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### Serving the Most Citizens

In spite of the fact that a new community centre was turned down by the voters at the last election, it appears that part of the program of municipal buildings is to be put into effect this year. Tenders have been called for a new fire hall which we presume is to be financed by a debenture issue. Details of the proposed new building are given in the news columns and the proposal has been under consideration by Council.

There is no doubt that a fire hall or a new municipal building, or better equipment and more buildings to store it or artificial ice, are desirable, but there is a question of which things are the most urgently required and will serve the majority of citizens. For 15 years the residents of Cameron Street have appealed for a sidewalk to enable them to get to the shopping centre without walking in the mud. Most everyone would enjoy more hard surfaced roads. In new and older sections of town the annual maintenance of roadways is very unsatisfactory.

At municipal nominations it is very frequently mentioned that the municipal staff is not sufficient for the work required. The matter of some salary adjustments is constantly before the meetings of municipal bodies. Of course, educational expenditure is constantly on the increase with no brakes to apply in the present structure.

We fully appreciate the position of those in charge of municipal affairs in their constant struggle to appease all groups and still maintain a level of taxes. We wonder, however, if we do not need at the present a little more maintenance of what we have and less addition of new buildings and new equipment.

### In Due Course

Most years in this month of May and sometimes even earlier, there is a warmth in the air and a feeling that is an urge to start spring clean-up. Even that urge to go fishing isn't just the same when spring is delayed. This year, spring is late and with a delayed season comes a delayed action in the usual spring duties.

A late season, of course, has its reaction on spring business. Winter clothing is not shed for the spring toggery. The garden tools and the urge to do outside work around the home or on the land is lacking. Not only the land but those who work it require the warm spring sunshine.

We ought, at this time of year, to be writing items urging spring clean-up, painting up and getting ready for summer, but even writers need the sun to shine on both sides of the fence, the trees to come in bud and the grass to look green to pass on the admonition for spring clean-up. The weather may be backward, but always there are the seasons in the turn and as long as we can recall, they have not been too regular in making their appearance. Blame it on what you will, the weather is always a safe topic—it never argues but just comes and goes as it pleases without man-made regularity.

### Big Trade Abroad

Well over 50,000 Canadians visited Britain last year staying on an average 61 days and spending at least \$25 millions. For those who would like to see Canada build up more trade with the United Kingdom, these facts are significant.

Here is a British "export" to Canada that could be greatly expanded with little or no disturbance to established Canadian markets or industries, says The Financial Post.

Every dollar spent by Canadians in Britain, mostly for transportation, food and hotel services, is exactly the same so far as international accounting is concerned, as a dollar spent for British goods imported into Canada.

The more Canadian tourist dollars are left in Britain, the more dollars there are for British consumers to spend on Canadian newsprint, lumber, wheat, aluminum and scores of other products we would like to export. And it should not be very difficult to boost this Canadian tourist spending in Great Britain almost indefinitely, because it is a natural development.

### Bad Retaliation

That was a badly unfounded and biased statement that unionized printers of Ontario made last week against Premier Frost's government. According to a news article, a resolution passed the annual conference of Unionized Printing Trades which states:

"Printing contracts (for voters' lists) are let to printers on the basis the printers will make a rebate or kick-back direct to the returning officer of about 25 per cent. or more of the lineage rates as determined by the government. Such practices are, in effect, graft, and are known and condoned by the provincial government."

In the years we have been in business, we have printed voters' lists for all parties. Never once has a "kick back" been suggested or paid. We received the regular rates for such printing on a straight business-like basis.

The accusation undoubtedly is the result of Premier Frost's government's recent stand when he refused to bow to union demands that all government printing must bear the union label and be done in unionized shops. If he had acceded to this demand every printer in every small town would have been barred from doing any printing for the Ontario government. The Printing Trades Unions have shown themselves to be narrow and prejudiced in making the statement reported. Maybe they would like to see the time come when non-union printers could not eat in the same restaurants as those who belonged to a printing union.

As a printer who for years was a union member and holds an honorable withdrawal card, we fear present day leadership is at a pretty low ebb.

### Not a Healthy Growth

Latest estimates of the number of alcoholics in Canada released recently by the Alcoholism Research Foundation of Ontario place the total at 182,000. This is a projection to the end of 1956, and it represents an increase of 30,000 over the last three years. (The figure previously used in Foundation publication was 152,000 alcoholics in Canada at the end of 1953.)

According to Foundation statisticians, there is not only an increase in gross numbers of alcoholic Canadians, but in the rate of alcoholism occurring in the population as well. The rate for 1953 was 1,670 alcoholics per 100,000 Canadians age 20 and older. The projected rate for 1956 stands at 1,850 per 100,000 Canadians age 20 and older.

The Foundation reports an estimated 76,000 alcoholics in the province of Ontario in 1956 (as compared with 57,000 in 1953); and an Ontario rate for 1956 of 2,210 alcoholics per 100,000 adult population (as against 1,780 per 100,000 Ontario adults in 1953).

The new estimates place the alcoholic population of York county (Toronto and environs) at 25,000; and the York county rate at 2,610 per 100,000 adults. Middlesex county (London) registers a higher rate than York—3,160 per 100,000 adults; and Carleton county (Ottawa) trails York with 2,540 per 100,000 adults.

It is quite clear that Canada does not need the stimulus of more liquor advertising to make its citizens better and more able to develop this country.

### The Years bring Changes

A new newspaper group has come into being in Halton the past week. A group of Burlington businessmen have taken over publication of the Burlington Gazette upon the retirement of Messrs. Elgin and George Harris who have operated it for 57 years with fine community spirit.

Tribute was paid the Harris father and son at a testimonial dinner in Burlington last Thursday. There is also regret and reminiscence in the changing scene as human frailties demand the dropping of arduous duties. We couldn't help but feel this as we realized that this left your editor now the senior editor in Halton County.

Time marches on and we hasten to welcome the new owners and the production staff of the Burlington paper into the weekly newspaper field of Halton, whose papers have long and successful histories. Milton's Canadian Champion goes back to 1860 and Acton's Free Press to 1875 as the two oldest continuing names in Halton's newspaper history. Seniority is something which is not sought but comes in spite of oneself.

### Down Through The Centuries

Famous men down through the ages have written about Mothers and their influence, but for this Mother's Day of 1956, we like the reference made by Macaulay about 100 years ago which is just as apt as it was in the 1800's in which he lived:

"Children, look in those eyes, listen to that clear voice, notice the feeling of even a single touch that is bestowed upon you by that gentle hand! Make much of it while yet you have that most precious of all good gifts, a loving mother. Read the unfathomable love of those eyes; the kind anxiety of that tone and look, however slight your pain. In after life you may have friends, fond, dear friends, but never will you have again the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you, which none but a mother bestows."

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 13th. What more could we add?



WHEN SPRING COMES and ponds are high, fed by rushing creeks, the call to young mariners is too insistent to be shrugged off. The sailing season is back and not only rafts but miniature schooners, like the one above, are now taking to the waters piloted by young sailors.

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

Dressed only from the waist down, except for the sacred cord tied diagonally across his chest from the right shoulder, a visitor stood hesitatingly outside the house of a Canadian Baptist Mission Evangelist in Sampeya, India. His face was clean shaven as was his head, all but a tuft of holy hair at the back.

According to a long established custom in India, the visitor indicated his presence by coughing instead of knocking.

The evangelist could hardly conceal his surprise when he saw before him this young Brahmin priest. To such a high caste orthodox Hindu, contact with a Christian who had been converted from the untouchable outcast should be unthinkable. Even more cause for surprise were the stranger's first words, "Greetings, Sir, I have come to see you because I want to learn about your Christian religion."

Surya - Narayana Patro was the visitor's name. The first part of it meant, "God is the light of the sun." He was the family priest of the rajah of Jalantira, a village five miles away. When not performing religious rites in the temple, he conducted a small school.

A few months before a book seller had called at the school and asked permission to sell copies of the Christian Scriptures to the pupils. The priest bought two books. These he showed to his host. They were well worn and indicated the priest's sincere interest in the Gospel story. He was anxious to learn more.

On a following visit, the priest met Rev. Dr. G. P. Parson, a Canadian Baptist missionary. Dr. Parson gave him a copy of the complete Bible. After reading John 3: 16, he exclaimed, "How different this is from the vague speculations of Hinduism." Patro eventually forsook the

**POET'S CORNER**

**MY MOM**  
M—is for my Mother,  
Kind, honest and true.  
O—is that I'll own her  
My whole life through.  
T—is for her tender heart,  
Precious and pure as gold.  
H—is for her guiding hand  
That I would often hold.  
E—is for ever-lasting love,  
She shares with everyone.  
R—she's real and wonderful,  
God bless her, she's "My Mom."

—Hazel Laurie,  
414 Main St., Acton.

**Fire Starts Here**

Here's a special spring clean-up warning from the fire department: Fire, the kind that hurts and destroys, has favorite starting places, like the home with the attic, basement, closets, stuffed with old clothes, useless furniture and other rubbish. Fire likes to get going, too, in yards and empty lots cluttered with trash, dried grass and brush. Don't you give fire a place to start. Look safe, feel safe, be safe from fire—clean up!

**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, MAY 13th, 1956**  
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.  
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
Evening Prayer—cancelled.

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.  
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector

**SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1956**  
(Sunday after Ascension)  
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
9:45 a.m.—Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.  
No Evening Service on the second Sunday of the month.

**SPECIAL BEAVER**  
GRAND FALLS, Nfld. (CP) — The department of mines and resources is conducting a survey to learn more about Newfoundland's beaver, which are not the same as beavers elsewhere on the North American continent. Carcasses are being examined to learn more about breeding cycles.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister

**SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1956**  
Christian Family Sunday  
11:00 a.m.—Children's Service. Baptisms.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
A warm welcome awaits you.

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1956**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Combined service with Knox church for farewell service.  
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week Service.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**  
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners  
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid,  
81 Cook St., Telephone 649w.

**SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 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.  
Monday, May 14 — Sectional Rally Service in St. Alban's Parish Hall at 8 p.m.

**REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days**

**Twenty Years Ago**  
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 14, 1936

According to the assessors' roll, which has just been returned, Acton has a population this year of 1,983. These figures include of course only that section within the town's boundary. It is an increase over last year of about eight.

Council continued to discuss the advisability of having garbage collection in town. The municipal officer was instructed to purchase a new hand lawnmower as the present one was worn out.

The annual high school commencement exercises were held in the town hall on Monday night. Principal D. A. MacRae deplored the lack of scholarships to help the pupils keep up their interest in the various departments. Vernon Agnew, who was the gold medalist at the Halton music festival, gave a selection. Hazel Wilson gave The Early History of our Community. Kay Chapman presented a monologue.

Norman Branda gave an account of the musical activities at the school. Patricia Harrop, as a crystal gazer, predicted the future of the members of the graduating class. The girls' choir sang.

Mr. J. M. McDonald, chairman of the school board, presented diploma to Margaret Arnold, Eileen Breen, Helen Campbell, Helen Lamb, Etta Swackhamer, Roderick Ryder, Harvey McCutcheon, George Switzer, Charles Henderson, Fred Turner, John Dennis, Ted Hansen and Howard Turner.

The valedictory was given by Helen Lamb.

The Y.M.C.A. circus on Friday and Saturday evenings proved a novel form of entertainment. It was remarkable to note the progress made in the few months the Y has been in operation under secretary A. MacLaren.

Wm. Eccleshall, in the boxing and wrestling ring, featured some of his boys, W. Eccleshall Jr., Fred Turner, Roy Denny, Harry Norton, Ken Hassard and Lorne Masters. There were songs, drills, tumbling and dances. The winners were Vernon Agnew, Charles Tyler, Howard Norton and Donald Ryder.

**Fifty Years Ago**  
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 16, 1906

Several petitions for permanent pavements were received by council.

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute for the election of officers was held in the town hall last Friday. The new president is Mrs. A. T. Brown; vice-president, Mrs. H. P. Moore; secretary, Mrs. George Howell; directors, Mrs. Dr. Gray, Mr. J. Cameron and Mrs. J. McLam; Miss Clara Moore and Mrs. T. Perryman, press committee.

The pretty dandelions have come out again.

Mr. R. Gibbons is out again with Tragedian, his \$4,000 blood stallion.

Watch Acton grow. There's building no all hands and the population continues to increase.

It was reported at council that boys were tampering with the guy ropes of the electric lamps on the streets. Arrests will follow promptly any further meddling.

For more than a year county council has been considering the matter of initiating steps towards providing better roads for Halton. In this connection, an exhibition and test of stone crushers and steam road rollers was held in Milton last Thursday attended by hundreds of councillors, municipal officers and citizens from all parts of Halton as well as Wentworth and Peel.

Ontario has two sensations just now, the new silver-mining camp at Cobalt and the agitation over Niagara Falls power. It is becoming clearer day-by-day that hydro-electric energy is to be the great motive power of the next half century, and likely to displace coal wherever it is easily available.

The news that there will be no protracted strike of the 100,000 hard coal miners will be very gratifying to the people of Ontario who were already beginning to feel that next winter's supply of fuel was rather precarious. The recommendation of an increase in wages of 5 per cent. was accepted.

Carden seeds—20 packets for 25c. The meat shops have adopted early closing.

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**TRAVELLERS' GUIDE**

**GRAY COACH LINES**

**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**

Daylight Saving Time

Eastbound  
6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:13 p.m.; 10:08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.).

Westbound  
10:27 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.).

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**

Standard Time

Eastbound  
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m.; 7:13 p.m. (flag stop); 7:40 p.m.; Saturday only 5:20 p.m.; Sunday only 6:03 a.m. (flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound  
Daily 11:44 p.m.; Daily except Sundays 8:46 a.m.; 7:13 p.m. (flag stop); 7:40 p.m.; Saturday only 5:20 p.m.; Sunday only 6:03 a.m. (flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Georgetown 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. to Ottawa passengers from West Toronto and beyond 5:31 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 8:57 p.m.