

EDITORIAL

It Hits Home

We have been following with more than passing interest the presentations being made before the Tariff Board by the textile industries. The reason for the deep interest is, of course, because our town has many residents who are gainfully employed in branches of this work. Its prosperity or lack of orders is quite a factor right here at home. Many towns have been more seriously affected than ours.

About 26 wool textile mills, some small independent companies and some branches of larger companies, have closed in Canada during the last three years. Most other mills in the industry are only working part-time. About 5,000 men and women in small communities right across the country have, as a result, lost their jobs. It is possible that one or two of the closed plants were marginal producers who would have been forced out of business by any slight recession. It is impossible to believe this of the entire 26 mills.

We fully appreciate the problem confronting any group hearing the presentations on such a question. The fact remains, however, that there is a big investment in buildings and machinery and many towns are built around the textile industry. During the war when it was impossible to secure products from overseas there was a great need for all the capacity we could muster. Priorities for cloth for the armed services and civilians had high rank.

During this period of readjustment of world markets it will indeed be folly to allow disintegration of this textile business that has been built up in Canada. It will be disastrous to many communities. It will leave us very vulnerable if overseas supplies should ever again be interrupted.

What Is Our Concern?

At the convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association in Toronto one of the outstanding messages came from Mr. J. S. Duncan, president of Massey-Harris Co. Here, briefly are the seven points of his address which we promised some time ago to give our readers:

"Our thoughts turn too easily to social security when they should be on productivity.

"They turn too easily to leisure, to holidays, to short working hours, to long week-ends, when we should be thinking of more and not less work.

"We should be concerned over our growing production costs, which spring from factors I have just mentioned. In a country which lives by its exports to the extent we do, we must remain competitive.

"I am concerned over the fact that we are not getting excited over Germany's 52-hour week at 50 to 55 cents an hour and the fact that she is invading and sometimes capturing the export markets of the world.

"We do not worry, because we are prosperous, because we are relying on our great natural resources to see us through. But any country's greatest asset is the character of its people, and if we become soft and rich and indolent, we will lose out to others.

"I am concerned over the excess of our purchases from the USA with our adverse balance of trade of \$700 millions last year. We are taking the easy way. We should orient our purchases to the western hemisphere, to our traditional markets, to the customers which, in fair weather or foul, purchase from us, providing we give them the opportunity of earning the dollars in order to do so, by buying from them.

"I am concerned because we are too young as a nation, not sufficiently well established to lie back on our oars and dream of leisure and social security. The foundation of our national prosperity was hard work and dedication. It will take just that to keep us great."

In these days of ever-increasing governmental spoon-feeding of both individual and business enterprises, it is indeed a noteworthy occasion when a man seeks out an independent path and strives manly to follow it, instead of giving way to the me-too attitude—Port Union (Nfld.) Fishermen's Advocate.

It's Autumn

The sweeter the tang of sap, the redder will be the leaves in autumn. That's an old saying which many Canadians recall about this time of year as they watch flaming gold and crimson spread across the woodlands.

The maples, most vivid of the trees in autumn garb, produce the sweet sap that is turned into maple syrup in a valuable springtime industry. Fruit trees, which have a special sweetness of sap, also run to colorful autumn leaves for a brief spell before their branches are swept bare by the wind.

Just as the sugar in the sweet juice of many of the trees seem to influence the coloring of the fall foliage, the tannin in the make-up of some others also plays a part. The oaks, traditional source of tannin, also bear the deepest reds and the strongest purples in the autumn hills. It's a matter of chemistry, the matter-of-fact scientists say. The color change has to do with oxidation, with pigmentation and with chemical change.

More and more folks are getting great pleasure in autumn trips throughout the country. Many think that autumn has the most beauty of any season of the year. The Canadian Government Travel Bureau says highways are uncrowded, accommodation plentiful without the need for reservations. The air is crisp and stimulating, sunshine bright and warm, and the nights cool enough to make a top blanket advisable.

There is no doubt that the glory of autumn is best portrayed in those parts of Ontario where the trees are the most abundant. But if you cannot travel to Muskoka and the northern expanses you can get some mighty free autumn views close at home, right here in Halton County. Try some of the roads off the main highways. It's getting a bit late for this season to see it at its best but autumn has a charm which calls Canadians to be outdoors to enjoy its all-too-brief delights.

Not Alone

Many years ago we gave up the goal we had in earlier years that we would produce a newspaper that was suitable to every reader. We still strive for that ideal and we find our readers and advertisers are very understanding when errors do occur. There are so many things that can happen from the time a news story or an advertisement leaves its source until it appears in print that it is a wonder more do not occur. There's been quite a change in printing since the days when 32 lines of type were set by hand in an hour to machines that produce 420 lines in the same time.

We are always striving like every other newspaper to keep errors to a minimum and delivery of the home town paper right on schedule. But the most frequent complaint we receive is in the matter of delivery of our papers in the mails. Points a few miles distant get delivery on the Tuesday following publication. While all the papers for Toronto go in the one bag readers report receipt anywhere from Friday to the following Wednesday.

We are very sorry this is one place in which any improvement is beyond our power. We do know that the papers are in the local post office and are dispatched from there every Thursday night in time to catch the evening mail trains. What happens from there on is of concern to us but beyond any control by us. We're sorry that it takes four days to go to Moffat and in some instances the same time to Toronto and Oshawa, but we know that in some instances papers are delivered at points 300 and 400 miles distant in one day.

Editing and printing a paper is a complex job but apparently it isn't the only problem that defies explanation for its shortcomings. There have been changes elsewhere since the days of penny postage.

A minimum of legislation and a maximum of education should be the objective of any democracy. And generally speaking you cannot legislate people into doing something which they do not want to do in the first place.—Carleton Place (Ont.) Canadian.

Reading Between The Lines

ANNEXATIONS RIGHT AND LEFT—AND ALL SET IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS

Annexation proceedings are not uncommon these days. A generation or so ago submissions on the part of urban municipalities to annex parts of rural municipalities were rare. Boundaries set by law usually embraced, at the time of incorporation, sufficient area for all the industrial and residential expansion in the minds and desires of citizens and their public representatives.

How different today! Acton is presently seeking to annex 506 acres from the township of Esequing. At the first phase of the hearings last month, evidence drawn out by the town held need for industrial expansion, lack of adequate new housing lands and confinement of natural growth as glaring arguments for enlarged limits.

Georgetown is reportedly on the verge of a 1000 acre industrial, commercial and residential planned development and will apply for that number of acres from the same township. Oakville's long drawn-out annexation contest with well-heeled Trafalgar township is moving toward its inevitable end. Bronte may swell some 10,000 acres if mooted plans for a town development scheme under private investment materializes. Milton last year annexed over 500 acres and is currently growing at such a rate that population has increased by a quarter in the last year.

And this is in Halton county alone. The Ontario Municipal Board, whose reach of decision is, in the thinking of many municipal governments, extending too far for de-

mocratic assurance, has an impressive schedule of annexation applications to mediate and settle. And the province-wide list grows longer as the country's economic buoyancy stays favorable.

It may be too early to imagine handwriting on the wall, but how far can the flesh of industrial and residential substance spread over the frame of arable lands? How far does the basic economic balance of land usage be stretched, in the name of progress, before it snaps?

Southern Ontario is undoubtedly the industrial hub of the nation. But southern Ontario is also vested with the richest food producing soil in Canada. The paradox implicates a serious responsibility for those who would champion expansion or its dramatic cousin, industrial progress.

Everybody who wants to build wants to spread out. Nobody wants to go down and few want to go up. How strong among those who oppose urban inroads on rural holdings is the concern for this threat to the most important of all raw materials in the production of food—the threat to land?

Not very strong. Main worries are higher taxes, loss of privacy, loss of class identification and some such similar vanities. And it's a cinch the exponents of annexations aren't worried about upsetting the scales of land productivity when more money's to be had for everybody—collectively called the municipality—by products of industry. Nobody's too concerned about a bare cupboard someday. But then maybe by that time science will be growing food in the sky.



Praise for Trade Fair
In Burlington lavish words of praise were lathered over the closing moments last week of the second Trade Fair, sponsored by a local service club. Said the local Gazette: "Everywhere there were words of praise in the manner in which the three day event was staged... the wonderful booths exhibited products and sales of firms in Burlington and district."

Big Development News
In Georgetown a development which "could double the town's population within a few years" was announced publicly last week when it was learned Delrex Developments Limited are prepared to convert seven farms into factory, commercial and residential areas on the eastern edge of town. One thousand acres of Esequing township properties are involved and there will be submitted for annexation.

Pay for Councillors
In Erin council members got to discussing salaries at a recent meeting. discovered their own council pay by-law was incomplete and summarily passed a motion providing rates of pay as follows: \$5 per regular session, retroactive to January 1, plus \$100 for special meetings and lost time.

Canny Bronte Council
In Bronte an ambitious harbour program, in the form of an offer to invest \$250,000 in piers, promenades and spacious and costly club-house facilities, was considered by council recently but with a canny eye as to how much the venture by a wealthy local industrialist, would enhance the financial well-being of the municipality's tax coffers.

Brick Works Revives
In Georgetown last week it was announced, on the heels of the town's own development program possibilities, that nearby Terra Cola, industrially inactive since the Halton Brick Company was a depression casualty, will be the site of a million dollar brick industry under guidance of an Ontario and New York syndicate.

Milton Population Rises
In Milton the town is growing. Assessor F. McEwen announced last week that the population of Milton has reached 3,310, based on the assessment roll completed for 1955 taxation. At the same time last year, population was reported at 2,670, an increase of 640 citizens or some 24 per cent.

Texas Jaunt Success
In Oakville the town's Mayor McArthur and consulting engineers returned from a trip to Texas where they inspected the 20-million gallon per day biosorption sewage disposal plant in operation. All of them reported enthusiasm over the process and its applicability to Oakville purposes.

Trafalgar Money-Heavy
In Oakville a new one was reported when it was revealed that Trafalgar township, loaded to its fat coffers with money, had offered and had accepted a loan of \$100,000 to the Bank of Toronto. The bank will pay the industrial-assessment-heavy township one and half per cent. on the loan.

To Debate Big Project
In Bronte a \$50,000,000 development project proposed by a Toronto company for a 1,000-acre area east and north of the town will be debated by the township council this week. The project might mean a growth of some 10,000 in population over this area, it was submitted.

Sells Bonds at Premium
In Milton pressure was reflected when the council table last week when sale of some \$120,000 in public school debentures at \$102.01 on four and a half per cent. was made. Noted the local paper: "Indications of a strong financial position for Milton and a good bond market were felt."

DANGEROUS STUNTS
KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP)—Apprehensive residents saw two children on top of a 100 foot smokestack. Obeying a policeman's order to come down, Richard, 10, and Carlene Mater, 8, said they were hunting pigeon eggs.

AT THE Churches

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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Speaker, the Rev. Dr. E. Kent of Thornhill United church. Subject, Hope Does Not Disappoint Us.
7:00 p.m.—Worship in the Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Gower preaching.

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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Baptist Anniversary. A Warm Welcome Awaits You. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

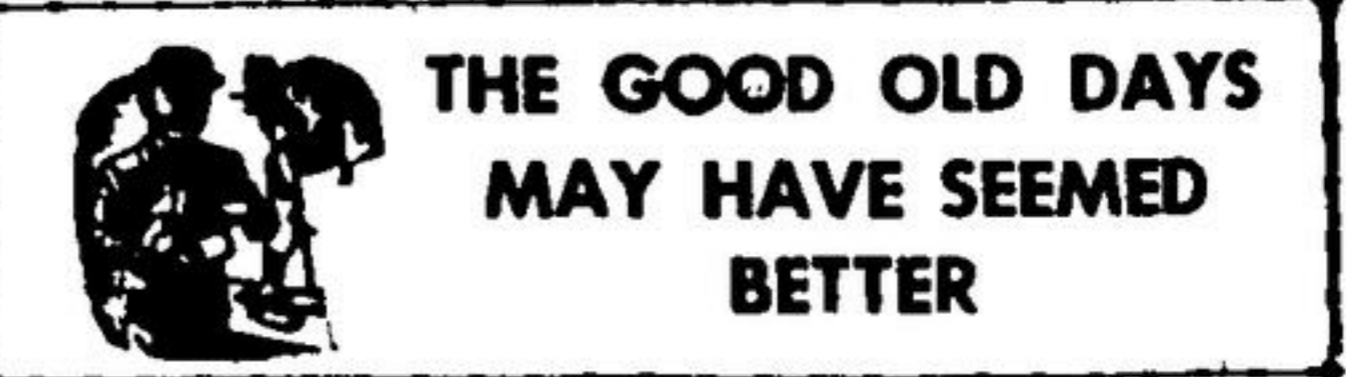
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Harvest Festival Services
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1954
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion.
7:00 p.m.—Harvest Festival Service.

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7:00 p.m.—Rev. Chas. R. Gower.
Wednesday—4 p.m., Mission Band.
7 p.m., Explorers; 9 p.m., choir rehearsal.
Friday—8 p.m., B.Y.P.U.



BACK IN 1934
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 11, 1934.

George Walter Beardmore of Toronto, for many years head of Beardmore leather industries, died last night in his 84th year.

The need for assistance in Western Canada is still very urgent again this year. The dry weather has left many families destitute and wholly dependent upon the generosity of the east. The United churches of the district have arranged to send a carload of provisions.

The Shakespearean plays, "The Taming of the Shrew" and "Macbeth" were presented in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening by the Richardson Shakespearean players to a well-filled house.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Williston moved to Toronto. They are Acton's oldest couple, and are both 96 years of age. Christmas next they will have been married for sixty-five years.

The opening meeting of St. Alban's A.Y.P.A. was held last Monday night in the Parish Hall. The following officers were elected for the coming year: honorary president, Rev. Brilling; honorary vice-presidents, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Lowrie; president, Mr. Prest; vice-president, Miss Lillian Perry; secretary, Miss Olive Rookes; treasurer, Mr. H. Rogers; scribe, Miss Esther Taylor.

The installation of officers of Acton I.O.O.F. took place Tuesday. Among the officers installed were: P.G.E. Coles, N.G., Charles Landborough; V.G., G. Babcock; rec. sec., F. Kennedy.

A. G. Kirstine, for a number of years Agricultural Representative for Halton county, has been retired and J. E. Whitlock of the Department of Agriculture has been appointed as his successor.

BACK IN 1904
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 13, 1904.

There are busy days for the politicians and the candidates are busy hustling through the country. Mr. Deacon and Mr. Henderson are both well known in the county.

The Toronto Feather Washing Co. have put in a plant for renovating feathers in the store on Main St. opposite Knox church. The company will purchase old or new feathers.

One of the finest vehicles exhibited at the fair last week was a three-seated covered carriage. Mr. J. W. Kee has purchased it and added it to his livery.

The mealy little beechnuts are now dropping in fruitful rain into the miniature hollows under the beech trees; filled with autumn leaves.

Are you fond of cushion tops? We have some six different lines of tinted tops, each with the word "Acton" printed prominently on them. Let us drop a hint to the ladies that their gentlemen friends would appreciate one of the "Acton Hockey Club" tops, all nicely worked, and as for looks they are some of the sweetest tops we have.

Mr. Alex Secord is having plans prepared for converting the old Baptist church into two dwellings. Leases have already been offered by prospective tenants.

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Westbound
10:27 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:32 p.m., 1:12 a.m. Sun to Kh cheaper only.
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Westbound
Daily except Sun. and Mon. 12:28 p.m., Daily except Sunday 8:49 a.m., 6:55 p.m. (flagstop), 7:49 p.m. Saturday only 2:27 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m., Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 5:36 p.m.

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