

EDITORIAL

Working Together

The 1954 Acton Fair is now like its predecessors a matter of history except for the cleaning up and storing equipment. That, like many other duties attendant on those who give so much time and effort in making the event possible, is very necessary—even if not one of the most pleasant tasks. In spite of adverse weather conditions the 1954 Acton Fair was a fine success. Over 40 years of trial and experience and a fine co-operative spirit between rural and town citizens have made success through the years possible.

Some of these times the weather for Acton Fair will be good, but until it is officials have gone through a trial by water, and sunny skies on the third Friday and Saturday of September will be really appreciated. Exhibits and times have changed since the early days of holding fairs in Acton. The local fair has kept pace with the times. We well recall when six fairs were held each year in Halton county. Only three of them are still operating. To keep an event such as the Fall Fair a real attraction requires the co-operation of the whole district and the friends who call Acton their home community. That working together was again evident this year. While that spirit exists among all of us the fair and any other event will be successful.

To president Ray Everdell and every officer and helper, exhibitor and visitors and all, hearty congratulations are due on another successful Acton and district event. Really it was fun working together even if bones ached from the exertion or just from taking part in the donkey baseball

In the Centre

It seems that we do more than our share of going about during the season of best travel conditions in this part of Canada. It seems we just cannot resist taking opportunities for seeing at first hand the development going on in this part of Canada. So for a few hours on Friday we went to Guelph to attend the official opening of the new transformer plant of Canadian General Electric. Transformers for electric power play quite an important role in our every day life which we fully realize when a power service is interrupted.

The new plant at Guelph was opened with a bang when 3,000,000 volts of electric energy were discharged in a copper wire. We hope we are right in our figures and technical description but it was the noisiest opening we've ever witnessed and the closest approach to thunder and lightning we ever want to experience in any building.

The plant is in operation now and over 700 people are now employed there. Its operation will make quite an impression on Guelph and the immediate district. Speakers at the event were Hon. C. D. Howe and Hon. Leslie M. Frost, two men who are seeing a good deal of the expansion taking place in Ontario in plants all over the province and fostering that development.

We were particularly interested to learn that the Guelph plant was a part of the policy of this company in decentralization of its work. We know of many communities which will be glad to hear that big companies have passed the phase of having all their plants in one city or town or under one roof. Canada is a big place made up of a few big concentrations of population and a lot of little places where people live more happily, and not so expensively. Some of these little places would welcome industries which would give employment of a hundred or so but a factory of 1,000 people would create a difficult situation for them in the public services that are necessary.

On every side one hears these days of continued expansion in this part of Ontario, new factories, new homes, new subdivisions, new highways. Truly it is a great period in which to live and be taking a part in this growth of the province and Canada as a whole.

And for the future Canadian industry is going to produce and sell more next year. That's what the American Statistical Association thinks, as reported in The Financial Post. If they are right, says The Post, we'll be collectively better off. . . . employment levels will be as high or higher than right now. . . . gross national production will be up, perhaps two to three per cent.

Canadian Achievement

We have been more than a little gratified at the spirit of Canadian independence that has shown itself in so many ways in the last few weeks. Topping it off, of course, was the feat of young Marilyn Bell in doing better than the world's long distance swimmer who had been imported for a special event (and of some considerable outlay) at the C.N.E.

Then the past week there has been evidence that Canadians "aren't going to take it sitting down" in the future that has been created when decorations from the United States were used in dressing up Niagara Falls for a celebration. On other occasions we have deplored giving the United States so much prominence in Canada. We expect Old Glory to be seen south of the border where you never see a Canadian flag but its display in Canada is out of place and in poor taste.

Speaking of flags, it still doesn't seem to be generally known that the red ensign is Canada's official flag until such time as the Canadian parliament otherwise decrees. But we are not fussy whether it is the Union Jack or the Canadian flag which finds prominence in our decorations. They both belong in Canada and in the hearts of Canadians.

In passing, we might also put in a word for Canadian talent. There has been much outspoken criticism of the stars for the C.N.E. grandstand show being imported. Sunday night we went again to the grandstand at the C.N.E. to hear and see the massed bands of the armed forces in their annual concert. We hope there were many C.N.E. officials there too. For color and splendor and performance that concert on Sunday evening gave something that will not be outclassed anywhere on this continent. Some of it might well be worked into the C.N.E. grandstand show next year.

Yes, we are mighty pleased with Canadian effort and achievement and we need take no second place to any importations. Let's see more of it!

Real Leadership

Prime Minister St. Laurent again proved in his outspoken address in Quebec this week that he is a statesman and no mere politician. In an address in opening the new quarters of the Reform Club in Quebec City the Prime Minister is reported as stating in emphatic terms that the Liberal policy is dedicated to the building of a strong united Canada and that it has worked to provide the greatest good for the greatest number. His address is heralded as marking the turning point in relations between the federal government and the present government of the Province of Quebec.

Speaking as a French-Canadian, Mr. St. Laurent said: "I do not agree that Quebec cannot be a province like the others. I do not fear that if our culture is placed beside others, it will wither and perish. I do not fear that we may be absorbed or annihilated in North America."

Of the Union Nationale, Mr. St. Laurent said: "There are those who do not like to speak about the details of their administration, like a piece of road-building that costs five or six times what it should."

In effect, the Prime Minister accused Premier Duplessis of inflating the provincial autonomy issue in order to divert attention from the faults of his government.

Canada is a country of 10 provinces. Quebec is one of the oldest of that union that stretches from ocean to ocean. Perhaps behind its age and historical background one member of any family may claim a consideration of special privilege. Such an attitude is not good for the family as a whole or for the privileged member either.

We commend the statesmanship of Prime Minister St. Laurent and we believe it will have the admiration of the vast majority of Canadians. It takes courage for such a stand for the right and Canada needs more leaders and moulders of public opinion such as Mr. St. Laurent. It will be interesting to learn the reaction of others who would be leaders in Canada.

Reading Between The Lines

TRADITIONAL BRITISH RESERVE NOT EVIDENT IN STUDENTS FROM ENGLAND

By Hartley Cole

Are Canadian students dull in the classroom?

Maybe we aren't nationally conscious of dullness, and maybe it's a trait common only to this part of Ontario, but it seems to me that most students save their enthusiasm for extra-curricular activity.

When we attended school, nothing disturbed the equanimity of the classroom so much as when the newly arrived English refugee stood up to answer questions put by the teacher. Instantly, every eye in the room would focus on the slender youth who never failed to delight our tender Canadian ears with the oddest expressions and figures of speech.

In comparison with the flat, unmusical English that was customary in our classroom his voice sounded much like a violin in the midst of an orchestra's basic section. It seemed that his voice conveyed the same enthusiasm for his lessons as we reserved exclusively for the play field.

In the classroom we were expected to act like young ladies and gentlemen. Few of us did. But most of us strove with varying degrees of difficulty to create that

impression. The English boy's arrival in Grade IX was the first tugging we had that pupils the world over didn't consider it the natural thing to do.

We found with subsequent arrivals that personality was just as important to students elsewhere as conformity was here.

Alas, after acclimatizing himself to our way of life, the English youth soon lost his idiom. When he returned to bomb-shattered London, he had acquired a Canadian monotone and was passionately fond of games, for which he now reserved his enthusiasm.

His teachers in England must have wondered what could possibly have happened to this lad after he landed in Canada.

Traditional thought traces reserve, reticence and understatement at the threshold of the British. We found out that the British certainly weren't dull in school and their traditional reserve lacked none of the warm qualities that go to make up a good friend.

Our Canadian school system has changed considerably since the war but I wonder if it approaches in any way the eagerness of the English students in class?



16,000 Feet of Food

In Oakville announcement was made prominently last week that a new \$400,000 supermarket, with parking area for 500 automobiles, will open in late January. Located on a 10-acre property, the new food emporium will have 16,000 square feet of selling place. Construction is expected to start next week.

Georgetown a "Dormitory"

In Georgetown, against objections from one member to granting any more water and sewer services to new housing subdivisions, council last week agreed to the plan of a Toronto firm to build 61 houses under N.H.A. The objecting councillor charged Georgetown had enough houses, was in danger of becoming a dormitory for industries located outside the limits.

Some Brisk Debate

In Georgetown instruction was given the clerk last week to prepare a by-law to provide \$11,000 for purchase of the Bulkham unit for garbage disposal, but not until a brisk debate on the subject prevailed in the chamber over pros and cons of the machine's effectiveness. Two councillors registered opposition to the purchase.

Seek Speedy Action

In Burlington members of the town and suburban planning board worked overtime last week studying plans on service roads preparatory to two major highway construction jobs that are expected to get underway through the district in the near future. "Speedy" action was recommended.

Water Rates to Hike

In Milton, explaining that it took \$30,600 to carry the waterworks system and debentures, while revenue was totalling only \$24,000, the deputy-treas last week called for a 25 per cent increase in water rates with the exception of industrial users.

A Man of Decision

In Oakville, asked if he was in favor of the five municipalities of southern Halton county merging to become the city of Halton, a local resident replied: "No! Stay as we are. If we have a city, we'll have bums, hoodlums, dope peddlers and obnoxious school kids."

Another Million Industry

In Milton, more industry is on its way. Construction is slated to begin immediately on a plant of 500,000 square feet to employ 100. It was announced last week in confirmation of plans of the Canadian Meter Co., Hamilton, to locate near Milton. The industry manufactures gas meters.

Erin Men Injured

In Erin it was reported last week that two local men were seriously injured in a truck crash near Brampton which cut off hydro and telephone service in that town for several hours after the vehicle hit a bump and skidded into a pole. Injured are Paul Morris, 30, and William Hall, 33. Morris, who was planning to join the army paratroopers, suffered the more serious injuries.

In Lieu of Annexation

In Oakville opponents of the town's bid to absorb 5,000 lush Trafalgar acres and huge Ford-Oakville plant proposed by way of battle three alternatives to annexation: formation of a metropolitan area, setting up of a joint services commission, continuance of present boundaries with a view to amalgamation of Oakville and a more heavily populated fringe area a few years hence.

Bronte Seeks Solution

In Bronte it was learned the Ontario Department of Health will be asked to help furnish some solution to the village's garbage dumping problem which has reached head-ache proportions and has caused councillors to seriously consider the sanitary land fill method of disposal which is apparently gaining acceptance in other municipalities.

Mrs. P. Binnie Hostess to W.M.S.

The Women's Missionary Society of Acton United Church met at the home of Mrs. P. Binnie, on Tuesday, September 14, with the president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presiding. The worship service was taken by Mrs. Hannah and her group; India by Mrs. F. Cleave, Canada by Miss Henderson and the Study Book on the Church in India by Miss Bennett.

Reporting on Community Friendship, Mrs. F. Cleave spoke about several new families she had visited.

Temperance was reported on by Miss D. Simmons and the Book Shelf by Miss M. Mainprize.

Miss Margaret Evans, delegate to the world conference held in Evanston, Ill., will be the guest speaker at the Thankoffering meeting in October. Closing prayer was given by Mrs. Hannah.

The ladies were invited to remain for a light lunch served by Mrs. Hannah and her group. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Binnie for her home and to Mr. Hannah and her group.

AT THE Churches

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11:00 a.m.—Rally Day Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

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11:00 a.m.—Right of Every Child
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

Thought for the Week
"Where there is no Christian Sabbath, there is no Christian morality, and without this, free institutions cannot long be sustained."

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11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Young People's

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1934

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 20, 1934.

Honorable Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for the province of Ontario officially opened Acton's twenty-first annual fair.

An explosion in a gasoline storage sub-basement at the plant of Beardmore Leathers Ltd. on Saturday evening gave the Fire Brigade a run.

Some of the contests and winners at the fair were:
Harmonica Contest—Tom Nicol, Acton, Jean Adair, Brampton.
Banana Eating—Lorne Mitchell, Bruce Pargeter, Frank Holmes.
Baby Show girl under 6 mos.—Betty Ann Kerr, Acton.
Boy over 6 mos.—Ronald Job, Acton.
Girl over 6 mos.—Marie Frances Land, Campbellville.

Twins—Donna and Ronna Pappilon, Acton.
Soda biscuit eating contest—Jack Van Goozen, Lorne Mitchell, Bruce Pargeter.
Persons from greatest distance—Miss Cumming, Aberdeen Scotland who is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Peter McIsaac.

The stonework of the new Y.M.C.A. building is now above ground on the front section.

SPEEDY END

Windsor, Ont. (CP)—Ted Gardiner is a fast man with a hose. When his son came across a 30-inch diamond-back rattler and yelled for help, Ted dispatched the snake with a couple of swings.

TOUGH INSECTS

Edmonton (CP)—Jokes about the size of mosquitoes in the north may not be too exaggerated, says Fil. Lt. R. J. Goodley of the RCAF military school here. He told a meeting he would rather spend weeks in 50 below zero weather than be exposed to the "summertime insect plague of the Northwest Territories."

BACK IN 1904

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 22, 1904.

Last Friday evening Acton Cornet Band gave an open air concert on the floor of Johnston's new furniture store on Mill St. At the conclusion of the programme the members were invited into Mr. Johnston's dining room and there partook of a very bountiful spread.

The Free Press will in a few days move to temporary quarters in the old Baptist church on Elgin St. Enlargements and improvements are in progress at the Free Press' building.

Mr. H. H. Worden, who has been in the barbering business almost continuously in Acton for twenty years has sold out this week to Mr. Alex McLean of Toronto, and will remove to the North West.

Mrs. Sydney Smith gave a musical at Fairview Place on Friday evening. Mrs. Smith received in the drawing room and was assisted by Mrs. W. Sydney Smith of Cleveland. The entertainment was contributed to a great extent by Miss Cooper, of Toronto. Miss Lexie Clark, Miss Jessie Nicklin, and Mr. E. J. Moore also sang. Miss Clark and Miss Laura Gray both played enjoyable piano numbers. Mr. Will Beardmore played several violin obligatos to Miss Cooper's solos.

A week from next Monday and Tuesday the fifty-eighth annual exhibition of Esqueping Agricultural Society will be held in Acton.

RIEL RELICS

St. Boniface, Man. (CP)—The pistol that killed Thomas Scott and the ropes that hanged Louis Riel are among items in the new museum of the St. Boniface historical society. Scott was condemned in 1870 for his part in an uprising against the provisional government; Riel was hanged at Regina in 1885 for his part in the outbreak.

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