

EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving 1955

Monday next is a day set apart for Canadians to give thanks to an all-wise Providence for the many blessings which have been showered on us in the past 12 months. It is more than a public holiday and a day of feasting. No people in all the world have greater cause for thanksgiving than the Canadians of today.

If the whole day was spent in counting the many things for which thanks could be given it would be too short. But in counting your blessings it might be well also to look back at the years that preceded this year, at the folks who went before us and make possible the many things which we enjoy and take for granted in this year 1955.

Last week-end we drove to Toronto. It was a beautiful day just to be out. The countryside was glorious not only in color but in a state of just well-being. In the city the air was filled with sport news and Bloor Street was thronged with people to see a football game. City and rural Canada was in a state of very evident prosperity. We found the same right across Canada just three weeks previously. We talked with people from the Atlantic coast and the same buoyancy for Canadians was evident.

Canadians living in this year of 1955 certainly have reason for Thanksgiving in unlimited praise next Monday on National Thanksgiving Day.

Dare We Hope?

When the Premiers of the provinces of Canada meet in conference with representatives of the Dominion Government, folks in this section hope that the efforts will be toward simplification rather than complication. Like all such conferences it will undoubtedly be a struggle to get more and give less for those in the conference. But the public as a whole hope that some consideration will be paid to the already complicated business of collecting taxes that will not bring in more complications.

We write this on Monday and perhaps before this item appears in print the rumors and discussions will have reached the ears of the taxpayers. It's too bad the folk who fill in all the forms connected with collection of taxes haven't a bigger voice in this conference in Ottawa this week. But as one small voice in the wilderness who attempts to serve the public and also act as government tax collector we cry out to not add to the burden or send out any more forms to fill out.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if from the conference would come a solution for governments to simplify rather than confuse. Dare we hope for this from the heads of all governments in Canada when in conference.

Fall Pleasure

October, it is said, is usually the worst month of the year for traffic fatalities. This week-end is a holiday one. There will be many on the highways enjoying this last fling at pleasure driving. In an effort to decrease needless injuries and deaths, safety experts recommend the following precautions:

Never drive with fogged or frosted windows. Keep headlights low when passing oncoming vehicles.

Between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. take special precautions: poor visibility makes this time the most hazardous for driving.

If driving over the holiday week-end, take frequent breaks for coffee, and change drivers whenever possible.

Avoid speeding in cities, at intersections or on Queen's highways. The majority of accidents occur at these places.

When mechanical breakdowns or flat tires occur at night, get car to side of road if possible, or have someone wave other cars past safely.

Let something go wrong to halt our supply of electricity for any length of time and how utterly helpless we are. At a time like that all our costly appurtenances become but shined and polished expressions of the skill of shop and factory and mechanical genius, decorative in the extreme, but absolutely useless.—Pembroke (Ont.) Observer.

Proud to be Part

This week from October 1st to 8th is National Newspaper Week for over 700 of Canada's community newspapers that carry the news from those places which lie outside the cities. The week is fostered by those publishers and editors who spend the other 51 weeks of the year in promoting the best interests of the community in other fields and writing the week by week history of their district.

A newspaper is defined as "a daily or other printed paper containing news or intelligence of past, current or coming events, with comment, criticism or discussion on such events by editors or contributors." The Peking Gazette is said to have been the first printed newspaper and the oldest daily journal in the world, first issued about 1340 A.D. The first specimen of the regular newspaper in England was issued in 1622 under the title "The Weekly News from Italy, Germany, etc.", while the dawn of the newspaper in Europe is credited to the Frankfurter Journal, started in 1615.

In the more than 40 years since we first became associated with newspaper work there have been many changes in the field. Mechanization has invaded the work more than most fields and yet we find the invasion of the machines has made more jobs available and better newspaper possible. Last week's issue of 12 pages in the Free Press with its stories and pictures of particular local interest was a far step from the four pages which used to require a work week of over 60 hours from the small staff.

Canada's weekly, twice and tri-weekly papers are now read each week by 2,292,400 families, a market three times as big as Toronto and Montreal combined. Attending gatherings of Canadian Weekly Newspapers as we have over the past years we become more and more impressed with the position with which the weekly press is held in all circles. Heads of civic, provincial and federal governments, public relations representatives of industry and many others look to the local weekly newspapers for the pulse of that vast section of Canada beyond the city boundaries.

You may ask why. It is because the weekly newspaper gives the picture of the life of the town and district. It reports the meetings of council, school boards, Chambers of Commerce, churches and service clubs. The weeklies never fail to lend their support to any project for the good of the community and many a waterworks system, hospital, school, swimming pool or other service would not have been carried to a successful conclusion without their active support.

Unless it renders this service the newspaper is without life and without purpose. It was instituted to carry the news and to service its community and, in doing so, it becomes the finest and most effective advertising medium. For along with its accounts of individual events in its village or town it offers the 'tailored to measure' service of a paper which will be read and reread and kept in a safe place against the home coming, of those more sophisticated members of the family who have gone farther afield. Whatever its circulation, it stands high in readership and so long as its first consideration is service this will continue to be the case.

Brief Comment

Where are we going to put the cars? There must be better roads to accommodate the traffic. They must be built quickly.—Napanee (Ont.) Post-Express.

So its open season again on anything that walks, flies or crawls. Just to make sure that everything got off to a good start, a Cherry River man went home with a skin full of bird shot over the week-end to win the honor of being this year's first casualty.—Stanstead (Que.) Journal.

The Opposition has a vital role to carry out in a democracy, stresses the Red Deer (Alta.) Advocate. "Too many people fail to realize the vital place the Opposition occupies in the British parliamentary system and how much the country loses when the Opposition is unable to function owing to lack of power, lack of numbers, or both."



THANKSGIVING DAY is Monday, a time when most of us have much to be grateful for. However, here's a fellow who'll be thankful if he escapes the day with his neck. Traditional fare for thanksgiving tables, he seems to be suspecting there's somebody just around the corner with an axe and a hungry intent.

The Bible Today
 REV. G. F. PARSON, District Secretary, Upper Canada Bible Society

The headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, England was visited recently by Russian churchmen while in the United Kingdom. The delegation, which consisted of four dignitaries of the Russian Orthodox church, two Lutheran Archbishops and two officials of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists, were entertained at dinner in Bible House on Wednesday, July 13.

In the light of this visit, it is of interest to recall some of the highlights in the work of the Bible Society for Russia. The Society was first permitted to help in the spread of the Holy Scriptures within the Russian Empire in 1806. For many years thereafter, it was allowed to carry on a work stretching from the Baltic to the Pacific and from the Arctic to the Black Sea. The headquarters for European Russia were in St. Petersburg for Siberia in Ekaterinburg. There were also Bible Houses in such centres as Moscow, Odessa, Samara, Tiflis, Iktusk and Vladivostok. Stocks were kept in many book shops. Colporteurs carried the Scriptures to remote areas and sold their sacred volumes among crowds at fairs. Throughout the Russian Empire the Bible Society was allowed to carry on a work stretching from the Baltic to the Pacific and from the Arctic to the Black Sea.

Today the British and Foreign Bible Society in common with other Bible Societies of the world would rejoice to be of further service to the people of Russia by sending Bible paper for printing, or plates or stereos or bound volumes — whatever is needed and whatever is permissible for the extension of the use of the Bible in the Churches of Russia.

AT THE Churches

- UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
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Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone-6
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1955**
9:55 a.m.—Church School.
9:50 a.m.—Junior Church.
11:15 a.m.—Thanksgiving.
7:00 p.m.—Vespers.
- W.M.S. Thankoffering in S.S. room**
October 11 at 2:30.
Explorers in S.S. room October 12 at 6:30.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1955
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Baptismal Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
A Warm Welcome Awaits You
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
- BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**
Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 206
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 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.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.
- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1955**
TRINITY XVIII
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
Film: "Flying Straight."
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
No Evening Service on the second Sunday of the month.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 5, 1905

Esqueuing's 59th annual exhibition, held in Acton Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, was most gratifyingly successful. The financial returns have seldom, if ever, been realized before. The exhibit of bread and butter was remarkably good, while that of apples was the finest ever shown here. The show of cattle, sheep and horses was especially creditable.

Acton Cornet Band dispersed abundance of sweet music. To the energetic efforts of President Brownridge and secretary Tracy much of the success of the fair is due.

Mr. James Symon has purchased from W. A. McLean, barrister, the double house and three lots on Bower Ave. and Willow St.

Mrs. A. T. Brown was at Milton on Thursday and Burlington on Friday evenings where she took part in popular entertainments, winning flattering economies by the readings she rendered.

Mr. Murray-McDonald has been added to the force of local constables. Mr. McDonald is a man of fine physique, is level-headed and of the character and disposition to make a first-class constable.

The morning service for electric light will commence on 15th inst.

Messrs. Henderson and Co.'s fine new premises and the commodious, well-lighted quarters provided for the millinery show rooms contributed much to the display at the Glasgow House last week. The rooms were decorated with pink chiffon, white tulle and flowers. A hat which attracted much attention was the Baker's Tam, made of pale blue panne velvet shirred and trimmed with mink heads and tails, also roses. A stylish polo of folded green silk with a band of black velvet, overlaid with jet bandeaux and trimmed with mercury wings and knot of velvet was probably the most becoming shape shown.

Nothing more satisfactory could be found in the city showrooms.

The world puts on its robes of glory now.

BACK IN 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 10, 1935

A crowd of 100 to 150 assembled at the Tower Hall last night to hear the speakers for the Reconstruction Party and likely the last local meeting of the campaign. Mr. Louis Brownlow, president of the local club, presided. The new party was really an amalgamation of those who felt they had not been having a square deal from the politicians.

This week the Symon Hardware moved into the fine new store on Mill St. which is modern in every respect and the latest addition to the improvement of Acton's business section. The new store was part of the unfinished plan of the late James Symon who died last February. The business is now being carried on by Mrs. Symon, Mr. Mac Symon and Miss Marguerite Symon.

The Symon family have conducted business in Acton for over four-score years. The late Charles Symon conducted a business here among the earliest business houses. Messrs. Alex and John Symon both commenced their business careers here. The whole new building is a tribute to the successful and long business career of the Symon family in Acton.

The visit of Dr. J. Ewart Smart of Acton, England, with his message of good will from the Motherland and a gift of a siltken flag from the town of the same name in England was an occasion of interest to all citizens. The event was held in the town hall which was well filled with friends who desired to meet the visitor and hear his message.

Reeve C. H. Harrison expressed the pleasure of the gathering in welcoming Dr. Smart and the friendly feeling that had developed as a result of these little interchanges, which had been instituted by the late H. P. Moore on his visit in the Old Land.

The Harmony Club of Limehouse United church met on Friday last week. The business session resulted in the filling of three vacancies in the executive.

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