

EDITORIAL

Unfair Discrimination

The annexation of new lands to accommodate Acton's present growth and needs was, of course, chief news topic here the past week. For those who may have considered that the problem of securing more land for Acton is one of recent years, we referred to the Free Press files and application for some of the lands now granted in 1955 was first made at a hearing on November 22nd, 1918.

The section then asked for had 75 acres of property known as the Crescent and the Acton Tanning Co. It is recorded that Esquesing strenuously objected although the township did not object to a few acres on the south-west part of the town near Fairy Lake and a section of the park. The objection was upheld by the board 36 years ago and Acton was denied an assessment that rightly belonged to it for all those years.

It was not until 1950 that the section of the Crescent outside the boundary was finally granted Acton—again with Esquesing objecting to the annexation although all the services were supplied by Acton with the exception of street lighting.

The past two years of annexation proceedings are modern history. Although the same conditions prevailed as at present in matter of services supplied, the objectives of Esquesing were upheld in the 1953 hearings and Acton was denied the property on which the town furnished the services.

The reasoning was so contradictory and confusing in the ruling that work was started on another application held this year. Again Esquesing objected although evidence produced in the hearings brought in the open the fact that until 10 years ago many of the buildings had not been even assessed by the township.

It took three different hearings before the Municipal Board finally made a decision. In the meantime in one day without any objection from Esquesing township over 1700 acres was annexed to Georgetown. Just why the discrimination between two towns in the same township should prevail is difficult to understand?

Perhaps the 100 acres or so lopped off Acton's application for land was an appeasement by the Municipal Board. At any rate the decision has not met with approval by many residents of this area which were cut off from the application. It leaves little or no room for future expansion within the town boundaries of land which is directly adjacent to the built-up section: If every application for new land is to receive the same stumbling blocks that have been placed in Acton's progress in the future as have been experienced in the past the fault may well be placed on the Township of Esquesing and the support it apparently receives from the Ontario Municipal Board. History proves that the fault does not lie with Acton council or municipal bodies.

There has been a lot of furor over color discrimination as reported to be prevalent in such towns as Dresden. It might be well if the Ontario government would give some attention to forms of discrimination which have evidence in other circles than race and color. Surely another 36 years will not need to elapse before the condition is found unfair and Acton is accorded the same liberal consideration for expansion that is accorded other municipalities.

Education is a Privilege

Canadian taxpayers should enthusiastically support suggestion of Mr. David L. Tough, principal of Toronto's Forest Hill Collegiate, that high schools be permitted to suspend or expel students who are not profiting from their attendance, claims The Fort Erie Letter-Review. Says Mr. Tough: "We are fooling ourselves and the public if we think that a secondary school education is a good thing for everybody." Fact: as many teachers realize, is that Canadian high schools are loaded down with "students" who would be far better off in some kind of employment. Anticipating the argument that there are not enough jobs for them, Mr. Tough correctly remarks: "It is not the function of a secondary school to corral boys and girls just to keep them out of the market."

Deep Surgery Needed

This week the headline liquor tragedy concerns the Canadian navy and a drinking bout of a concoction that has hospitalized 47. Every week the curse of drinking beverages touches all phases of our society. It is unfair to blame what occurred with one section of the crew on the whole ship's personnel. The fact remains that a very small element has besmirched the good name of the Canadian navy. Is such conduct fair to all those who serve in our navy?

It's time the rowdy element was ousted not only from the navy but from all other groups of men. We all seem very concerned about the "red" element infiltrating our society. They are being branded and ousted. If Canada is to remain a free country where every man has his right it's time the rowdy element that is pepped up by intoxicants is banned from our society.

Those who do not want to get drunk and make fools of themselves have rights as well as those who want to drink ink and erasing fluids or just straight whiskey. It is reported that many of the seamen who drank the poisoned cocktails were not aware what the mixture contained. The investigation that has been brought on in the navy needs to be carried into wider fields of Canadian life. We spend a lot of money to stop the peddling of dope, but what is the start—the dope addict into skid row? Usually the start is with beer and then whiskey, and the final stage when they lose their effect, is dope.

All of them are made procurable because some individuals put money ahead of the welfare of mankind. Let's carry our investigation beyond the navy, beyond the murders and bank robbers and minor sores of mankind and get to the root of one of our greatest problems—the drinking of intoxicating beverages.

In the Approved Group

On Friday we attended two meetings in Toronto. The morning session dealt with affairs of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association and the luncheon meeting and afternoon sessions were arranged to discuss the Audit Bureau of Circulations of which both our papers have qualified for membership. The meeting set out to have a prospective attendance of 60 to 80 and actually had over 300 in attendance.

The Bureau has a membership of 3560 in Canada and the United States. Of this membership 681 are advertisers, 194 are advertising agencies, 1249 daily papers, 714 weekly newspapers, 281 magazines, 368 business publications and 73 farm publications. While the bulk of fees are paid by the publishers, the advertisers and agency members have a majority voice on the Board of Directors. The Bureau is a voluntary organization not for profit. It is a perfect example of the fact that where an industry is willing and able to regulate itself with fairness to all parties concerned and in the interest of the general welfare, government regulation is unnecessary.

As we listened to the questions put to a panel of national advertisers, agency representatives, daily, weekly and periodical representatives we were proud that our publications in Milton and Acton were able to associate on the same level with members of A.B.C. The qualifications are high, the standards are rigid, but every publication which carries the insignia of A.B.C. is accepted absolutely for correctness of its circulation statements.

We will be glad to show our circulation statements to any one interested. They tell the complete distribution story of the Free Press and where all the copies go each week. There is no guess work about readership audience when the job hallmark is carried by any periodical on this continent. Its members are ready at all times to stand up and be counted.

Domestic exports for November, were \$362.6 millions; says The Financial Post, highest monthly total since July, 1953, and 3.4% above \$350.7 millions for November, 1953.



"Yes sir, young man, I started from scratch."



A Striking Difference
In Oakville, last weekend, readers of the town's two sharply-competing newspapers got some conflicting news about the Ford strike. Says the Record-Star: "The 103-day old Ford of Canada strike was seen settled Wednesday January 19, barring, unforeseen last-minute complication..." Says the Journal: "No news, no settlement, no statement from Ford or the U.A.W."

Working for Nothing
In Bronte, two break-in artists, squirmed through a cellar window, snatched from the store two TV sets, two radios, two mixmasters and the till. Picked up later in an Ellington tavern when police notified about Oakville's recent break-in, the duo was charged with breaking, entering and theft. The till, they learned, held less than \$1 in coin.

Waiting and Waiting
In Oakville impatience is bubbling out all over in the face of no news from the Ontario Municipal Board about Oakville's recent bid for annexation of a sizable chunk of Trafalgar township land. The Board has refused to say when a decision will be handed down. The hearing concluded four months ago.

Busy Is The Forecast
In Georgetown more emphasis on committee work was forecast at last week's council inaugural by Mayor Jack Armstrong. "We have so much business facing us," he said, "that we must keep routine business at a minimum and handle such things in committee whenever possible."

Big Fun For Burlington?
In Burlington news comes to the town council via a local realtor that "one of the largest firms of its kind" operating overseas has taken an option on a large chunk of land in town. The foreign industrial firm sought a change in zoning for the area optioned. No identification was made, however.

Hydro Rates Drop!
In Erin an unusual turn of events was a backward turn in the rate of electric power consumer charges.

AT THE Churches

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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Entered into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. A quiet, happy, helpful hour.
Thought For The Week: "The truly illustrious are they who do not court the praise of the world, but perform the actions which deserve it."

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Wednesday—4:00, Mission Band; 8:00, Prayer meeting.

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11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
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A Warm Welcome Awaits You

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
7:00 p.m.—Service of Admission for members of the St. Alban's Anglican Churchmen. Speaker: Mr. Hugh Wilkins, St. Aidan's Church, Oakville.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 24, 1935.
H. Clancy, of Georgetown was unanimously elected warden of Halton county council for 1935.
The annual report of the Halton Union Fireworks Manufacturing Co. for 1934, which has this week been placed in the hands of the policyholders, shows another successful year of operation. Losses were lower this year and amounted to \$15,000. There were nearly 3,000 policies in force at the end of the year, carrying nearly \$12,000,000 of insurance. T. L. Leslie is the president of the company.
Twelve below zero was the lowest reported in Acton last night.
One of Acton's most elderly residents passed away on Saturday when Mr. Wm. J. Hawthorne died at his home in his 87th year.
1935 Ford's, all tax and licence paid for; Fordor touring, \$296; down to coupe, 5 windows, \$774. Norton Motors.
A film treasure! The screen's most lovable pair, together ride the seas of adventure. "Pirates of the Caribbean" is the screen's ideal cast! Wallace Berry and Jackie Cooper in Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island at the Gregory Theatre.
Acton won two games this week from New Hamburg 10-5, and Elora 1-0. There are two games yet but they are assured of first place in the group. Fans travelled to Elora in goodly numbers.
Some splendid piles of firewood are now being accumulated.
Hockey enthusiasm is high in Acton now.
It is expected the Public Utilities office will be ready for occupancy very shortly.

BACK IN 1905
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 24th, 1905.
Archibald McMillan was elected the warden of Halton county unanimously at the meeting of county council on Tuesday.
Sunday inaugurated revolution in the city. The Emperor's prestige will be irretrievably shattered by the shedding of innocent blood. People were ruthlessly massacred by the Czar's troops in St. Petersburg.
The first carnival of the season was held by the management of the rink on Thursday.
In February, 1905, the present fine building of the Presbyterian church was opened and dedicated for divine worship. The pastor and congregation will emphasize the completion of the first decade with appropriate services next Sunday.
The sixty-first anniversary services of the Methodist church will be characterized by all who are interested as the most impressive within memory. The eloquent sermons, the splendid music, the highly interesting lecture, the dainty tea.
Now is the good time to bring in your buggy for repairs before the spring rush. Plenty of room to store it until needed. J. N. O'Neill, Georgetown.
Our reputation for linens is well known! Towels, 7c to 18c; very large 75c; Turkish towels 45c; butcher's linen yard wide, 35c for 25c. Bolter and Co., Guelph.
Taste ticklers in our grocery department, mince-meat, just like mother used to make, 10c per pkg.; biscuits, a shipment of fresh fancy biscuits just in, made in a clean factory by particular people, eaten by everybody; honey, we know it's good because our customers tell us so 10c per lb.
There has been splendid sleighing for the past couple of weeks.
Canada in 1953 suffered the loss of 1,300,000 man-days of work through strikes. Equivalent to a big factory paying 5,000 workers and turning out goods for consumers all year long.

PENSIONERS
Prime Minister St. Laurent has just told a labor delegation at Ottawa that increased old age pensions would mean more taxes. What he didn't tell them is that there would be a big reduction in the number of old age pensioners if workers were not turned adrift at 65 irrespective of their mental and physical condition.

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