

EDITORIAL

First Things First

Ontario Hydro officials have stated that this year there will be no increase in electric rates but apparently the ratepayers in Acton will pay in their tax rates. A debenture issue is contemplated to cover extra expenditures in Acton and some of the expenditures would seem need investigation before approval. An \$8,000 truck is a pretty elaborate piece of equipment and a \$4,000 billing machine seems a big item for a town the size of Acton. We presume that the \$800 hot water heat control will not add to the convenience of hydro users; and the change of frequency is to cost \$16,000.

If memory serves us correctly, the last debenture issue of hydro in Acton was when the system was put in and the entire amount was retired from Hydro funds. We presume a debenture issue will have to have the approval of council, or that council may seek approval of the ratepayers at the municipal elections. Surely the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission cannot make it obligatory for Acton to issue debentures.

There are many things Acton ratepayers have desired for years which should have priority in a debenture issue. For instance, there is that sidewalk on Cameron Street and sidewalk repairs all over town, as well as more permanent repairs to our roads that have been asked of council for many years. Today plenty of materials are available for this type of work.

As usual our sympathies go with councils who raise the moneys for the expenditure of other boards and have little to say except meet the demand. If H.E.P.C. is to be added to the other bodies for which council, through the taxpayer, must pile on more debenture issues, it would seem that the last straw has been added. Ratepayers should hear the story of Hydro expenditures which require a debenture issue of \$35,600 at municipal election time before the issue is given final approval.

Recording and Production

We have often wondered if all the records, statistics and files that are kept throughout the country in private and government business are worth the effort expended upon them.

"Clerkocracy," according to a survey of industrial paper work and office costs, has already gravely imperilled the efficiency of industry. Such, at any rate, is the view of U.S. management consultant Emmett J. Leahy, who says that in the United States today there is one clerical worker for every farmer in the country.

Here's a sampling of the high cost of clerkocracy in the United States. The chances are the figures for Canada, with its smaller population, are relatively much higher.

Clerical salaries in the United States claim one-ninth of the nation's total income. In banks and insurance companies, 52 per cent. of all employees handle papers rather than produce new business. In the chemical industry the figure is 16 per cent. In textiles, 26 per cent. of all the workers are in offices rather than in production. Based on an estimate of the cost of paper, stenography, office handling, and equipment, it costs 20 cents to "create" a single piece of business paper.

What do we do with all the information compiled? Usually, it's filed away and requires more clerks to keep a proper record of it. Of course, governments have such a finger in everything nowadays that records are in most cases compulsory. Wonder what could be done to costs if all this labor of keeping records were turned into production of materials?

Changing Exhibits

The fall fairs are over for another year and some of us who are older cannot but make comparisons with the exhibits and events that have disappeared with the changing times. The ladies still compete in the baking department and the fancy work and quilts still have an important place, but there are no butter-makers any more with the pound prints and ten pound crocks of good old dairy butter.

Perhaps many of our readers will remember the exhibits of the harness maker's finest harness for the farm and the sewing machines that put a

frill around the fans, and the exhibit of pianos that always had a big place. Now we have the tractors and motorized farm equipment and the display outdoors in volume anything that all the harness makers in the province could have attempted. The sewing machines and pianos have given way to the electric refrigerators and television sets. Yes, the rural fairs certainly keep pace with the times.

But perhaps you have noted in these fair exhibits the change from the laborious tasks to the push-button control and labor saving devices that in a few years have come to the farms and the homes. The thing that we mourn most in passing is the fine loaves of home made bread which are not as plentiful and that good old fashioned deiry butter that so many of the farmers' wives used to make so expertly.

"We may read, and read, and read again, and still find something new, something to please and something to instruct."—Harda.
 "Ideas are like beads; then do not have them until they grow up."—Voltaire

There's Nothing Finer

Some weeks ago we took part in a discussion regarding the Canada Savings Bonds which are now being offered to the public. The discussion was concerning the best methods to make Canadians acquainted with the excellence of this investment. During the war Canadians bought Victory Bonds freely. The investment by Canadians in their own country has paid off handsomely in the excellent state of affairs of Canadian finances. They were more than an investment for personal gain in our own finances.

Canada Savings Bonds are the simplest and finest form of savings. The interest rate of 3 1/2% is attractive. A feature that will appeal, however, to the individual with limited savings is the fact that at any time the Savings Bond can be sold at full face value and accrued interest. Matter of fact, the eighth series of Canada Savings Bonds seems to have been made especially for the small investor because a limit of \$5,000 has been placed on any purchaser.

The Bonds can be purchased in instalments and by payroll deduction. Your banker or local investment dealer can tell you all about them and arrange any purchase you desire. As protection against a "rainy day" there just isn't any finer thing to be tucked away than a few Canada Savings Bonds.

A contemporary points out that the line between two properties is never more clearly defined than when your neighbor mows his lawn or when the snow is cleared from your sidewalk.

Home Owning

For the many folks who want homes there seems only one choice and that is to decide if home owning is as desirable as some of the other things we consider commonplace in our mode of living. For instance, the price of a car would make a substantial down payment on a home. The cost of a television set is quite a chunk of a yearly payment on a home.

A short time ago announcement was made that new regulations would be made that would make home owning easier. It is to be hoped that such regulations will be as easily obtained in the small cities as they are in the metropolitan areas. In view of the announcement that the banks may be getting into the mortgage business it would seem that every community would be able to take advantage of getting assistance in home building because every town and village has branches of one or more banks located in them.

But no miracles can be worked in owning a home. We heard a story the other day of two women being in conversation concerning their budget and the statement made by one was, "I told John if we could skip this month's payment on the washing machine and next month's on the refrigerator and then the one after on the washing machine again, we would be able to make the down payment on a new television set."

It's just impossible to have all the needs met at once on any budget but first and foremost home owning should take the top place for any family.

Reading Between The Lines

NEARLY 200 ACTS AFFECT ACTON

ONTARIO COMMITTEE REPORT SHOWS

By Jim Dilla

I got an enlightening education in municipal politics last week-end through the courtesy of the Ontario government.

It wasn't anything spectacular but it was interesting. Premier Frost in 1931 appointed a committee to investigate the relationship in tax and other fields between the smaller municipalities and the province.

The Progress Report, totalling 88 pages, presented by this committee contains the outline of problems facing towns like Acton. By no means complete, the report of the committee shows that their views have already been taken into consideration in the legislation making an unqualified per capita grant available next year.

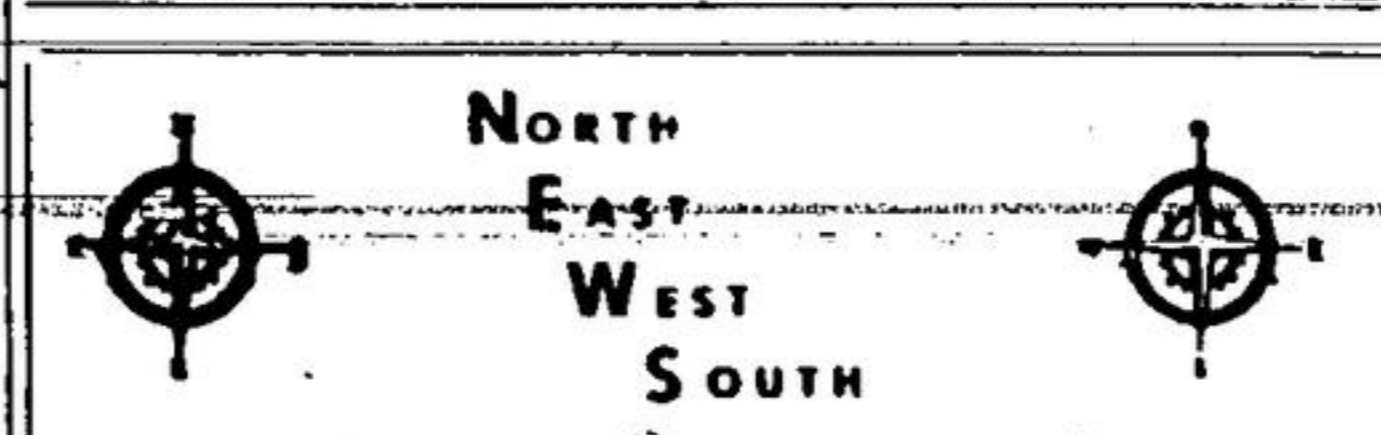
Listing the responsibilities of the provincial, federal and municipal governments makes a lengthy page. A town like Acton can be responsible, in conjunction with other governments for civil defence, law enforcement, police protection, fire protection, corrections, registrations, regulation and inspection, airways and harbors, highways, roads, bridges, and ferries, waterways and harbours, telephones, health and hospitals, social welfare, archives, museums, libraries, schools, colleges, universities, forests and for-

est products, lands and agriculture, intermediate and secondary industries, merchandising and services.

A list of acts affecting municipalities includes about 200. That gives some indication of the responsibilities that fall on councils in 23 other towns the same size as Acton.

One of the contradictory things that often occur between government groups is forcibly underlined because of a recent Municipal Board decision in refusing the extension of Acton boundaries. From the report let's quote. "This report has referred to the expanding economy and the consequent increasing urbanization. As the trend toward urban dwelling has increased, the urban communities have filled up and spilled over into the adjacent suburban and rural municipalities. This in turn, has given rise to action on the part of municipalities to readjust their boundaries accordingly. . . . It is essential to make adjustments to meet the needs of the changing population pattern and to readjust the relationships between municipalities jointly responsible for the costs of certain essential services."

But thank you for the education in municipal, provincial administration.



Fish and Coon Encounters

After baiting his hook with a minnow while fishing in the Sixteen Mile creek a week or so ago, Lloyd Fitzsimmons of Oakville noticed a raccoon meandering along the bank, coming closer and closer. Intending to send the coon scurrying, Mr. Fitzsimmons flicked his casting rod. The minnow dropped right in front of the animal—and instead of scooping it, it continued snooping—right on top of the bait. The fisherman had some busy moments unhooking his surprise catch.

Trophies Leave Town

Georgetown Fair almost set a record with an attendance of over 5,000 we read in the Georgetown Herald. Out-of-towners placed well at the fair, which quite a few from here attended on Saturday, October 3. Miss Marie McCready of Milton had the most points in the best work and won the Simpson's Sars trophy. Mrs. Norman Robertson of Acton had the most points in the ball, winning the T. Eaton tray. There was keen competition in the handicraft and domestic section.

More Houses Under Construction

A total of 220 new houses are to be built in Georgetown, according to spokesmen for two large companies. Subdivisions will be on two large properties. Houses are already under construction on land formerly owned by Tom Hewson and other.

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Hearing Adjournd

You will recall Acton's annexation bid was recently refused.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 15th 1933
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Thought for the Week
 "Sunday is the core of our civilization, dedicated to thought and reverence. It invites to the noblest attitude and to the noblest emergency."—Emerson

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 11th Anniversary
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.—Mr. S.J. Johnson
 7:30 p.m.—Mr. S.J. Johnson

Mission Circle Thankoffering
 Thursday October 22, 8 p.m.—Institution and Reception

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 St. Luke's Day
 Children's Day and Youth's Sunday
 October 18th 1933

10:30 a.m. Church School assembly in the Parish Hall.
 11:00 a.m. Beginners Class
 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Service
 Special service for Children's Day and Youth's Sunday. Families will sit together, who children whose parents cannot come will march in from the Parish Hall by classes and sit together.

7:00 p.m. Commend service in the Baptist Church in their anniversary.

The family that prays together stays together.
 "O come let us worship"

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 15th 1933
 Thanksgiving Sunday
 9:45 a.m.—Church School
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
 Baptist Church
 A Warm Welcome Awaits You

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1903
 Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 15, 1933

During the past summer, a large number of Englishmen have arrived in Acton to work in the tanneries. A number of these are family men; have settled down here and are making very desirable citizens. An addition of 14 arrived on Saturday and these, being acquainted with a number who had come out previously, enjoyed quite a jubilation on the evening of their arrival. There will be regret in many circles when it is known that Dr. S. A. McKeague has sold out his practice and property and will leave Acton in a few weeks for Winnipeg. Dr. McKeague succeeded Dr. W. H. Lowry, who removed to Guelph 11 years ago last August. He is to be succeeded by Dr. Ault of Jazetta's Corners, near Orillia, formerly of Aultsville in Stormont county.

Schools closed Wednesday afternoon for Thanksgiving. Studies will be resumed on Monday, Tuesday being Thanksgiving is a public holiday. It was with admirable intrepidity that Acton Lodge 100 F. engaged Harold Jarvis, the great baritone soloist of Detroit, at unusual expense, for their concert on Friday evening. A galaxy of talent will provide a program which will have sustained interest from start to finish. It seems queer but nevertheless it's a fact that illness is often the result of drinking well water. Guelph Business College—the only business college in Canada giving full, up-to-date commercial, stenographic, pen-art, English, German and Spanish courses.

Pulp and paper stands first in employment and total wages paid.

BACK IN 1933
 From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 12, 1933

The first turnips for shipping have started to come in. Billy Turner has brought in a bush from a raspberry bush in the garden at home, loaded with ripe raspberries. Pretty good picking for October. Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the fine barn of Mr. Albert Scanlon, near Osrington, on Saturday morning.

The Pergus high school rugby team opened the season on Tuesday afternoon when they defeated Acton high school 16 to 0. The committee having charge of sending the car of provisions to our Canadian West have their canvassers at work. The enrolment at Acton high school this year has reached a new high record when 110 were registered this week.

Rev. Charles D. Draper of Beaverville was the special speaker on the occasion of the anniversary services of the United Church on Sunday.

BORN
 VINCENT—In Acton on Wednesday, October 11, 1933, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vincent, a daughter.

DIED
 CLARK—At his home, 42nd St., Acton, Ont., on Sunday, October 8, 1933, Elisha Wesley Clark, beloved husband of Clara Griffin, in his 70th year.

YES, INDEED

An old lady was sending a Bible to a friend overseas. Examining the package carefully, the postal clerk enquired if it contained anything breakable. "Only the 10 Commandments," was the reply.

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