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Do You Know Acton
During the past few weeks we have been compiling data about Acton and district for inclusion in a booklet to be published giving similar information about other towns in Canada. It's facts that are considered essential to give a picture of the market of this area.

It's surprising how much research has been necessary to accumulate these facts and enlightening to know that in spite of all the statistics published, there are many of the questions that cannot be accurately answered. When we encountered so much work we wondered how much the average citizen or business man knows about his town and trading area. It's interesting to know too that so many other people are interested in these facts about the various towns in Canada.

Last week there were recording devices here and there on the highways about town recording the amount of traffic. One never knows what group or department it is that seeks the information gathered. One can never be sure for what purpose the data will be used.

There is, however, one thing certain. Every businessman and every citizen can be a good ambassador for Acton with very little effort. When a stranger makes inquiry about our town, be a booster. You never know what sort of a survey is being made. If you cannot answer his queries intelligently be courteous enough to endeavor to direct him to where he or she can get the answers.

If you cannot speak good of the town or district, don't knock the town or your fellow citizens. The stranger may be making a survey for a new industry and nobody wants to settle among a bunch of knockers or pessimists. If you want the town to grow and progress be progressive yourself. It's surprising what the booster can do and what a rotten impression the knocker can leave with a stranger. Learn all the good about your town and be ready to pass it on. There's always a few who can be depended upon to give the bad impression without even being asked.

Those Decisions
Recently we attended a meeting in which a certain part of the budget presented by Hon. Walter Harris was under discussion. It is one of those controversial points in which newspaper editors have a vital interest. The pros and cons were carefully considered and the discussion ended in a no-decision bout. The issue was neither condemned or commended. Finance ministers must have many a headache making decisions.

The following week we read and appreciated Bruce Hutchinson's column in the Financial Post in which he said he had yet to hear of a finance minister rise in parliament and remark by way of introduction, "I am of opinion, Mr. Speaker, that my budget is top-sided, cockeyed and dangerous, but what can I do against a cabinet ravenous for money, a House of Commons that demands the impossible miracle of more spending and lower taxes, a tax-paying public that already works two days a week for the state without knowing it and seems determined by its demands on Government to work still more?"

"And to tell the truth," this paragon of treasurers might add, "I don't really like the looks of things at all when we're largely financing the boom on the sale of our assets to the Americans and, in fact, living beyond our means."

That is not the customary language of Hansard. Yet under present conditions it could be the kind of advice we need, if not the kind usually demanded in the newspapers.

Just Looking Back
Recently when we installed in our offices, two telephone lines to central we were reminded of our boyhood days when one of our first jobs was to work on odd days at A. T. Brown's drug store to take out messages for long distance calls to parties who were called in town. There weren't many in those days when Acton had about 20 telephones in the whole town.

The Free Press phone was a party line when we started the printing. There was a telephone at the office and another at the editor's home. They seldom rang. We recall when first approached to

put a telephone in our home we refused to make the expenditure on the ground that there were so few who could be called that it would be useless. Now we have two sets at home and three sets for various parts of the office and most everyone has a telephone in the home and considers it a necessity.

Acton's streets in those days were cluttered with wires. On Mill Street the north side had hundreds of single telephone wires and separate electric light poles. The south side had telegraph wires to the station from the post office. Now nearly all the wires are underground, along the backs of property lines or carried in big cables.

It took us a week to get used to having two lines ringing in from central, but it took us a month to get used to and hear properly over that early line and for long-distance all presses had to be stopped and complete silence assured in the office to carry on a conversation. Suppose though there's nothing unusual in this doubling up since the Free Press in those days had only four employees where today there are sixteen, the space occupied is more than double and the equipment more than doubled. In these days it seems double or nothing is the rule.

Forgot to mention the Free Press number in those early days was 11A and today it's 600 and 601.

A Foundation for Life
When school boards and teachers appear to be preoccupied with buildings and pedagogical techniques, says the Toronto Telegram, it is well to have an educationist such as Sir Richard Livingstone, former vice-chancellor of Oxford University, point out that of even greater importance in the education of youth is the inculcation of high moral standards.

In a thought-provoking address to the Ontario Educational Association, Sir Richard stated that the greatest need in education today is to teach the knowledge of good and evil, for without this knowledge the use of all other skills is sterile. Youth must be taught to strive for excellence, but the labor is without direction and without foundation if it is not based on a knowledge of good and evil. Only by that knowledge is it possible to distinguish between excellence and cheapness, between virtue and vice.

These abstractions have their reflection in everyday life. People are honorable, decent, religious. The opposite are also evident and Sir Richard suggests that a decline in values and standards accounts for them. Success today is an end in itself. How it is achieved is of small significance, and if the method is shabby and underhand it does not matter so long as one is not found out.

"Success" itself has as many meanings as there are people who seek it, and the meaning an individual gives it depends on that person's standards and sense of values. For this reason, Sir Richard emphasizes, nothing is of greater importance in the education of children than to give them a moral foundation upon which they may, knowing good from evil, build their lives.

Brief Comment
Weather possibilities for even April may toward the end be snowflurries. But always we've had spring and summer.

The end of the month of April brings not only the opening of the fishing season but also the requirement to complete your income tax payments before you take off.

This is the week-end when to be in step you must adopt daylight saving time in this district. You'll be confused all summer if you don't put the clock ahead an hour on Sunday morning.

Why spring housecleaning? Why at one certain time of the year must the familiar and adequate routine of the household be interrupted? We ask these questions in an impersonal way. Is there anyone brave enough to ask his wife point-blank?—Kentville (N.S.) Advertiser.

In days of short supply when anyone could sell anything... courtesy too often went by the boards. Today we are back in a competitive society. People will like you if you are polite, they will live in your town if they find it pleasant... Once again courtesy pays off. — Campbell River (B.C.) Courier.

Raising speed limits means drivers must think and act faster, points out the London Free Press. "What are we doing to raise the mental standards of drivers, or at least to reduce the number of slow reactors? Safety devices are only ameliorants. The driver who is less efficient than his car—for any reason—is the cause of nearly every accident."

We're always a little disappointed to find a Canadian whose family probably arrived in this country less than 100 years ago who is hardly aware of which country his ancestors came from. It's amusing too when people with, say, English names ridicule the racial traits of the English when their own grandfathers came from that country. We think the Scots are the most determined in retaining their identity.—Hartland (N.B.) Observer.



THE SPRING LAMB has had a tough time getting his gay gambolling in this season, but at least the turn for the better in this week's weather suggests he, with everybody else, may be in for downier days. This perplexed innocent, hardly older than spring itself, seems unlikely to argue anyway.

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

Many who appreciate and use the Bible could not put into words their reasons for doing so. C. E. Holmes has analysed why he believes the Bible as follows:
Because it is the champion of human liberties.
Because it is founded upon justice and mercy.
Because it reveals the only indisputable man—Christ Jesus.
Because its influence is rapidly travelling to the whole world.
Because after 2,000 years of publication, it is still the best seller.
Because its benefits are not limited to any race, color or condition.
Because, when accepted, men immediately seek for better things.
Because it provides the only real consolation for men dying in sorrow.
Because in studying its words we breathe the atmosphere of eternity.
Because its messages of hope have saved many from self-destruction.
Because it recognizes and upholds the dignity and individuality of every person.
Because those who would destroy it have not furnished any substitute of value.
Suggested Bible readings for the week: Sunday, John 7: 32-53; Monday, John 8: 1-32; Tuesday, John 8: 33-59; Wednesday, John 9: 1-41; Thursday, John 10: 1-42; Friday, John 11: 1-29; Saturday, John 11: 30-57.

POET'S CORNER

HEAL THESE HEARTS OF PAIN
Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man
In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds, dark with gloom,
From palms where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of Thy tears.
From tender childhood's helplessness,
From woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Thy heart has never known recoil.
The cup of water given for Thee
Still holds the freshness of Thy grace;
Yet long these multitudes to see
The sweet compassion of Thy face.
O Master from the mountain side
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain,
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;
Till sons of men shall learn Thy love,
And follow where Thy feet have trod;
Till glorious from Thy heaven above,
Shall come the city of our God.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 1968
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
Evening Prayer cancelled.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG
M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 1968
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.F.U.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week Service.

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Cogerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 206w

SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 1968
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.F.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, APRIL 29th, 1968 (EASTER IV)
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
4:5 p.m.—Holy Baptism of infants
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
ALL TIMES ARE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corner
Pastor: Rev. E. J. Reid,
21 Cook St. Telephone 640w.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 1968
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Congo prayer meeting and Bible study.

REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 30, 1934.

At a recent meeting of the local branch of the Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Colonel G. Couzens, Commanding Officer of the Lorne (Scottish) Rifles was present for the purpose of decorating an ex-serviceman with the medal for Long Service. Zone Commander J. M. McDonald was in charge of the meeting and Sgt. Gould was invited to the president's station and, during the fastening of the medal to his breast, the Colonel recounted many incidents of the old days. Both the Colonel and the sergeant had served as gunners in the artillery.

Mr. G. Masales of Acton was elected president of the Halton Presbytery Young People's Union at the spring rally held at Waterdown on Saturday and Sunday. Mill Street still continues to be far from a perfect roadway but summer time is supposed to rectify all its shortcomings. But summer seems so slow in coming.

Mrs. Peter Smith, Miss Pearl Smith, Mrs. James Symon, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy and Miss M. E. Nelson spent two days in Hamilton last week attending the annual provincial convention of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. A mock air gas attack on Toronto was held as a prelude to the campaign for peace. 10 airplanes zoomed down from the sky over the city, great volumes of smoke pouring from their exhaust pipes. Their cargo was thousands of leaflets warning the city against war. The whole display was arranged by the Toronto branch of the League of Nations Society. In the streets men in gas masks distributed leaflets.

Jack Van Gozen and Gordon Bilton are the two Boy Scouts selected to attend the annual forestry camp at Angus over the week-end of May 24. The first annual meeting of the Children's Aid Societies of Halton and Peel was held in Milton Tuesday with the president, J. M. Denyes, in the chair. During a 15 month period, 90 new child protection cases were referred to the society. 15 children in all have been committed to the care of the Society.

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