

Rain or Shine, It's Acton Fair 19 & 20

It's not among the oldest fairs, but for nearly 40 years Acton Fair has earned a reputation for one of the best in programs that are different and entertaining. This year's event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, and, given a break in the weather, the event promises to eclipse any of the former ones.

The entire arena show has been changed for Friday night, and new features have been included in the prize list which should bring out a big exhibit.

Acton Fair has for two years been handicapped by bad weather and this year directors are endeavoring to assure the public a superior event if the weatherman cooperates.

But, rain or shine, it's Acton Fair on September 19 and 20.



Scenes from Acton Fair in 1937—Fifteen Years Ago

the low fares appeal to me



"With living costs so high one has to be careful of expenses even when taking a trip. That's why the low bus fares appeal to me—I have a little extra to spend on entertainment or for some of my shopping while I'm away. And traveling by bus these days is really enjoyable."

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Acton Fair Continues On Eve of 40th Anniversary

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of Acton fair, but the holding of an annual fair in Acton dates back many more years. For many years Equus Fair was held alternately in Acton and Georgetown but at the annual meeting in 1912, the directors decided to hold the fair in Georgetown continuously and Acton and Equus fairs of the district decided to hold a fair in Acton as well. The two organizations separated and have operated since that time as two separate fairs.

At that time, there was a fall fair held in every town or township of the county. Oakville and Burlington and Nassagaweya fairs have since been abandoned, leaving only fall fairs in Acton, Milton and Georgetown continuing with successful events. Milton is this year marking its centennial, having operated since 1852.

Perhaps some of our readers will recall the early fairs of forty years ago. George Havill was the first president of Acton fair and George Hynds was secretary-treasurer for many years of the fair. The hall exhibits were presented in the old drill shed and on the first night of the fair, the band played a concert from a rather precarious platform in the hall and a hundred visitors or so came to view the display. Popular in those days were the sewing machine demonstrations where a nice cardboard fan was decorated with a frilly material. Pianos were popular in other exhibits and fine sets of harness were on display by the local harnessmaker. Yes, we can even recall that Philip Drummond used to proudly exhibit sides of leather that had been processed in his small tannery.

Electrical appliances weren't on display in those days because there was no hydro power available. The lighting service was supplied by a local plant and it was closed down at midnight.

Back when Acton fair was founded, the park entrance was at the end of Park Avenue and the section where Knox Avenue bisects was a big field with a high board fence. There wasn't any motor travel of consequence and the horses and herds of cattle started arriving early on the second day of the fair and the midway moved in early and took up a section of what is now Park Ave. It was necessary to go down through the midway to reach the hall exhibit. In those early days the competitions were different. The farmers' wives competed with choice exhibits of dairy butter in pound prints, five pound rolls and crocks of 10 pounds. It wasn't until 1929 or 1930 that Acton fair had the big arena show. The first such event we think featured a game of broomball with the participants mounted on donkeys. Gordon Beardmore took a keen interest in the fair and had a group of military personnel put on riding

events and contests. The first night show grew in popularity and the arena was filled to capacity each year. The program has been varied and most everything has been presented to bring new attraction to the event.

Forty years later, on Friday night another new type of show has been arranged. The program directors have been versatile and the arena show has been continuous except for the wartime interruption when the arena was not available.

Acton fair has changed with the times. The horses don't become frightened at the automobiles any more. Times have changed and the fair has kept pace. This year we note that a feature will be a safe tractor driving demonstration but the best lady driver will also be a feature, although there may not be so many of them. The quick hit and once around the track contest isn't held any more but the gentleman's road race will thrill the stands.

There have always been bands, sometimes the 48th Highlanders and the Grenadier Guards, but mostly it's been good old Acton Citizens' Band and this year the Second Armored Division Band from Toronto will also appear on the program as well as our own band.

There have been good fair days and miserable ones, some cold, some hot, some wet and some dry but down through the forty years, Acton fair has grown and made its way. It has been a meeting place for friends from far and near. At forty, it's going strong and on Friday and Saturday, many will gather and reminisce and recall the things we have talked about and recall many others.

There are things which come and go in the entertainment world. We don't see the garden parties any more and the old boys' reunions aren't as plentiful, but Acton fair goes on because it fills a need of town and rural dwellers to get together and a joy and pride in achievement and exhibition for the school boys and girls, the men and women.

IMP-OSSIBLE

Two revelers in a bar were discussing life. "I had the strangest dream last night," said one. "Suddenly there were about a thousand little men dancing on top of my body. They wore pink caps and green suits and red boots that curled up in the front."

"Yes," agreed the other, "and there was a tinkly bell at the toe of each boot."

"How do you know that?" asked the first.

"A couple of them are still sitting on your shoulder."

Shoe Changes Foot In Dollar Exchange

All the confusion and resentment caused by the depreciated U.S. dollar is unnecessary, comments the Financial Post.

When the shoe was on the other foot no thinking Canadian expected to have American hotels, or stores accept our dollars at par. Most Canadian visitors to the U.S., as a matter of course, had their money changed into U.S. currency before they crossed the border. It's a pity that our American visitors would not adopt the same practice.

Where they don't insist on using their own currency here, we should not hesitate to discount it and we should tell them this:

"It may have the same name, but our dollar is not the same as your dollar. For a long time you took 10 cents off each of our dollars before you even started to do business with us. Times have changed. You and a lot of other people have been buying into Canada, have been investing in our oil wells, our mines, our industries. That investment has made our dollars scarcer more valuable. It is the old law of supply and demand."

ANSWER: "NO"

A young man went in to see his chief and asked for a \$5 a week raise.

"But look here," said the boss, "if I give you this raise, that's \$20 more a month. That's \$200 a year." His voice grew louder and shriller out of my pocket. In twenty years \$5,200 and in fifty years. . . in fifty years."

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In spite of this we are faced with the tragedy that in eight provinces out of ten there is still no province-wide legislation for the pasteurization of milk. It is a reflection on our common intelligence that in only two provinces out of ten—Ontario and Saskatchewan—is it possible to be sure that milk purchased for home consumption is pasteurized and therefore safe. It is important that in every part of Canada citizens realize that the only safe milk is pasteurized milk.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

The son in college was applying pressure for more money from home. "I cannot understand why you call yourself a kind father," he wrote his dad, "when you haven't sent me a check for three weeks. What kind of kindness do you call that?"

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