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### Opportunities All Round

Rather colorful are some of the stories one reads these days about the development of the immediate district in which we live. In the midst of it all, one feels it necessary to pinch oneself and perhaps wonder if this is really us. Since we see the development at hand, perhaps it is difficult to get the same viewpoint that strikes the stranger who has not seen the day to day progress.

One cannot help being reminded of the rather apt definition once given an expert who was described as an ordinary individual who was just away from home. Sometimes it takes the stranger to see the opportunities that are overlooked by those who live among them from day to day. Wherever one goes in Halton County the talk is on land deals rather than the price of farm products. Can it be that this county will in the near future lose its identity as an agricultural sector?

One doesn't require a lengthy memory to recall when only farm homes were built on land beyond town or village limits, and when there wasn't a municipality in the county over 4,000 population. In a few short years some of them are nearing city dimensions and all of them have extended their boundaries to double or more. There seems to be no cessation either and with population estimates of the next few years there is every evidence that the growth will require taking in an ever widening circle.

Many can recall the days when the advice to young men was to go west, and later came a period when the north was very attractive to the young and ambitious. Right now it seems that home has its opportunities as well as the newer sections.

### After Due Consideration

From time to time one hears of the rumors of sale of the Toronto Star and Star Weekly. We have always considered the legislation and the man who engineered it as pretty small business and we therefore perused with some interest a booklet which reviewed the first five years of the work of the "Atkinson Charitable Foundation." It was just one of dozens of booklets reaching our desk during a week.

Of particular interest was an extract from the will of the late Joseph E. Atkinson, owner of the papers and founder of the Atkinson Charitable Foundation and we quote:

"In making the foregoing provisions it is my desire that the ownership and operation of the newspapers known as The Toronto Daily Star and The Star Weekly shall not fall into private hands, and that the shares in the capital stock of The Toronto Star Limited and Toronto Star Realty Limited held by me shall be held in trust for and ultimately belong to The Atkinson Charitable Foundation.

"This should accomplish two things:

"1. The publication of the papers will be conducted for the benefit of the public in the continued frank and full dissemination of news and opinions, with the profit motive, while still important, subsidiary to what I consider to be the chief functions of a metropolitan newspaper.

"2. The profits from the newspapers will be used for the promotion and maintenance of social, scientific and economic reforms which are charitable in nature, for the benefit of the people of the Province of Ontario."

To us this seems a rather sound desire and we have never understood why Premier Frost should desire to interfere with such a purpose. It seems that after five years of operation, members of the government are loud in their praise of the good that has been done by the Foundation. But while no bad can be found in the man and his works there is reluctance to admit any change of heart on behalf of the Premier. Certainly some of the purchasers who have been suggested as likely would not be liable to carry out the intent of the will. It takes a big man to admit a mistake. Most anyone can pile on meaningless platitudes and the kind words from the government benches at Queen's Park regarding the Atkinson Charitable Fund mean little without evidence of regret.

### Back to the Country

Head for the wide open spaces if you would remain sober is the advice given alcoholics by Hon. John W. Foote, Ontario's Minister of Reform Institutions.

In a review to the Ontario Legislature of the results obtained at Canada's only alcoholic treatment centre, the Alex G. Brown Memorial Clinic at Mimico, near Toronto, Mr. Foote said that a clinical analysis of 188 cases in 1953 disclosed it is easier for a person to regain sobriety after treatment if they do not remain in a large urban centre.

Other results of the special study made by faculty members of the University of Toronto, and the clinic's consultants and staff members were:

The fewer convictions a person has had for breach of the Liquor Control Act the more likely the treatment will be successful. Nine convictions make the chance of success 3 to 1, but if there are between 10 and 20 convictions the success ratio drops to 2 to 1.

If a patient has been convicted on liquor charges only he will respond more to treatment than if he has a record of indictable offences. In the latter event there is a 50-50 chance of successful treatment.

The sooner an alcoholic recognizes what he is and seeks treatment, the better chance there is of treating him successfully.

### All Can Help

Interest of citizens of Acton in forming a Parks Commission and evidence of the support of Council in expediting the necessary vote on the question are most encouraging signs of improvement in this natural asset with which Acton is blessed. Down through the years there has been much work done on the park improvement. Various groups have given evidence of interest and been encouraged by council. Praise is due for their effort.

Under a Parks Commission greater advancement can readily be visualized and a broader plan executed. It is an opportunity to interest another group of citizens in community welfare. In these days it is unfair to expect nine men on Council to assume all the duties in town improvement. A Parks Commission can be a most helpful body in the community and sharing the load.

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### Evidences of Lunacy?

A strong warning against endangering Canada's financial and industrial position through the adoption of a tax-supported national health insurance scheme was given by Stuart Armour, economic adviser to the president, The Steel Company of Canada, Limited, in a recent speech.

"One wonders," said Mr. Armour, "whence the authority is derived for this new attempt to saddle our already heavily-loaded economy with yet another burden. . . . The cost of health insurance must be an added burden upon the fruits of our industrial production and so raise the costs of such production. As costs rise, the ability of our industries in Ontario to compete at home and abroad is further jeopardized."

The economic danger of such proposals and of other government expenditures that are facts, such as aiding foreign nations, selling wheat and butter to the communists at less than the cost of production, etc., is that they are inflationary, adding to everyone's cost of living and increasing the cost of new industrial facilities Canada must continually provide to keep level with competitors in world markets. Quoting from the Stelco brief to the Gordon Commission, the speaker said: "Inflation has so altered the value of the dollar that replacement costs tend to be substantially higher than the amounts provided to meet such costs."

Mr. Armour found symptoms of lunacy in almost all departments of Canadian life, encouraged by so-called intellectuals who had worked themselves into positions of authority. "Our attitudes towards education and law enforcement," he said, "have undoubtedly been influenced by a species recognized as the anti-capitalist intellectual, of whom it has been said he is a creature of capitalist development, but breeds a social atmosphere or code of values which is highly critical of private enterprise and the profit system."

The atmosphere of lunacy, he thought, extended to the political field. "The Liberals, having passed through a most active inflationary socialist phase, are now relatively Conservative. The Conservatives are now competing with the socialists to see who can push the Liberals furthest into more statism."

Canadians, Mr. Armour thought, were too inclined to look on at the strange antics of politicians with amused complacency, but he felt that there was nothing funny in it, but much that was dangerous. "As a nation," he said, "we seem to have lost our capacity for moral indignation. Consequently we allow politicians to do things to us, allegedly on our behalf, which seem bound in the long run to change our cherished way of life."

The smoking and No Smoking sections of railway trains and buses still are designated but only by the outdated signs. Another change that we presume has been brought about by the women-



Photo by Esther Taylor

**APRIL FOOL'S DAY** was forced to take second-rate importance this year when Easter Sunday fell on the same day. However, April Fool's day still means an excuse for pardonable (?) tomfoolery by younger observers and scenes such as this one aren't too far out of possibility, as any teacher needn't be told.

**The Bible Today**  
REV. G. P. FARSON, District Secretary,  
Upper Canada Bible Society

The day has come in the Far East when a Hindu says to a Muslim, "My brother, it is your Christian duty to do that." Such a declaration comes largely through the influence of the Bible in the Urdu or Hindustani language.

The strength of the new way of life this book introduced into India is seen also in the way Christians there were trusted by both Muslims and Hindus when the British withdrew and these two peoples passed through a self-imposed reign of terror.

It was during this period of transition that Christians painted white crosses on their doors and gave refuge to both Muslims and Hindus and both governments used Christians widely in refugee camps.

"Bibles, Bibles, more Bibles" is the demand everywhere in these countries today. "We cannot keep enough Bibles in stock," complained an official of the Bible Society of India, Pakistan and Ceylon recently. The British and Foreign Bible Society responded with a gift of 91 tons of Bible paper from London.

The name "Urdu" comes from the time 500 years ago when the Muslim invaders swarmed over the Northern mountains of India. They set up a King's Palace in Delhi. The King's soldiers camped close about the palace walls. As they mingled with the native peoples in the market place, they learned their Hindustani language. However, with it they mixed many of their own Arabic and Persian words. "Urdu" was the "camp language" which emerged. The script used is Persian.

By 1809, four years after he arrived in India as a Chaplain, Henry Martyn had translated the entire New Testament into Urdu. His little committee of Indian advisers often worked four days over two chapters. The translation was so nearly perfect that it has been compared to Tyndale's and Cover-

**Books in Review**

**JOHN A. MACDONALD, THE OLD CHIEFTAIN**  
By Donald Creighton

This is the second and final volume of the biography of John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister, written by Donald Creighton of the Department of History at the University of Toronto. The first book was titled The Young Politician.

From Confederation in 1867 until his death in 1891, Macdonald worked to make his dream of Canada a reality. He faced the problems of the building of the railway to the west, the Pacific scandal, union with British Columbia, the Red River rebellion and Northwest rebellion, ever-puzzling Dominion-Provincial relations.

Full of historical fact, the book is still personal. Of course, anyone interested in history will find a book whose events are close to us, both in time and place, extremely interesting.

He campaigned throughout this district—many of our parents' grandparents remember him. He helped establish a new "distinguished" Toronto newspaper—the Mail Workingmen (printers, actually) led him and his wife in a torchlight procession through Toronto streets after a successful meeting in the Music Hall. He decided to give Hamilton, a rapidly growing town, more representation.

Donald Creighton's work in the translation of the Bible into English.

**AT THE Churches**

**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

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th, 1956  
9:50 a.m.—Junior Church  
9:55 a.m.—Church School  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.  
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8th, 1956  
1st SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, Mr. Cyril Taylor. Service will be conducted by Mr. C. O. Rafferty.  
No Evening Service on the second Sunday of the month.  
In 1855 the number of automobile vehicles entering Canada from the U.S. totalled 15,862,300, of which 7,139,000 were Canadian vehicles returning to this country.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8th, 1956  
9:45 a.m.—Churr. School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service  
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. Costerus, Pastor  
Parsonage 115 Bower Ave Phone 206  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8th, 1956  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
Wednesday: 8 p.m.—Mid-week Service.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Meeting in L.O.I.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.  
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid,  
81 Cook St., Telephone 68w.  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8th, 1956  
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.

## REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

### Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 5, 1906.

The first big compound locomotive to come through Acton over the G.T.R. passed last Saturday forenoon with a big train of cars. The big mogul engine went only as far as Georgetown as the new bridge there is not yet completed. There is to be a settlers' excursion to the Canadian Northwest in April.

The millinery openings last week were favored with spring-like weather. At Henderson and Company's, Miss Gray again welcomed the patrons of the Glasgow House. A decided feature this season is the pretty rolled edge sailor. The dress hats of tulle, chiffon and pretty strains are still leading the small shapes.

At R. B. Scott's busy store, high class, fashionable goods at reasonable prices were shown. Of all the flowers, the rose is now the chief. Lilacs will also be popular colors, while flower hats in daisies, forget-me-nots and cowslips with natural foliage will be worn. Miss Sweet was again in charge.

Snow drops and pansies are in bloom in some of the local gardens. Of all the agricultural magazines, there is none that is so thorough as the Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine which celebrates its 40th anniversary.

A number of young farmers in this section are introducing improved grades of stock into their herds and are finding it quite profitable to do so. On Saturday, Mr. Richard N. Brown delivered to Mr. A. P. Scott, driver, a yearling grade steer which weighed 1360 lbs. The roads are drying up rapidly and will soon be in excellent condition.

### Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 5, 1936.

A business established on July 1, 1867 and which has been continuous in the family with the exception of 14 months, was sold on Monday. It was the bakery business of Mrs. M. Edwards, and was sold to Mr. A. McDonald of Durham. The late Thomas Statham began the business. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and Miss Lucy will continue to reside in the home on Church St. and will still conduct the grocery and baking store.

In the public school roll of honor, those who stood first in their grades were Mira Cripps, Polly Forty, Dora Wood, Charles Arnold, Evelyn Braida, Jack Manprize, Mae Spiers, Clayton Fryer, Norma Krantz, Jean Lamb, Donald Lamb.

Schools from Acton and district made a good showing in the county music festival in Burlington. Acton won trophies for junior choir and boys' choir, the shield and second place for the 40-voice choir and 60-voice choir. Much credit is due to Miss T. F. Hunt, director, and Mrs. W. Gowdy, pianist.

Women's fashions are big news now. Popular are swagger coats, fedora hats with veils, tweed suits worn with blouses and ties.

Sheep brought as high as \$18 at J. P. Benham's sale last week.

Snowstorms continue to be frequent.

At the music festival, nine trophies were won by Limehouse pupils.

**JET AGE WEATHER**

The question arises whether the recent instances of strange weather have anything to do with experiments of the jet and atomic age. The answer has always come back that there is little or no evidence that such man-made effects could influence the weather. A scientist expressed it, an atomic explosion compared to the energies of the weather is like a sneeze in a whirlwind. Woodstock (N. B.) Sentinel-Press.

Since 1945 the Canadian Pacific Railway has added 31,391 units of freight and work equipment.

## PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

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