

# EDITORIAL

## Parliament Televised

Many Canadians this year had their first opportunity to view the opening of Parliament since the second session of the 22nd parliament of Canada was televised. We didn't see the television recording of this important event but rather imagine that it would lack much in view of the fact that only black and white reproduction was possible.

A few years ago it was our good fortune to be in Ottawa when the then new Governor-General Vincent Massey was installed in office. We were also privileged to have a seat in the Senate Chamber when parliament was opened and the speech from the Throne was read.

Our recollection is that the most colorful part of the whole day was the reception at the station in Ottawa of the Governor-General and the parade to the parliament buildings and installation of the new official. Of course, we have always been very partial to bands and the bright red uniforms on parade. It was a bright crisp day and we thoroughly enjoyed the pomp and ceremony of the morning. It is still quite vivid in our recollection.

Perhaps it was the intimation on our invitation to the afternoon event, that the men were expected to wear black ties that cast a sombre note. There were other items which indicated the solemnity of the occasion that perhaps dulled our anticipation of the opening of parliament. Having seen it once, however, we rather imagine that such a program will not be one to be particularly popular each year on the television screen. The speech from the Throne, giving indication of the course of parliament in the season is something that is better understood when read than when listened to. From that there is no inference that the Governor-General is not a good, clear reader, because he is. We simply mean that the phraseology is so all inclusive that even careful perusal is not indicative of the ultimate after parliament has finished with the subject on which it embarked.

We hope to be in Ottawa next month and will undoubtedly drop in and view the Commons in debate. The Senate Chamber is a delightful place but the business transacted there is monotonous and there is always the hope that sometime one may run into a lively debate in the Commons. We've read that they do occur when the opposition is an active one.

## Who Pays?

It's rather interesting to note that Ontario prisons are so full that new accommodation must be secured. A case in the news this week is the Don Jail in Toronto where the week-end influx of sinners for minor offences is increasing in such numbers that the situation is critical. There is no doubt the minor offences are largely attributable to the week-end drinking orgy that goes on across the province.

We used to hear a lot of comparison with our infamous Liquor Control Act of today and the Ontario Temperance Act of 20 years ago. Those of us who have lived under both Acts know full well that law enforcement was much more simple and less expensive under the O.T.A. than under our wide-open system of drinking of intoxicants today. The revenue derived from the sale of liquor at all levels of government does not begin to meet the damage and expense that is involved today.

Slaughter on the highways by drinking drivers, family quarrels often resulting in murders and suicides, children left alone and burned to death in the homes while parents are absent, drinking in the homes of big families, where the beer bottles are more prevalent than the milk bottles and things that cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents.

Add to these the insufficiency of numbers of police, the added jails and mental institutions and the cost to this country in non-productive and wasted time of the drinkers and no one can say that our system of dealing with intoxicating beverages is making Canada a better place in which to live and work.

## What of 1955?

Last week the inaugural meeting of Acton Council was held. There were some new faces and many who have served on previous councils. Public Utilities Commission and School Board members are also assuming their posts and starting the year's business. This month too, the inaugural session of County Council will be held and a warden chosen to preside over the year's proceedings. What lies ahead only the next 12 months will divulge.

There is no doubt the municipal bodies in Acton will have a busy time this year. There is not the big boom reverberations in Acton that are resounding in our near neighboring towns. As we write this even a mere annexation of some 500 acres seems to be puzzling the Municipal Board for a decision that takes many times the consideration of 800 or 1700 odd acres in neighboring towns. With four building subdivisions in active projection the attention required by council and for various municipal services will also be more than routine business.

On the industrial front it appears that Acton is making fair progress. Expansion of present industries and occupation of buildings lead toward an optimistic view. Indications are that Acton industries are likely to experience better conditions than in the past year. The outlook for textiles in Canada is reported improved. Last week's issue of The Financial Post carries an article on the boom market in the plastic pipe business in which Acton's Micro Plastics is listed as the top producer in Canada. A Toronto contractor is using 36 miles of it in four artificial ice arenas, and the product is finding many new uses. While the thrill of new industries is enticing in any community, the growth and expansion of industries presently located in Acton is a known and more secure quantity with which to deal.

1955 will bring its problems and solutions to those serving in municipal affairs. Its beginning, while not boisterous is too say the least very encouraging. Those serving Acton in municipal affairs need the encouragement, helpfulness and understanding of all citizens in the task of 1955. Give them your support and don't neglect any opportunity to speak well of your town. Folks like to locate in surroundings that are congenial.

## All-Recurring Question

With the opening of a new year comes the argument over whether motor license plates should be new ones each year or whether the one set of plates should go with the car when first sold and remain with it until both reach the refuse heap. Looking at some of the battered plates after one year of service it would seem that tougher and more lasting material would have to be used if the practice were invoked of one license only for each car. The cars appear in much better condition than the plates after a year of service.

Whether we like it or not the practice now is to get those rusty bolts loosened and get the new plates affixed. Usually in the process more motorists become disciples of the new school of thought for not changing plates each year. After the skinned knuckles are healed the whole thing is forgotten for another year.

Perhaps if the saving made in using the old license plates were passed on to the motorist the change in plan would get wider endorsement. Most folks seem to judge the virtues of any government spending by its affect on their own pocket book and right now are not too concerned over lowering costs in the Department of Highways unless more careful administration of the department spending is given.

## Other Papers Say:

Nathaniel Croft of Brooklyn, N.S., has just celebrated his 90th birthday. He reads without glasses and does his own cooking. He says the secret of longevity is lots of hard work, good rest, and all the plain country food you can eat. -Liverpool (N.S.) Advance.



THE VICKERS VISCOUNT, TCA's new turbo-prop airliner, is seen over Montreal on a delivery flight from England. This medium range aircraft, one of 22 ordered by Trans-Canada Air Lines, will introduce a new era in North American aviation, and will be put into service early next year both in Canada and the United States.



**More Cars After Strike**  
In Oakville after five sessions in which no visible progress was made, Ford of Canada and United Automobile Workers talks aimed at settling the 13-week-old strike ground to a halt again. It was learned that if and when the strike is finally settled the Company proposes to boost its production up about 50 per cent to make up for lost time.

**Cow Rears Three Calves**  
In Erin it was reported a cow gave birth to triplets on a farm near Elmvale. The birth was described by the attending veterinarian as very rare. In most multiple births of this kind one or more of the offspring usually die. However, mother and calves are doing quite well.

**A Bigger Georgetown**  
In Georgetown, looking over the events of 1954, the Herald reviews that the year saw an increase of 1,728 acres in the town's dimensions. The annexation more than doubled the size of Georgetown and stretches the new boundaries almost to Norval. This year a gigantic commercial-industrial-residential development is slated to start on the east side.

**Beefs and Bouquets**  
In Oakville the shoppers' beefs and bouquets (if any) will be sought by members of the local Chamber of Commerce retail section in a survey of public likes and dislikes regarding merchandising methods, goods, and service. At the same time, the Chamber intends to make a display of goods manufactured in the town to familiarize townfolk on local industry.

**A Muddled Mix-Up**  
In Bronte a New Year's eve muddled mix-up developed when a burning car was spotted on the Queen E. Somebody put in a call to the wrong chief of the wrong district and he, presumably, ended up going to the wrong fire. Anyway, the car was a complete loss and nobody did, quite figure out who should have been where at what time.

**A Close Shave**  
In Georgetown a local man had a close call last week when his car was struck at the rear door by a moving freight train, spun around on the ice and flipped to one side. He was crossing the tracks at the station to the paper mills when the accident occurred and although he escaped injury, damage of about \$500 resulted to the car.

**Trafalgar's Busy Year**  
In Trafalgar township one of the busiest building years in the history of the township was reported for 1954 when a total value of permits of \$5,046,740 was issued. This was more than \$300,000 ahead of the 1953 figure: It was noted the

## Frost Bite Cases In Cities, Towns

More cases of frost bite are treated in the average Canadian city between December and February than in Alaska or the Yukon. "Although we tend to associate frost bite with Arctic explorers and the frozen wastes, foot specialists report that it just isn't so. Chief sufferers among the urban dwellers are the ladies who stride through snow and slush in a sliver of shoe and a wisp of stocking. "Nonsense," you utter indignantly, as you read the above. "I never heard of anyone having frost bite here—and for myself I wouldn't know it if I saw it." And therein lies the rub of the story.

Foot doctors say those painful small black-and-blue "bruise" marks some of us observe on the end of our toes during the winter months don't come from toe dancing. That's frost bite. And once you get this painful ailment it keeps coming back winter after winter—because the blood vessels become permanently enlarged.

That's why foot doctors urge women to wear a closed all-leather shoe this time of the year. The leather upper and sole provide protection against the elements, but still allow your foot to "breathe." This last is very important, because foot moisture should be evaporated rapidly and not allowed to accumulate. Damp feet will freeze faster than dry feet.

Don't "over-protect" your feet. Foot doctors say over-long wearing of overshoes or galoshes will make your feet perspire and become tender leaving them a prey to blisters, skin irritations—and even frost bite—when the weather gets cold enough to freeze the unevaporated moisture.

# AT THE Churches

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1955**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. It sets a positive life pattern.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject: Three Accents.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. An hour of good fellowship in a restful atmosphere.  
\*Mistake not; those pleasures are not pleasures that trouble the quiet and tranquillity of life.\*  
Jeremy Taylor.

**ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH**  
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Rector

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1955**  
Epiphany II  
10:00 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1955**  
9:45 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
\*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.\*  
A Warm Welcome Awaits You.

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1955**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.  
Wednesday—4:00, Mission Band; 8:00, Prayer meeting.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1935

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 10, 1935.

Large congregations have been in attendance this week in connection with the Week of Prayer.

A wedding of interest to Actonians was solemnized Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Gibbon at Sundridge, when their daughter, Laura Edna, was married to William George Mason, son of ex-reeve Mason and Mrs. Mason. The ceremony took place beneath a floral arch, the bride wearing a gown of ivory silk cut on princess lines with train and trimmed with seed pearls. They left on a trip to New York and will live in Acton on their return.

In the registration of small arms in Acton, Chief MacPherson records that fifty pistols, revolvers, etc. have been properly recorded here. There were many interesting exhibits in the collection, and many of them were relics of the Great War.

Quite a crew of workmen are engaged in dismantling the wire from the electric railway from Toronto to Guelph, and storing for shipment from Acton.

The Arena has been rather deserted this week and the usual crowds have sought amusement elsewhere.

Tuesday all-day rain was rather heavy for January. The heavy fog on Sunday and Monday and the slippery roads made driving treacherous.

In Rockwood on Saturday a runaway took place in the village when a team attached to a sleigh broke loose from a shed. They bumped into a car damaging the rear fender and tail light, left part of the sleigh on the roadway and then ran into a telephone pole. One of the horses sustained injuries to its shoulder.

Miss E. Cripps had a splendid bouquet of pansies from her garden at Crewson's-Corners.

### BACK IN 1905

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 12, 1905.

The opinion is expressed in Europe that the internal condition of Russia is so serious that the Government may be compelled to seek peace with Japan in order to devote its whole attention to the domestic situation.

Council met Monday for organization with reeve George Hynda and councillors John M. Warren, James Lackey, William White and James Wilson. The personnel is this year much more diversified so far as business and religious preferences are concerned, than usual. We have a Jeweller, a yeoman, a hardware merchant, a shoe leather tanner, and a glove leather tanner.

Two are Presbyterians, one a Baptist, one an Episcopalian and one a Methodist. In politics, one is a Liberal and the other four ought to be. It's the correct thing to have your calling cards printed. Only 50 cents for a box of 50, at the Free Press.

The band gave an enjoyable programme at the rink on Saturday evening. Acton and Elora teams meet in the rink tonight for a match.

Wood cutters are in demand. There is likely to be more than usual quantity of wood and logs cut this winter. Saw logs and wood are coming in pretty freely now there is sleighing again.

The officers for Acton Fire Brigade for 1905 were elected Wednesday. Chief, Thos. Gamble; Captain Hook and Ladder, Truck, Thos. Wren; Foreman Hook and Ladder Truck, Isaac Coon; Captain Hose Reels, Norman McLeod; Lieut. Hose Reel No. 1, Wm. Worden; Lieut. Hose Reel No. 2, Wm. Hall; engineer, Henry Grindell; assistant engineer, R. D. Graham; fire warden, J. Lawson V.S.; secretary and treasurer, R. D. Graham; assistant, Roy McIntosh.

### FEWER SHIPS

Newcastle, N.B. (CP) — Officers were disappointed with volume of business when this eastern New Brunswick logging port closed its 1954 season. Thirty-three foreign-flag ships docked, compared with 53 freighters and six tankers last year.

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