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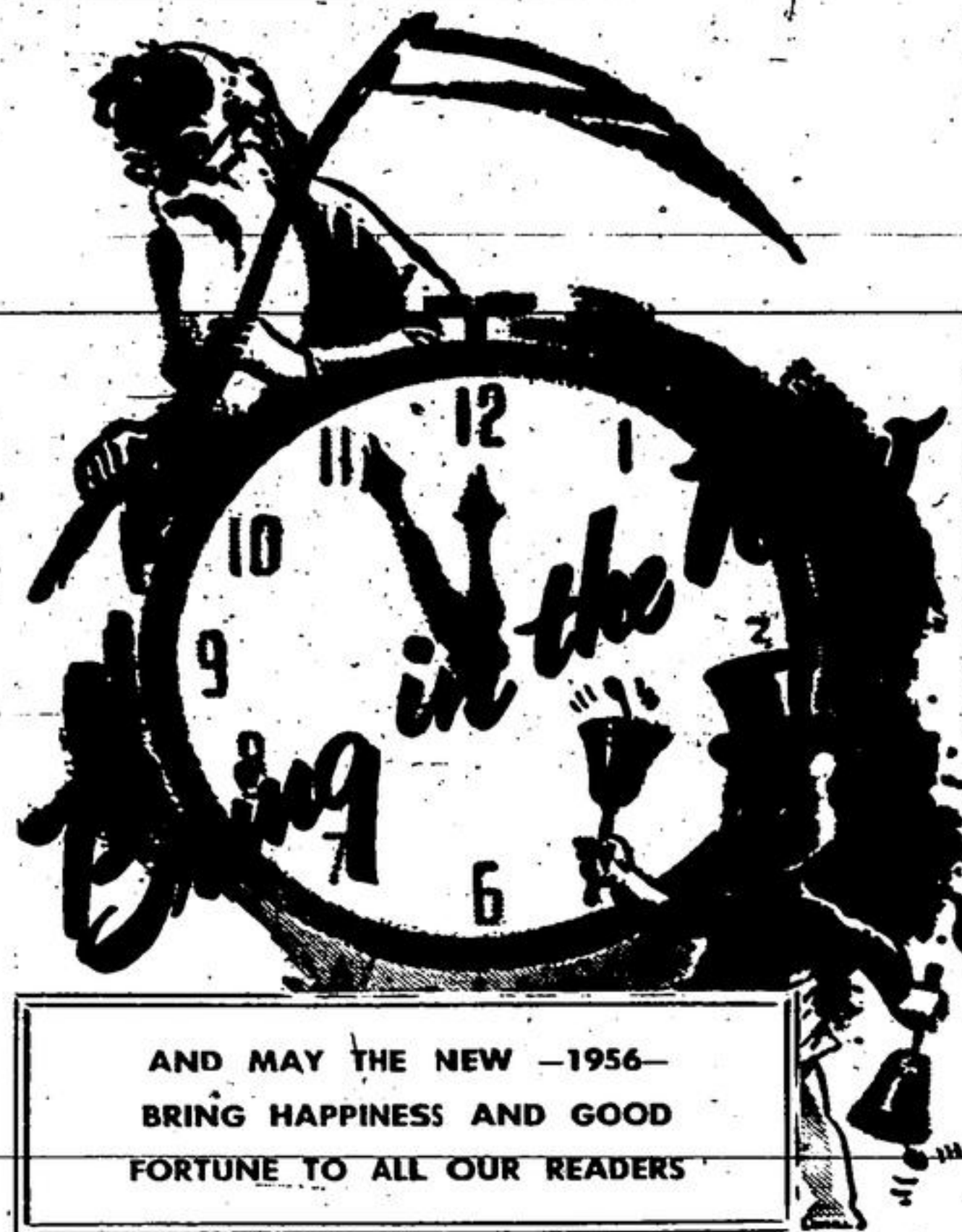
Canada's Banner Year

Canada is closing a year marked by unprecedented prosperity and expansion.

With a population of nearly 16,000,000—an increase of 4,000,000 in 10 years—the Dominion in 1955 either embarked on, or finished a variety of multi-million-dollar projects. Virtually every province shared in the development and even a sketchy outline is impressive.

Newfoundland, celebrating a century of self-government, will spend millions on the exploitation of Labrador's natural resources and plans to revamp the province's fishing industry. Prince Edward Island marked the centennial of its capital, Charlottetown.

Two great projects were completed in Nova Scotia—the Canso Causeway linking Cape Breton island to the mainland and the Angus Macdonald bridge joining Halifax and Dartmouth. New Brunswick embarked on construction of the \$50,000,000 Beechwood power project, said to be the biggest engineering scheme in the province's history.



AND MAY THE NEW -1956-
BRING HAPPINESS AND GOOD
FORTUNE TO ALL OUR READERS

The Bible Today
Rev. G. P. PARSON, District Secretary, Upper Canada Bible Society

It is sometimes by devious routes that Bibles reach their destination "air-mail from God," the description given to his novel method of distribution by a young missionary in Mexico. He packs Gospels into an airplane and drops them in remote villages, in sections of the country bounded by mountains and forests.

As the flies slowly and low over a village, he drops the Scripture portions in a steady stream. Old and young rush out and search the streets and countryside for the little books. They return in triumph to read "the message from the sky."

The young missionary pilot often visits the same villages later to find the books have been well received. An old man will be quietly reading under a shade tree; a woman will have one tucked into her market basket; a group of boys may be fastidiously spelling out the words one by one. He claims he has never heard of a copy being torn up or thrown away.

In Europe, various similar efforts have been made to get the Bible behind the Iron Curtain. The book that has seen more variety in its method of delivery than any other has been attached to gas-filled balloons when the wind direction was right and cast aloft to be carried over national and ideological borders.

One new-Canadian devised a scheme to send copies of the scriptures to friends in Central Europe. When they failed to arrive by regular mail in their own right, she baked other copies in bread or cake and thus secured their secret delivery.

Suggested Bible readings for the week: Sunday, Phil. 1: 1-21; Monday, Col. 1: 1-23; Tuesday, Jude 17-25; Wednesday, Isa. 67: 1-7; Thursday, Psal. 23: 1-6; Friday, Psal. 46: 1-11; Saturday, Psal. 100: 1-5.

As the Year Closes

Closing of a year brings another opportunity to express appreciation for the friendships and associations which have been enjoyed throughout the past year. Coupled with it is the opportunity to extend good wishes for the New Year. It's a time for looking back on all the good things that 1955 brought and a time for looking forward into another 12 months and the opportunities it will present.

To enumerate the many good things of 1955 would make a list too lengthy for these columns and too vulnerable for omissions. So we say thank you to all who have by your combined effort assisted to make your home town newspaper representative of the district which we endeavor to serve.

What will be the things written into the pages of 1956 in the Free Press are unpredictable. May we wish for all that when the conclusion of 1956 rolls around the pages will tell another story of progress as great or greater than those of 1955. In the lines to come to you in the year ahead, may they bring a big measure of happiness to all people.

As the curtain rings down on 1955 the quotation of William Allan Bryant seems as appropriate today as when it was first penned:

"The good old year is with the past;
Oh, be the new as kind!"

On the heels of the opening up of vast iron ore deposits in Ungava, Quebec came up with the big power development at Bersimis which may eventually have a capacity of 1,800,000 horsepower. In Ontario, the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power project proceeded so rapidly that excavation for the powerhouse at Cornwall was practically completed at year end.

Although faced with a problem in the disposal of farm surpluses the prairie provinces harvested a bumper grain crop. On a historic note, Alberta and Saskatchewan celebrated their 50th anniversary as federated Canadian provinces.

The Kitimat development of the Aluminum Company of Canada was the springboard for the planning of a variety of projects in British Columbia. The company has already spent some \$300,000,000 and is still expanding. Elsewhere development of power and forest resources fore-shadows great industrial growth in the province.

Mining operations in the Northwest Territories increased rapidly and the removal of the town of Aklavik to firm ground on the Mackenzie river delta will cost several million dollars. A six year extension plan for education of Indians and Eskimos in the Territories is also planned.

Canada's industrial development—to say nothing of her growing stature in international affairs—goes a long way to prove the truth of the statement made some 50 years ago that "the 20th century belongs to Canada."

Twelfth Night

More and more towns are celebrating 12th Night—the 12th night after Christmas which is also called Epiphany and falls on Friday, January 6th. It is a popular custom in England and in many European countries. All Yuletide decorations are taken down and Christmas trees are burned in a huge fire. The program in Durham this year will consist of the reading of the story of the 12th Night and carol singing prior to the burning of the trees. Miss Christmas will hand an ignited torch to the Mayor, who will touch off the trees. A minister has promised that the Boy Scouts will go around town and collect the discarded Christmas trees from the homes and the town will provide the trucks.

In view of the fact here that all the trees are collected by the town anyway, it would create no extra effort or cost and it might ensure an earlier and more uniform solution to this problem. We've still some open spaces where such a program might be carried out without danger of fire to property.

Hope!

Canada may be in the throes of a full-scale cement war within 12 months, with home and foreign-sponsored plants scrambling for market outlets, predicts The Financial Post. After years of recurring summer shortages which brought unofficial rationing and a seller's market, it looks as if the buyers will soon be in the saddle. A \$90 million expansion race is in full swing in the cement industry. Now maybe we'll get all those sidewalks built that have been delayed so long for lack of cement.

Wellington Drive By Farmers' Union Proves Successful

An organizational drive held by the Ontario Farmers' Union last week in Wellington district succeeded in setting up new locals and expanding present ones.

Lanwood, Brookville, Ariss, Maryhill and Glen Allan farmers had the opportunity of hearing the provincial president, Albert Cormack of Arthur, explain the birth and ever growing need for this grass-roots organization. For instance, two years ago the I.F.U.C. warned the Dominion Government of the impending Western-grain problem in the West, he said, and now at the Ottawa Conference last week they charged Mr. Gardiner with ignoring the danger, even to suggesting that they go into livestock, which they did, creating a problem for the Eastern farmer.

"This is no National solution," said Mr. Cormack. "When you join this Union through direct membership you own and control it. If you desire a living wage and cost for party prices. We will fight for

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, December 23, 1905

The prospects for a warmly contested election on Monday next are of the best. One could not help being impressed at the nomination meeting on Friday night with the great interest and quiet attention manifested. Some of the speeches were diametrically opposed, yet all were respectfully and attentively listened to, followed of course, by sympathetic applause. Such a condition of affairs contrasts strongly with the hooting, jeering and other disorderly manifestations of men attending such public gatherings.

Elections are required for both municipal bodies, the council and the school board, and this, with the vote on the Local Option, will require that the elector mark three ballots.

The liquor men's threats against those who vote for local option will no doubt react in the determination of electors generally to show that they are not afraid of the liquor power.

Mr. Swackhamer's criticisms of the present council for alleged extravagance in purchasing much needed road machinery is not regarded as very consistent.

The Christmas roll of honor at the public school and high school includes the names of F. Havill, M. Bennett, E. Smith, F. Coleman, F. Speight, P. Somerville, M. Chapman, W. Gaudinell, W. Brown, W. Kenney, E. Worden, Gerrie Johnson, Bessie Husband, E. Barr, Roy Bauer, V. Coleman, Dorothy Nelson, Lettie Scott and others.

Skating on Fairy Lake is fairly good.

The public and high schools raised \$745 for the Sick Children's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews observed their golden wedding in Toronto.

BACK IN 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Tuesday, December 31, 1935

The importance of Acton as a centre for shipping poultry is not fully realized. This year Acton Creamery shipped poultry to the value of \$4,282.70 to Toronto. This creamery purchased 2,867 chickens, at an average of \$1.45 each, and 286 geese at an average of \$2.10 each from the producers of the district in the two weeks previous to Christmas.

Acton friends join in congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Williams, for 59 years residents of this community, who on Wednesday celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They now reside in Toronto.

Milton's \$23,000 arena will not be operating this year and the Milton Intermediate hockey entry has therefore dropped out of the group. The arena company considers that it costs too much money to operate the arena and no one has come forward to operate the building. Three of the Junior players from Milton have signed with the Acton squad.

Even if the road is slippery, it isn't dusty on Mill St. now.

Monday was nomination day in a number of centres around Acton. An acclamation has been accorded in Nassagaweya and the council will comprise some new faces. Mr. George Finney is reeve and Messrs. Alan Mahon, John H. Simpson, John Robertson and Donald Campbell are councillors.

Running for reeve in Esquesing are George Currie and L. L. Mullin; for deputy-reeve, N. Robinson and G. W. Murray; for council, W. W. Wilson, Howard May, Hume Currie, Robert Given, Alex Hume, Edwin Harrop.

Shamosa—For reeve, D. H. Stracy, J. H. Stewart, Sims McLean; for council, D. A. Davis, John Henry, D. D. Gray, W. J. Pinkney, Albert Lush, Percy Peavoy, Harold Young, Joseph Rutherford, George Watt.

Hockey is again a very popular topic.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA	BAPTIST CHURCH
<p>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60 Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader, 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1956 9:50 a.m.—Junior Church. 9:55 a.m.—Church School. 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.</p>	<p>BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Ray H. Costerus, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1956 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week Ser- vice.</p>
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA	ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
<p>THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1956 9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 10:00 a.m.—Church School, Film: "North with the Bishop of the Arctic." 11:00 a.m.—Beginners Class. 11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.</p>	<p>Canada is the greatest exporter of pulp and paper in the world. More than 40% of the total output moves abroad. Some 93 per cent. of her newspaper production is exported and 95 per cent. of the pulp manufactured for sale also goes to foreign markets.</p>
Brief Comment	AT THE Churches
<p>May 1956 bring you a great measure of the happiness you seek.</p> <p>Out of a possible vote of 1399 there were 1019 electors who cast ballots in the town of Geraldton, Ont. That is the best election turn-out we've heard about this year.</p> <p>The past month has seen a great many new readers added to our mailing list. We welcome these and will do our utmost to keep you posted on the events of town and district.</p> <p>Ontario motorists are to be allowed until January 31st to secure 1955 license plates. That's the first deadline announcement. The prices will be higher, too.</p> <p>In 1956 Victoria Day will be May 21st and Thanksgiving Day will be October 8th. Both are on Mondays and were recently proclaimed in the Canada Gazette.</p> <p>Striking employees of General Motors have already lost more than \$10,000,000 in wages since they walked out on September 19. Average individual loss to the 17,000 striking employees works out at around \$800.</p> <p>While we're still in the midst of consideration of franchises for natural gas for heating a Toronto professor makes the assertion that the prospects for wide application of solar heating in Canada within 25 years are so good as to be considered almost certain.</p> <p>A word of praise is due municipal employees for their effort last Thursday. In the season's heaviest snowfall garbage was collected and snow cleared, and it required long hours for town superintendent Kirkness and his staff. The snow blower was very effective in clearing snow on Mill Street.</p>	<p>AT THE Churches</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG M.A., B.D., Minister</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1956 9:45 a.m.—Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service A Warm Welcome Awaits You "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."</p> <p>BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Ray H. Costerus, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1956 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week Ser- vice.</p> <p>ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners. Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 649w.</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1956 9:45 a.m.—Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service A Warm Welcome Awaits You "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."</p>