

EDITORIAL

Just Started to Roll

Tomorrow is Dominion Day and the 88th birthday of Canada. In comparison with other countries of the world Canada at 88 is young and with a great future before her for all citizens. New frontiers are always opening. Many of us can recall when all west of Winnipeg was a challenging frontier to develop.

Now two of the western provinces are celebrating this year their golden anniversaries and the frontiers to the north give a challenge to more pioneers to seek out the riches that are there and ready for development. These are eventful and exciting days in a country that offers so many opportunities. Others are also seeing the challenge of a young country like Canada and coming from older countries to a land of opportunity.

It's great to be living and sharing in the Canada of today and the promise it holds for the future. Every section seems vibrant with progress and enthusiasm. Every one of the provinces hold opportunities for those with the daring to go after them.

At 88 Canada seems to be just getting started. May the years ahead see continued growth and our people give leadership in the good things of life among all peoples of the world. A young country such as ours has challenges that reach beyond our own borders and the pushing forward of new frontiers in Canada alone.

Quality Not Quantity

Sunny warm weather has at last come to the West, reports The Financial Post. Canadians all over the country have a stake in it. If it lasts for another month with clear skies and higher temperatures, the West may yet get a good crop this year. And if the West doesn't get a good crop this year the effects will be felt in the East as well as here. Farm spending—all business observers agree—cannot keep up through a second bad crop as it did through last year's.

Yet it isn't a big crop that businessmen or farmers are praying for. What we need this year is good wheat rather than a lot of wheat. Canada has plenty of last year's poor wheat, grading No. 5, No. 6 and Feed. The United States is loaded to the gills with it. But the stuff which Canada can sell without too much difficulty, the stuff which brings the best price, the stuff which the U.S. cannot supply—even by give-aways—is the prime hard northern grading Nos. 1, 2 or 3. This is what the world wants to make its flour with. And if we can only get a fair crop of high-grade wheat, nobody will be too much worried about the quantity of low-grade wheat harvested.

Getting on The Map

Some of the nicest places in Canada are the hardest to find or to identify. They are those charming little spots, off the main roads and not marked on highway maps, which neither put up signs bearing their own names nor tell motorists how to get there.

They are the sort of places one sees on a Sunday morning drive through many a rural district. "What a beautiful little village!" the driver's wife will exclaim, admiring a settlement which nestles in a peaceful valley. "I wonder what it's called."

She looks vainly for a sign, makes a quick but futile check of the road map—and by that time the car has passed beyond the community and its occupants' attention is on something else.

Of course, a name on a road sign isn't enough by itself to bring tourist-business to such villages, many of which would benefit from extra dollars, but it's a first step toward catching a stranger's eye.

Signs directing visitors to a community and marking its approaches can carry a welcome message, advertise its best points and indicate features of historical interest. Travellers are always on the lookout for something different, whether it is fossils in the rocks, the site of the first grist mill in the province, or an old tree on which horse thieves were hanged.

A simple road sign can help put such a locality on the map.

Starting at 80

With the current issue of the Free Press we close 80 years of publication of Acton and district's home town paper and with the first issue in July enter our 81st year. It was on July 1st, 1875 that older folk tell that Joseph Hacking canvassed for new subscribers and exhibited the first issue of the Free Press. There have been many changes in the town and district in the intervening years and of these changes the files of the Free Press give a valuable record.

It is 46 years since first the present editor smelled printer's ink at the Free Press and those years that we recall have seen many changes. Practically none of the equipment which was in use then is now in the office. Automation has been coming in this industry all through the years and is not a new thing. The original building has been increased in size twice in that period and only a small portion of the lot is still available upon which to place any more building. In spite of this use of modern machines the staff is three times as large as in the days before automatic equipment was in use.

Anniversaries are a time for looking back but more important as a time for a forward look. Now as the Free Press enters its 81st year we want to express our appreciation to those who have been loyal and helpful to our predecessors and to us in the maintenance of Acton's newspaper. The years have brought and cemented many friendships and loyalties which we cherish.

May we express the hope that these will continue in the future and in turn we give the promise that it will always be our endeavor to sustain and encourage those things which will be in the best interests of Acton and district.

Problems for All Canadians

Recently a group of manufacturers of rubber footwear visited Finance Minister Harris at Ottawa to tell him of their plight and ask for help. It seems that products made in Canada cannot compete price-wise with those made in Hong Kong. The reason given is that wages there are 45 to 75 cents per day compared to Canadian wages of \$1.45 an hour. One result is the almost complete loss of the export market of the Canadian manufacturers and now the invasion of the domestic market.

That briefly is the problem of these Canadian manufacturers and they requested emergency measures. The group urged that the government fix the value of imported shoes in relation to Canadian costs, or as an alternative, place quotas on imports of canvas and waterproof footwear. Apparently there is resignation to the loss of the export market.

The problem now confronting this group is one that is common with many other manufacturing processes in Canada. Suppose we apply the proposed solution of price fixing and quotas in every line that has markets. Is it a solution to our Canadian economy?

No one wants to lower wages or the standard of living in Canada. It might be well, however, if unions in making ever increasing demands for shorter hours and higher rates of pay would recognize the plight that is now being faced in Canada in maintaining production not only in our export trade but in the selling to our own people against the items which can be produced at lower cost elsewhere.

In 1947 this Canadian rubber goods industry exported 6,000,000 pairs. Last year less than 92,000 pairs were sold outside Canada. There are causes which are the problem of every Canadian and cannot be solved by Finance Minister Harris.

Brief Comment

Heading in an exchange from an Ontario town last week read "Beverage Rooms give town \$274. Council to rebuild sidewalks." There's the solution to municipal worries if you realize just how little sidewalks can be built for \$274.

Talk about school funds. In Wingham the high school board is going to build four tennis courts at a cost of \$10,000. Some of us sure graduated too soon and long more and more for the good old school days. Deuce!

SCHOOL'S OUT! There's a big day this week for school-age youngsters. Annual summer vacation, representing two months of fun and sun for public school pupils, started this week with many a whoop of joy. High school has been out for a week, while college students, most of them now hard at work, have been out of lecture rooms for over a month.

To Stop Speeding
In Georgetown, not that council wants a new supply of revenue but just that it is out to put an end to in-limits speeding, members nodded heads in approval last week as they watched a speed trap demonstration and ended up putting in an order for one of the units. The town's new police chief was also on hand to watch the trap do its stuff.

Whose Face & Red?
In Bronte last week, the local police chief, alert on his job, tagged a fast-moving car through the village for speeding. When entry of the car's number was made on the police blotter, the Crown Attorney took one look and told the chief to forget it; the car was the property of the Russian embassy.

A Summer Warning
In Oakville, scoring the town for its apparent lack of interest and initiative in providing adequate safety facilities for children who use Oakville's lakeside areas for bathing, a townswoman reported two near-drownings last week and warned more could well happen before summer's out. The Journal backed her up with a front-page article.

Swelling Every Week
In Georgetown, last week, one councillor was told not to worry too much about the congested parking conditions around the post office. The Mayor reminded him that house-to-house mail delivery is not too far away for Georgetown. Georgetown seems to be swelling in size week by week.

Aside from the Wings
In Burlington, a local theatre manager has apparently had little traffic with good-old-tangled bureaucracy. He's torn between contradictory government rulings about building fire exits which to him seems strange—the contradiction on top of that he reports unfavorable publicity has unfortunately depleted the theatre of its usual good attendances.

Ironing and Pinning
In Bronte, the sewer vote, postponed more times than enough according to some residents, has been held over again so that all "itches" prove to be in the rev-

Committee Plans Weekly Lunches
High scorers in last Thursday's lawn bowling jinx were Mrs. James Inglis and Jim Fleming. The committee plans a lunch for once a week and last Tuesday's was seasonally delicious—strawberry shortcake.

ROTATING POST
(KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—A new system of rotating the post of vice-principal at the new Queen Elizabeth high school will be tried next fall. W. R. Kidd, an English teacher, will alternate the post of vice-principal with the directors of the vocational and commercial departments.

AT THE Churches

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Sunday evening service at St. Alban's church.
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- SUNDAY, JULY 3, 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.
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KNOX CHURCH, ACTON.
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9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening service in St. Alban's church.
- ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH**
(Anglican)
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector
- SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1955**
TRINITY IV.
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Union service for all Acton churches.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935 BACK IN 1905

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From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 4, 1935
This is the sixtieth birthday of the Acton Free Press. The issue of the paper carries pictures of the five editors, J. Hacking, the founder, S. W. Galbraith, Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, H. P. Moore and G. A. Dilla. At present on the Free Press staff are Robert MacArthur, E. H. Vincent, Jas. McGeachie, Miss M. S. Nelson and Mr. Dilla.

BACK IN 1905
From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 29, 1905
Another bouquet for Acton's system of fire protection and for the Brigade was earned on Saturday afternoon when the old G.T.R. station, the building which for years has been an eyesore and a disgrace to the town, caught on fire. If this had happened five years ago or at any time in the interim, the news would have been received joyfully, but fears were expressed for the safety of the almost completed new station which stands only about six feet west of the old one. Agent Holmes had all his files, and instruments out of the office in less than five minutes. Water with excellent pressure was turned on by the brigade about nine minutes after the alarm was rung. Then the frolic of the flames found a short ending. The excellent pressure even blew holes in the walls of the building. The new building was not even scorched.

The Acton bowling club has received an invitation from the Westmount club, Montreal, who mention as an additional inducement, that the novelty of playing on an electrically-lighted green may be enjoyed there. Montrealers evidently do not credit the enterprise of western towns. The Acton club had their green lighted by electricity last year and are just as up-to-date as the big club down east.

An enjoyable entertainment is assured for this evening when piano pupils of Miss Thompson give a recital in the town hall, with Miss Florence Walton of Toronto, talented vocalist, as guest artist. R. B. Scott's specials for the Civic Holiday—straw hats, Panama hats, fancy colored underwear, fancy vests, summer suspenders, open work socks, silk handkerchiefs to match any suit.

Acton branch of Halton Women's Institute enjoyed a meeting on Miss Lizzie Moore's lawn on Friday. Miss Delaney of Toronto gave a pleasing demonstration on making cream sauces and cool dishes for summer.

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Eastbound
6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.;
2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:20
p.m.; 9:10 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 p.m.;
11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kin-
chener only).
a—Daily except Sunday and holi-
days.
b—Saturday, Sunday and holi-
days.
 - CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sun-
days 10:00 a.m.; 7:13 p.m.; Sunday
only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sun-
day Flyer at Georgetown 9:05 a.m.;
6:57 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Geor-
getown 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11:44 p.m.; Daily except
Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 6:58 p.m. (flag-
stop); Sunday only 9:05 a.m. (flag-
stop); Sunday only Flyer at Geo-
getown 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat-
and Sun. to detrain passengers
from West Toronto and beyond
5:31 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and
Sun. Flyer at Guelph 6:57 p.m.

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