

EDITORIAL

Young and With a Future

Yesterday Canada marked its 86th birthday. Young among the nations of the world, Canadians have every reason for pride in the past and a glorious future in a forward outlook. It was Laurier, we believe, who said the 20th century belonged to Canada and on every side Canadians are witnessing the fulfilment of that prediction made at the start of the century.

The nearly five thousand miles stretching from ocean to ocean have 14,009,429 people and predictions of doubling or trebling this population in the decades ahead seem well founded. Judging by reports that are in the news daily our natural resources are just coming to view. Canada's population is a young one too, with 37.9 per cent. under 20 years of age and 54.3 per cent. between 20 and 65 years. Statistics unlimited could be quoted to verify the golden opportunities that are unfolding in Canada and for those who make Canada their home.

We came across a booklet the other day in which a Canadian was defined. We quote this sentence, "Canadians are distinguished from the people of other nations, not by their racial or cultural background, nor by a conformity of physical appearance. The distinctive mark of a Canadian is an attitude of mind toward his country and the rest of the world." The definition of a Canadian went on in more detail but we liked that sentence.

Canada is a great country. Its continued greatness and growth depend on the attitude of Canadians—on the forward outlook of Canadians in developing this great country of ours.

Candidates and voters will be pleased that at least the election campaign will be short—and all will hope it is kept sweet.

More Sales—More Profits

Chesley had a vote on establishment of beverage rooms and the voters decided in favor of going wet. In Drayton which has been dry for 20 years, the trend was very much against the wets. One of the men prominent in the wet campaign in Drayton town said there are 70 widows in Drayton and this gave the dries half the votes they needed to get 40 per cent. of the total. Just why would any man write all the widows down as opposed to the sale of intoxicating beverages? It may be that liquor had something to do with their widowhood. We don't know.

Here and there throughout the country, the votes continue to be taken and occasionally a town changes its status from dry to wet but as a rule the trend is to stay dry. As long as profits are high the liquor interests will continue to widen their sales field. Net earnings of Canada Breweries Ltd. (just one company) were \$5,255,060 in 1952. Sales of this company were \$10,000,000 ahead of those of 1951.

With such financial returns as an incentive, the wets will seek each year for wider fields to market their products. The widows, however, are not being fooled by the propaganda for more sales and more drunken men.

Another Year

With this issue the Free Press starts its 79th year of continuous publication in Acton. While the paper had three editors in the first two or three years of publication, the succeeding 76 years have seen only two editors at the helm. The late H. P. Moore was editor for 49 years and while the present editor has owned the paper for only 26 years, it is 42 years since our first association with the Free Press.

Newspaper anniversaries, like all birthdays, are a time when it is pleasant to express appreciation of the friendships formed down through the years and to affirm again the resolve to make the future even better than the past.

On this anniversary when Acton's newspaper is nearing the four score mark in recording the news and history of this town and district, we just want to say thank you for all the kindly friendships and helpfulness that has come our way and to assure all our readers, advertisers and buyers of printing that it will be our constant aim to give our best service in the printing field where our life work has been so long and so happily placed.

Just Another Argument

Levying of taxes and the equalizing of the share municipalities and individuals shall pay is always an argumentative point and is never settled. So we might as well toss in this item which recently appeared in a Saskatchewan paper.

"Why not tax the man who lets his property go to wreck, rather than the man who keeps his property in good condition? As it is at present, the man who employs the painter and the carpenter to make his place of residence more attractive and who thus improves the appearance of the whole neighborhood is penalized by increased taxation, while the man who allows his property to become an eyesore, and thus decreases the value of his neighbor's property, is encouraged in his neglect by reduced taxation. The slightest change in appearance of a property, even to the extent of a storm porch, never fails to catch the eagle eye of the assessor, who incidentally, is employed and paid by the assessment commission in Regina—got by the town."

Even the amateur gardeners have good hope of success in this season of phenomenal growth.

On Holidays

Next week there will be no issue of your home town paper. Getting out a newspaper is very interesting work. There's scarcely a dull moment in a newspaper office but folks who do it every week in the year are just like those who have other occupations—they like a change and so the office will be closed while the staff goes on a well-earned holiday.

We hope you will not be inconvenienced by the omission of one week. We even hope you will miss your regular weekly visitor so much that you will welcome even more cordially the issue of July 16th. We know the staff will enjoy the holiday and come back prepared to give you a better local newspaper throughout the other weeks of the year and your editor may come up with some new viewpoints for the editorial outlook.

1953 has entered its second half and preparations for the exhibitions and fairs are now taking shape.

Election Promises

Put a price tag on every election promise, suggests The Financial Post. In this summer heat wave of election campaigning, the heady draughts of political success or hopes of success won't do very much to tell the voter what the moon is going to cost, it comments. But he should remember and keep remembering that he is the one who will be paying the bills. Out of his pocket all the money must come. Governments cannot make it or earn it.

If the voter is told he really needs and wants bigger old age pensions, higher farm subsidies, or a new post office, he has a perfect right to know exactly what each item will cost, how much more it will add to his tax bill.

And if he is told that he will get all this and tax cuts too, then he should also ask very bluntly, Where and how?

Learning

Don't know if this yarn has a moral or not, but this is the way we heard it.

A hill-billy father and son were sitting on the side of a mountain overlooking a valley. A train came into view and the boy turned to his father and said: "Paw, what makes that there engine go?"

"Reckon I don't rightly know, son."

A plane went by high overhead. "Paw, what keeps that there airplane up in the sky?"

"I'd know, son."

A motorboat skimmed by on the valley river. "Paw, what makes that there boat go without no paddle?"

"Kaint say as I know, son."

After some minutes, the boy said: "Paw, you don't mind if I asks you questions, does you?"

Nope. That's the way you learn things, son.

Reading Between The Lines

INDIANS KNEW WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT IN NAMING PLACES

by Jim Dilla

What's in a name? Driving through some of the small one-store places and also looking at some of the names applied to centres, I began to wonder how places are named.

For instance, Primrose is a small one-store place. It seems to have none of the attractions of the attractive name it bears. Rosemont is not too far away and in that there seems to be some connection to someone who evidently liked the rose family and had enough influence to have places named.

The Indians seemed to have picked up more suitable names for places than the earlier white man, perhaps because they knew the area as it was, not as they wished it and they had little desire to name things after themselves.

Esquering for instance is an Indian name meaning "the place or land of the tall pines" which the Indians would be quite familiar with.

Originally, I'm told, a very large part of the township was covered with a growth of huge pine trees—trees of a height of 150 feet and four feet in diameter at the base being not at all uncommon. There were, of course, many other species of trees including oak, maple, basswood, elm, walnut and

butternut, but the pines overshadowed them all both in size and in numbers, and it was from these the Indians applied a suitable name.

Of course, Nasagawya is another example of an Indian name. The name means "the dividing of the waters" and within the township, part of the water flows into the Grand River basin and thence to Lake Erie while the other part finds its way to Lake Ontario.

The Indians applied a name that meant something peculiar to that area.

Naming Acton was more of a personalized job. The first name was Danville which was derived from a young man who was clerk in the first dry goods store, established here by Wheeler Green. The first grocery store was established by Miller Hemstreet, who put up the sign "Danville Grocery by Miller Hemstreet."

Adamsville was the next name for the community derived from the first settlers Zenas, Rufus and Ezra Adams. Robert Swan, the first postmaster, came along in 1844 and dropped in his personal note by suggesting the village be called Acton. He was a native of Northumberland, England.

The names applied to centres by the white settlers don't seem as meaningful as the Indian names.



Unusual Crop
Concerning a farm which is a little distance outside Halton, yet will be of interest to the farmers of this county, is an item which tells that a 16 acre field of rape is in full bloom in Chinguacousy. The blooming is the very unusual result of a mild winter and wet spring.

The Fuller brothers, who own the farm, have been growing rape for years, and this is the first time it has survived the winter. Even the older generation of farmers cannot recall having seen any in bloom, the article reports. The Fullers are now wondering how to harvest the novel crop.

The present quotation for rape seed is \$20 a cwt., so, says the Georgetown paper, "it certainly looks like a better prospect than a half-drowned field of spring grain."

Best Fish Story Yet
The best fish story we've heard in the county so far this year comes from Glen Williams, where, says the Georgetown Herald, a young Hollander, Clarence Bakker, caught a 21-inch brown trout.

"There mightn't be anything too unusual about this, except for the fact that Clarence had neither rod nor reel. He was standing beside a shallow part of the river, when he suddenly bent down and scooped the fish up in his hands out of the water.

"Clarence had plenty of evidence as there were several people swimming and others looking on during the hot Sunday afternoon."

Puttily
Have you heard the definition for puttily? It's trying to convince a healthy boy that he hasn't room for one more piece of pie.

Snakes Alive!
This story comes from Brampton: "It seems that a woman in the United States drank some water—probably by mistake—and according to the tale, the water contained snake eggs. The ticklish event came to light when the party in question

was visiting in Brampton this week. "Well, now, Nature, being what she is, the snake (or snakes) has grown to a presentable size and x-rays are said to have shown the reptile to be comfortably encoined in the victim's tummy. The problem appears to be that the snake is of a poisonous variety and observers fear any attempt to dislodge the woman—with fatal results."

"We have no solution to offer but we offer the unfortunate woman this consoling thought: 'Lucky it wasn't a crocodile.'"

Buses to Ford
Gray Coach Lines are now running additional buses between Toronto and Oakville and Hamilton and Oakville to transport Ford workers to the plant. Meanwhile, the Oakville Transportation Company has discontinued its bus route between the Halton town to the plant in Trafalgar until there are more passengers.

Bites for Fishermen
Mosquitoes have been driving fishermen away from their favorite streams, Halton county game warden Dudley Hitchcock says. Fishermen at the Sixteen and Twelve Mile creeks are getting bites—two ways.

School for Milton
Milton's school board, faced with overcrowding at the school, has decided to purchase a portable building. The board also plans to purchase property just outside the town for a new school site.

Family Reunion
Wilfred Awrey of Acton was elected vice-president at the Awrey family reunion held recently at the Old Mill in Guelph. President is Ernest Awrey of Orton.

"This year, the Awreys celebrated their 200th anniversary of the family's arrival in North America. It was in 1753 that a family named Aurient set sail from Ireland for America."

FORMER MINISTER'S SON WED IN TORONTO

A wedding of local interest was solemnized in Timothy Eaton Memorial Church when Doris Eileen Smylie, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Hugh Smylie, became the bride of Louis Randolph Pickering, son of Mrs. Pickering and the late Rev. Louis Pickering.

Rev. Pickering was a former minister at Acton United Church, and passed away during his ministry here.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a gown of frosted white organza and heavy guipure lace. Her fingertip veil was gathered to a brim trimmed with seed pearls and she carried a colonial bouquet of swainsona.

Mary McLean, Matheson, maid of honor, Mrs. Robert Smylie, London, Ont., and Verna Masher were groomsmen in aqua organza, with strapless bodices edged with self-folds and topped with gimps. They wore halos of yellow marguerites and carried colonial bouquets of yellow marguerites, scarlet carnation petals and orange roses.

John Pickering was best man, and ushers were Donald Smylie, Jack Fraumeni, Jim Sutherland and Glen Wiggins.

Receiving, the bride's mother chose smoke-gray organza with dusty pink accessories. The groom's mother wore lilac crepe with white accessories.

TWO WHEELED LOVE.

The Vicar was talking seriously to one of the young men in the parish. "John," he said, "I hear that you have been raising false hopes in maiden hearts. I don't like such behaviour. Bummer whispers that you are engaged to one girl in this village, another in Little Mitichin, and a third in Brenchley. How can you do such a thing?" John looked a bit sheepish as he replied: "Well, sir, I've got a bicycle."

Daily farm wages, without board were \$8.60 in B.C. in early 1953, compared to \$6.20 in Alberta and Ontario, \$9.10 in Saskatchewan, \$5.70 in Quebec, \$5.50 in Manitoba, and \$5.20 in the Maritimes.

WEDDING IN TORONTO OF INTEREST IN ACTON

Ann Elizabeth Hussey daughter of Mrs. Hussey and the late George Hussey became the bride of C. Glenn Garden in an evening ceremony in the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto. Mr. Garden is the son of Mrs. Nelson Garden and the late Mr. Garden, who were formerly Acton residents.

The bride chose a gown of light blue silk shantung fashioned with a V neckline and bouffant skirt. She wore a white straw hat and white accessories, and carried orchids and roses on a white Bible. Mrs. Elizabeth Bignell was her only attendant in a midnight blue frock with white accessories and a corsage of cream roses.

Receiving at the Guild of All Arts, the bride's sister, Mrs. T. A. Thompson wore a dress of rose-wood crepe and a corsage of coral roses. The groom's mother assisted wearing a black and white print crepe dress with matching accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Disease Take Toll Accidents, Heart

Accidents are the chief cause of death among people under 40 years of age, but over 40, heart disease takes the lead, a life insurance company survey of policy-holders shows, says the Financial Post.

Accidents caused nearly 39 per cent. of the deaths under 40. Heart disease was the second greatest cause at 18 per cent., cancer accounted for 15 per cent.

Between 40 and 50, accident caused only 7 per cent. of the deaths, but heart disease accounted for 54 per cent. and cancer 20 per cent. Over 60, the toll from accidents was only 2 per cent., while heart disease accounted for 66 per cent. and cancer 16 per cent. of the deaths.

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SUNDAY, JULY 5th, 1953
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School "Suffer the little children to come unto Me"
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Holy Communion Thoughts
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Union Service, Subject: Building A Life

Thought for the Week
The considered, one-talent man or woman has promise of a larger intellectual genius who has not met the Master. (S. M. Zwemmer)

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SUNDAY, JULY 5th, 1953
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—The Lord's Supper.
7:00 p.m.—Service in the United Church
A Warm Welcome Awaits You.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
July 5, 1953
11:15 a.m.—Matins and Address
Mr. John F. Heap, Lay Reader.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service in Acton United Church.
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Thursday, July 2, 8:30 — Prayer Meeting.
Friday, July 3, 8:—Young People's Meeting.
SUNDAY, JULY 5th, 1953
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
7:00 p.m.—Combined service in United Church.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"

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