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Victoria Day on Monday
Victoria Day, that first public holiday of the early summer, is scheduled for observance on Monday. Departing from a custom that made this holiday the 24th of May for over a generation we have the holiday now observed on the Monday nearest the 24th, which this year brings it on May 21st. Perhaps if switching holidays to week-ends finds general approval and convenience, we may find other holidays changed to the week-end or Monday observance.

Many of us can recall when business was not badly disrupted by a mid-week holiday. That was in the days of small industrial establishments and this country was a group of individuals more dependent on the land. In those days, too, holidays meant a day's less pay in the envelope and there was quite a divergence of opinion on whether to work or stay at home. We didn't have the means of rapid travel either and a holiday just meant a day around home or a trip to a nearby stream that still had some trout in it. We used to spend quite a deal of time in those days, too, in decorating the exterior of homes and business places with flags, bunting, etc.

The present times provide and demand a different type of observance. We haven't time for home and business decoration. We have to go someplace; we must all get on the highways. We cannot say that a public holiday is more enjoyable or more restful in the present trend but it's different and appears to suit observance on a long week-end. For those who still want just a day of leisure, what difference does it make whether it is Monday or Thursday or Wednesday or Tuesday or Friday. Just so long as it isn't the Saturday or Sunday, the days that we presently have.

Who Pays Your Pension

The Ontario teachers' pension fund is down \$90 millions below current needs, according to the provincial auditor. Unless this is made up promptly, he adds, in 15 years more money will be going out than is coming in. This is not the only teachers pension fund in Canada that has been shown to be actuarially unsound, declares the Financial Post and some others, like those of the federal civil service and for certain groups of municipal employees, have had to be heavily subsidized by the taxpayers from time to time to keep them afloat.

The plain fact is that in many of these schemes covering teachers and other government workers either contributions from the employed have not been big enough or pensions paid out to the retired have been larger than the contributions justified.

Private industries simply cannot operate their pension schemes that way. If their funds got behind there would be no handout from the general taxpayer. That is the way it should be for others, too. We need some practical as well as theoretical application in our administration of pension funds. You can't get out more than you put in.

Too Many Irons?

A few years ago the Canadian National Railway undertook to build a hotel in the city of Montreal.

About that time the non-operating railway unions succeeded in expanding their membership to include the employees of all hotels operated by railway companies. The unions' next step was to persuade the powers that be to rule that the employees of railway-operated hotels are railway employees and must be paid railway wages, which are much higher than competing hotels have to pay.

This was a blow the CNR had not expected. It opened the company's eyes to the fact that hotel keeping and railway operating don't mix, and that the fewer hotels it operates the better it will be for the railway. It decided not to operate any more hotels than it already had on its hands; and it made a deal by which the new hotel in Montreal would be operated by a hotel company that is not in the railway business. It also began to look about for opportunities to dispose of some of its other hotel properties.—The Rural Scene.

A Great Achievement

On Monday, Ontario Hydro marked 50 years of service to Ontario municipalities. It was on May 14, 1916, that the first 14 municipalities around Kitchener received royal assent to create the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission. But all the pioneering was not over when the Commission was formed.

Many of us recall the years which followed when Sir Adam Beck carried on the campaign with his followers to get acceptance of the new power by Ontario municipalities. Then as now old customs and methods hung on tenaciously. There was the doubt in many minds that electricity generated at Niagara Falls could be carried to serve the province. Folks didn't like the flicker of 25 cycle power that was made available by Hydro. It was an uphill campaign for Adam Beck and his associates to convince Ontario towns and villages of the feasibility of the bold plan. It was six years later before Hydro came into the towns in North Halton and there were many bitter arguments along every step.

It was perhaps the biggest achievement in the upbuilding of the Province of Ontario. Fifty years later every town and rural home enjoys the benefits of Hydro. The last half century has seen an industrial growth in this province that certainly could not have been achieved without Hydro.

May 14, 1966, marked a proud achievement for Ontario and 50 years later we find Hydro still forging ahead developing the great waterways of the province and making Ontario a better place in which to live and work.



SOME FISH BITE and some fish don't, but these two lone anglers hardly seem to care as they drift lazily over the quiet waters of Point Wolf River, in Fundy National Park, New Brunswick. At least the scenery is something if the fishing isn't. Photo from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau.

Embarrassing

The Governor-General of Canada has been embarrassed by the public appeal for patrons of the drama to buy a certain kind of whisky to support the arts. It seems to have been public knowledge however that the distiller on whose behalf a few thousand letters were sent out, contributed between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to the Drama Festival.

If such letters were sent out for all the support to projects given by distillers and brewers, many more patrons of very commendable projects would also be very embarrassed. There are many enterprises both in communities and in provincial and dominion spheres in which the brewers and distillers try to win prestige by their liberal donations. Nothing much is said about it until it flares up in the open, but always the contributions are aimed at winning public favor.

Judging by the crop of alcoholics we have today the expenditure of big sums is paying off for the advancement of the products of the liquor trade. It seems to take a lifetime to sink in on the public mind that whoever pays the piper calls the tune. But isn't it shocking and embarrassing when the public learns all about what keeps our culture and advancement oiled and going?

Maybe it would be well to examine the list of donors to the organizations to which we all belong to make sure that we too will not be embarrassed if the spotlight is turned on other activities. There are no free drinks on the house. Some day there may be more letters sent out asking for tangible returns.

Adjust to What

The fashionable remedy for many an ill nowadays is to "adjust". Taxpayers, who include most citizens, are exhorted to "adjust" to prevailing levels of taxation. Trade union members are threatened with dire consequences if they fail to "adjust" to what their superiors, the labor bosses, think is good for them. Heads of families are cajoled by government to mortgage their very life insurance to buy homes, which most of them will never live to call their own. Television set owners are deftly guided towards being more reconciled to the CBC fare. Even doctors and psychiatrists belong to the cult of conformity, urging their nerve-frazzled patients, most of whom are the victims of the conformity treadmill to "adjust".

Fortunately, there are still a few staunch non-conformists left. Economic non-conformists, political non-conformists, cultural non-conformists, and just plain cantankerous folk. It's a good thing there are the hardy few who, refusing to "adjust" themselves, keep making the old college try at forcing circumstances to be changed and bettered.—The Printed Word.

Brief Comment

Late or early, the outdoor evidence of spring-time is always welcome. The spring flowers, the budding trees, the new grass and the weather that permits one to be out-of-doors are always things to be eagerly anticipated.

The Powassan News last week entered its fiftieth year of publication, with the founder of the paper, J. B. Lake, still going strong. Congratulations on a notable anniversary to both.

Calling all husbands... time to clean up. Maybe you will end up with a sore back from all your efforts, but you'll be mighty pleased with the trim air your property will acquire. A little sales talk to the wife will convince her that a few hours with the rake may mean a better arrangement of her poundage—but be diplomatic.—Grenfell (Sask.) Sun.

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

Cyprus is in the news as perhaps never before. The calibre of the Bible colporteurs who travel from place to place and call on house after house in the midst of the explosive situation there is illustrated in the story of Nicholas.

Although of Greek parentage, Nicholas was born and raised in the polyglot community of Cairo. At 19 he volunteered to oppose the Italian invasion of Greece and saw some of the fiercest fighting. In the midst of the suffering of the bitter winter in the wild hills of Albania, with comrades wounded and dying all about him, he resolved that he would spend his post-war life seeking to bring peace to people wherever he could.

When the tide of war turned in favor of the Allies, and he was stationed near Thebes, one day in a house where he was billeted he found a New Testament in Ancient and Modern Greek, printed in 1839, over a century before, by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Nicholas began to peruse it idly until one afternoon a passage caught his attention. The Book began to fire his imagination. He refused to be disturbed even when food and cigarettes were offered to him. He read on and on for days. After demobilization, he was offered a position as a colporteur, and gladly accepted.

The auto hasn't completely replaced the horse. You haven't yet seen a bronze statue of a man sitting under a steering wheel.

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 20th, 1966
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 20th, 1966
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

PAY FOR REPAIRS
MONCTON, N.B. (C.P.)—Mayor Hugh Joyce told council that local contractors damaging fire hydrants while removing snow would have to pay the repair bill.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 1966
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
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 20th, 1966
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
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 20th, 1966
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.

Books In Review
H. M. S. ULYSSES
By Alistair MacLean

You're likely to be cold all the time you read H.M.S. Ulysses by Alistair MacLean. A new war novel that has been very popular in Britain, it's chilling in two ways. First, it's a war story of unusually tragic dimensions. Secondly, the story takes place on the convoy route to Murmansk in Russia. This run was notorious for its hardships.

With a dying captain and simply exhausted crew, H.M.S. Ulysses was assigned to convoy duty north of the Arctic circle again. Back to the continuous cold, even below decks, and to devastating air and sea attack. Tragedy was inevitable and the men of the Royal Navy knew it.

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All-Time Record Set by Chrysler

Chrysler Corporation of Canada Ltd. today reported an all-time record production for passenger cars during the month of April.

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REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

Twenty Years Ago
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 21, 1936.

The program for the four weeks' celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the United Church, Acton, as announced tentatively this week, promises one of the outstanding events of the year.

A quiet May wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon when Miss Lorna Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs. and the late Frank E. Kennedy, became the bride of Mr. Joseph Nelson Reid, son of Mrs. Reid and the late Robert Reid, all of Acton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Milton Morrow in the United church parsonage. The bride was charmingly gowned in a powder blue georgette dress and her bridal bouquet was pink roses with baby's breath.

St. Alban's Young People's Association marked the close of its activities until the fall with a banquet Wednesday night. The parish hall was bright with streamers of blue and white. Two important numbers on the program were the presentations made by Mr. Lowrie and Mrs. Ritchie to Mrs. Buchanan and Charles Kirkness for the help with their play, "For Pete's Sake."

Summer sports got away to a real start but the summer gardens suffered a setback with the severe frost this week.

The lady bowlers met at the club house Wednesday evening last. The following officers were elected: honorary president, Mrs. J. M. McDonald; president, Mrs. D. H. Lindsay; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Ryder; second vice-president, Mrs. S. Rushmore; third vice-president, Mrs. H. Elliott; secretary-treasurer, Miss M. Ryder; assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss V. Ramshaw.

Seeking a reserve or replacement for the veteran goalkeeper George Hainsworth, Toronto Maple Leafs, paid \$800—a record price—for a minor league—for Detroit Olympics star Walter Broda.

Milton has two cases of diphtheria reported. Acton seats will attend the Jubilee in Milton on the week-end.

Fifty Years Ago
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 17, 1906.

The confirmation services of St. Alban's church are always very impressive and interesting and are invariably well attended. At the service on Thursday evening, His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara confirmed 11 candidates whose names, Rev. Wilson, had prepared.

Miss Ettie Laird, who has been librarian since the opening of the library eight years ago, has resigned.

It has been some time since an alarm of fire has been rung in the town but on Saturday night at 9:30 the fire bell rang and the tannery whistles shrieked and in a few minutes the heavens were illuminated with a lurid glare and it was soon ascertained that the tannery and Co.'s sole leather tannery was on fire. The Beardmore Fire Company and Acton Fire Brigade poured tons of water on the flames and in half an hour or so had the fire under control. The insurance adjusters were here on Tuesday and the loss appraised at \$5,000, divided between some 23 companies.

The illegal practice of some shop keepers of sweeping their refuse on the streets continues. As a result the streets have an untidy and unkempt appearance.

Isn't it about time the Fire and Light committee got that hydrant in for water for sprinkling the streets. Mr. Chairman? Please get a hustle on. The dust is getting unbearable again.

Signs of spring: there are sprouts on the onions, junk dealers now are here, there is rubbish for the ragman and eggs are not so dear.

At the last pay day the wages of the men at the tanneries was increased a dollar per week. They are now receiving \$9 a week.

They tag all the dogs in Oakville. An attempt to run Sunday cars between Fort William and Port Arthur has been stopped by the authorities.

Senator Forget reports that French capital is being sent to Canada for investment due to unrest in that country.

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