

# EDITORIAL

## This Compulsion Business

If the Department of Education and School Boards throughout Ontario are experiencing trouble with the Teachers' Federation, a great part of the blame can be laid on the Legislature of the Province of Ontario which passed legislation making it compulsory for secretaries of school boards to deduct dues from teachers' salaries and compulsory for all teachers to belong to the Federation. No other group of citizens of the Province of Ontario that we know of have a check-off system for their group backed by the law of the province. But then, of course, no other manufacturer in the province is barred from using yellow in coloring their product except those who manufacture butter substitutes. All of these occur in a land where equality is stressed.

But to get back to education troubles which seem at the moment centred in Toronto. It seems ridiculous to the average man or woman to read of the trivial incident that is causing dissension in our educational circles, and the means being used to enforce the demands of the Federation upon the public of that city.

Suppose every citizen of the province decided they would not take part in any activities beyond their work hours. We would have no school boards, no councils, no church or social activities, no one participating in sports, no volunteer fire brigades, no trophies or scholarships for school pupils, no service clubs. These and many other things which go into community life are extra-curricular work of citizens in every walk of life. Take them away and we have assembly line life in all our hours of the day.

The power of the Teachers' Federation is being badly directed if we are to judge by the recent articles of the Toronto papers and the experience that is being had elsewhere in the province. It would be well if the government of Ontario in the interest of the province's citizens at large, rescinded the bill which forces the check-off for Federation dues and made membership in the organization optional as it is in most every other union and the payment of dues a matter for the individual to decide.

It might be wise if Teachers' Federation officials in the interest of those they represent would listen to the rumblings from all over the country about high educational costs and what those who pay the taxes think of what is given in return for their expenditure. It is just possible if the compulsion for school attendance of every child to the age of 16 years was removed that Ontario might have a surplus of teachers for its secondary schools and plenty of school buildings for the needs of the day.

## Another Added Cost

Some of us can recall when penny postage and the once cent post card and open letter rate were things of which the post office was justifiably proud. Through wars and other added costs the rate has gradually increased and on April 1st the letter rate will be 5c for out-of-town delivery. The Fort Erie Review comments that "In justification of the increase, the Postmaster-General told parliament that the current fiscal year may show a deficit on operations. Elimination of the stamp tax on cheques, higher costs and other factors were cited."

On the other hand, during the past eleven years the postal department has racked up a net surplus of around \$7,000,000 every year except 1931 when there was a deficit for around \$1,326,000. Simple arithmetic says there should be something over \$68,000,000 tucked away in the postal department's bank account unless the money has been used. It has, in fact, been used, the public would like to know on what.

Another question that needs answering is the increase in rates simply to cover a deficit or is it intended to produce another surplus at the end of next year? The majority of Canadians simply aren't interested in a profitable postal service. They want one that gives good service on a break-even basis.

## More Shoulders

An announcement elsewhere in this issue gives details of a change in proprietorship of The Free Press and The Canadian Champion. The partnership of the editor and his two sons is the fulfillment of plans that have been in the minds of all three for the past ten years. It is nearly 27 years since we purchased the Acton Free Press and just a little over ten years ago that we purchased the Canadian Champion. Prior to that we had been in partnership with the late H. P. Moore of Acton and for nearly 45 years we have been engaged in newspaper work and printing in both Canada and the United States. It is indeed a source of great satisfaction to us that both sons have chosen to continue with our life work and that we have been able to continue actively with them.

Many times we have been so occupied that we have felt that we did not give our readers and customers all the attention their loyalty deserved. Their forbearance with us is indeed appreciated and oft times as we entered newspaper competitions it was not only the trophy which we aimed at, but rather the judgment of others to determine if our newspapers were giving good service. The awards of merit which adorn the walls of The Champion and The Free Press offices have urged us on to the time when the present arrangements could be culminated.

We would indeed be remiss if we did not share any credit which may be accorded to our newspapers with a wife who has been always willing to assist and a most loyal staff in both offices. We are very thankful that all these members of staff continue in the organization with us.

This is by no means a valedictory or farewell. The present editor will continue to write the editorial columns and some other articles for both newspapers. He will continue to give of his experience in the printing field and in the maintenance of equipment and continue to derive pleasure in the production of good printing. We're not retiring by any means for many very valid reasons, but we are shifting the load on very capable shoulders.

We do hope that when new arrangements are running smoothly we can get about and visit more with our correspondents and our friends, both in the Milton and Acton districts which we serve and whose loyalty has given us encouragement in the past and will now be a corded to those who will continue to give news and views of this growing section of Halton County.

## Triple Holidays

The long week-end holidays which resulted from both Christmas and New Year's coming on a Friday make one almost wish for a similar fixed date for these events each year. Before any controversy is started we want to point out we didn't advocate a fixed day for these holidays but merely expressed the pleasure we derived when they did fall on a Friday. It made an almost balanced week of four days work and three days leisure and when our productive economy will afford that it is a nice thought for any week.

The holidays which followed Christmas and New Year's gave such ample time for second enjoyment to view gifts and review greetings for leisure for home comers to get back to their work again and for time to digest the extraordinary fare and get settled down to plain living again that much more was derived than in a hurried mid-week holiday. Double week-ends for such events can be anticipated for the next three years but will be a little better time before the triple holidays will again feature the best of seasons for so many people for two weeks in succession.

## Other Papers Say:

The Acton Free Press, in its editorial, has a very interesting and timely article on the subject of the postal department's deficit. It is a very good article and one which we hope will be read by many of our readers. The Acton Free Press, in its editorial, has a very interesting and timely article on the subject of the postal department's deficit. It is a very good article and one which we hope will be read by many of our readers.

## Hour Loss Needless If Chairmen Know Procedure of Meetings

by Jim Dills

"Motion carried." That simple statement indicated a business meeting. The well-conducted business meeting is a goal for those appointed as chairmen, mayors, Reeves, presidents or any capacity in which their responsibility becomes one of leading men and women through the formalities and discussions of the meetings. Good business meetings are scarce.

How many meetings have you been at when the session featured lengthy discussions of a repetitious nature that did nothing but waste time? Just figure it out if needless discussion swallows one hour in a meeting with nine men present, one full work day has been lost, the spirits of the business-like have been injured and the end accomplishment is no better.

At the advent of a new year it seems a good time for those who may be conducting meetings for the first time to give the situation a little thought. Before a person should consider themselves worthy of conducting a meeting they should be prepared with the basic fundamentals of parliamentary procedure. An amendment to the amendment to the motion should not baffle them completely as in the case of a great many circumstances.

Actually a person should introduce a motion before any discussion takes place. No person should

speak more than once on any particular motion other than the person who introduces the motion who may be given the opportunity to clarify some points.

Very little consideration is given to the education on the methods of successfully conducting meetings. Many things have been accomplished by the organized charities and groups but surely much more benefit would be forthcoming if the rules of procedure, designed to speed and streamline the operation of a meeting were better understood by more people.

Unnecessary hours will be wasted in year in needless talk and discussion as they have been in the year just past. If you occupy a position which requires that you conduct a meeting, be fair to the group that elected or appointed you and be prepared to handle the meeting efficiently and democratically.

Speeding up the meetings by cutting down on the discussion does not mean that the democracy of a free discussion must be curtailed but it must be channeled to avoid repetition. Every member of the group can say the same thing in a different way but the end result is the same.

When the "motion carried" phrase is declared and the gavel is thumped at the meeting you attend be sure it is preceded by a sound effective discussion.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 7, 1904

The names of citizens who would make good councillors, to fill the present vacancies in Acton council, submitted in the last issue of the Free Press, have been received with general acceptance by the electors. Several mentioned have signified their willingness to permit their names to be put in nomination and there is every probability that at the special nomination meeting on Monday, 12 and one o'clock next Monday, three fit and proper citizens will be elected to the Municipal Council of 1904 by acclamation.

Clouds of smoke issuing from the windows of Councillor Holme house on Main St. caused some excitement Saturday morning and an alarm was rung in about 10:40. An overheated pipe under a stairway created a slight blaze and a great deal of smoking, the latter making the matter look serious. A few buckets of water settled the fire.

An interested crowd at the King Edward Rink on New Year's Day saw the hockey match between the Moulders of Guelph and the local team. As an exhibition of first-rate hockey it was a failure. Neither team was in condition, but the Acton boys, with scarcely any practice, entirely outclassed the visitors and scored about as they wished. However, the score, 13-6, is not altogether an illustration of the merits of the teams.

Ivanhoe Camp No. 31, Sons of Scotland, at their regular meeting elected the following officers: Chief R. B. Johnston, C. M. Nab, Chaplain, G. Moffat, Recording secretary, H. Swackhamer, financial secretary, D. Beatty, treasurer, W. R. Kenney, Marshall, A. Stewart, Standard Bearer, W. D. Smith, Senior Guard, W. Hall, Junior Guard, J. Smith, Physician, Dr. J. M. Macdonald, Piper, J. Ross.

### BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 4, 1934

Last Friday night, in front of a small crowd of fans, the 1933-34 edition of the Acton Juniors showed some class when they swamped the boys from Burlington by the score of 11-2. Jack Moulton seems to have a real team this year on the Junior aggregation and they should be in the win column pretty often.

The inaugural session of the 1934 council for Acton was held on Tuesday evening with Councillors-elect W. A. Lasby, E. Jones, J. E. McMillan and S. M. Lasby and Reeve E. Theford present.

Watch night services were held at some of the churches Sunday evening. Haven't met anyone in the past two months who has complained that this winter isn't old fashioned enough.

Following a broadside collision between a C.N.R. train and a motor truck carrying 17 patients of the Ontario Hospital at Orillia, back to the institution during a blinding blizzard, two youths are dead there on Thursday night last, and four were severely injured.

Jack Kentner received the final sanction of the O.H.A. to participate in the games with the local club this year.

Mr. Misco of Glencoe, has succeeded Mr. W. Nisbet as accountant at the Acton branch of the Bank of Montreal.

A meeting of the Acton Welfare Committee is being held this evening in the council chamber. It is said there were 15 cars in the ditches along the highway between Norval and Brampton on Sunday. Parents and friends of Lorn School were given a splendid Christmas concert on Friday evening at Lorn School. Rev. C. L. Poole was the chairman and many numbers were presented.

Next week will be observed by the churches of Acton in the annual week of Prayer.



**Ford-Oakville Progress**  
"Full blast" assembly of Ford of Canada vehicles in the Oakville plant is predicted for the first six months of 1934 by the Record-Star. This is to include body assembly, by May, of all Ford of Canada car and truck products. In an optimistic strain, the paper also sees Oakville, and district to continue to boom, with new industry and residents combining to make the area one of the nation's most prosperous.

**Holiday H-Jinks**  
Holiday h-jinks are proving troublesome to trustees of School 16 on the Dundas highway. Somebody on the Board wonders who, smashed in the door of the school after attempts to jumpy the lock failed. Teacher Lloyd Johnston reported nothing was missing after the Christmas Eve monkey business.

**An Honest Stranger**  
The honesty of J. Tanner, Trafalgar township resident, will be carried back to River Rouge, Michigan. Miss Mary Heaney, who while visiting her sister on the same line, Oakville, containing over \$100. Mr. Tanner took the wallet to police who returned it to the owner. Odd part of the story is that although a neighbor, neither Miss Heaney nor her sister knew the honest stranger.

**Superlative Business**  
Oakville merchants, judging by the Journal are elated over the success of the Christmas shopping season. Quoting adjectives like "excellent," "tremendous," "bigger," "strong" and "very good," the reviewer describes business as having one of the best records for the holiday season in many years.

**More Trafalgar Police**  
Trafalgar township's four man police force is to be increased to five this month, just a matter of law enforcement staff of five years ago. Not only more men, but more mobile equipment will be added, with a new cruiser due shortly. Police headquarters is to be moved from the township hall to the new road machinery building now under construction.

**Bronte Boasts a First**  
Bronte boasts Canada's first trailer park Sunday School. Baptist church pastor Arman R. Wright reports a favorable response from parents and enthusiasm from teachers, so much so that he has hopes of starting a second trailer camp Sunday School class at Knapman's, a mile from the Lakeshore park.

**C.N.E. Show to Ernie?**  
Ernie may be the home of the Holstein Breeders' Championship Show, currently held at the C.N.E., the Advocate reports. At a recent meeting of Holstein Breeders in Kitchener, it was pointed out the Toronto Exhibition date is too early to coincide with regional Black and White shows. A smaller community, with Ernie suggested, might be a more appropriate place for the championship show, the Breeders considered.

**Hockey Club Debut**  
Ernie's Junior "D" hockey club, making its debut in a newly formed district league gave a sad account of itself in Boston last week when the host club swamped the Ernie's 11-2. The Advocate sums the contest up as one where a smaller, comparatively green bunch of "kats" traded skills with a professional, well coached team.

**Return to Georgetown**  
Former residents of Georgetown who have been living in England for several years, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jordan with two young daughters were reunited in Georgetown in time for Christmas. Mr. Jordan returned several months ago and is working in Brampton. His wife and daughters arrived from England two days before Christmas.

**Elect One Councillor**  
Twenty-five per cent of Milton's eligible municipal voters went to the polls last week to elect Charles Wilson to the one vacant seat in town council. Mr. Wilson, in a landslide plurality, garnered 228 votes over John B. Mackell with 58. Donald F. Deakin with 38 and Henry E. Church with 37.

**Larger Milton in '34**  
Milton in 1934 is 572 acres larger than in 1933. Last Friday at midnight, although the official annexation approval has not yet been received from the Ontario Municipal Board, the boundary enlargement which embraces chiefly residential property became effective. Town officials expect the Municipal Board approval when issued will be effective January 1, 1934.

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