

EDITORIAL

Acton Needs

Acton has had Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce and many such organizations down through the years. For a time they seem to flourish and do a good job of community service. But always they seem to wither and die after a few years of activity. We have heard of various reasons for the folding up and the post mortems are of no consequence.

In these present days of expansion on every side the need for business men banding together to keep Acton abreast of the times is great. In some respects, Acton is on the fringe of industrial guidance. The Industrial Commission of Hargillan takes in the section as far north as Milton and the Industrial Commission of Toronto comes as far north-west as Brampton. Any industrial growth that is to come to Acton will require the initiation and effort of citizens of Acton and district.

There is no discounting the need for the individual effort of every citizen and we could name many who have made outstanding contributions. Councils have been aggressive and successful in our industrial and municipal growth. Banding together in a Chamber of Commerce will give greater strength to our individual efforts.

There are many ways in which business men of Acton can make the town a better place to live and work and make those from the district look on Acton as a desirable town. Acton has always needed a Chamber of Commerce and can benefit greatly by having an affiliation with other such groups across Canada.

This is Budget Day and Canadians will know the best and the worst of the Dominion taxation plans for the year ahead. Finance Minister Abbott needs sympathetic understanding as well as criticism.

Cow Jumped Over the Moon

A statement by H. H. Hannam, president of the C.F.A., regarding the cow and the auto has been receiving considerable attention. He is credited with saying that from the point of view of national policy we treat our automobile better than the dairy cow. The speaker gives a good case for the cow and her efficiency and the pay and labor of farmers and those who work in the industry and a comparison with the automotive industry.

We are quite in agreement with the argument and we are all in favor of the rights and efficiency of the cow. We often wonder if this very efficient farm animal had not had so much interference from man, man made organizations and government regulations if the industry would not be better off. We well remember the fine dairy butter that we used to enjoy and which is no longer available. We do know that the percentage of butter fat and the grades of milk offered to consumers is much more confusing now than in the days when there were no government regulations. Advertisements tell housewives of powdered, condensed milks and a multitude of recipes for its use. We hear of one group saying there is a butter shortage and another group denying the statement. The poor cow and those who feed and care for her are still efficient. But how the public is confused with deliveries and distribution of the dairy industry products.

Small wonder that substitutes creep in and are accepted. So few people are acquainted with the efficient dairy cow which is described by Mr. Hannam as the "best and oldest forage-harvesting machine on the market. She is equipped with a mower and grinder on one end and a manure spreader on the other. In between is an extremely complex and highly efficient manufacturing plant specially designed for the conversion of large quantities of pasture, silage and hay into nature's most nearly perfect food—milk."

First use in Canada of a new patented brick that is superior to the US with industry promotion has resulted in three-bedroom brick houses that will rent to low-income families for \$57 a month, reports The Financial Post.

I often spend an hour or more in cleaning out a desk or drawer. The hardest task, discriminating "junk" keeping and eliminating. And when I'm done, you think I've changed it! No, I've merely rearranged it. Betty Isler

Double Attendance Foreseen

Those who may think the present expansion of high schools unnecessary may well consider that the official estimate of high school attendance is that the next 12 years will see the enrolment doubled from its present figure.

Our school population, says The Financial Post, is growing at a much faster rate than our total population and for quite a few years at least, it will keep on growing fast regardless of almost any other factor because of the present and recent high birth rate. Most of the youngsters who will be entering high school 12 years from now are already here.

We might as well make up our minds that we are going to have to provide schools and teachers for a lot more students in the next dozen years and this service is going to cost a great deal of money.

It is well to provide for this increased attendance over a period of years. Residents of the North Halton District will be pleased to learn that the present expansion being made in the schools at Acton, Milton and Georgetown is being made with an eye to the future. The preliminary sketches provide for additions at all three schools when they are required. It is well to spread the load over a period and this is being done in the building program now under way in the North Halton District. The present enlargements in the district will give accommodation for 200 pupils in Acton, 270 in Milton and 260 in Georgetown. Each of the schools can readily be enlarged to provide for double this enrolment when the time comes for such a step.

A Common Brotherhood

This week of February 15 to 22 is known as Brotherhood Week throughout Canada. The week has the endorsement of leaders of the Dominion and Provinces. We think we live in a good community. During Brotherhood Week let us resolve to keep our community a place where people live and help live in a spirit of Brotherhood for all races and creeds. Let us have unity without uniformity.

It is well to have a week specially set apart for feelings of brotherhood but only when we live out the principles of brotherhood for 52 weeks of the year will peace come to this troubled world and a new era be ushered in. It requires tolerance and understanding to make a common bond among all races and creeds and throwing away of prejudice—but the day will come when we have a common brotherhood with all peoples and the week set apart this week may well be the start toward that ultimate goal of peace on earth.

The call has gone out for assistance to the flood swept areas in England, Holland, Belgium and the opportunity made available for all to help Canadians will do their share.

Cutting the Strings ?

It was particularly interesting to municipalities that a board set up to investigate the distribution of provincial grants to municipalities, recommended a cutting of the strings that go with them.

Every municipality receives grants from the provincial government on roads, police, fire protection and other items. The disadvantage is that the municipality is forced to spend a dollar to get a dollar. This system, often leads to an undue rush at being progressive and certainly robs the municipal government of too much of its power.

It has been known for some time that the local town or township council is the closest to the people. That is easily understood when you realize how easy it is to get the mayor or reeve on the phone, compared to talking your way through a battery of clerks, receptionists, private secretaries and a good many more before reaching anyone as important as the Premier of the province.

The group set up in 1951 by the Frost government to study the tax and grant arrangements has completed its study in time for immediate relief. It is certainly to be hoped, the suggestion will receive the attention it deserves and municipalities will again be given more of the authority they are entitled to.



No Race Track
No gigantic race track for Halton county. With the announcement that 400 acres have been purchased by the Ontario Jockey Club near Malton, rumours that the race track would move to Trafalgar township have been squashed.

New County Church
In Georgetown, a two storey brick factory building has been purchased for use as a church and living quarters by the Pentecostal church. The new church will be called Zion Tabernacle and the pastor will be Rev. F. M. Fletcher.

Flood Funds
Georgetown's flood relief fund started off with a \$100 donation from the town. Acton started off her fund list with a donation of \$200 from the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. Council. The fund is in charge of contributions in Acton.

Man Slated Task
J. P. Coombe has already begun the man-sized task of assessing the huge new Ford plant in Trafalgar. Mr. Coombe has also been engaged by the township council to assess other township industries, and he expects the job will take several weeks.

Report on Acton
Mac Sprawl takes up quite a few inches of space in the Georgetown Herald last week, as Haltonites in that direction learn about the youngest president of Acton fall fair.

The Ontario Assessors' association and a director of the Business Planning Associates Ltd. He has picked up facts on Trafalgar's assessment background from township assessor Edward Dunham.

County Housing Project
One of the urgent problems that has faced Canadian welfare authorities, housing officials and interested citizens for years is the shortage of adequate housing for families who require accommodation large enough to suit their needs and inexpensive enough to suit their pocketbooks. There is an article in the latest issue of "Health and Welfare," published by the Department of National Health at Ottawa.

The apartment block for older people at Burlington is pictured as an example of "low rental housing" developed by the public-spirited initiative of private citizens, aided by legislation. There are not many of these projects, and it is interesting that one of them is located in the county.

Reading Between The Lines

WHAT PART OF ACTON DO YOU OWN? THE CRYSTAL BALL SEEMS BRIGHT

What's your stake in Acton, your thought on the future? It is surprising to note that Acton's 680 residences are mostly owned or being purchased by the occupants with a minority being rented. That is good for any town because it provides the back bone of interest in municipal affairs and the progress of the town.

Many towns the size and type of Acton have been, to a certain extent, self-contained. The merchants did not have to consider themselves in competition with those businesses in other nearby centres as they do now. That has never seemed to be the case in Acton. Being on a main highway, excellent service has always been offered to Guelph and Toronto, putting the local merchant in competition with the larger stores for the important purchasing dollar.

More recently as trips away become more frequent and more common, they become more burdensome. Thus there seems to be, perhaps only to a small extent, a certain realization that local merchants can offer top quality goods at fair prices and still be close at hand if anything goes wrong with the product. Most will agree that is a comforting feeling.

That is a good trend and one that is almost as important to a community as industrial expansion. Indeed industrial expansion allowed to run wild in the greedy forethoughts of more taxation, more people working here and a larger town can be very detrimental.

It is impossible to understand all the ramifications and possibilities of industrial expansion but some figures I read recently that were the result of a survey in Atlanta, rather surprised me. The figures explain what settlement of a 150 man industry means to a community. It requires 395 homes, 33 stores, 24 new professional men, 22 new school rooms, 18 new teachers, \$500,000 in retail sales, consumption of 6,600 acres of farm produce, 320 cars and services and \$2,500,000 more revenue in municipal taxation. Those are United States figures and seem to me to be a little exaggerated for this end of the continent but they do tell a story.

It seems important that the community with 50 small industries which grow with the town will be a much more stable centre with a more sound economy, than the centre that puts on a drive and attracts five large industries that squat in the town and ask for all the services.

If Acton fails to progress it will be the fault of the town. It is well and favorably located and in a position to choose the industry it wants to attract.

One official from a nearby centre told me recently a good many industries don't want to settle in Toronto or Hamilton. They can't afford land along the much touted Queen Elizabeth Way, but they want to settle in the area. If they can't build their plant on a plot they have to come to those centres north of the Queen Elizabeth Way then.

Acton's future is quite favorable. It has many things to its advantage but let's not get carried away with the importance of big industries and regular shopping in other communities.

WHY NOT ?
The photographer had just taken a picture of an old man on his 98th birthday. He thanked the old man saying, "I hope I'll be around to take your picture when you're 100."
The old man replied, "Why not? You look pretty healthy."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 19, 1903

In the present month of February each day of the week occurs four times. This has happened but 15 times in the last 132 years. In the next fifty years it will occur five times—in 1914, 1925, 1931, 1942 and 1953.

Acton Horse Sale Association have arranged for their semi-annual sale of horse to be held here on Thursday, 18th March. There will be offered for sale by auction about sixty horses, also buggies, harness and robes. Mr. R. J. McNabb, secretary of the organization, will forward catalogues on request.

Knox Church, in her beautiful, new and resplendent dress will be re-opened next Sunday. The congregation will have a special interest in the re-opening service because the Rev. J. W. Rae, a former pastor who took the initiative in the erection of the church eight years ago will preach.

A popular move at the present time on the part of the Municipal Council would be the emulation of numerous other towns in Ontario by passing a by-law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or fixing a license fee which would be prohibitive.

Capt. Joseph C. Langton of Company 6, Acton, Adjutant of the 20th Halton Regiment (Lorne Rifles) has accepted the command of No. 2 Company Canadian Army Service Corps. He will proceed to England to take command of the company. The company will not be very large, the total establishment being only 35. The uniform is blue and white, with a white helmet and a puggaree.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 16, 1933

Plenty of severe winter weather was typical of the past week.

A lot of splendid ice has been taken from Fairy Lake the past week.

Those who tuned into station CFCA on Saturday morning had the pleasure of hearing an Acton artist on the radio, Vernon Agnew son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Agnew. Acton, sang over the air from that station.

The three act comedy presented in the Town Hall last evening by the Acton Three Months' Short Course was a splendid presentation. "The Solicitor's Blunder" was one of those suspicious tangles that cause no end of domestic troubles and involve several husbands and wives.

The annual competition of the curlers of Acton and Georgetown for the Peter Smith Trophy got under way on Tuesday evening. The rules call for four games in each town. Georgetown curlers have retained possession of the trophy up to the present. This year Acton won in the first game. Acton team won in Georgetown and the Georgetown team playing in Acton won.

Acton Intermediate Hockey Team will not be in the play-offs this year. The O.H.A. executive decided against Acton in favor of Guelph in spite of rules. A Dominion championship game will be played here on Monday.

The funeral of the late Mr. Richard Burnside was held from his home, Lot Six, Sixth Concession, Erin, on Monday afternoon.

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