



NEW ADDITION to Acton Public school was necessitated in 1952 by steadily increasing enrolment, and a survey of all the pre-school children in town. Already the public school board is planning the building of a second school in another part of town. Present enrolment at the public school in both the original school and this new addition, is over 600. When this addition was opened by Hon. Leslie Frost in October, 1952, enrolment was 450. When Principal G. W. McKenzie came to the school in 1939, there were 285 pupils at the school. The large auditorium is used for community as well as school events.

PARENTERAL SOLUTIONS SUPPLIED TO CANADA'S HOSPITALS BY BAXTERS

Go into any hospital in Canada and you will not miss observing the life-sustaining parenteral solutions made in Acton being widely used. The Baxter Laboratories in Acton supply all of Canada. The main office and research laboratories are located at Morton Grove, Ill. and other laboratories are located in Cleveland, Mississippi and Johannesburg, South Africa.

The company has been in Canada since 1937 and in Acton since 1940. They occupy over 20,000 square feet of floor space and in addition a large area of storage in another building. Eighty employees are engaged in the preparation of the solutions which call for meticulous care at every stage of the process.

W. J. Benson is general manager; L. Clifton, plant superintendent; Don Schroeder, chief chemist; G. Rognvaldson in charge of purchasing and R. Chadder, accountant.

Baxter has been a pioneer and leader in the field of parenteral solutions since 1931. The company is noted for its many solutions including Travert, and for its accessories and equipment widely used for supplying the electrolyte, caloric and fluid needs of medical and surgical patients.

Among its original developments is the Baxter "Closed System" of vacuum containers and sealed, sterile sets for collecting, storing,

transporting, processing and administering blood.

The integrated parenteral program made possible by Baxter's range of solutions, blood donor and recipient equipment, and sets and accessories is used by many hospitals for their infusion and transfusion requirements.

Service Above Self Is Apt Club Motto

Swings in the park, prizes for school children, assistance to crippled children, and public speaking competitions are evidence of the Acton services club in action.

Local service clubs include a Y's Men's Club, Rotary Club, two branches of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Women's Institute and a branch of the Canadian Legion with Ladies' Auxiliary. There are, of course, also a number of church and other groups who contribute to the community way of life.

While "service above self" is the motto of one of the organizations the same motto could apply to the other groups who contribute to the activities of the community.

One of the thriving fraternal organizations in Acton is Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M.

LOST EVERYTHING BUT KNOWLEDGE TO COMMUNISTS, ESTABLISHED HERE

When Bill Mariseak had his factory in Czechoslovakia taken over by the Communist government, he lost everything but his skill and knowledge of making footwear. He came to Canada and was employed by Beardmore and Co. until 1952.

He wanted again to operate his own plant and he talked with Eugene Braida, a shoe merchant in Acton. Mr. Braida had a substantial building on his farm property adjoining Acton. In August, 1953 the Corona Shoe Co. Limited was incorporated.

Today there are 15 employees making 250 pairs daily of high-grade casuals, slippers for men, children and misses and shearing-lined snow boots for women. The lines are recognized by the retail

trade in Canada as being among the highest grade.

Almost 100 per cent. of the raw materials used are secured from Canadian sources. In fact, a big percentage of the leather is produced right here in Acton.

Manager Bill Mariseak had 150 employees in the factory he lost in the world war. The day may not be far distant when Corona Shoe Company in Acton will be comparable in production. Present floor space is limited to 2500 square feet but land adjacent is available when the company warrants this expansion.

Officers of the company are E. Braida, N. Braida, Bill Mariseak and Raymond Arbie. It's one of Acton's newer industries and a growing one.

Butter From Cream Of District Farms

Acton being the centre of a farm district with mixed farming and stock raising engaging the surrounding agricultural community, Acton Creamery fills a need and serves a wide circle of the countryside. Housed in a modern building the trucks of this concern call on the farms throughout the district and convert the cream into butter.

A market for eggs and grading facilities is also supplied by the industry. The modern equipped business is owned by D. Coleman.

Towers, Aerials Work of Ajax

Listen to your radio, watch your television, gaze at the steel work of big electric signs on skyscrapers or go out in the country and see the familiar silo or the northern Ontario observation towers and it is very probable the structure was fabricated in Acton. Ajax Engineers make a wide variety of unusual items.

Sometimes the order is for tanks and drums for the Beardmore Co. and sometimes material is fabricated for a whole new tannery in India or South America. Their products go not only across Canada but all over the world. If it is for use in Canada, it is more than likely their own erection crew will complete the work. If it is outside Canada, complete specifications on the assembly of the items go with the shipments.

In the wood products most of the material used comes from British Columbia or California. In the Acton plant with its 12,000 square feet of space and big electric crane, there are 34 employees under the supervision of W. J. Coon. The business office is located in Toronto at 260 Merton St.

Recently the company amalgamated with the Marley Company of the United States, who are the largest manufacturers of cooling systems. Indications are that there will be an expansion of the company's activities. In Canada the firm is Marley Canadian Limited.

Their Acton location has been found very favorable for the past 20 years on account of adequate shipping both for materials and finished products. A rail siding adjoins the property.

Language Puzzle For Pupil, Teacher

Why is plough pronounced "ow" and though "oh"? That's the embarrassing kind of question that puts teachers rather at a loss to explain that the English language is not completely freakish.

For those who learn English as children, "plough" and "though" are easy. Not to New Canadians, however. They study these quirks of their new language diligently.

There are so many new Canadians in the Acton area that there are now two Basic English classes in the high school.

Gordon Ringler and Jack Heron are the two teachers who this year guided the men and women against that obstacle that baffles many Canadians—the fine points of English grammar.

"I will have been gone," try explaining that!

But the pupils have their fun when the teachers try to call them by name!

Horse races used to be held on a straight way course from the village of Acton to a spot out in the country. The course was maintained for many years.

BEARDMORE TANNERY HERE FOR 111 YEARS PIONEER INDUSTRY OF ACTON

For 111 years Beardmore and Co. have been tanning and processing leather. Before Acton was known as a post office or had its present name, this company was in operation. After over a century of production, it is still Acton's biggest industry. This plant has 450,000 square feet of floor space and employs about 500 Acton people. Acton and Beardmore and Co. have grown together.

Columns could be written about this industry because it has been such an integral part of the town. There was a day when Acton men worked many winter months storing hemlock bark to keep the tanning active in the other months of the year. There was a time when wind and weather were necessary for drying the leather. Now a specialized drying unit of immense capacity has replaced other methods used in processing side leather.

The presses used in the sole leather department are not new to this plant but they are still the largest in use in the industry. Labor-saving devices have removed much of the heavy lifting in the plant and the company has been

keen to notice trends and changes necessary to keep to the forefront.

What are the products? Sole leather, side upper leather, wetting, transmission belting, cutsoles, lining leather, belting leather, specialty leathers for the luggage, handbag and novelty trade.

Where do they go? Canada, United Kingdom, South Africa, Central America, South America, United States, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Iceland, Mexico.

Where do the raw products come from? Canada, United States, Argentina, Paraguay, South Africa, France, Italy, East India. And why has the British Empire's largest tannery found it advantageous to be in Acton for over a century? Because it is convenient to the Ontario shoe trade and industry generally and there is ample water and power supply.

Present officers of the company are: Col. A. O. T. Beardmore, chairman of the board, S. G. Bennett, president; Dr. Paul Beer, vice-president; W. J. Beatty, general manager; J. H. Creighton, secretary-treasurer; R. R. Parker, director; J. W. Wolfe, director; F. L. Racey, director.

Children's Mitts Company Specialty

One of Acton's smaller but growing industries was started within the past year when Ezio Marzo who was well-known in all the arenas around the intermediate hockey circle a few years ago started a glove factory. The company specializes in children's mitts and Ezio Marzo is an experienced glover having been a foreman of the Stoney Glove Co. He has spent his entire life here.

The question of why he likes Acton is simple that Acton is home and here glove shops and workers on gloves have been located since Acton's early beginnings.

The products are already finding a ready acceptance in the Ontario trade and elsewhere and accordingly the new Acton industry is growing soundly.

The erection of Acton's town hall in the 1880's caused storms of disapproval and controversy.

PICTURE CHANGES AFTER TANNERY FIVE O'CLOCK WHISTLE SOUNDS

Acton is an industrial town. There is no doubt about that.

But after the familiar tannery whistle sounds as five o'clock, the picture changes. With shortened working hours hundreds of men and women have plenty of scope for sport and recreation after supper and during the week-ends.

Home-made entertainment? Yes, there's plenty of that with concerts and reading of papers; the Citizens' Band and church choirs; local tournaments and handicrafts.

But Acton has the advantages of city living.

Just 125 years ago the site of this town was dense virgin forest. And the many who have come here lately from Europe realize how short a period of time 125 years is, historically.

Yet, the best of the world's entertainment is available—with the efforts of turning a dial. Trips to Toronto, Hamilton or Guelph for entertainment are regular.

Night school classes have opened a whole new field of interest to hobbyists, and there are dozens of clubs waiting to welcome new members.

In the summer there's swimming, and picnicking in the park; in the winter, skating and skiing and tobogganing.

Outside speakers and films are regularly applauded. Training for youngsters range from the schools and library to the Y.M.C.A. and the Legion sponsored Minor Sports League.

And there's one age-old pastime that small towns have now the monopoly on—going to fires.

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