

EDITORIAL

Rent Controls in Acton

Just where are rental controls at in Acton? In June of 1952 Acton council received a letter from W. A. Dempsey, Secretary of the Select committee of the Legislature Investigating Leaseholds and Rentals.

The letter pointed out that if no word to the contrary was received from the municipality by August 1952 this committee would recommend that rent controls be discontinued in Acton.

The order granting exemption from controls was to be dated September 2, 1952, and would not be effective until March 2 of this year. This meant that there was a waiting period of six months before the order discontinuing controls was to be effective.

The letter received by council allowed a change of decision during the six months waiting period. It pointed out that it was quite possible, during the six months, to notify the committee to have rent controls continued.

An action of this kind is done by council passing a resolution requesting rent controls be continued and forwarding a copy to the Rentals Administrator not later than March 1, 1953.

"If council decides the removal of the regulations is premature, they may be assured rental regulations will continue to be enforced," the letter emphasized.

No action was taken by the 1952 council on the matter and as it stands now rental control regulations will be removed on March 2, 1953.

Any indication that rent control, if retained, would be administered by the local council is purely supposition. It may be eventually, or if enough municipalities do not wish to retain the controls, but the letter received by the town gave no indication of it.

Rent controls have been kicked around between the federal and provincial governments and it is quite possible that the municipality might get brought in, since neither senior governments like the "hot" subject on which there is a great deal of controversy.

The main information briefly is that rent controls come off in March in Acton. If any move was made to retain them and passed by council, they would be administered as at present.

There are definite examples of inequality in many local rents. A maximum based on the equalized assessment might be much more equal.

Firmness, both in suffering and exertion, is a character which I would wish to possess. I have always despised the whining yelp of complaint, and the cowardly feeble resolve. Burns.

We Ate More Beef

We seem to have eaten that huge surplus of beef we were worrying about a year ago, comments The Financial Post.

It's to be hoped that Mr. Gardiner and some of the professional farm planners will note and profit by that fact.

If they do Canadian taxpayers will have more confidence in them. Stuffing pork, butter, cheese, potatoes, eggs and such things into cans or into storage or offering them at cut prices abroad has cost us a lot of money in the last 10 years. Stuffing a little extra beef into ourselves has been far more pleasant and far less costly.

When the American embargo abruptly halted our exports of beef and livestock last year, there were all sorts of dire predictions. It was said that unless the government came to the rescue, mountains of beef would pile up in Canada and the industry would be ruined.

Ottawa did come to the rescue but only with a series of moderate floor prices and there was no cheap sale of beef abroad just a comparatively modest shipment to Britain.

The Canadian livestock industry did not go broke and no huge surplus of beef accumulated in storage or in cans.

As prices eased, consumption mounted. Housewives found they could afford roast beef and sirloin steak again. In the last six months, Canadians have been eating about 2 1/2 million pounds more of beef each week and a lot more other meat besides.

A mind conscious of integrity seems to say more than it means to perform. Burns.

Scotchmen Remember

Sunday is the anniversary of the great poet of Scotland whose poems are read and loved in many lands. Bobbie Burns was born near Ayr in Scotland January 25, 1759. His father was a small farmer and very poor but did his best to educate his children. His father died in 1784 and Robert took a small farm at Mossgiel, which he worked with his young brother Gilbert.

It was here he began to write poems which attracted the notice of neighbors and the favourable attention of literary men. This was only natural for an author who was producing such poems as "The Cotters' Saturday Night" and "To a Mouse" at this time.

Burns died in the winter of 1795. He left a wife and four children. To the world and to Scotchmen the world-over he left some of the most beloved poems and Scottish wit. Much of this will be recalled at Burns' night events which are held every year on the birthday of this great Scottish poet.

Quiet Time in the Country

Now is the quiet time in the country. The earth rests under a blanket of snow that muffles all sound.

The animals are taking it easy in the barn, sunning lazily in the yard at noon. The deer herd snugly in their yards in the deep woods and the bears sleep soundly in their caves.

The woodchucks are warm in their deep dens. Only the blue-jays protest raucously now and then against the indifference of all others to their bumptious bustling.

The sun gets up late and goes to bed early and wise humans regain serenity meditating by the fire through the twilight.

Slower living and better thinking formulate and mature methods that will conserve energy and make the spring and summer more fruitful.

The world comes into focus again. Instead of a mass of milling, harassed humans, it is seen as it is, a place in which those who seek and find the truth may, by doing their best to make it better, find happiness and peace. The Rural Scene.

We like the comment of a Washington paper which reported that there was argument in Canada as to what should be done about the government collecting so much more money than it spent, but it said it could offer no advice because it has no experience in such matters. "Nobody around here remembers what a government surplus looks like."

Getting Monopolies

Dairy industry in Ontario provides an interesting example of the way in which government monopolism encourages business, says The Letter-Review, Fort Erie.

In 1939, there were 750 milk companies in the province. Today, there are 543. In 1939, Toronto had 81 distributors and more than 100 peddlers, delivering a million quarts a day. Today, 31 distributors and 34 peddlers handle four million quarts a day.

Reason for this drift towards monopolism—big companies getting bigger, small ones going under—was frankly stated by Everett Biggs, Ontario dairy commissioner, at a Toronto meeting, when he said "competition in an industry which today is operating on a smaller profit margin than ever before."

Many claim smallness of profit margin is due to the Ontario government's own price-fixing on milk. With high costs to producers who are bumping against a rigid price, only big-volume operators can survive.

Fluorescent chalks in a wide variety of colors are now available for blackboards in schools. Pretty soon there'll be no reason for front seats in the school. Most pupils never did want them anyway.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 22, 1903

The members elect of the Esqueping Township Council assembled on Monday, and having made and subscribed to the declaration of qualification and of office took their seats as follows: F. S. Near, reeve; David Cook, John Campbell, John McGibbon and John McDonald, L. Leslie, Esqueping; J. W. Thos. Cook, Ballinfad; 2nd Vice, John Hardy, Ashgrove. Mr. I. Grant was re-elected as secretary.

Mr. H. Grindell had just installed in his machine shop on Mill St a fine new gasoline engine of 5 hp capacity. He finds it ample for running his machinery at nominal cost, and is always ready for work.

Acton junior hockey team, with a large number of supporters, journeyed to Georgetown last Thursday night to play the Juniors of that town, and defeated them by a score of 4 to 3. The report sent to the Toronto Globe was not correct and showed that the Georgetown team are very hard losers. Warren, who played with Georgetown, was not the fastest player by any means, as reported in the Globe. The Acton boys are willing to meet Georgetown any time, any place. The Acton line-up was: Smith, Holmes, Hynds, Holmes, Ryder, Brown, Fyle.

The number of unmarried ladies of St. George's church, Georgetown, having become a subject of serious consideration, it has been decided to hold a Spinners' Convention. It is hoped a becoming gravity may be preserved during the deliberations. Particulars later.

Grocery specials—4 lbs. pickled pigs' feet, 25c; comb honey, 20c; 4 plugs tobacco, 25c; rolled oats, 10 lbs for 25c; coconuts, 3c each; 36-inch grey cotton, per yard 5c; flannel blankets, large double size, 85c pair.

Lead All Canada In Forest Facts

Ontario leads all Canada in administration of its forest resources and in many things leads the world. This was the statement of Lands and Forests Minister, Welland S. Gemmill. The recently completed forest inventory carried out by the Department and industry, he pointed out, was the first accomplishment of its kind recorded in any Canadian province and, in fact, was one of the largest and most complete carried out anywhere.

"For the first time in its history, a Canadian province now knows the extent, the variety, the quality and the potential of its forest wealth," he said. The mass of facts gathered in the course of the inventory has enabled us to plan for the future rational development of our forests. The forest resources inventory has taken nearly five years to complete, with hundreds of thousands of photographs being taken from the air and now made available to government departments, the industry and others interested.

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7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
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A warm welcome awaits you.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 19, 1933

Sleighting has been rather unusual this winter. The curlers have had a few fine games this week.

On Friday night Hewetson's hockey team and the Tanney team met in a hockey contest. The Tanneys won by a 6-3 score.

The Midget hockey league got off to a start on Thursday and fans turned out to support the new group. As the various teams were only selected on Tuesday there had been no practice together and they played two fine games. One game was between the Parkview and the Crescents and the other King's Three Stars and Talbot's Majestics.

A farmer from this neighborhood reported that this week he had killed three large snakes on his farm that had apparently been attracted out of winter quarters by the mild weather.

At the first meeting of the year of the School Board Mr. J. M. McDonald was again chosen chairman of the Board.

Eighty-four pupils of the Short Course chartered two buses and spent Tuesday in Toronto where they had a very enjoyable and profitable outing. The members of the "Three Months' Schools of Lincoln and Wentworth counties were also in Toronto the same day.

WORDEN—At the home lot 32, Second Line, Esqueping Township on Monday, January 19, 1933, Alonzo A. Worden, aged 73 years.

WILSON—At the residence of his son, Seward Wilson, sixth line, Esqueping, on Sunday, January 25, 1933, Andrew Wilson, in his 81st year.

2,000 Foot Ditch Blasted in Seconds

Have you any land that needs draining in a hurry? Then do what William Whalen did on his farm south of Kara, Ont., near Ottawa. He dug a 2,000-foot ditch through soft, marshy land in a few seconds—not with a shovel, bulldozer or ditching machine—but with dynamite.

When the shots were exploded some 1,700 tons of earth and muck were blown skywards. Tangles of bush and rushes were cleared out, leaving a neat ditch five feet wide and three feet deep to drain the runoff water from the Whalen farm into the Rideau River.

Within minutes water was coursing the length of the ditch. Within half an hour the low-lying section had dried considerably.

According to farmer Whalen, digging ditches with dynamite not only saves many hours of labour, but is cheaper than digging by machine, and can be done in soft wet ground where machines would bog down.

The Kemptville students were also shown how to use dynamite in clearing stumps and felling builders.

In Alberta bees produce more honey than anywhere else in Canada—an average of 133 pounds per colony last year.

NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH

Winter and Spring

The Kritt Advocate, reporting damage from the bad storm almost two weeks ago, said that miles of poles and wires are down in that area and it will be impossible to rebuild some of the lines before spring.

And, as if it indicates perhaps that will not be too long, another item tells that a robin has been seen perched jauntily on a branch of a tree near Kritt.

Legal Family
Kenneth M. Langdon of Georgetown, Halton county magistrate, was visited at Christmas time by his parents, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there. The Georgetown lawyer and his wife are all lawyers in the Langdon family. Mr. Langdon Sr. is a practicing lawyer in Brighton since 1912, and four sons and a grandson have followed his footsteps to Osgoode Hall Toronto. William O. Langdon is a magistrate at South St. Marie; Charles a lawyer in Toronto; Lutherford at South Porcupine and Kenneth the Halton magistrate. William Herbert, the son of W. O. Langdon, is assistant crown attorney in Toronto.

Tired of it All
One of Oakville papers last week took a lot of news from England. And it's a good suggestion to any one who can still taste the tang of all those stumps he or she felled before Christmas!

Tired of it all, an English family inserted this ad in the personal column of a literary weekly:

"A Very Merry Christmas to Frances, Nat, John, Malie, Hobby, Erica, Nannie, Muriel, Ronald, Suzanne, John, Rosamond, Henry, John, Nick, Cliff, Pam, Will, Simone, Marjorie, Donald, George."

A GOOD TURN EVERY DAY
By their own efforts making and selling candy *Walt Cula* of the 4th Oakville Linbrook Park of Oakville, Ontario, recently raised \$35 which they sent to Dr. Lotta Hirschmanova, Director of the Ukrainian Service Committee of Canada, for the "Milk for Korea" fund to help provide 25,000 Korean primary school children with a daily glass of hot milk, made from powdered Canadian sweet milk.

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