

EDITORIAL

Public Apathy

The elections are over for another term in Ontario provincial matters and Premier Frost and his government have been overwhelmingly endorsed for another term. In Halton County where Stan Hall has represented the riding for several years, he again polled a vote that gave hearty approval to his fulfillment of office and representative of this County.

It is a fact worth noting that of 33,429 eligible voters in Halton only 17,482 went to the polls to register their choice. If the 15,947 voters who failed to exercise their privilege had gone to the polls we question if the end result in Halton would have been any different. There are in this county, however, 15,947 voters who by their negligence of duty have no right to beef about provincial matters. They had their opportunity and failed. Roughly only about half the voters have apparently any interest in the affairs of Ontario.

There is no sense in blaming this apathy on the leaders, the parties or the lack of issues. Last Thursday we had a free and democratic method of expression of individual opinion. It is a privilege that has been lost in some countries and has led to a sad plight for the common people of those countries. Over 15,000 people right in our own country threw away their right to democratic expression on Thursday last. There might have been 947 who through illness or other reasonable excuses were unable to get to the polls.

There is no use in going further afield to find fault. It is time we looked at our own failures. It is poor encouragement to leaders, candidates and those who serve to have a people who are so half heartedly interested in their own affairs. If such apathy on the part of the people themselves continues there will be further deterioration in our public affairs. Good government requires an alert and informed public interest.

Supplying Homes

The part which the Bank of Canada are taking in the home building today was brought to attention in a recent address of Mr. J. H. Atkinson, president of the Canadian Bankers' Association. More than 23,000 homes have been built or bank credit under terms of the National Housing Act.

Up to April 30, 1955, with the mortgage program in effect only slightly more than a year, the chartered banks have committed more than \$210,000,000 in housing loans, said Mr. Atkinson, who today completed his two-year term as president.

Mr. Atkinson notes that while on April 30 the banks had N.H.A. mortgage commitments exceeding \$210,000,000 actual advances totalled \$118,000,000. He explained there would always be a lag between commitments and advances because payments are made only as construction proceeds.

Mr. Atkinson said he was particularly proud of the fact that bank housing loans were being made not only in the larger centres, but also in the smaller, more remote areas where previously it had been difficult, if not impossible, to obtain adequate mortgage assistance.

"The chartered banks," he said, "have made mortgage loans from one end of Canada to the other and, broadly speaking, they are available in every community within reasonable reach of a branch bank. Thus another objective of the legislation has been fully met—that of increasing the machinery for making housing loans by adding the 4,100 branches of the chartered banks, many of them in small centres."

With the first year's experience satisfactory, "there is no doubt that the financing of homes under the National Housing Act is now an accepted and integral part of Canadian banking," Mr. Atkinson commented.

But emphasized Mr. Atkinson, despite the large volume of mortgage loans—a volume which will increase steadily—there has been no restriction in the ability of the chartered banks to provide credit to ordinary bank borrowers, "the thousands of individuals, corporations and public bodies that rely on bank credit to assist in their financing."

It's on Sunday

Among the multitude of days which call for special observance in every calendar, Father's Day is making a valiant stand for recognition. True, there is often a little confusion on just what Sunday in June is Father's Day but we fathers must get together on this matter and make sure the date is well publicized. We just aren't too sure ourselves what Sunday in June has met with general approval but we do know that in 1955 Father's Day is next Sunday, June 19th.

Neckties, socks, smokes and other small gifts are always appreciated by dads who often don't have time to give much attention to small purchases. But the size of the gift or the card of remembrance is not half as important as the fact that once a year there is a token to say dad is a decent sort of a guy.

Say it or express it any way you please on Sunday. But if you even give him a little consideration for the things he tries to do for you he'll appreciate it—even if he hasn't the finesse to put it as well as mothers can always do.

A Sound Foundation

Another venture undertaken by the three towns of North Halton under the direction of the Urban Board was carried out successfully this year. Preparation well in advance of the event was planned for a booth and information centre at this year's trade fair which concluded on Friday. The Board was fortunate in securing Mr. E. E. Barr to be in charge of the venture and with the volunteer helpers from the three towns of Acton, Milton and Georgetown the information centre made contacts and advertised these towns to a large and varied audience that could be reached in no other way.

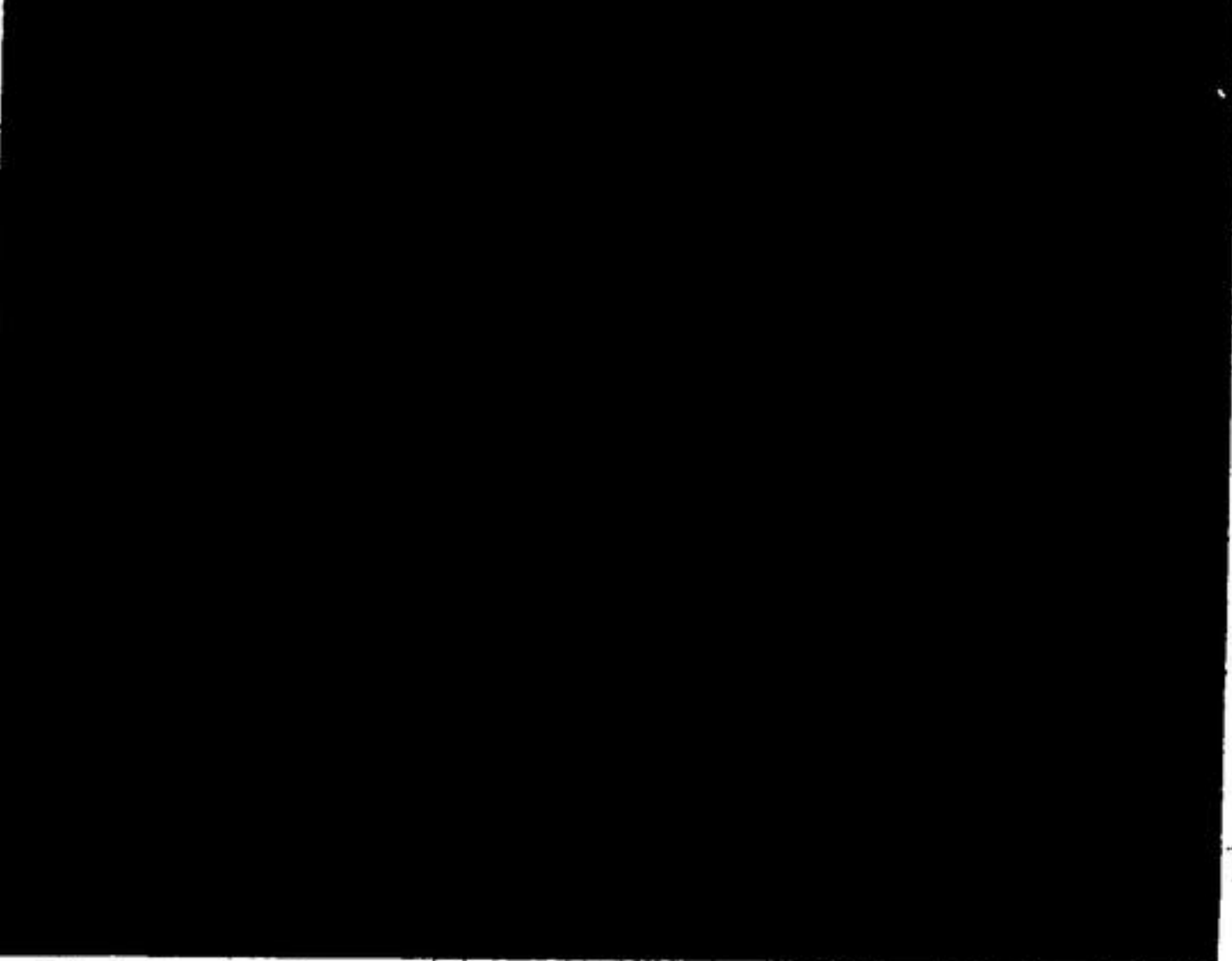
It was a venture into a new field by the North Halton Urban Board which must of necessity be measured not in the present but in a long term over the years ahead. There is often on the part of the general public an impatience to see immediate results from such a promotion as the trade fair exhibit. The man on the street is too apt to expect an immediate result—too prone to condemn if a new industry is not immediately located or a new boom blossoming in a few months.

The promotion of the North Halton Urban Board carried on now can not be fully assessed in a decade. It will not go on its own momentum without further assistance but from a broad viewpoint the start made in the few months of the Board's operation has been encouraging and it is no idle or unfounded prediction that it will be beneficial in the years ahead in the growth of North Halton. It was something that certainly could not have been attempted by individual towns of the size of the three municipalities of North Halton.

The Cost of Growth

Since the beginning of this year, the population of Canada has been increasing at the average rate of 800 a day, in spite of a falling-off in immigration. That's enough, in a day, to support a modest grocery store, enough in a week to support a supermarket and a drugstore. The supermarket and the drugstore, in turn, support an increase in the output of packers, canners, soap-makers, box factories—and so on; and it all means jobs.

We haven't yet fully grasped either the opportunities or the costs involved in this rate of increase. To cope with our rising population, we'll need at least 40,000 more classrooms, 40,000 more teachers in the next 10 years. That's a cost to taxpayers, but an opportunity to architects, builders, and young people interested in teaching. We need more roads. In spite of spending \$1 billion on new roads and major reconstruction in the five years ending March 31, 1954, we still have 18 motor vehicles per mile of surfaced highway, compared with 13.5 in 1948. In other words, we're not holding our own. Once again, this is a cost to taxpayers, but an opportunity for the Canadians who will seek jobs in the industries involved in road-making, and for the firms who produce the materials. —Financial Post.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

SOME FUN, HUH? Late spring sunshine is bright and warm, and where is the first spot young lads like this one head first—to the most likely swimming hole, usually with the dubious endorsement of one or the other parent. Anyhow, how's a fellow to have some fun unless he can kick up his heels, preferably in some cool, wet stretch of water.

NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH

Some Gas Strike
In Oakville last week, while workers were making excavations for a sewer line to the new hospital addition, contact was made with the gas line and an explosion erupted, dirt and debris 100 feet into the air. Damage was caused to the front of two apartment buildings and service to gas consumers was disrupted. No injuries were reported.

Start R.C. Church in Bronte
In Bronte ground was broken last week for a new Roman Catholic church—St. Dominic's Church—to serve the estimated 100 families of that faith in the village and immediate neighborhood. First construction is on the rectory. Parishioners will worship in a chapel in the basement until building of an edifice is warranted.

A Jolt on Water
In Georgetown council must have got a jolt last week when members learned that despite a recent and costly program of water supply expansion, the town still won't have enough to service the big Delrex subdivision when it is built. It could be that the town will eventually need some four million gallons daily, so council has to start all over again.

Thanks to Polecat
In Burlington one night last week a resident was wakened by the unmistakable odor of a skunk. Whilst looking out the window to see what he could see, he also saw a thief making off with the bicycle belonging to the boy next door. The man gave chase, was joined by the police, and although they didn't catch the thief, the bicycle was recovered as it was abandoned by the fleeing culprit.

Publisher's Pet Position
In Oakville in a front page spread the story is told in that paper about the publisher of the Record-Star who after formal warning shot the pet-killing dog of a neighbor when the cat-chasing became more than patience would bear. Despite apparent parent applause from other neighbors for the act, the publisher will be obtained.

BOOSTS RECEPTION
GRAND FALLS, N.B. (CP)—Telegraph and radio have been combined to give better reception of coast-to-coast English language programs to this town on the U.S. border. A 25 watt automatic repeater radio transmitter has been hooked to CNT lines which carry the programs.

BACK TO MACHINES
GOLDEN, B.C. (CP)—The Golden Star, one of British Columbia's oldest weekly newspapers, has converted to machine typesetting after 35 years of hand setting. The Star had a linotype years ago but when replacement parts could not be obtained.

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. E. A. Curry, B.A., B.D.
Ministry
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 60

Mr. George Elliott,
Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. No finer influence anywhere.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Annual W.M.S. Service. Missionary from Newfoundland.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. An hour of sacred music by the choir and soloists. You will enjoy this lovely service.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"Stewardship places the whole life with all its possessions and possibilities upon God's altar, and humbly and reverently acknowledges God's ownership."

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.
Rector

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th, 1955
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
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.
Wednesday, June 22, St. Alban's Day, 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th, 1955
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Costerius, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 206

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid.
81 Cook St., Telephone 646

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
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 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 20, 1935

At the June meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church, a particularly pleasing feature was the presentation of a life membership to Mrs. C. J. Poole. Mrs. Barberé made the presentation of the certificate and Mrs. C. Spight presented the pin. Both ladies expressed on behalf of the Society their appreciation of the faithful work of Mrs. Poole.

The suggestion of Miss Margaret Gindell of Acton to the Canadian National Exhibition officials that the rural schools be allowed to enter exhibits in the school competitions has resulted more than 6000 entries, being received.

Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire was on Tuesday sworn into the office of Sheriff and Clerk of the Surrogate Court in Halton.

In contest for posters and health books conducted by the W.C.T.U. in Halton county, the pupils of Acton Public School won four firsts and one second. The pupils were Elmer Lasby, Polly Porty, Alice Gibbons and Dora Wood first prize; second prize, Gordon McCutcheon.

The foundations have been commenced for the new Symon block. The Actondale U.F.Y.P.O. club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morrison last Wednesday evening to honor them on the occasion of their recent marriage.

A letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission notified the local commission that approval was given for a five per cent. rebate to domestic and commercial customers based on the amount received from each customer during 1934.

BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 15, 1905

Russia and Japan are contemplating the appointment of representatives to negotiate peace proposals.

The council met in regular session on Monday evening. Reeve Hynds in the chair and Mr. Beardmore present. Mr. J. B. Take, secretary of the band, interviewed the council, stating the band's intention to hold band concerts weekly during the summer and asked the council to provide a site for a stand. The band would erect the stand.

A wedding of special interest took place last Wednesday, June 7 at Dorchester N.B. when Capt. Fred H. Deacon was married to Miss Ethel Record, daughter of Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Minister of Railways and Canals. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Deacon, Miss Florence Deacon and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clements, Milton.

The new station begins to put on a handsome appearance in its architectural outlines. The contrast is most striking with the old structure beside it.

The bricklayers are well advanced on the walls of councillor Lackey's new residence on Church Street.

MARRIED
BEARDMORE-MACKENZIE — At Christ Church, Montreal, on Simmons, Mr. Lissant Beardmore, eldest son of W. D. Beardmore, Esq., Toronto, to Miss Evelyn, daughter of Mrs. Hector MacKenzie, Montreal.

DIED
CHISHOLM — In Acton on Saturday, Mary Craddock, wife of John B. Chisholm, in her 74th year.

FARM HAZARDS
VANCOUVER (CP) — Farming hazards now are almost as high as those of semi-skilled industrial workers, due to the use of insecticides and other poisonous chemicals, Dr. T. H. Patterson said in a recent address. He said arsenic and nicotine were chiefly responsible.

VALUABLE COINS
TORONTO (CP) — Pre-confederation coins and historic currency were among exhibits by the Toronto Coin Club for national coin week. Also included was old Hudson's Bay Company currency in sterling.

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