

# EDITORIAL

### Labor Day Since 1894

Monday is Labor Day, a public holiday which has been observed in Canada since 1894. We presume that back in 1893 when the House of Commons appointed the first Monday in September as Labor Day it was intended as a day set apart to give tribute to those who labor to make this country a better land in which to live. Many of us can recall when it was a day that called for parades of the workers in various industries.

It is a pretty inclusive holiday for everyone because each in his or her own way is a laborer today. There was a time when the word laborer in the voters' list designated those who did not specialize in any field but who did the heavy, laborious work of the country. Modern machines have changed this view. Digging of ditches and post holes, building of roads etc. are no longer the task of strong backs and hands. Machinery has taken out the drudgery.

So in this present day it appears Labor Day takes in all who labor (and who doesn't labor in some way?). Next Monday is another holiday in which many Canadians will enjoy a day of rest and relaxation. It will be a fine long week-end at the close of summer for those engaged in industry.

In these days of \$64,000 questions, uranium development, lucky draws and sweepstake tickets it might be well to remind ourselves that the majority of Canadians still labor to produce the wealth and growth of the nation and their own advancement.

### Better Opportunities

Schools re-open next Tuesday and in spite of all the building program which has been carried on over the past few years classrooms will be crowded. Canada is growing. There are more young Canadians born here. More New Canadians from other countries and the problem of providing adequate facilities for the education that will fit them for their place in the future is a great one.

In spite of this growth the children have today greater opportunities for securing education than a few years ago. Many of us can recall when a high school education called for real hardship. Today it is within the reach of every child. Living outside the town is no handicap since the district is now served by buses which bring the scholars right to the school door. A few years ago starting back to school was often an expense that was burdensome to parents. The purchase of books and supplies is now an item that is paid for by all citizens of the community.

Better school classrooms, help in equipping the scholars, can and do all play a part in better education and fitting young folks for life. These things alone cannot make for success. That depends on individual initiative. The boy or girl who is just going to school to put in time, without any aim or objective in life will not benefit greatly from the facilities of today. Right now at the opening of a new school term is the time to set sights and strive for the goal of your future and work toward it.

### The Busy Bees

During the war years when sugar was rationed, honey was very much in demand. In Ontario for the past 10 years there has been a steady decline in bee-keeping. This year, it is said, honey production has dropped 50 per cent. Weather conditions have not been good and other factors are contributing to the decline of the industry.

There are other causes which have made bee-keeping unprofitable. Among them are the development of new strains of clover and other forage crops which have a high production yield but offer little nectar for the bees. Spraying of roadside banks where flower blossoms once flourished has also contributed to the set-back of honey production.

The production of honey may not be considered important by some folks, but eliminate the work of the busy bees and this whole country will soon be in a bad way. Many fruits and vegetables simply could not be produced without bees to pollinate the flowers. The same applies to certain other important fields and canning crops and to many flowers.

We cannot change the weather conditions but we can alter the methods of farming and over-use of chemical sprays which will keep nature in balance and allow the honey bees to carry on their work which is greater than we realize. It is a matter which needs immediate attention in our agricultural production today.

### Two Income Taxes?

For 15 years Canadian taxpayers have been filling out one set of income tax forms. Even in Quebec, which has never signed a tax rental agreement, it wasn't until this year that two forms had to be used with a different basis of taxable income for each.

We've grown so used to this state of affairs that to most of us it seems unthinkable that we might have to return to the complications, annoyances and cost of overlapping tax jurisdictions. But, warns The Financial Post, that could happen.

The Federal Government is toying with a scheme which could endanger all the uniformity of income taxes which the tax rental agreements have brought about. It has not yet been adopted as the basis of Ottawa's proposal to the 10 provinces in October, of course, and there is still plenty of time for the Cabinet to reassert the importance of avoiding double taxation. But the political appeal is obvious.

### Beyond The Machine

Modern man has been so successful in his scientific pursuits that he sometimes forgets there are limits to the powers of his wonderful machines.

He has released the energy of the atom and is finding ways to put it to peaceful use. He can talk across the world, send sound and pictures across a continent, and fly faster than sound.

Yet he still is not master of his planet. Several times a year there are reminders that forces more powerful than human devices are abroad in the world.

Hurricanes swirl out of the tropics from time to time and pound the North American east coast, sometimes landing a destructive punch on parts of Canada as Hurricane Hazel and one of her rampaging sisters did last fall. Tornadoes sometimes sweep into Canada from the United States, such as the one which created havoc a few years ago at Sarnia, Ont., and hurricanes which many have experienced in the past year.

Electrical storms often brew over Canada and cut a destructive swath across the countryside. In winter blizzards can paralyze travel and communications in broad areas, sometimes affecting even major cities. Spring floods like the historic one in Winnipeg carry the threat of death and of heavy property damage.

In recent weeks a long spell of hot, dry weather caused millions of dollars' damage to crops in Ontario and Quebec, as well as bringing discomfort to residents of both urban and rural districts gripped by the heat wave.

Man's ingenuity may one day bring even the weather under its control. Dr. Edward Teller, famous atomic scientist, says atomic research will possibly enable man to change weather conditions within 10 years—thus raising a new problem of trying to give everyone the kind of weather he wants.

But until that day, mankind glorying in scientific progress will likely continue to be humbled on occasion by being made to realize that some of his greatest achievements can be dwarfed by the forces of nature.

### Brief Comment

It's the little things that are often so bothersome. For instance, those flies at this time of year can be so pesky.

Scouts returning from the first World Jamboree ever held on this continent are this week thinking over the many friendships which encircled the world as a result of this gathering.



— Photo by Esther Taylor

TREES STRIPPED of leaves, the bare branches reaching in a cloudy sky are a reminder of the days just ahead. A hint, too, that from now on Fall Fairs are just around the corner and the weeks ahead are the time to get out and enjoy the autumnal foliage before the bleak, cold days ahead. Merely a reminder that the hot spells will soon be an item of conversation forgotten.

## NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH

**Plans to Expand**  
In Georgetown, council has looked at plans and is now ready to study estimates on cost of enlarging the municipal building. The added space would provide more room for the clerk and staff, the new town engineer, an enlarged council chamber, a mayor's office and other changes.

**To Curb Speedsters**  
In Burlington, it was reported that the latest police efforts with the town's speed detecting device have landed 40 motorists in ditches for travelling over the town limit. The first time the trap was tried, earlier this summer, there was a notable falling off of speeding.

**Won't Cut Off Cabs**  
In Georgetown last week, a delegation of local taxi cab operators made an unsuccessful bid before council to have the town closed off to any more cab operators. Council decided to place no restrictions and noted that Orangeville, Milton, Brampton and Burlington have none. Oakville has a limit of four companies. Acton has reportedly a limit of 10.

**Look Out For Strings**  
In Burlington, after transfer of a piece of property was held up when the township considered it might need the area to extend a road, the chairman of the Planning Board warned prospective property buyers to make certain there were no strings attached that might prevent the purchaser from building a home on the land.

**The Sequel in Court?**  
In Bronte, it's reported there are two court actions in the offing following the ejection of a councillor from the chambers after a majority vote declined an apology from earlier conduct. The ejected member plans a court action challenging the legality of a water-remains by-law, it's reported, and also plans a writ for damages.

**A Contract in Time**  
In Oakville, after there was danger of the whole knotty problem being tossed into the lap of the Municipal Board to be untied, it's learned that town and township P.U.C. officials have reached an agreement about what both sides want in the way of a water contract. The contract is to run for 20 years, but has yet to be made a legal document.

**Fends Off Rivals**  
In Milton, a representative of the Halton Natural Gas Co. appeared before council last week following the Fuel Board's adjournment of franchise application hearings sought by this company on a regulations cause. The representative urged council not to give two readings to a rival company's franchise by-law in the interval.

**Haze After the Smoke**  
In Milton, a spokesman for the Armstrong Estates, which retains control of the town's arena, said there are "no present plans" for the future of the building. Last season the arena was damaged by an unexplained fire. News about the blaze ever since then has been hazy and incomplete, leaving many citizens wondering.

**AT THE Churches**

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Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader  
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6  
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9.55 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
No Evening Service.

**ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH (Anglican)**  
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1955.  
TRINITY XIII  
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon.  
Evening Service in the Presbyterian church.

**BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**  
Ray H. Costura, Pastor  
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 526  
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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.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1955.  
9.45 a.m.—Church School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.00 p.m.—Union Service.  
A Warm Welcome Awaits You  
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.  
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 61 Cook St., Telephone 649.  
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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

**BACK IN 1905**  
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of August 31, 1905. In a few days, Postmaster Matthews will have completed 50 years continuously in charge of Acton post office. Notwithstanding the numerous buildings in the course of erection in town, the supply is still far below the demand. As a result rents continue to rise. The bare-headed girl is coming more into evidence every day. The fashion is growing apace. Peace is reached at last! Japan magnanimously yields her claims to indemnity and interned warships. The annual parade of the Methodist Sunday school and the sports and banquet held in Warren's Grove last Thursday afternoon, provided an outing which everyone of the three or four hundred present enjoyed. The happy scholars with their flags and accompanied by teachers and friends made a pretty sight as they paraded down Mill St. and up the lane into the Grove. The current for the 150 foot electric sign on the roof of the Canada Glove Works, turned on Tuesday evening for the first time this season. The sign calls forth much admiration from the passengers on the evening trains. The directors of Esquimaux Agricultural Society are getting ready for the exhibition to be held on the 3rd and 4th of October. A feature which the ladies will especially appreciate is the arrangement of two lists for the ladies' department, one for amateurs and one for professionals. Preparations are in progress for the installation of a new pipe organ in Knox church, Milton. The bowling green is surely growing more popular. This week three generations of one of our leading families have been on the green. D. Henderson, M.P., D. M. Henderson and Master Kenneth Henderson. Pulp and paper exports are worth \$925 million annually to Canada. They account for 33 per cent of the value of exports to the U.S. and for 24 per cent of all exports. Every Canadian has a stake in the maintenance of these markets.

**BACK IN 1935**  
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of September 5, 1935. S. E. Griffin and Son, R.R. 2, Acton, were winners of several prizes of grain at the Canadian National Exhibition. Local hackney breeders were winners at the C.N.E. Fairview Bonnie first prize three-year-old filly of J. A. Mann, was declared the best mare of the show. Gold Seal, a two-year-old owned by W. O. Moffat, was junior champion, and Reserve was won by Hermoine Performer, owned by N. G. Lindsay, Acton. An interesting event of the week was a gathering of a number of relatives of Mrs. Robert Bennett at the residence on Lake Ave., to express to her their heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of her 80th birthday. In the Juvenile play-off game played between Niagara Falls and Acton, the visitors ran up an enormous score when the local boys faded badly after the fifth inning. Knox Sunday School orchestra were entertained at the home of the pianist, Miss Margaret Brown, with a corn roast. The official opening of the new Y.M.C.A. will be October 2. Tomatoes for sale. Fresh at the garden for 15c basket. Bring your own basket. A. L. Hemstreet, Main St. The Campbell Lodge A. F. and A. M., Campbellville, held their first meeting in their new hall on Tuesday evening. The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wansborough of Acton held their third reunion at The Breezes recently. Two big meals were particularly enjoyed. About 35 attended from Toronto, Willowdale, Hamilton, Rockwood and Acton. Their uncle, Peter Hiltz of Churchill, also attended. He recently celebrated his 88th birthday. The trans-Atlantic cable was laid between Newfoundland and Ireland in 1858.

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