

### Not Doing Badly In Railway Jobs

Even before the recent boost in railway wages, Canadian railwaymen were not doing so badly, says the Financial Post. Annual average earnings for various groups are published as follows:

Passenger engineers, \$4,335; Freight engineers, \$3,485; passenger firemen, \$4,000; freight firemen, \$3,670; passenger conductors, \$3,545; freight conductors, \$3,618; baggage men, \$4,285; passenger trainmen, \$4,285.

Freight trainmen, \$3,790; yardmen, \$3,165; sleeping car conductors, \$3,790; sleeping car porters, \$2,940; station agents, \$3,710; telephone operators, \$2,725; messengers, office boys etc. \$2,300.

And those, stresses the Post, are average wages. Men with more seniority and who, because of that seniority get the choicest runs, would do very much better.

Some engineers on the passenger runs, for example, make as high as \$8,000 a year, freight engineers \$7,000, and conductors almost as much. The best trainmen's jobs will pay at least \$1,800 a year above the average rate. The tips of sleeping car porters will easily equal half to three quarters of the wages paid.

### BRIDE-TO-BE GIVEN MANY LOVELY GIFTS

The personnel staff of A. V. Roe gathered Monday to present Miss Delaine Gibbons, a bride-to-be, with a shower of many beautiful gifts of linen. A lovely lunch was served.

Miss Gibbons was congratulated on her willingness and cheerful service during her employment there and everyone wished her a very happy life in her coming marriage.

Last Friday evening, friends, neighbors and relatives gathered at a shower for Miss Gibbons. She was presented with many lovely gifts and lunch concluded the pleasant evening.

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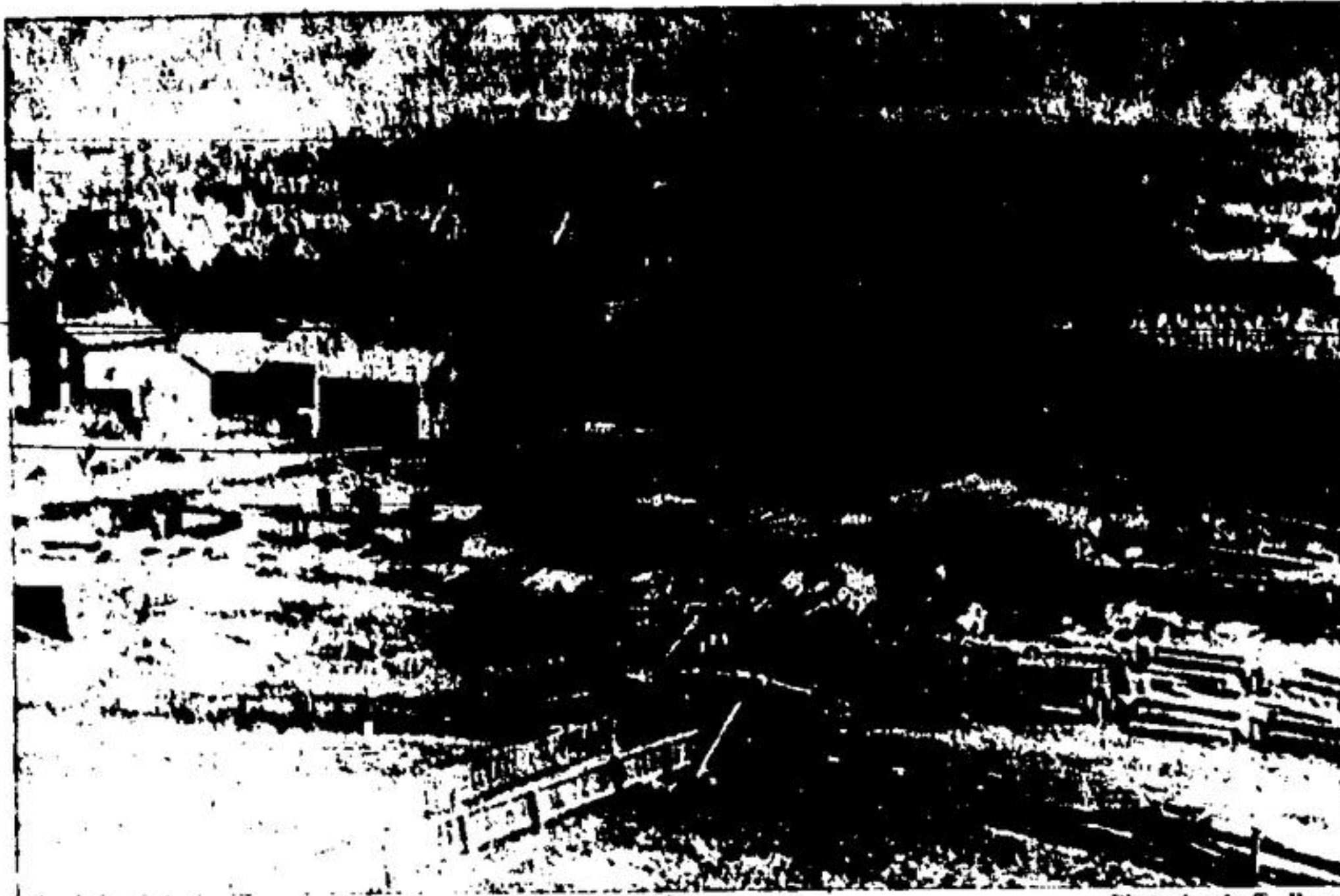


Photo by A. T. Brown

LIKE MOST TOWNS in this part of Ontario, Acton's first industries were the flour and sawmills. The above photograph has the lumber mill in the foreground since it was taken by A. T. Brown from the top of the windmill on the farm which adjoined. Mill and farm were the property of James Brown. The date of this photo which shows a good part of the town at that time was April 18th, 1885. It was the busy time in the saw mills when the first logs were being made into lumber. Only the lumber yard is seen - the mill was over to the right.

Perhaps we should explain for

the more recent Actonians that the Brown farm was on Main Street now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jany. Perhaps you can pick out such landmarks as Ebbage's Mill, the Pioneers' Cemetery, the town hall and the steeple of Knox Church, Storeys' Glove Factory, St. Alban's Church, Stephenson's Blacksmith Shop and the Stevenson home, the United Church and the Beardsmore chimneys away in the background.

Of course in those days there were two tanneries and locally we called them the "harness leather and the sole leather" tanneries. Each had a separate

whistle for stopping and starting the work day. The Storey Glove Leather tannery was to the left of the picture and cannot be seen in this view.

That was the central part of the Acton as seen from the west just before the turn of the century. There were plenty of centrally located building lots and you'll notice many homes had a barn on the property in those days, and it wasn't necessary to pay much or travel for enough fertilizer to raise all the vegetables that were needed for the fine families of those days.

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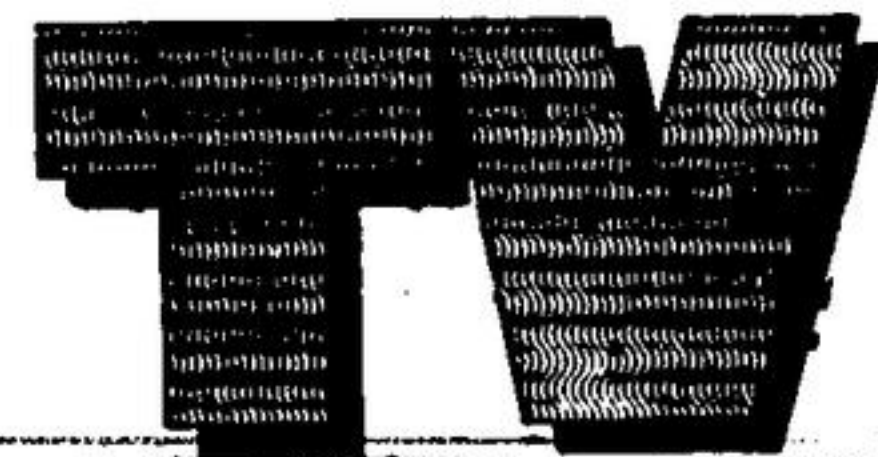
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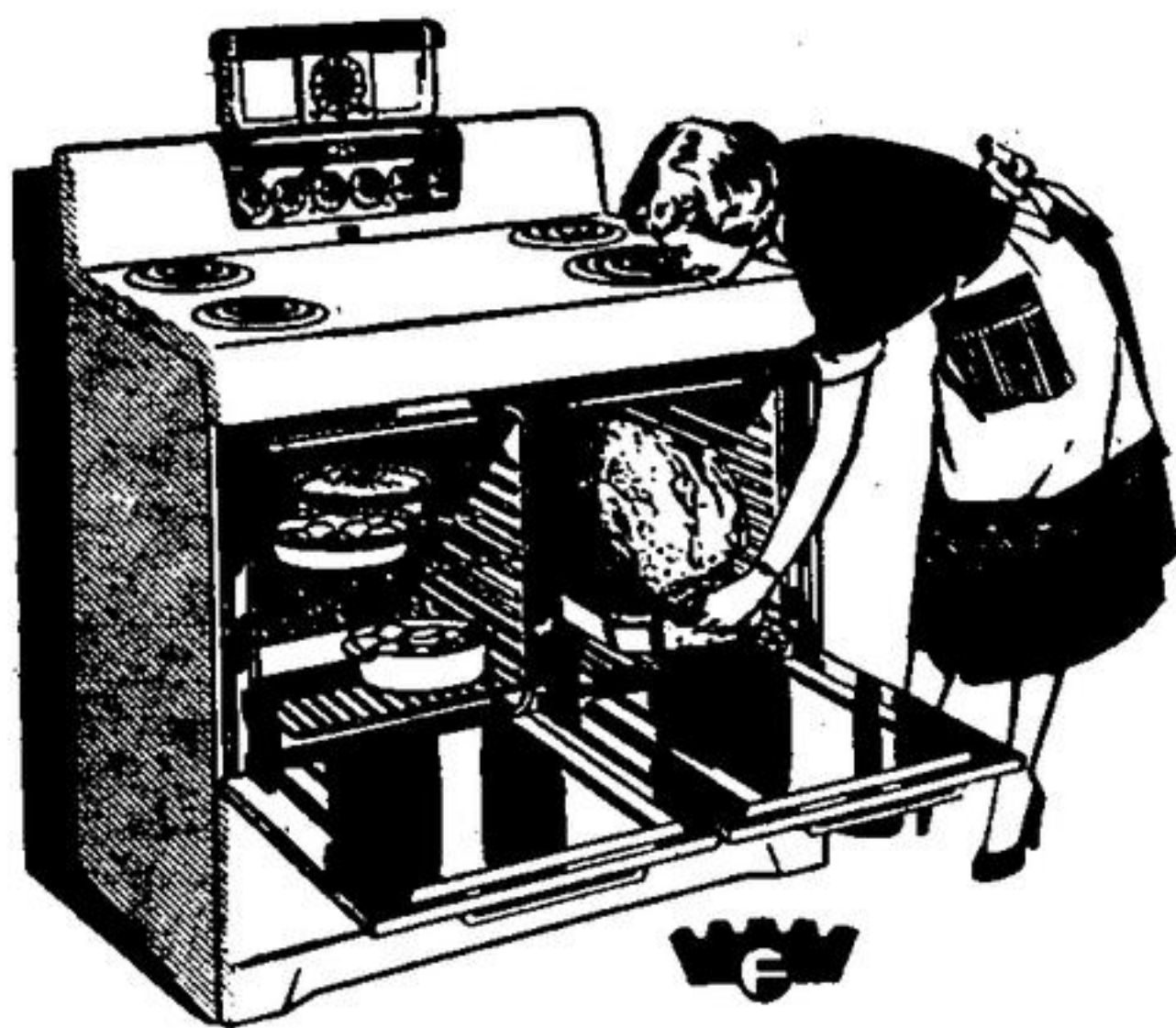
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Hello Homemakers! Some folks dread housecleaning, but there is a built-up urge to refurbish the home weeks before spring-cleaning. Once you begin the work there are sounds that seem to cheer you on to your goal. Listen to the teasing voice of the chamois as you polish the windows, the cheerful tinkle of the glassware as you shine the contents in the cupboard and the snap of the clothes hung out to dry. So, like a child gathering the first flowers of spring, a homemaker uses all the enthusiasm and beauty she can muster for a housecleaning spree, this assures happy family living.

### TAKE A TIP

1. Candlewick bedspreads will not be "detuffed" if placed in a large cotton bag when laundered in the washing machine.
2. Iron your bedspread the long way to keep it in shape. However, the chenille and candlewick ones are shaken out and brushed when dry - never ironed.
3. When hanging a coat or dress on the line, use two coat hangers hooked in opposite directions, then pin at the collar, and the wind will not blow the garment off.
4. To clean a velvet jacket hang it over a big kettle of boiling water for about 10 minutes. Then brush the coat with a piece of velvet till the nap is raised again. Let the steam penetrate cuffs and collar a second time if necessary.
5. Glazed chintz must be ironed on the right side to bring out the lustre. Use as much pressure as possible.
6. Before washing jeans and other garments use a tooth brush (about to be discarded) to dislodge dirt in pocket corners.
7. To remove spots on suede card-table covers or bags try rubbing with an emery paper or crocus cloth and then steam over a boiling kettle.
8. Wrap evening bags, stoles and other accessories with silver or gold thread in them in aluminum foil and store in boxes.
9. To "dry clean" your non-washable gloves at home, try this method: mix 1/2 cup of fuller's earth and 1/4 cup powdered alum. Put the gloves on a board cover with the powder and brush with a stiff brush, then wipe off with a towel and cover gloves with clean cornmeal and brush off. Doeskin and chamois will look quite new.
10. Saturate fresh paint on any clothing with grease or oil then sponge with warm suds or spot cleaner depending on whether material is washable or not.
11. If a white summer garment has turned yellow soak in lukewarm water for 15 minutes then use a

bleach, following the directions on the package.

12. Apply colorless lacquer on brass or copper to protect the surface from corrosion.

### THE QUESTION BOX

Mrs. K. T. asks: (1) How to remove a stain made by a plant urn from hardwood floor.

(2) Does it shorten the life of an electric polisher to pull it backwards?

Answer: (1) Sand the portion of stained hardwood floor thoroughly and then bleach with a blotter dipper in oxalic acid solution for 5 or 10 minutes.

(2) An electric polisher will not be damaged by pulling it backward. However, let the polisher do the job gradually. It should take 20 to 30 minutes to polish a 10 by 12 foot area.

Mrs. G. W. asks: Is there any way I can prevent the vacuum cleaner attachment from pulling drapery into the nozzle?

Answer: Use one section of the hose and the nozzle on which a piece of cheesecloth is tied. Begin at the top and follow down to the bottom of the drapes.

Miss M. M. says: We cleaned our refrigerator while it was disconnected during the paint-up of the kitchen and food smells of paint. What do we do?

Answer: Try either of these methods: Defrost and wash cabinet and dishes with a baking soda solution then place a fan facing the open door on a kitchen stool. Force fresh air into it. (2) Place a casserole of charcoal in the refrigerator.

### EDISON ON ENERGY

In 1926 Thomas A. Edison wrote in his notebook:

"I am much interested in atomic energy. The force residing in such power is gigantic and illimitable. It may come some day. As a matter of fact I am already experimenting along the lines of gathering atomic information in my library here. The energy could be turned into electricity," continued Edison, and projected not only across the Atlantic, but flung from any part of the world to any other part. Neither the Atlantic nor anything could interpose an obstacle."

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### TROUSS-OLD

"Mother, what is a trousseau?" inquired a puzzled six-year-old. The mother looked across the room at her husband hiding behind his paper, and said, "A trousseau is the clothes the bride wears for six or seven years after she is married."

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