

EDITORIAL

Victoria Day Not the 24th

Monday next will be Victoria Day — but it won't be on May 24th this year and it won't be as confusing and irregularly observed as when it fell in mid-week. That first holiday in early summer before the intense heat arrives is always one of the most popular for an outing. To have it come on a week-end makes it possible for full enjoyment for a family outing.

Over the years it has been a very popular holiday in Canada. The reign of Queen Victoria was so long that birthdays of other kings and queens never became as well established. Then too it is a time of the year when usually the weather is conducive to a longing to be out-of-doors.

With Victoria Day now established on Monday it leaves only one Canadian holiday floating around through the week. This year Dominion Day falls on a Friday which isn't too disrupting in the week's routine. Possibly long before it comes round to a Tuesday or Wednesday the necessary rulings will have been sanctioned that will have Dominion Day also a Monday holiday. In the meantime we have Victoria Day on which to sample the success of week-end holidays against mid-week dates.

High Bidding

In the race between towns to get new industries there are indications that the bonusing plan that was so disastrous to municipalities several years ago is making a comeback. The much publicized offer of the mayor of Owen Sound while contrary to municipal procedure has not been publicly refuted.

Just recently a town a few miles north of here was reported in the newspaper of that town to have given land to two firms to locate there with values of \$2,000 and \$9,000 respectively. If Ontario towns are to keep solvent and not engage in a free-for-all auction in bidding for established industry, it is time the Municipal Board exerted the authority which we believe it possesses to keep Ontario towns in as solvent a state as possible. With audited statements and information, the Board requires it should not be difficult to exercise its authority.

Every town wants industry. It is needed to get a decent balance in taxation. But the price may be too high in the best interests. There are always new companies — not always financially sound—who are looking for bonuses and municipal help. Experience years ago proved this municipal policy of bonuses unsound. A watchful eye is needed again.

New Driving Caution

If you are the driver of a motor vehicle it might be well to check-up on the new highway traffic regulations that become effective at the end of this month. If you are a careless driver, it's going to cost you more if you are caught — license suspension may be imposed for one year rather than six months as at present.

Driving while intoxicated will carry a minimum license suspension of six months for the first offense. If injury or damage is involved, it's six months and possibly more.

There are many other amendments governing drivers and pedestrians that are calculated to make our highways safer. Bicyclists must carry a white or amber light on the front and an approved reflector on the rear. Farm tractors must be equipped and carry electric lighting systems similar to those required on motor vehicles if moving on the highway after dusk or before dawn.

All new cars will be equipped after January 1st, 1956, with electrical signalling devices indicating clearly the intention to turn.

School buses have protection provided for other vehicles to stop when signalled, while pupils are boarding or being discharged from the school bus. The amendments are designed to cut down the terrible toll of our highways. If you are in doubt about the law better check or be over-cautious in your driving habits. The new amendments may be applicable to some of the things you have considered quite all right.

Getting Ready

While a short election campaign may have its benefits in shortening the time for the candidates to cover their territories, it has its disadvantages for those who have to make preparation for the recording of the vote. Right now there are some long hours being put in so that that all may be in readiness for Ontario electors to register their verdict on June 9th.

The past week all over the province enumerators have been gathering the names of those eligible to vote. This week every printing office is busy making Voters' Lists and doing other printing necessary for polling day. Then there must be courts of appeal set up for those names omitted.

Candidates have a few hectic weeks to get their proposals before the electorate. The literature for the information of the voters and the necessary newspaper promotion and speeches have to be prepared and distribution made and arrangements made for halls in which to meet and hear the candidates.

Sometimes as we see all this preparation and work to make an informed electorate and the care taken to give the electors free choice of their government, we wonder if it is appreciated. On June 9, hundreds of Ontario residents won't take the time to go to the polls. Hundreds more would never make it if they had to get there themselves.

But brother, just take that privilege away! Just leave that name off the list and the squawks are terrific. During the next few weeks make up your mind at least that you are going to vote on June 9th.

A Handicap Race

Canada's railways made a poor financial showing in 1954. The Canadian National went in the red to the tune of \$28 million. The Canadian Pacific netted only 2.15 per cent. on its rail investment. The CNR deficit has had to be met out of the pockets of Canadian taxpayers. The CPR's low-rail earnings increase that privately-owned line's difficulties in attracting the capital necessary for the improvement and expansion of its services.

What is at the root of the financial plight of Canada's railway industry? CNR president Donald Gordon hints at the trouble when he says that "given a regulatory environment compatible with the exercise of sound business principles, the Canadian National can be made to pay its own way." CPR president, W. A. Mather is a bit more forthright. The trouble, says Mr. Mather, is that the railways are required by law to haul export grain from the prairies to Lakehead and Pacific coast ports at rates no higher today than in 1899.

During the past year, both the Board of Transport Commissioners and the Federal arbitrator in the rail labor dispute have pointed to the paralysing effects upon railway finances of the so-called Crowsnest Pass grain rates. That freight rates no higher than those prevailing at the turn of the century bear no relationship to present-day costs is apparent. These abnormally low freight rates are, in effect, a hidden subsidy to western grain growers which the railways, and those who ship by rail, are forced to shoulder.

So long as the Crowsnest Pass grain rates remain in force, the CNR is likely to face recurring deficits which will have to be made up by the taxpayer and the CPR's rail earnings are likely to remain far below what might be regarded as a fair and reasonable rate of return on rail investment.

Brief Comment

The Powassan News marked its 49th anniversary and the founder of the paper, J. B. Lake, is still at the helm. Congratulations and a wish that both may continue to serve that community for many more years.

Those who would seek greater welfare benefits for Canadians might be on the wrong track. Secret of a prosperous nation does not seem to lie in social welfare, but in enabling people to earn their own living and create their own savings and purchasing power.—Grand Forks (B.C.) Gazette.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

FLOWERS OF SPRING grow in bright patches of color in gardens over the town and district. Tulips, daffodils, violets and a profusion of other Maytime flowers are at their peak these days. Taking a good whiff of his favorite spring flower is this choir boy who's lost his nose in the fragrant petals.



"Remarkable Physique"

In Erin the local paper tells of the "remarkable physique" of a Hillsburgh man, Robert Jackson, who at 90 years old works regularly at a local feed store. During a recent hot spell the energetic nonagenarian helped to unload eight tons of feed, was none the worse for the effort.

Bulldozer to Blame
In Georgetown, a recent power shut-off, which extended to Acton, was caused when a truck, towing a bulldozer, rammed into a car, jack-knifed and flung the bulldozer into a hydro pole which snapped. Telephone cable underground was also broken and hydro and phone service was interrupted for about an hour.

Something for Nelson
In Nelson a large metal products manufacturing firm has located on 90 acres of land with a reputed investment of \$1,000,000. The new plant, Butler Manufacturing Co. of Kansas City, Mo., is expected to employ about 125. No information about construction start or size of plant has been released.

Woodman, Spare that Tree
In Burlington, nine trees, slated for the axeman's bite, have been given a reprieve, temporarily at least, after several interested citizens made intercession on their behalf. The trees are reported in the way of a street widening program. Although the trees are to be spared for now, it looks as if they'll have to go when the road subsidy comes through.

Look into the Matter
In Georgetown the school board of nearby Cedarvale school has reprimanded town council for lack of care where town garbage is dumped. Apparently the refuse is going on sewer disposal property near the school and is lying uncovered. The matter is to be looked into.

Racketeers on Loose
In Erin the Advocate cautions residents to beware of the racketeers who are on the road again booting home owners to repair roofs and chimneys. "Don't have a thing to do with this type of so-

called mechanic, you will invariably get stuck for plenty," the paper advises, then adds a plug for reliable local workmen.

Trailer Trouble Still
In Burlington it's reported the 100 trailer families living in two condemned Lakeshore parks have got to pick up and leave — or else. A court order gives the trailers to May 14 to make tire tracks but up to that time few of them showed any hurry to roll. Now appeals have been filed against the order so the trailers could well hang around for another 30 days at least.

Among Those Present
In Milton TV viewers of that locality apparently have sharp eyes for who's who in the audience. In a recent Sunday night telecast of Ed Sullivan's Toast of the Town, local car dealer Norm Guild was spotted sitting in the audience.

Case of Necessity
In Milton the local school board last week announced that action for another new public school from council is needed, but fast. In the old public school the plaster is coming down and ceilings are sagging. Although O.K. for a second new school didn't forgo, council at least gave the board the go-ahead for a four-room addition to the new public school.

Cut Works Budget Brampton Rate 66

Brampton's 1955 tax rate was established at 66.5 mills last week over the dissenting vote of Councillor Russell Prouse, who favored a higher rate. The 66.5 mills is 4.5 mills above last year's figure.

This year's rate was established by council only after the work's committee budget had been drastically reduced from an original figure of approximately \$330,000 to \$179,000. This prompted the opposition from Councillor Prouse. "I don't think 66 and one-half mills is adequate for the work's committee," said Mr. Prouse. "It might be risky to strike this rate instead of 68 or 69."

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Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting and Bible study.
A Friendly Welcome to All.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 18, 1905

The session of the Acton Board of Trade last week was taken up with discussion of how Acton—always an attractive place in summer—can be made more beautiful.

The ball season was opened at the park, with a highly interesting and well-played match between the Victorias of Guelph and the Acton Grays. County Councillor H. P. Moore was chosen to pitch the first ball. Before proceeding to do so he addressed the players, congratulating them on their organization as a purely amateur team this year. He observed that every one of the players was a former pupil of Acton Public School, where each had acquitted himself with credit and he trusted that during their match they would emulate the good conduct taught them in that worthy institution.

His delivery of the first ball was made and though vigorous, was a trifle erratic. Acton won 3 to 1.

Wear Twentieth Century clothing! Last season's suit is a back number. The foremost clothing in Canada, the finished product of artists, Sherman's, the Men's Outfitters, Acton.

All interested in the motion to Banish the Bar are invited to a meeting in the town hall. The Nassagaweya Persheron Horse Co. have just received the new pure bred stallion Mongolian. He was in town Saturday and was much admired.

Those interested in tennis met last Wednesday in the town hall to elect officers for the current season. President is Homer Adams; vice-president Miss Daisy Nicklin; secretary - treasurer, Miss Clara Moore.

Acton Cornet Band celebrated the donning of their new uniforms by a very enjoyable concert last Thursday evening. The coat is a fine dark blue-black cloth trimmed with military braid and a narrow gold braid ornamentation. The cap is made of cloth to match of a modified auto shape adorned with gold braid and gold wreath.

Chairman Wilson is arranging to plant a number of trees in the park this spring.

BACK IN 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 23, 1935

An Acton boy is stepping along in hockey. According to press reports, the Matzo may play junior hockey next year with Owen Sound. It is said Oakville also want him for senior hockey. It is predicted by some sports writers that in a few years he will be playing professional hockey. He played his first hockey in Acton and learned the game skating on the filler beds adjoining the Crescent.

The annual meeting of the Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis club was held last week. Officers elected for the season are: general secretary, A. R. Battye; honorary president, W. J. Gould; president, J. M. McDonald; first vice-president, Dr. Pearen; second vice-president, E. Elliott; third vice-president, E. Di-

The first issue of the new heavy Silver Jubilee dollar was not large. It is in popular demand at present because of its scarcity.

At least there are no hard feelings in Acton over the distribution of the Jubilee medals. Only two were allotted in the municipality, and one of these to a returned man whom no one knew as a resident of Acton, or could locate.

To allow for larger store space, the store now occupied by Mr. Pallant will be extended in length and the rear wall removed to make a larger and more commodious store. This will give Mr. Pallant more space for display and accommodating his increasing business.

Premier and Mrs. Hepburn have set an example for the "Adopt a Child" week by adopting a baby boy and will adopt a baby girl next week.

Another light frost on Wednesday morning. They have been rather too common in May.

The club house at the bowling and tennis grounds is being re-shingled and renovated.

St. Alban's boy scouts presented Fleur de Lis, their first annual display, Friday.

Patrol leaders Robert Footitt and Frank Holmes were elected to represent the troop at the Forestry camp.

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2.08 p.m.; 5.06 p.m.; 6.33 p.m.; 8.28
p.m.; 10.13 p.m.
Westbound
10.27 a.m.; 12.52 p.m.; 2.57 p.m.;
5.27 p.m.; 7.27 p.m.; 9.12 a.m. (Gas-
stop); 11.32 p.m.; 1.12 a.m. (Sun. to Kib-
chener only).
a—Daily except Sunday and holi-
days.
s—Saturday, Sunday and holi-
days.

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days 10.00 a.m.; 7.15 p.m.; Sunday
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6.37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Geor-
getown 10.11 p.m.
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Daily 11.44 p.m.; Daily except
Sunday 8.48 a.m.; 6.55 p.m. (flag-
stop); 7.49 p.m.; Saturday only 1.27
p.m.; Sunday only 9.03 a.m. (Gas-
stop); Sunday only Flyer at
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