

# EDITORIAL

## Off Again, On Again!

It would appear that there are some weaknesses in our system of free enterprise. A short time ago Acton council decided to allow rent controls to pass away as other wartime restrictions have gone. Last week council voted to request that rent controls be put in force again.

We have always favored the plan of taking off controls which were instituted as a result of wartime conditions. It would seem that seven years after the close of the last world war normal conditions would allow relaxation of controls in most fields. It would appear, however, that housing conditions and rentals in Acton must have gone out of control when the restrictions were lifted. One hesitates to comment unless rental increases are substantiated by facts in writing and figures. Rumors are very difficult to pin down. We do not believe, however, that council's decision would be so quickly reversed without some good grounds.

It is to be hoped that our fair and free enterprise system of dealing with one another will soon have become adjusted so that controls will not be necessary in rental and other fields. Everyone is entitled to a fair profit on investment but likewise the buyer or tenant is entitled to a fair and reasonable accommodation in proportion to the money he pays.

Now some one has come up with an August guess for the federal election this year. But vacations these days are of such importance that such a date seems rather improbable.

## A Fine Record of Service

Last week we printed in our news columns a message from Halton's Member of Parliament, Hughes Cleaver, in which he bade farewell to the people of Halton in his public office. Many of us recall that it seems only a few years since Mr. Cleaver came into the limelight as representative for Halton.

For 16 years he has been Halton's representative at Ottawa. It is a tribute to his ability and his willingness to serve all the people that he has won every election which he contested. We cannot wonder at his desire for retirement from his public duties. His calls have been many and they have been fulfilled without regard to the political leanings of any one.

We have personally known Mr. Cleaver for many years. We know something of the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues in Ottawa. We know a little of the heavy load he carried in the government. And during these years we intimately know of many calls he answered from those whose needs required his attention. We could relate many incidents that we know of that had his attention because he felt he represented all the people of Halton County.

We join with other friends of Hughes Cleaver in Halton in wishing him many years of happiness in the leisure that may be his and in expressing appreciation of the fine public service he gave to this county as its representative for 16 years.

This Greater Toronto Metropolitan Area is certainly something that's almost pushing the vest buttons of a lot of officials in the city. We're quite happy to be far enough away to not come into the problems that are bound to be encountered.

## Close to the Homes

The editor of the Midland Free Press-Herald has evidently been sitting up nights burning the midnight oil doing some calculating in his hobby of delving into certain statistics which make interesting reading in view of the coming federal election, for it pertains to the exclusive and nation wide service rendered by weekly newspapers.

He comes up with the fact that in 137 federal constituencies about 53 per cent of the total of the only newspapers published are weekly newspapers. An additional 48 constituencies are served by both weeklies and dailies, whereas in only 66 constituencies, or just one-quarter of the total, the home newspaper is a daily.

Right across Canada, the only home newspapers in over half the federal constituencies are the local weekly newspapers—newspapers which, because of their local emphasis, have the highest readership per copy of any news or advertising medium.

## The Solution?

Mr. John T. Stubbs, retiring president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, "hit the headlines" when he foretold a serious teacher shortage in Ontario by the year 1958. Saying there are now 6,100 high school teachers, he believed another 4,000 would be needed in a few years, because of an enrollment of 707,000 pupils in the public schools, which would greatly increase the present total of 141,000 in the high schools.

School boards are frantically building schools in an endeavor to meet the present overcrowding and in anticipation of future needs. Boys and girls who used to walk or get a ride to school now have the school bus make a call morning and night.

In spite of it all teaching jobs are not proving attractive enough to keep sufficient on the job. In spite of the attractiveness of new schools and greater facilities for young people we find a lack of desire on the part of the majority to continue on to higher education. From the students who enter high school only a small percentage remain to complete the course. Most of them want to leave at 16 to take a place in industry.

We find that councils in making explanation of higher tax rates most frequently point to higher education costs as one of the big reasons back of the increase. Provincial governments are finding it necessary to curtail building programs.

Then of course we had the Hope Report from which we all hoped would emerge a solution to our educational problems. Perhaps all of those interested were a bit confounded, as we were, by the very size of the volume. We are frank to admit that we have never read it.

Our educational problems are ones at which all point to the faults but little seems to be offered by way of solution.

It is not what men eat, but what they digest, that makes them strong; not what we see that makes us rich; not what men read but what they remember that makes them learned, and not what we preach, but what we practice that makes us Christians. These are great but common truths, often forgotten by the glutton, the spendthrift, the bookworm and the hypocrite.—Lord Bacon.

## Christianity in Business

Recently we listened to an address by a young man who is publicity manager of one of Canada's largest merchandising concerns with stores from coast to coast. We were rather surprised when he told his audience that a survey had revealed that a large majority of the people did not believe the advertising of soap manufacturers and in some other products the disbelievers in the claims for these products were in the majority.

The theme of his address was "Christianity in Business" and it did seem as he went on telling of some business practices of today that there was room for a lot more of the spirit of Christ and the application of the golden rule in our business relations today.

We found that during the extraordinary conditions of war that governments had to put on controls to limit the greedy in their share. We found that the greed for money often made men sell things to the enemy which were used to kill their fellow countrymen.

We sometimes wonder about the sincerity of our own peace negotiations and just how badly peace is desired. The greed for money, like other habits, seems to increase with the acquisition of more money. The urge for bigger business drives men and women to tasks that in the end often bring on an early death.

It was quite a gathering of men who heard the address we refer to. Many of them thanked the speaker for his outspoken message. There is a need for more Christianity in our everyday life and not only in business. There are difficulties in practicing such a sort of religion larger than there are in preaching it but it seems generally admitted that such Christian living must come if the world is to survive.

There is no trifling with nature, it is always true, grave, and severe; it is always in the right, and the faults and errors fall to our share. It defies incompetency, but reveals its secrets to the competent, the truthful and the pure.—Goethe.

## Reading Between The Lines

# ACTON DRIVING PARK RENAMED BECAME PROSPECT PARK IN 1890

by Jim Dills

When the town fathers started thinking of changing the name of Prospect Park in honor of the Coronation at their last meeting they wisely authorized an investigation into why the plot of land was originally named Prospect.

On a little personal investigation I can find no definite record of reason for the park's present name. The park land was purchased from William Edgar Smith following approval of the village ratepayers at an election on September 20, 1889, for \$3,000. By-law 178 was passed to authorize the issuing of debentures.

A second by-law was passed called 182 "to provide for the regulation of Prospect Park hitherto known as the Acton Driving Park." The second by-law provided that "bathing between 9 a.m. and until one hour after sunset is strictly forbidden except proper bathing costumes or bathing trunks are worn. Bathing on Sunday is strictly forbidden." As far as I could find that by-law passed in June 1890 is still in force and fines for bathing on Sunday could be levied. W. H. Storey was the reeve at the time of this municipal enactment.

Evidently the park has had many uses and purposes. In 1890 tenders were called to use the park as pasture. Two tenders were received and the highest tender of \$26.50 for the use of the park during the summer season as a horse pasture was accepted by the village council. Tenders were also called for use of the park as a riding school. The tender of three local gentlemen was accepted at the fee of \$35.

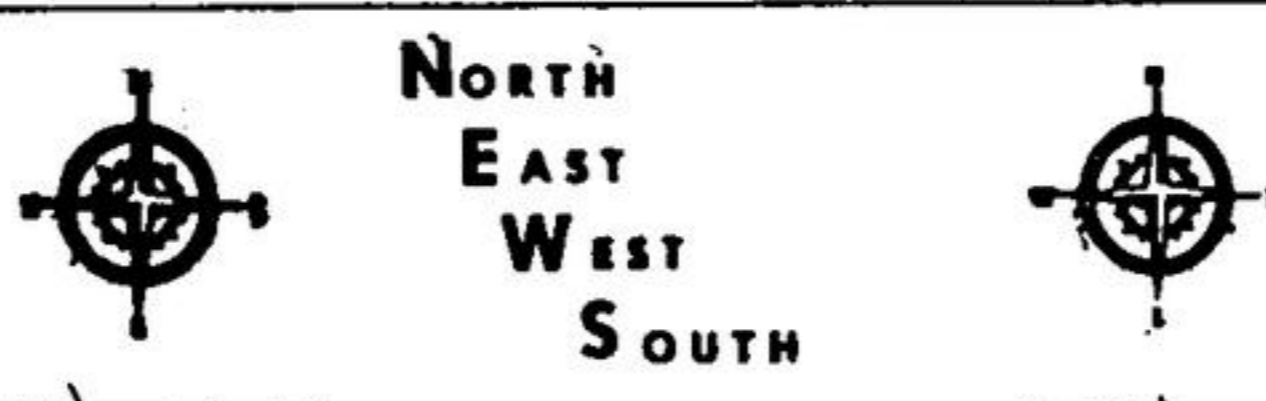
The park name was officially changed at a special meeting of Acton council on June 6, 1890. "It was moved by Dr. Lowrey seconded by John Kenney, 'that with the concurrence of the Acton Driving Park Committee the name by which said park shall hereafter be known and designated shall be 'Prospect Park.'"

The Free Press file is the only available record of that motion since town minutes from April 1890 to about 1903 are missing. No elaboration on the name or the organization of the Driving Park Committee is available unless someone with a longer memory than mine can recall the incident.

In the same issue of the Free Press that recorded the change of name there was an item from Niagara Falls. The item reported the finding of some woman's clothing at the entrance to Prospect Park and it was believed to be owned by a woman who had committed suicide by going over the cataract.

I doubt that this event had any particular connection with the renaming of the park but it does seem peculiar that both items should appear in the same issue of the Free Press.

There is evidently no particular reason for the naming of Prospect Park. To rename the area in honor of the Coronation seems a little out of line though, since the park is not a new area and it seems to have little significance in connection with the coronation, which itself was founded in the 19th century.



**Crib Tournament**  
In the Legion zone crib tournament at Acton recently, Streetsville placed first, Brampton second and Oakville third. Port Credit and Milton also sent crib peggers to the match. The three top teams will play at Preston in May in play-offs.

**More on Ford**  
We often mention the huge new Ford plant in this column, but think everyone in Halton is interested even though the plant is well south.

Latest item is that the plant will be equipped with a teletype machine. Ford officials can communicate with any branch in Canada by punching a keyboard!

**Another Newspaper**  
It seems that Halton county has another newspaper! Bronte is to have a paper every second Tuesday, edited by Ivan Erwin, who is president of the Chamber of Commerce and manager of the Dominion bank there. The first copy of the paper, signed by members of council and the chamber, was raffled off for \$10. We haven't seen one but learn it had 12 pages of advertisements, news and features.

**Bumper Tape**  
Last week in Acton, the Rotarians applied illuminating tape to the bumpers of bicycles in town, in an effort to prevent any accidents after dark. Now we see that the Toronto police have also bought some of the tape to stick to the rear bumpers of their cruisers and motorcycles.

**Members of the Junior Board of Trade in the city who are sponsoring the campaign, hope that the use of the tape will become standard practice in Ontario. The tape, which has fragments of glass impregnated in the surface, can be seen more than half a mile on a clear night.**

**Play Ball!**  
Reports the Georgetown Herald: "Ten or twelve aspiring ball players attended the first practice last week for Georgetown's 1953 intermediate team."

"Among those who are looking for a berth on the team are Art Stamp, Al Gillis, Keith King, Earl Walters, Bill Dillon, Tom Beckett, George Barber and Charlie Jenner. Rumors are that veterans George Chaplin and Andy Ritchie will be taking a hand in the coaching duties this season."

**New Manager**  
David Penson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penson of Silver creek, is taking over the management of Huttonville Park this year. He has been connected with the park since the present owners, Gordon Vivian and Jim McCracken, took it over about 10 years ago. The new manager plans to have a juke box in the pavilion for week-night dancing.

**New Bridge**  
Work will commence soon on laying the concrete on No. 24 highway from Guelph to the bridge east of Osprey. The old bridge will be replaced by a new one at the same time.

# AT THE Churches

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
Acton, Ontario  
**A FRIENDLY CHURCH**  
Rev. E. A. Currey, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Parsonage: 29 Bower Avenue  
Phone 60  
**Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.C.M.**  
Organist and Choir Leader

**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 1953**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School For Christian citizenship  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Sermon: Our Work and Witness (continued)  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Sermon: Digging Barriers Away

**Thought for the Week**  
There is nothing in history to parallel the influence of Jesus Christ. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG  
M.A., B.D., Minister  
**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 1953**  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
A Warm Welcome Awaits You.

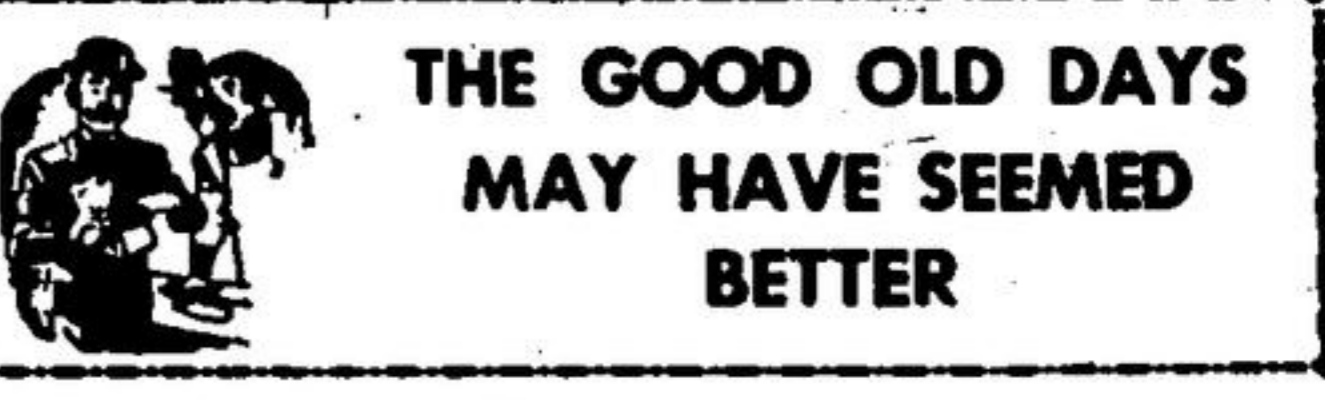
North America's first water wheel to turn a millstone for the grinding of wheat was built at Annapolis, Nova Scotia, in 1605.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
ACTON  
Dwight L. Patterson, Pastor  
Parsonage: 115 Bower Ave.  
Phone 206R  
**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 1953**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Service  
7:30 p.m. Evening Service  
8:30 p.m. Young Peoples

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**  
May 3rd, 1953  
Confirmation Sunday

9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion (special prayers for those being confirmed)  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class  
11:00 a.m.—Confirmation Sunday  
Officiant and preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese  
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon  
Friday, May 1st, St. Philip and St. James' Day  
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
Young people especially invited.  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.—Campaign for funds for THE LIXTON MEMORIAL HALL. The rector will be in the church to receive contributions and pledges for this fund during these hours.  
Every member a partner — do a partner's share.



# THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

## Back in 1903

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 30, 1953

A very enthusiastic meeting was held in the town hall Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a baseball club for the year 1903. Mr. A. J. Mackinnon was moved to the chair, and after a suitable address the following were elected: Hon. President, A. O. Beardmore; President, A. H. Devitt; 1st Vice President, J. A. McGrail; 2nd Vice President, W. A. Storey; Secretary, W. J. Gould; Treasurer, C. R. McIntosh; Managing Committee, Messrs. H. Jeans, H. Bauer, I. Francis, N. Patterson and R. J. MacNabb. It is the intention of the club to try to form a league with clubs like Berlin, Waterloo, Preston, Heapsler and Guelph.

Mr. Graham Lawson has sold his farm in Esqueness to Mr. William Robertson of Scotch Block. David A. Henderson of Nassagaweya has purchased from his father James Henderson, J.P., the home-stand. Mr. John Levens has purchased from Mr. Thos. Cameron, Lot 22, Con. 1, Esqueness. Mr. Christopher J. Russell has purchased from Mr. J. H. Denny parts of lots in Esqueness and Erin, 120 acres in all. Mr. James McLam recently purchased the orchard and N. Forbes the furniture and undertaking shops belonging to the estate of the late J. C. Speltz.

Final fishing season opens tomorrow.

## Back in 1933

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 27, 1933

Quite a little snow flurry yesterday. The start of the race for the first potatoes from the garden has commenced. Patterson's Meat Market has a new delivery rig, neatly painted and of modern design.

At the Stratford Musical Festival last week C. McArthur, of Rockwood came second in Class 25 for junior baritone or bass under 21 years.

Last Friday three robbers entered the branch of the Bank of Montreal at Bronte and escaped with \$1,800.

County Council reconsidered a former decision and will assist Acton, Milton and Georgetown Fall Fairs with grants of \$75. Items of fifty years ago that occurred in and about Acton at this time of year. "It is the intention of the Village Council to continue to enforce the cow by-law to the letter. Cow owners should secure suitable pasturage at once." The School Trustees are having fifty maple trees planted in the school grounds. "The prospects for the Acton Cricket Club are certainly very good this season. The club now numbers over 50 members."

**DIED**  
SAYERS — At the home, Church Street, Acton, Ontario, on Sunday April 26, 1953, Mrs. Kennedy Agnes — beloved wife of Agnes McLeod, in her 75th year.

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