada is made up of people from many different countries, of different religions and cultures, and is today a great example of what can be accomplished by respect and tolerance for the rights and opinions of others.

For years we have extolled our great natural resources and the past few years have proven that they were not over emphasized. But best of all the past few years have shown that Canadians can and will develop these natural resources. The past 85 years have seen much progress but it would appear that the years ahead hold an even greater expansion and development of Canada. This is indeed a land of opportunity for native Canadians and for those who come to make this their new home and leave behind them the prejudices and differences that have made them seek a new home.

Among the nations of the world, Canada at 85 is a mere youngster. As a young nation it is a land of opportunity for those who are willing to strive for better things. It's our country—it's growing up. Let's all do our share to keep it a good country.

## Oh! Another Birthday

We're reminded as we look at the calendar that this week the Free Press enters its 78th year of continuous publication. We believe that except for holiday issues, it has never missed an issue during the whole of its years of service to this community. A little calculation reveals that for over half of those years (in fact 40 years) the present editor has been associated with Acton's newspaper. We could go on with recollections and sometimes folks remark that such is the only purpose of birthdays but we will go no further as we did quite a bit of that a couple of years ago.

We would be remiss indeed if we did not on a birthday occasion say a word of appreciation to all the friends who down through the years have helped make Acton's newspaper representative of the community. Subscribers, advertisers, patrons of our commercial printing department have all assisted in building a community newspaper and printing establishment. To that loyal band of correspondents who share with us the circulation of the district news our special thanks for your cooperation. The list would indeed be lengthy if we attempted to enumerate, so our thanks to all is extended once again on this milestone in community service.

We have attempted in our years to keep pace with the growth of Acton and district and it's often been strenuous. We usually make some improvement each year and this year we redecorated the exterior of the office and changed the color scheme. That was all we planned to do but to give better service to our printing customers the installation of a new folding machine also became a must and so we find ourselves with two birthday obligations to our business. But we're having a busy and very happy birthday.

## It's an Ill Wind

There is one blessing in the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. It has made the Federal Government and especially Agriculture Minister Gardiner realize the importance of keeping inter-provincial trade free, says The Financial Post.

Though that basic right is guaranteed in the BNA Act, a year ago Mr. Gardiner tried to trample on it. A few hours before the end of the session he rushed through Parliament his notorious Dairy Products Act. A few months ago, he had a sharp taste of the sort of medicine he proposed to administer under his Dairy Products Act. Following the outbreak of foot and mouth disease several provinces slapped embargoes on western livestock. His eyes were opened to the danger of provincial restrictions. For that belated conversion we can thank foot and mouth disease.

## Halton Honors its Seniors

On Sunday an important event in the annals of Halton County will be marked when Halton Centennial Manor, a home for the senior citizens of this county, will be officially opened. The home is furnished, the staff engaged and as soon as possible after the opening many of the senior citizens of this county will find this modern home open for them.

Pictures and descriptive material of the new building will be found elsewhere in this issue. Tribute, however is due those public spirited men and women who accepted the challenge and the opportunity for providing such fine surroundings in which many of our older citizens can enjoy falling years. The site in Milton, well back from No. 25 Highway with plenty of room for expansion, has been well chosen. All the facilities offered by the county town in the way of public services are at hand and yet the location is quiet and restful.

There's another matter in which acknowledgment of appreciation is due to our elected representatives. For years Peel and Halton have used jointly the buildings and land at Brampton as a home for the aged. The growth of both counties showed the need for increased facilities. The separation of the counties on this project has been as amicable as the operation of the joint project has been over the years. All have worked for the common good. We believe in this and other projects Halton and Peel have set examples worthy of emulation by not only counties, but by nations of the world.

Halton Centennial Manor is indeed a reminder that this present day and generation has thoughtfulness for its senior citizens. When citizens of Halton view it on Sunday and the days which may follow, they have every reason for pride in accomplishment.

## Poor Grandma

Last week we had some real hot summer weather, and some place we heard it was a record for one of the days. As we sweltered and mopped our brow and then went home to a moderately cool house, we somehow recalled the summer days of many years ago. Grandma prepared all the meals on the old wood stove, even in the sweltering heat of summer. Of course the stove had been moved out to the summer kitchen and the regular kitchen in which dinner was served had trumpet vines growing over the windows and the blinds were kept drawn so that it was invitingly pleasant.

On wash days grandma toiled over the wash board without the convenience of an electric washer. The following day the stove had to be fired up all afternoon to heat the flat irons for the family laundry. There weren't any refrigerators or ice boxes and numerous trips were necessary to the cellar which was the only cool spot for keeping perishables.

When fresh vegetable time came round, grandma didn't go to the grocery for the supply. They were gathered from the garden, washed with water carried from the pump, maybe a few blocks away and made ready for the family meal.

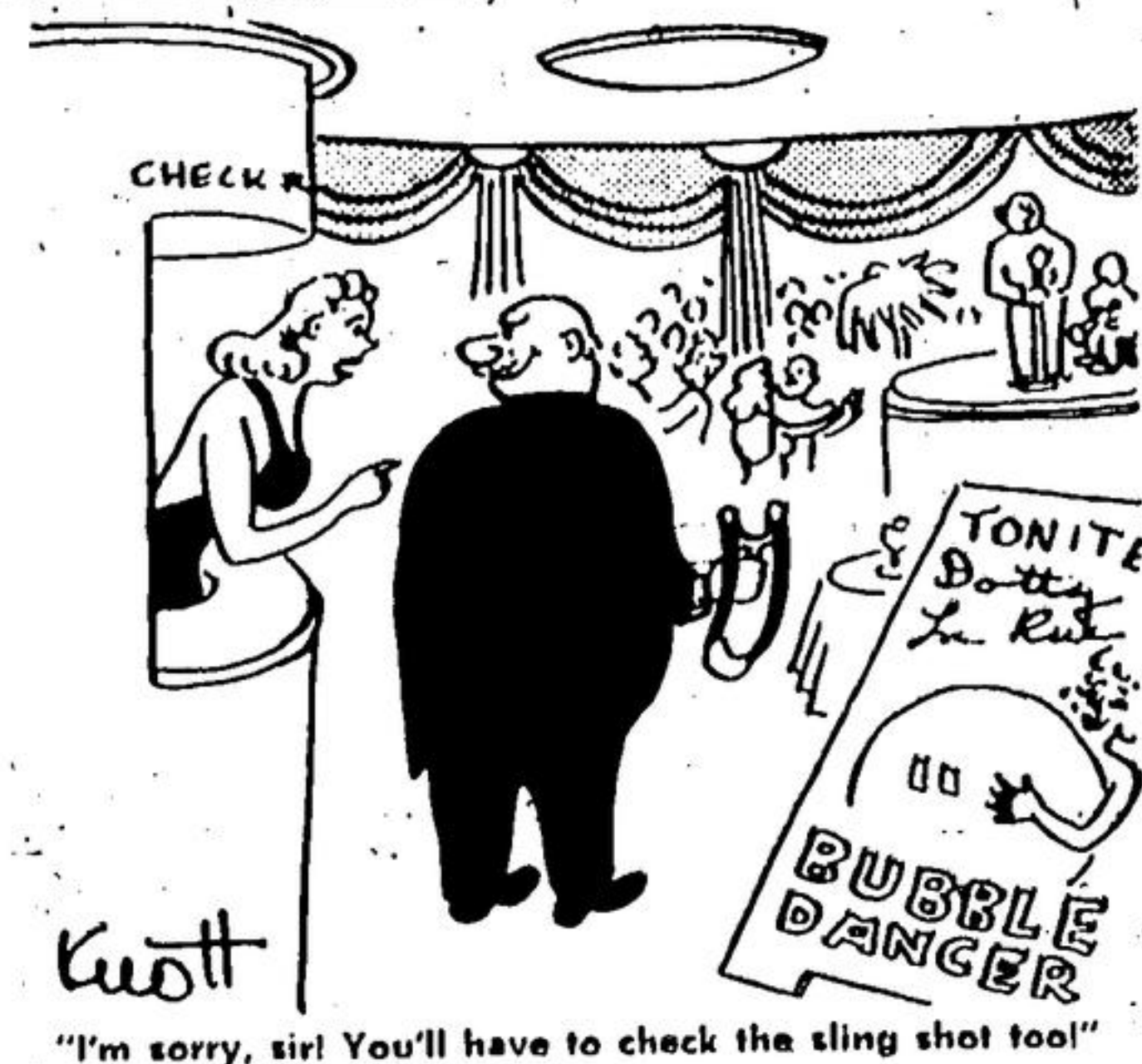
No, we don't advocate going back to those days for the housewife of to-day. We are awfully glad that modern conveniences have invaded the home and the factory and made summer heat and winter cold more tolerable.

But amid all these inconveniences grandma was clad in a neat summer print dress that clothed her from head to foot and was always neat and ready to meet the callers who came morning or afternoon. We're not arguing against the present garb or lack of raiment of the women of to-day. But we can't help as we recollect and mop our brow, admire grandma for keeping her skirt and shirt on in the Canadian summers which haven't changed much in the past half century.

## Editorial Notes

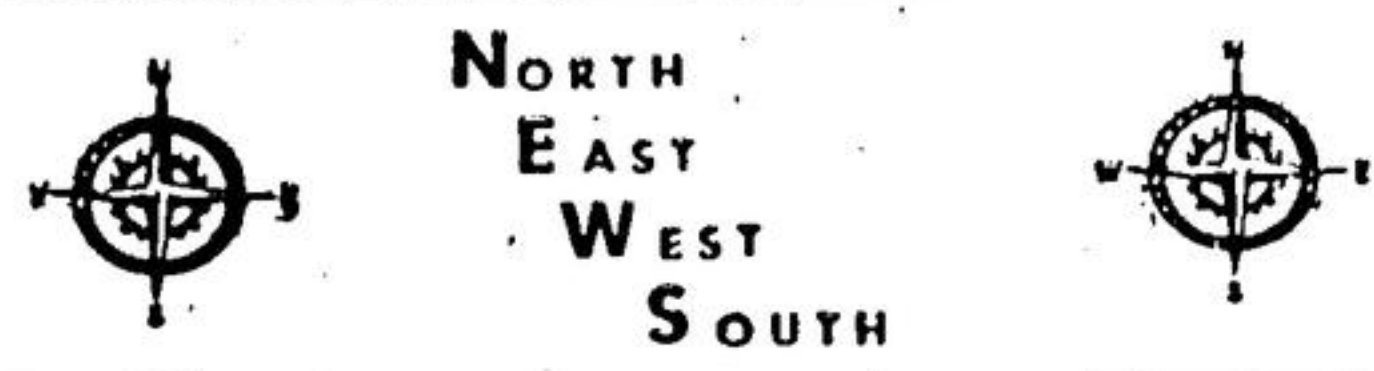
These are the days when we sigh for the good old school days with the long summer vacation.

Hope you had a good holiday. The weatherman was certainly kind with the brand given for a delightful week-end.



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"I'm sorry, sir! You'll have to check the sling shot tool!"



**NELSON 4- For Continent**  
Remember reading that eventful 4-ly all Canada and the United States will be synchronized in as far as phone numbers go? Toronto is on the way with its EMPIRE 3- and EMPIRE 4- numbers; now Burlington will join the two letter five digit system. All the Burlington numbers will be changed when additional equipment is installed down there early next year.

When the time for direct phone calls from anywhere to anywhere on the continent comes we can pick up our phone and ask for NELSON 4-1111 and we'll have Burlington.

**Gold in Them Thar Hills**  
A fortune in gold in them them Caledon Hills. The story is from the *Evening Advocate*.

"Residents of the West Caledon Hills, who for the time being do not wish publicity, but have permitted release of the story of what seems a bit fantastic, but may prove to be a fortune, are drilling a shaft at least 54 feet deep in solid rock to reach what is believed to be a fortune in gold."

"The story originated well over 100 years ago, when former owners of the property learned of the secret through an elderly Indian who came along with a large sack over his back and told a small boy that 'it be would follow him, he would never have to work again.'"

"The parents forbade the boy to go, being suspicious of the Indian, who by the way was an elderly man of small stature; however the father followed him through the bush and watched him crawl through a small opening in the rock and disappear. It is not known whether or not the Indian came out of the cave, but he was never seen in the district after."

"The opening of the cave was too small to permit the owner to enter and being suspicious that the story was a hoax, forgot about it. In the meantime the hole in the rock was filled in and forgotten."

"However, an elderly lady, living in the district recalls hearing the story when a little girl, on the strength of this services of a gentleman who is known to be quite successful watching for metal and water was secured and he believes there is a deposit of pure gold at the bottom of the cave. Another local man who operates an air compressor drill was let in on the secret and he became sufficiently interested to go in on the proposition on a

division of the spoils. From there on the work commenced, and at the time of writing the shaft was down over 44 feet. Although the sounds fantastic all those concerned in the effort believe there is quite a deposit of the precious metal."

Hope we can report success later!

**Halton in Olympics**  
Halton has two representatives on the Olympic team! Oakville's John Ross and Peter Sutton ran for their places last week-end. At random from an Oakville weekly, "Ross... is the most promising looper he has ever handled" and Sutton is "the fastest lad in the world at his age."

**Moat shoot**  
They're still wondering who is to have the right to shoot deer during a Halton open season. Nassagaweyn proposed that Nassagaweyns only should receive hunting licenses in that township, and Oakville received Lander replied, "Every municipality contributed to the county reforestation program, so it would be only fair that all Halton hunters have an opportunity to put a deer if an open season is approved. I don't see why we should have the Nassagaweyns getting all the venison."

**Archdeacon's Anniversary**  
From Georgetown we learn that Archdeacon W. G. C. Thompson, rector at St. George's Church, Georgetown and archdeacon of Halton and Wellington, celebrated the 40th anniversary of his priesthood early in June.

## OVERCROWDING LAW

"Having a motor vehicle" with persons or property in the front or driver's seat so placed as to interfere with the proper management or control of the vehicle by the driver shall be deemed to be driving without due care and attention."

This law related to overcrowding the front seat of a vehicle comes from the Highway Traffic Act for Ontario, and is designed to eliminate a serious cause of accidents. This practice forces the driver the freedom of movement he needs to steer, apply the brakes or change gears when driving in heavy traffic or on the open highway.

Canadian manufacturers had 52 cents profit on each dollar of sales in 1951, down from 71 cents in 1950.

# AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY JULY 6th 1952  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School - A school for good citizenship  
11:00 a.m. Morning worship - Service of holy communion  
7:00 p.m. Evening worship - Knox Presbyterian Church  
Thought for the Week  
"As these work together for good to them that love God"  
Romans 8:28

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Daught I. Patterson, Pastor  
Parsonage - 115 Beaver Ave., Phone 2067.

Thursday, July 3 Prayer meeting and Bible study in the basement. A hearty invitation extended to all.  
Friday, July 4 Young People's will meet in the church.

SUNDAY JULY 6th 1952  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School with classes for all ages.  
11:30 a.m. Morning Worship - The Three Classes  
Evening service - Will unite with the other churches for the evening service in the Presbyterian Church.

Canada supplies almost the entire world's supply of canned lobster.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister  
Friday, July 4 8 p.m. - Prayer Service  
SUNDAY JULY 6th 1952  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - The Lord's Supper  
12:15 p.m. - Bible Class  
7:00 p.m. - We welcome the members of all the Communities to the evening service.  
"Thou that trust upon the Lord shall renew their strength"  
A warm welcome awaits you!

**ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH**  
(Anglican)  
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D., Rector  
Friday, July 4, 8 p.m. - Prayer Service  
SUNDAY JULY 6th 1952  
11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist  
Evening service in Knox Presbyterian Church.  
Attend church every Sunday when on holiday.

**BETHEL BAPTIST MISSION**  
John Jones, Pastor  
Y.M.C.A. BUILDING  
Side Entrance  
SUNDAY JULY 6th 1952  
10:00 a.m. - Bible School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning worship service  
7:30 p.m. - Evening Worship  
It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment!"

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

**Back in 1902**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 3, 1902

During the week the king's condition has rapidly improved. His Majesty now takes light nourishment with keen enjoyment. He is allowed a light cigar a day. The operation wound, however, still needs constant attention. County council went into committee of the whole on an equalization of assessment at the meeting in Milton last week. The rates levied for county expenses were the same as last year, as follows: Trafalgar, \$202.10; Essex, \$203.03; Nelson, \$210.21; Nassagaweyn, \$123.57; Milton, \$430.45; Oakville, \$411.01; Georgetown, \$302.27; Acton \$305.00; Burlington \$300.11.

On Sunday evening Rev. J. M. Hagar, M.A., preached his farewell sermon to the congregation of the Methodist church. The new pastor, Rev. A. E. Smith of Port Dover, is expected to arrive in town today. Acton council met as usual on Monday evening. Reeve Williams and councillors Agnew and Henderson were present. No business was done except passing a bill from Chisholm and Co. to pay for coal. The session was adjourned to meet again Thursday evening.

Canada has celebrated her 75th birthday as a Dominion. May she have many of them. Bless her.

Farmers are delighted with the beautiful rains of the past few days. A pretty wedding was celebrated in town yesterday when two of our young people were united by the sacred bonds. Dr. J. M. Bell and Miss Ada Hynds were married by Rev. H. A. MacPherson at the home of the bride's parents. The bride, becomingly dressed in white silk organdie trimmed with silk applique was supported by her sister Miss Nellie, who wore lemon silk organdie and two little flower girls. Miss Jennie Hynds and Mamie Agnew were dressed in Persian lawn with lace and insertion and carried bouquets of roses. Mr. Will Swackhammer of London supported the groom.

Notice - Dr. J. Bell's dental office will be closed for two weeks, he being out of town.

**Back in 1932**  
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 10, 1932

A number of Organemen of the local order joined in the church parade of the L.O.L. at Georgetown on Sunday evening.

The Lorne (Scottish) Rifles leave for camp at Long Branch to-night. They will march from the Park to Leahy's Hotel, from where they will leave by truck.

Mr. George Inglis is the first one to report using new potatoes from the local home garden.

The marriage took place in St. Joseph's Church, Acton, of Madeilyn Dontrée, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbons, of Acton, to Mr. Samuel Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Patterson, of Toronto.

On Saturday the Acton nine gave Georgetown another beating and as a result the local boys again lead the Halton County League. Matt Tyler came through with a nice Texas leaguer with three on base and scored two runs.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Garden and Misses Marjory and Claire and Master Glenn removed this week to their new home in Toronto. The garden party under the auspices of the Knox Ladies Aid had to be held in the Arena last Thursday.

**DIED**  
WILSON Suddenly at the home, Lot 26, Con. 4, Nassagaweyn on Thursday, June 23rd, 1932 Eliza Jane Kings beloved wife of George T. Wilson, in her 59th year.

**BUOYS FOR SUBMARINES**  
Within the next two years all British submarines will be fitted with a new type of marker buoy which can be sent to the surface. The buoy has a radar reflector, a small visual reflector, a radio transmitter for sending distress signals and a telescopic mast which extends automatically on surfacing. Experiments with this buoy were begun shortly after the January 1950 sinking of the Trident.

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**GRAY COACH LINES**  
Daylight Spring Time  
**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**  
Eastbound  
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Westbound  
10:27 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., 112 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener only)  
a) Daily except Sunday and holidays  
b) Saturday, Sunday and holidays

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**  
Standard Time  
Eastbound  
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 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 7:24 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only 12:08 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 5:48 p.m.; Saturday only 1:36 p.m.; Sunday only 8:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.

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