

EDITORIAL

Big Oaks From Little Acorns

Acton's industrial expansion continues to grow on a good sound basis. True, there has not been the upheaval which would result from the founding of a big new industry which would employ hundreds from the outset. Such a big industry may carry disadvantages as well as advantages. It could cause an expansion that would require much expenditure for public services which would be crippling.

Looking over the local field this week, the A. P. Green Co. building has the new walls up and the roof going on. The plant as reconstructed will be larger and better suited to the company's requirements. The company is settling its Acton plant.

Just next door the walls are going up quickly on a second extension to Micro Plastics, which from a small beginning has evolved into Canada's largest plastic extrusion plant. We could go over Acton's entire industrial picture and draw the same conclusion. None of them were large at the inception but have shown continued growth and made Acton's growth steady and sure.

Up on Queen Street another small industry is having its beginning this week in the Corona Shog Company. Machinery is being installed and shortly its products will go out on Canadian counters and its payroll will fit into the industrial activity of this town.

We're not saying a big new factory wouldn't be accepted in Acton's industrial structure, but we are saying that the ones which have had a beginning and steady growth here are indeed appreciated and have thus far contributed much to Acton's betterment and growth.

"One of the strange things about goodwill is that its growth can be sound only if its roots start right in your own backyard—among those whom you employ." — E. C. Ross, President, Chrysler Corp. of Canada.

Towns and Villages

Listed in the municipal statistics last year are three villages with over 5,000 population and seven villages with over 2,000 population. Two of these villages will disappear in the next compilation of statistics. Humberstone with a population of 3,722 has been annexed to the town of Port Colborne and ceased to exist from the first of January this year.

Fergus with a population of 3,411 has taken the necessary steps and effective January first next year will cast off the village status and become a town. Matter of fact, Fergus could have become a town over a decade ago if it had so desired. Apparently the residents wanted to be sure as they have been in other places that the population was likely to stay well over the required mark before taking the step. Once a town has taken on status it appears that it is not possible to revert back to village standing.

In Ontario there are 25 communities listed as towns which have slipped under the 2,000 mark. The population of these centres varies from 90 to 1,992. Some of these places may have attained town status from the fact that they were the county seat of government.

With the continued growth and expansion of Ontario, some of them may again attain town population standard of 2,000. There isn't much to be gained or lost by calling a centre a town or a village according to the listing in the municipal statistics. The big villages are becoming towns in name now as well as in fact and figures may be overruling sentiment and a clinging to the village titles.

Great men never make bad use of their superiority, they see it, and feel it, and are not less modest. The more they have the more they know their own deficiencies.—Rousseau (1713-78).

As the Season Opens

Might be well at the beginning of this season when so many in various walks of life are called upon to make speeches, if we passed on the comment we read the other day, "Too many business speeches start out with an involved joke, are too long, try to cover too much ground, are too detailed, are poorly organized—in short—dull."

We have always felt sorry for the business man who is often very successful and efficient in his particular calling and to whom the making of

a speech is troublesome and distasteful and yet in his position as perhaps president of the firm now considered part of his duties. Many such men find this part of their duties so irksome that they refuse to accept the offices for which they are so well qualified. We don't advocate the professional speaker but we do like the chap who gets up and speaks briefly and on the subject with which he is concerned and sits down a little before he has exhausted the subject and everyone else.

Many times it's an imposition to ask a busy man to interrupt his routine to travel miles and sweat over making an after-dinner speech. But we're all for brief and informative speech, the intimate talks to small groups and we still think there is wisdom in the advice of "stand up, speak up and shut up."

Probably the best single phrase yet to appear out of the writer of U.S. political oratory is General Eisenhower's description of the Washington administration as being run by "too many men who are too small for their jobs, too big for their breeches and too long in power."

Taxes and Debt

The annual report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for 1951 which was recently released and covers 964 municipalities in Ontario discloses that the cost of municipal government in Ontario has increased for the fifth consecutive year to reach an all-time high of \$226,033,000. The increases were as follows: \$8,820,000 in 1946, \$17,588,000 in 1947, \$15,881,000 in 1948, \$20,508,000 in 1949, \$18,521,000 in 1950, and \$37,680,000 in 1951. This represents an increase of from 31.36 per person in 1946 to 52.26 per person in 1951.

At the end of 1951 those costs under the direct control of the municipal councils of Ontario stood at 200.3% of the 1939 level, while the funds raised by the municipal councils on behalf of the local boards of education stood at 217.1% of the 1939 level.

The Report discloses that the 1951 municipal debt outstanding increased for the fifth consecutive year. These increases were as follows: \$5,278,000 in 1947, \$22,395,000 in 1948, \$35,824,000 in 1949, \$67,478,000 in 1950 and \$91,933,121 in 1951. A study of the debt-burden debt indicates that, using the gross debt-burden of the year 1939 as 100%, while the general municipal and utility debt, after declining since 1939, rose to 91.54% and 105.41% respectively of the 1939 levels, the education debt, after declining to 70.91% of the 1939 level, has subsequently risen to 203.22% of the 1939 debt.

The Report shows that the taxable assessment of the 964 municipalities in Ontario for 1951 rose to \$4,410,041,534, an increase of \$210,723,000 in one year.

The population of the organized municipalities of Ontario has risen for several consecutive years to reach a new mark of 4,325,503, an increase of 122,964 during 1951 and 25.6% since 1939.

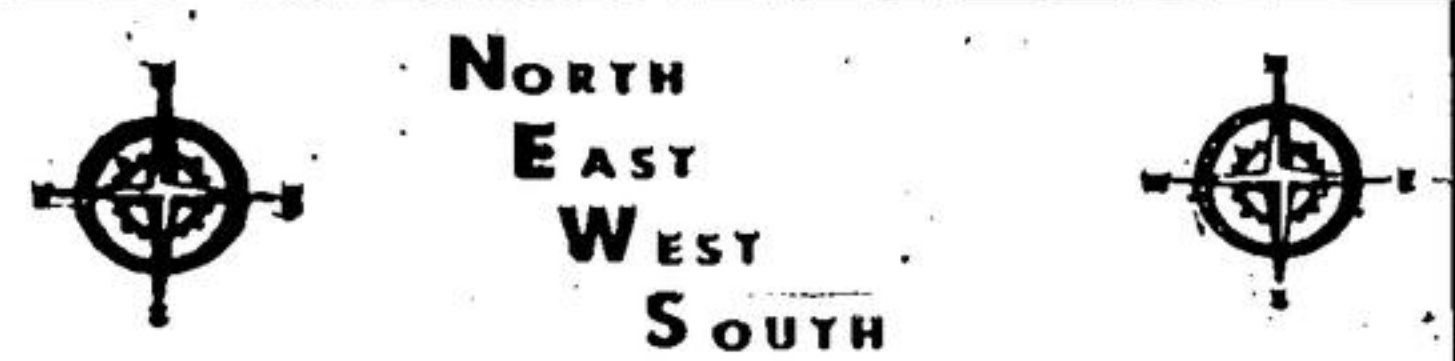
"Be wise! Immunize." That's the slogan of Canada's tenth annual National Immunization Week, being sponsored October 12 to 18 by the Health League of Canada. It's object, to save our youngsters from unnecessary suffering and death by encouraging everyone to make use of the readily available vaccines and toxoids.

Big Business and Profits

A table from the Canada Year Book shows the meat packing industry to be second largest industry in Canada measured according to the gross value of the product. It is surpassed only by the huge pulp and paper industry.

Another table, showing the comparative rates of profit in the ten leading food processing industries and the twelve leading non-food manufacturing industries, shows the rate of profits of the meat packing industry to be only 1.1 cent per dollar of sales—the lowest of all manufacturing industries in the country. To hear the way some folks everlastingly blackguard the packing industry you would imagine the packers were making 100 per cent profit instead of 1.1 cent per dollar of sales.

The second lowest rate of profit was 2.7 cents per dollar of sales, in the grain milling industry, and the highest was 18.8 cents per dollar of sales in the soft drinks industry.



The Big Top
"Laying a 32½ acre roof might look like an almost impossible job to us who have had trouble putting a few shingles on our homes or garages," says the Okaville Record-Star, "but the job is being done at the new Ford assembly plant in Trafalgar township with a minimum of fuss and bother."

"The shingles in this case are 12 foot slabs of 'Hydrite', a baked clay and cement composition manufactured in Cookville. The slabs are carried to the roof by hoists and trundled to their positions on two-wheeled carriers."

"Laying operations began in mid-June and the building area is now about 60 per cent under roof. From above, the building is taking on the appearance of the deck of a super giant aircraft carrier. It is expected the roof will be completed before the end of this year."

25,000 in Family
"Pity the poor postman," says William E. Harbottle, president of Miami Jacob college. He was deluged Saturday with hundreds of letters of congratulation for 50 years distinguished service to the college and the country, the epistles came and came. There's even one from Miami-Jacobs' alumnus at the White House. Some are in rhyme, some humorous, some flowery, some sincere in their simplicity. All show the high esteem in which Harbottle is held by the far-flung family of 25,000 former students, associates and even competitors."

Retiring president Bill Harbottle was born in Nelson township, and is a brother of Fred W. Harbottle who lives at Lowville.

An Ohio newspaper told some incidents about the one-time Hamiltonite. "Harbottle came to Dayton from Hamilton, Canada, in 1902 to affiliate with H. L. Jacobs in the then Jacobs business college. He became president in 1913 and then headed the merged Jacobs and Miami commercial colleges upon the retirement of A. D. Witt in 1915."

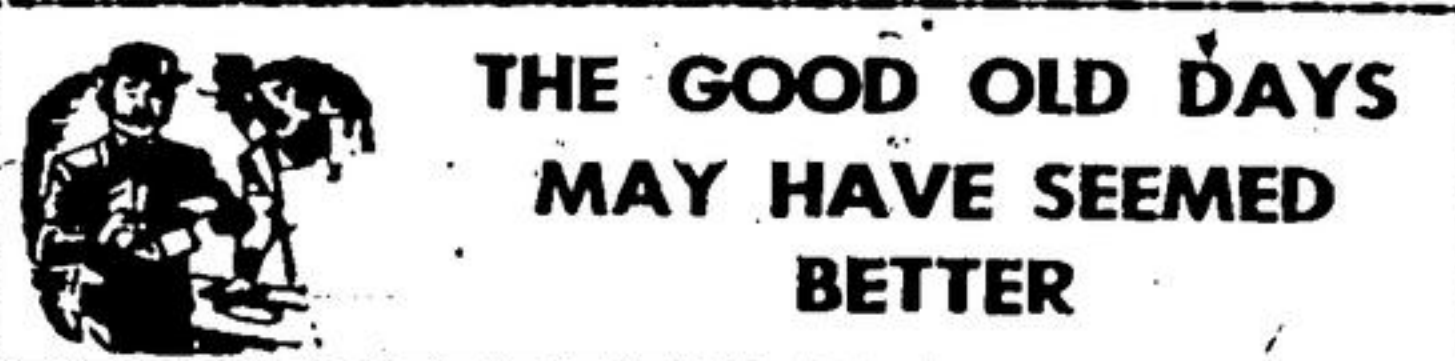
"During the 50 years Harbottle has also done distinguished community service. He has never mentioned the anniversary, but the word leaked out. Yesterday he pondered, 'Is it so unusual these days for someone to remain on the same job for 50 years?'"

"Letters referred to that is an incident which happened to Harbottle during the depression days of the '30's as he left the business college late one night. 'Every night several panhandlers accosted me as they worked the blocks between hotels,' Harbottle relates. 'In this instance, I saw a bum eyeing me and decided to beat him to it. I pulled down my hat, walked over and asked him for a dime. The fellow looked at me, said he had been just ready to ask me the same thing, and then requested me to work the other side of the street.'"

"Retiree," says Harbottle. "Not me. I'm on the job every day when I'm in the city. But my wife and I spend more time travelling now and like to visit our grandchildren. Last week there were 11; now it's a dozen. There was one born this week in Providence."

\$50 Slogan
From the Georgetown Herald we learn this week that Dr. and Mrs. Paul Beer won a \$50 savings bond in a slogan contest for a Canada Savings Bond selling drive. Dr. Beer, an executive at Boardman's, lives at R.R. 3, Georgetown. Congratulations!

Pavement at Georgetown
A Georgetown township paving program is to begin at once. The ten-



Back in 1902
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 2, 1902

Nothing more charming or pleasing to the eye can be imagined than the beautiful display of fall millinery opened at R. B. Scott's last Thursday and Friday. The very latest and most stylish articles of autumn clothing were on display and admired by hundreds of lady callers. Plush is a new combination which is very effective and will be much worn. Birds of Paradise are the greatest feathered decoration for the season. In staple shades of beige, castor, tabac, rose and cardinal; for light tones turquoise, parakeet and orange. For materials the latest are all of the zibeline and hairy effects. Among other trimmings used are gossams of sequin and chenille and wool effect, also panne velvet, large birds.

A ping pong hat had a flat, drooping rim composed of parrots, wings, crown of embroidered felt. Dark, damp cloudy weather with an occasional shower attended the Jubilee exhibition of Halton county last Friday and Saturday in Milton. Great preparations are being made for the annual exhibition of the Esqueping Agricultural Society to be held at Georgetown next Monday and Tuesday.

The Toronto News says, "The local Tavistock dealers in cigars have by mutual agreement given up the sale of 'coffin nails.' Their action has the approval of everyone in town." Similar action in Acton would be appreciated by hundreds of citizens. It is reported that in Cleveland, Ohio, the business men have organized a crusade against cigars, and are placing anti-cigar literature in all the factories. The pernicious habit has become very unpopular there.

The Eckhardt family of musicians and Swiss bell ringers gave a unique and very enjoyable entertainment in the town hall last evening under the auspices of St. Alban's church.

Mr. Asa Hall went to Penetang on Friday to spend the winter with his son, Mr. Z. A. Hall and family. The

old gentleman is in his 93rd year and naturally feels himself to be failing. He was accompanied on the trip by Mr. J. C. Nelson.

Grain is coming in pretty freely at present. Farmers are busy with their root crops now.

Emile Zola, the famous French novelist, was asphyxiated on Monday by gas from a stove.

Back in 1932
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 29, 1932

The evenings of the past week have had the light frosts of fall and chill.

Special Harvest Festival services were held in St. Alban's Church last Sunday. Fruits and vegetables and grain decorated the church and added to the spirit of the occasion.

The work of painting the water tower at the pumping station is about completed by the contractor, Mr. C. Adams, and is a very creditable job. Mr. Adams will also paint the tower in letters five feet in depth in deep orange outlined in black.

Forewell sermons were preached by Rev. W. J. Hamilton, pastor of the Baptist Church, on Sunday.

The annual field day of the high and public school was held on Wednesday in the park and arena. The Georgetown high school pupils were guest contestants.

Council arranged to have a meeting with the committee in charge of the administration of the town's bequest of the late A. J. Murray to decide what steps should best be taken regarding the \$20,000.

Bishop J. R. Chittambar, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in India, visited Ballinacree on Tuesday to honor the memory of a Canadian who years ago had been a leader in India, Bishop Francis Wesley Warne.

DIED
GRAHAM—In Winnipeg, Man., on Tuesday, September 27, 1932, Frederick Graham, formerly of Acton, aged 41 years.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1952
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. For Christian Citizenship.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. World-wide Communion Sunday.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship in the Baptist Church.

Thought for the Week
"If a friend is one who summons us to our best, then is not Jesus Christ our best friend and should we not think of the Communion as one of His chief appeals to us to be our best?"

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1952
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
12.15 p.m.—Bible Class.
7.00 p.m.—Service in the Baptist church.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A warm welcome awaits you.

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Thursday, October 2, 8.00 - Choir practice and prayer meeting.
Friday, October 3—Young Peoples will meet at the church at 7.45 to go to the Reid home for their meeting.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1952
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School with classes for all ages.
11.00 and 7.00—Special Anniversary Services with Rev. E. G. Baxter of Port Colborne as special speaker and Miss Lillie Moore of Toronto as guest soloist.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH (Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D. Rector

Trinity XVII.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1952
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7.00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

This Sunday is being observed as Missionary Sunday, beginning the celebrating of the Golden Anniversary of the Missionary Society of the church. Come and learn what the missionaries of the church are doing in Canada and abroad.
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