

EDITORIAL

Don't Be Fooled

In spite of the fact that we are just recovering from the hottest part of the whole of summer, the calendar and the events herald the announcements that autumn is here. This week the children went back to school. This week will see the close of the great Canadian National Exhibition and next week will usher in those events all over the province known as the fall fairs of Ontario. This month, too, will see the end of the daylight saving period.

A trip through the country, a stroll in the garden, will also bring the realization that harvest time is with us and that the period for storing against winter is of hand. The weather is tricky. We might have expected that hot streak in July or early August but it's late coming need not fool us in this part of Canada that we've had most of our summer weather by the time September is reached.

Each season has its attractions but we do like the later months of summer and the early days of fall. We like the fall fairs and the opportunity they give to meet old friends and to get a view of the products of our farms which are gradually shrinking in this county of Halton as industrial expansion is occupying more and more of the farm lands. Yes, summer has almost gone, but autumn in this part of Canada is a glorious season of the year.

Reunion Every Year

Quite frequently we hear of folks both at home and away from home who are anxious to have an old boys' reunion. The years are slipping by and as we grow older we want to meet those whom we knew in other years. We want to swap yarns and talk over boyhood days.

We were impressed when we visited the fair grounds in Saskatoon recently that a small permanent building with neat porch had a sign reading, "Saskatchewan Old Timers." We judge it was a place where in sunshine or rain those who came to the fair for a reunion could meet their friends. It was a rallying point for old boys and old girls who had more from out of reminiscing than could be secured by the younger generation on the midway and it provided, too, a place to rest awhile.

Perhaps it's an idea that might be incorporated in Acton Fair grounds. There is no finer place than the Fall Fair to meet old friends, but so often as the fairs grow larger friends don't just happen to meet. The building might be used for other purposes during the year. But whether building or not, don't let the years pass without making the best use of every year to meet your friends at the fair in Acton on September 18th and 19th.

City Turnups

Regardless of the fact that we had only returned home on Tuesday, we couldn't resist the temptation to attend the Exhibition on Friday which was press day and a gathering we haven't missed in years. We like meeting many newspaper friends who are always at the luncheon given by the C.N.E. on that day. This year we couldn't select some old friends to sit beside during the luncheon since the order of the head table was chosen from representatives of all branches of the press and advertising organizations.

Our luncheon companion on the right was a representative from a well-known Toronto publishing house. We told him in introduction our businesses were in Acton and Milton. He had never heard of either place and didn't know where they were located. His travel took him only to Montreal and Detroit by train and he knew little of Ontario. Our luncheon companion on the right had been born and raised in a small Ontario town. He knew both towns and both papers and was conversant on most other parts of our province.

That afternoon we strolled about the exhibits and stopped to make enquiry regarding some items in which we were interested. The salesman didn't know where Milton or Acton were located, had never heard of them, and then we perhaps exploded a bit and asked a pertinent question if people in Toronto never go outside the city limits. His reply was "If you drove around these streets in Toronto all day long, you would be so fed up you wouldn't want to go any place."

It was a bit disturbing to us to turn up a couple of men in one day who knew so little about what was next door to them and just outside their city limits. We were reminded in some way of that controversial article which appeared a few months ago in which young people reared in the rural parts of the province were referred to as "country turnips."

This Controlling Age

The water that falls over Niagara Falls has washed away some 900 feet of the crest since 1678, according to a newspaper article. We don't know who kept the records back three hundred years ago but a joint Canadian-American Commission has announced a plan to slow down the flow of Niagara at night when the visitors aren't watching it and thereby save a few hundred feet from the crest for a few centuries longer. The cost would be a mere \$17,500,000.

We well remember going to Niagara Falls a number of years ago and it was possible to have a room at the General Brock hotel facing the falls or one facing some other direction. We thought it would be nice to have all the roar of Niagara we could get in our short stay. About the middle of the first night we wished the \$17,000,000 project could have been put into effect and the falls could have been turned off every night from midnight until dawn.

As a tourist attraction Niagara Falls is undoubtedly one of the greatest on this continent. The Niagara River has had more tampering with by man than any other of our scenic wonders. We've diverted its water for cheap power; men have gone to their deaths over its brink; and the Canadian side of the river has been made more beautiful with parks and gardens and we've built canals to provide safe passage for ships to detour the falls.

We just hope Niagara will be let roar day and night for years to come. It's simple to get rooms where the roar is not disturbing and wouldn't it be a great disappointment to thousands if some day the engineers forgot to turn the water on again or there was a power failure or break-down in the man-made apparatus calculated ton control. There's always the danger too that the control valve might get into the hands of some government department and another freedom would be gone.

Music in Our Lives

Reflecting again on some parts of the western convention we recently attended, we are mindful of the great part that music plays in any community. A town in Saskatchewan of 2,500 population sent to the convention one of the finest choirs of young girls we have heard for some time. It was accomplished because Mrs. John Pickney and her mother felt the need for musical training in the town and decided to do something about it.

We've been thinking of the things that are done in a musical way right here in Acton. There are our church and school choirs, our choral groups when a leader comes along, our orchestras, and always our band. There is always plenty of talent in our town for any of these musical groups but the lack lies in the leadership necessary to develop them all.

Music does play a great part in our everyday life. Shakespeare wrote in the Merchant of Venice:

The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is mov'd with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils;
The motions of his spirit are dull as night,
And his affections dark as Erebus:
Let no such man be trusted.

Theodore Roosevelt said: "Let the love for literature, painting, sculpture, architecture and, above all, music, enter into your lives." Gladstone wrote: "Music is one of the most forcible instruments for training, for arousing, for governing the mind and the spirit of men."

Although music of a sort exists naturally, whether among savages with drums, companies of marching soldiers, square dances or live sessions, music of an ennobling nature is to be found largely in the concert hall, opera house or church.

Reading Between The Lines

SANTA'S NORTH POLE IN N.Y. STATE OVER COMMERCIALIZED—LET'S LEARN

by Jim Dills

There is probably little purpose in seeing strange places and travelling in "new country" if you don't learn something. Travelling in New York State last week I learned something.

For instance, the North Pole, a major tourist attraction built around the Santa Claus theme is commercialized to a deplorable extent. Drives into the parking area and a man asks if you would like a sign on your car bumper advertising the place. I said it was O.K. if he wanted to put one on. With the sign securely fastened he stood at the car door with an expectant look. I asked if you were supposed to pay to carry their advertising. He assured me it was up to me. So I expressed my thanks and left, a "stinker" in his mind quite likely.

After paying the \$1-nothing's cheap—price of buildings, can be visited depicting Santa's work shops. Each, in a small corner has a story book character supposedly working. The balance of the space—the large majority of it—is given to the sale of souvenirs and toys for Christmas. Of course, Santa is there—chewing a cigar stub—and a six foot pole of ice has a sign, "The North Pole."

This is not exaggerated. There are others more commercialized and less commercialized. I was

particularly sorry to see Santa Claus on that level, though.

Ausable Chasm is a place of natural beauty involving a walk of about three-quarters of a mile with sheer rock rising on either side and a river running at the bottom. A boat ride following the walk involves two guides, who at the end of the trip assure you, "It isn't compulsory but it is customary to remember the guides," and they have it down to a system where only one person can pass the guide at a time. Any tips are met with a loud "Thank you, sir, thank you very much, sir," and it isn't hard to tell who remembers the guides. I broke down.

Back in Ontario I found the Canadian National Exhibition a pleasant contrast. The 50 cent admission opens the doors to all the buildings, free concerts and plenty of other entertainment.

Last year visiting Fort Henry at Kingston the admission price was paid—about 50 cents, I believe—by the guides assured us that they could not and would not accept any tips.

Yes, travel is education and I do hope that in Canada we can keep things down to the admission price and not all have a hand out for a "remembrance." It's time we did things in the interests of our pride and less in the interests of what's in it for us.



16 Million Improvement

Making a true express highway of the Queen Elizabeth by eliminating the Burlington bottleneck will cost \$16,000,000! This figure, quoted from the Engineering News Record of August 20, confirms a figure mentioned by Highways minister George Doucette.

Deputy-minister J. D. Millar says that the high-level bridge over the ship canal will cost between \$7 million and \$8 million with the balance going to build a new four-lane roadway on the Hamilton side of the beach and for installing cloverleafs at the intersection with Number Two and at Windermere. Actual construction is waiting a go-ahead from Ottawa. The share which the federal government will assume has not been announced. In some instances, it has run as high as 75 per cent. 50 per cent. seems a good guess for the Q. E. project.

The bridge will carry traffic 122 feet above the water level.

Any Others?

We see in the Georgetown Herald that Mrs. Ern Batkin, who is prominent in craftwork and a member of the Arts and Crafts of Georgetown, took a first prize at the Exhibition. Mrs. Batkin's winning entry was a linen table set, and her prize—the article doesn't say what it was—was donated by John Leckie Limited, Toronto.

We wonder if any other country ladies have won prizes in the crafts division? We would certainly like to hear of such awards.

New Paving

Since No. 24 Highway has been paved from Guelph to Erin, a distance of about 20 miles, the traffic has increased considerably. There is still a small detour, as work is being rushed to completion on a bridge over a creek just east of Osprey. Last week, the framework had been put in place ready for the laying of the flooring of the small concrete structure. Some draining activity was still underway at two places between Erin and Osprey.

Burlington Re Band

Of course, the Burlington Gazette had a lengthy account of last week's band and tattoo. The paragraph on Acton band reads: "There was approval of numbers played by the Acton Citizens' Band under the baton of Alf Perrotti, especially when the master of ceremonies invited the audience to join in singing one of the numbers. For the first time, majorettes appeared with this band."

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ALL WELCOME
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, let the whole earth stand in awe of Him." Psalm 96:9

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1903

Taken from issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 10, 1903.

The Dominion of Canada Industrial Exhibition which opened in Toronto on the 27th August and will continue (ill Saturday night, has proven successful to an extent far beyond the most sanguine anticipations of the authorities. The attendance has been upwards of half a million and the fair was never more flatteringly referred to. The splendid new manufacturers and Liberal Arts building, the new woman's building, dairy buildings and agricultural buildings all combine to enhance the attractiveness of the exhibition.

The Acton druggists, Messrs. A. T. Brown and H. G. Hunter have decided to fall in with the early closing movement. Hereafter their drugstores will close at eight o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

A number of the members of Acton Golf club went to Toronto on Monday to have a friendly game with the Rosedale club. Those from Acton were J. Lawson, W. Stark, R. McIntosh, W. Gould, and A. H. Devitt.

The hop yards of Georgetown are scenes of activity at present. As the estate of the late J. A. Speight is now finally being wound up, the administrator offers for sale at low prices two properties. The homestead on Willow St. comprises more than two full lots and the house on Church St. occupies a corner lot in good position.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thurtell of Chicago are spending the week with Acton friends. Mr. Thurtell of Chicago is enjoying going over the boyhood haunts of forty years ago. Now for the millinery openings.

The forests are the source of a third of all Canadian exports.

BACK IN 1933

Taken from issue of the Free Press of Thursday September 7, 1933.

The evening services of the churches were resumed again last Sunday.

The book and school supply stores had a busy time on Tuesday filling the requirements of the public.

The enrolment at Acton Public school is 303 pupils. In the Continuation School 106 pupils are enrolled, which is the highest in the history of the school.

The tug-of-war team from Beardmore Leathers, Limited was second at the C.N.E. The Queen City Battery team took the championship this year. The final encounters between these two teams is said to have been the keenest contest held in years.

Several exhibits from Acton district won awards at the big fair. Both bowling and tennis clubs held interesting tournaments the past week finishing up with social nights and presenting of awards.

The Actonville U.F.W.P.O. Club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clarridge for a winner and corn roast on Friday evening.

The funeral took place on Monday of Anna Hyde, widow of William Michie, who died on Saturday in her 85th year.

BIG TAXES

The Canadian National Railways is a big taxpayer. Its tax payments over the last three years have averaged \$12,500,000 a year, which is considerably more than all the revenues collected in 1951 by Windsor, Ontario, an industrial city of 120,000 people.

To compete in world markets Canada must grow low cost wood.

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