

EDITORIAL

It's the Season

In communities all about us we note that various organizations plan each year to have a pre-Christmas visit of Santa Claus. Some of them have very elaborate parades and pre-Christmas parties for the children. For some reason a community reception for the children of Acton and district has just never become a part of the pre-Christmas season.

True, there are parties for various groups and entertainment and no child seems to suffer from an insufficiency of Christmas festivities, but we have often wondered as we read our exchanges and see so many towns with this community arrival of Santa Claus, just why it has never been a part of our community life. We realize fully that whenever a parade is held it costs money and is a lot of work for someone or several groups. We wouldn't wish the job on any group in particular.

But surely now it is time for putting the Christmas decorations on our streets and providing an air of the season in town. The colored lights, the tree at the post office and stores bright with Christmas decorations all make the spirit of Christmas more in the minds of not only folks of Acton and district but visitors who pass through.

Ready for 1955

Municipal affairs are arranged for another year. The people have made their choice and now it behooves all of us to give our assistance to those in municipal office so that our town may be the best town. There will be differences of opinion during the year ahead. It is well that all do not think alike. But be as generous with your praise as you are with adverse criticism.

No one can foresee the problems that lie ahead in municipal affairs in 1955. They will have to be met as they occur by those whom you have elected to do that work. Every year has its problems. The future is different only from the past in its variety of issues which must be made.

It is well that the municipal affairs are over before and the way cleared for the Christmas and New Year festivities. 1955 will be another year and may be characterized by municipal guidance for the greatest good for the greatest number.

Our Century

It is quite noticeable in recent days how much silver change is in circulation of United States coinage. While at a discount it passes quite freely and is seldom challenged or refused in trade. We hope such will continue to be the case, because we well remember the embarrassment we were caused in other years when tendering Canadian money for payment across the border.

In noting the change in rate of exchange between the two countries over the past years, one cannot help but realize the self-sufficiency that Canada is getting by the development of its natural resources. For many years all our hard coal and most of our oil came from the United States. Coal as a heating material is rapidly being displaced by the use of oil. Now Canada is producing - in spite of increased use - more than half of the oil used in this country and it is foreseen that in a few years Canada will be looking for export markets for its oil.

In spite of our wide coast to coast boundaries and our relatively small population, oil pipe lines and gas pipe lines are bringing their natural products to service all of Canada. Lands that seemed barren and worthless a few years ago are adding iron ore and other minerals to our wealth, and our water power is being harnessed to develop these great resources here in Canada.

When we read of the density of population in other continents of the world it would seem that much of world suffering could be alleviated if more of these people came to Canada to become part of this growing and expanding country. We have wheat surpluses, butter surpluses, and plenty on every side for those who are willing to work for it. Most logical solution to world problems would seem to be greater density of population in Canada for people who want to become

Canadians and adapt themselves to the development of this great country.

The thickly populated sections of Canada already have problems but there certainly is room and opportunity for those who want to pioneer in the new fields and development of Canada. We are on the second half of the 20th century and it certainly belongs to Canada.

Take Your Choice

From now until year end there will be the usual deluge of predictions on what business will be like in 1955. Such a period inevitably comes just as in late summer the prognosticators turn their attention to the kind of winter that is ahead of us. In late winter the predictions refer to summer. Fortunately there are always enough predictions to assure that some of them will be right and the wrong ones are soon forgotten.

But to get back to this year-end forecast of business in 1955. It is notable that those who thrive best on more difficult times are pointing to a downturn. It is notable, too, that the leaders in business point to a trend in the opposite direction. It is like the weather—you can take your choice. We prefer to take the optimistic view because there is nothing to be gained from the blue ruin and pessimism which some groups are spreading. In taking this view we are mindful of changes that are taking place in many districts and varied industries. These changes have always occurred as our way of life changes. Direct drives on motors have eliminated a lot of belling and the coming of tractors has put a lot of horses off the farms. The abundance of fuel oil has played havoc with the coal business. One could go on at length and enumerate new businesses which have eliminated old established institutions.

So as you read the predictions for the new year that comes so close when the month December rolls around, just take your choice of the predictions and for the sake of your happiness and well being look on the sunny side.

Top Position in Canada

The news recently of the retirement of Graham Towers from his high office as governor of the Bank of Canada came to most Canadians as a severance of an institution and a man which appeared as but one in the public eye. It was in 1934 that Prime Minister Bennett asked Mr. Towers to organize a central bank in Canada and become its first governor. He has in these 20 years made a major contribution to the financial strength of Canada's financial structure. In his approach to financial problems, Mr. Towers has consistently thought in terms of the underlying human and material factors involved as well as their financial ramifications.

James Elliott Coyne has been named to succeed Mr. Towers and John Robert Beatty as deputy governor for the past five years. He first joined the Bank in 1938, in the Research Department, and has held a succession of posts in various fields including Deputy Secretary of the Central Mortgage Bank, Secretary of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, Financial Attache at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, and Deputy Chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, from which position he resigned in 1942 to enlist in the R.C.A.F. Returning to the Bank in 1944 he was appointed Executive Assistant to the Governors, and from 1946 to 1949 also served as Securities Advisor.

Mr. Coyne was born in Winnipeg in 1910. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Rhodes Scholarship in 1931, and studied law at Oxford University and Lincoln's Inn, London. He practised law in Winnipeg from 1934 to 1938. Little did we realize when a few months ago the executive of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association had luncheon with officers of the Bank of Canada that our companion at the luncheon, James Coyne, would now be occupying the top position in Canada. At 44 he seemed a comparatively young man for such an important post. But then Graham Towers was seven years younger when he took the post from which he is now retiring.

LORNE SCOTS CHANGE OF COMMAND



LT.-COL. JOHN R. BARBER, left, of Georgetown, relinquishes command of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Halton and Dufferin Regiment) on December 12 at the annual General Inspection of the Regiment in Brampton. He turns over the regiment, which he has commanded for the past six years, to Lt.-Col. S. R. Charters, right of Brampton. The incoming Commanding Officer served overseas with the Regiment in World War II. Maj. A. Kemp, Burlington, presently commanding "B" Company at Oakville, will become Second-in-Command of the Regiment.



Same Council in Erin
In Erin last week the village's offices of municipal government were elected by acclamation when a large representation of citizens turned out for the nomination meeting. Full council returned for 1955 is as follows: Reeve D. S. Leitch, Councillors, C. Carney, P. J. Sinclair, Fred Steen, James Robertson.

Bleak Christmas?
In Oakville, says the Record Star, "it looks like a bleak Christmas for 8,700 striking Ford workers" after 10 days of "talks of exploration" failed to find any new ground for agreement to end the near two-month old strike. It has been suggested by local United Automotive Workers that the Company is trying to break them.

No Attention in Nelson
In Burlington it was learned that after Nelson township councillors had agreed to sell a chunk of municipally-owned land to an unnamed British meat packing firm, the Department of Municipal Affairs turned thumbs down on the whole deal and summarily informed the township there'll be no abattoir or meat processing plant there.

No Facts, No Money
In Milton last week when the public school board asked council for some \$10,000 to buy a site for a new school in the "north end" of the town, members turned the request down until they were told just exactly where the school site is, when it's required and how long is the option to be valid.

Call for Young Men
In Erin the Advocate urges some of the younger men to "come along and do your bit" after one nomination meeting failed to fill the school trustee offices. Says, the same paper: "It is essential that the younger men take their responsibility as the occasion arises."

Hectic in Oakville
In Oakville some 24 names stayed on the blackboard last week to contest the various municipal posts following the town nomination meeting. Campaigning in opposition to Mayor Lachlan McArthur is Reeve Wm. Anderson, a 12 years' veteran. It was, the Journal says, "an unusually hectic nomination session."

From Red to Black
In Milton 13 municipal posts were filled by acclamation last week when only 11 adults attended a brief nomination meeting in the town hall. It was noted by Mayor C. H. Heslop that the town started the year \$3,000 in the red and wound up with some \$2,000 in the black.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1904

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 3, 1904

The 2.19 train on Monday brought a lively group of 40 young men, members of the Victoria College Glee Club and Mandolin Club. After a walk about town the boys visited the Storey and Co. glove factory, gave a couple of brief numbers for the edification of the young ladies employed there. In the evening they appeared in full force at the town hall for a concert.

Since the first of April the home of Acton's popular local journal has been in the hands of the builders. Architects, masons, bricklayers, carpenters, plasterers, metal workers, smiths, engineers, steamfitters and electricians have in turn been in charge of the premises and the result is a transformation. Every vestige of the original building where the Free Press stood for 25 years has been obliterated.

The exterior now presents a very handsome appearance. The design, which represents massive cut stone, has plaster columns between plate glass windows, heavy cornices and pediment. Inside, the effect is at once clean, cozy and restful.

Parties requiring beef by the quarter will be supplied at Patterson's butcher shop.

The Christmas term is rapidly drawing to a close. The scholars have been working faithfully. The Honor Roll for November for both public and high schools includes the names of M. Bennett, H. Nickling, V. Foster, J. and M. McMurphy, Earle Vincent, Lavelle Smith, Arlof Dills, Gladstone Husband, Ernie Brown, Victor Coleman, Ernest Barr, Bertha Brown, Fred Anderson, M. Chapman, F. Havill, H. Frankum, Annie Harvey, Nora Kenney, Jessie Kennedy, Fred Bell, Bessie Coon and others.

Men, your poll tax is due. The collector warns you to liquidate.

BACK IN 1934

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 6, 1934

In the showing of hackney horses at the Royal Winter Fair breeders from Acton literally swept the boards. Among the winners were Robert Kerr and Son, W. O. Moffat and Mark Given.

The honor roll for November of pupils who took the highest marks in examinations includes the names of Nino Braida, Frank Holmes, Marie Brunelle, Norman Wright, Elmer Mainprize, Olga Dyriv, Margaret Somerville, Helen Mann, Ethel Franklin, Peter Turkoz, George Hollinger, Margaret Blow, Betty Gibson, Hartley Coles, June Talbot, Clayton Fryer, Warren Wood, Victor Patrick, Jean Harris, Jack Stewart, Anetta Evans, George Elliott, May Dyriv and Armand Braida.

The Acton public school concert was held last week when the pupils presented the playlet, "The Fairies Frolic," and "Pied Piper of Hamelin." Mae Roney gave the prologue and introduced Norman Wright as Mayor of Hamelin and Albert Louitt and Douglas Smith as the Corporation. Donald Ryder made a good Pied Piper. Groups of scholars engaged in dances, dressed in costumes of rats, citizens and happy children. Mr. George Mason, behind the scenes, furnished the flute-like music.

Over two-thirds of the possible voters attended the polls Monday. Over 700 cast their vote out of a possible 950. Reeve E. Thetford was returned by a majority of 35.

The Ladies' Aid of the United church met on Tuesday at the parsonage. Miss E. Hawthorne was elected president; Mrs. J. Symon, first vice-president; Mrs. J. K. Gardiner, second vice-president; Mrs. A. Fryer, secretary, and Mrs. F. Cleave, treasurer.

Mr. D. A. Kingsbury, a native of Nassagaweya, and well-known in the district, passed away at Rouleau, Saskatchewan.

Relief work is being started on the second line.

The constitution of Canada is based on the British North American Act of 1867 and its amendments.

PROMISING FUTURE

In an atomic age there is almost daily new openings for capable men and women, and for this reason the school graduates of today can look forward to their future with confidence. Added to that confidence the ability to think and work, the graduate of 1954 need have no fear of what lies ahead.—Hanna (Alta) Herold.

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