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The Forward Look

With Dominion Day, this year, coming midway between publication days, it is a subject that is timely either before or after the day and we have chosen this year, to publish our thoughts after the holiday. Like some others, over the daring age of youth, we spent the day at home and watched the cars go screeching by. The headlines of the holiday tell the story of the toll of those who just didn't make a safe return.

But let's not dwell on the holiday tragedies, but give more concern to this great land of ours on this 89th birthday. These are great days for Canada in all of its ten provinces, its cities, towns and hamlets and its expansive farm lands. It's a land youthful and offering great opportunities for those who will go out and get it. It's a land which is developing and enjoying the lessons taught by experience in other lands. These eighty-nine years since confederation have been wonderful, but the years ahead can be a greater era than any Canadians now living have ever enjoyed.

The census now being taken will give some statistics on the Canada of today. Considering the broad expanses within our borders we will find that Canadians have ample elbow room and can look after many more people. The natural resources of what was once considered barren land can hardly be comprehended by average citizens of this great country.

Canadians of 1956 may well look back with appreciative hearts for what the past has provided and forward with confidence to the promise of being the greatest nation in the world. Let us not be boastful but a responsible people in making Canada great in all things.

Past and Future

We've been wondering what Joseph Hacking would think to-day of the town of Acton. Not many of our readers know who Joseph Hacking was. He was a printer who, eighty-one years ago, brought a printing press and the equipment essential for printing a newspaper to Acton and on Dominion Day 1875 introduced the Free Press to the village, which had been incorporated just two years previously.

Of the machinery and methods of to-day, we doubt if Joseph Hacking ever had a vision. Of the town and district and its people he must have had a strong faith that the years have shown to be well-founded. But perhaps of more concern to-day to those who guide Acton's newspaper what would be his thoughts on our conduct of the Free Press which he founded?

Most important however to all of us who followed him is what of the future. We cannot dwell too long on the past in these days of rapid forwardness. But going into the eighty-second year of the Free Press, we who are now in charge have a deep appreciation of the past and of those who preceded us and especially of the one editor whom we knew so well, the late H. P. Moore, who conducted the Free Press for fifty years. For the future we have the same aim and purpose which characterized the early editors, to give the people of Acton and district a newspaper that is worthy of this part of Canada in which we live.

Dog Days?

The dogs about town may not be really appreciative but the citizens who had garbage cans upset regularly are enjoying the change in conditions since the three northern towns of Halton made an arrangement with the Oakville Humane Society to bring order to our streets and keep the towns from going to the dogs. The hope of most folks will be that the present enforcement will continue.

Dogs are credited with a rare intelligence but after all reading or understanding of by-laws is not one of their accomplishments. Dog owners like the parents of children, are apt to be over-indulgent and not give the proper supervision and interpretation of the rules of living in a law-abiding society. The fault cannot be all placed at the door of pampered dogs or spoiled children.

Laws that curb are not popular often and restrict some individuals, but the common good without special privileges for any is in the best interests of all. So the strict enforcement of the privileges of dogs in town is being appreciated here this year. Thanks go to those who are making the will of the majority here popular and correcting an abuse in a humane manner.

For Happy Vacation

Vacation days are being marred by drowning accidents which almost equal the highway fatalities. Our drowning accidents in the months of June, July and August are almost on a par with accident fatalities on the highways during the same period. Last year 295 people were killed on our highways in this three-month period and 258 perished in our rivers and lakes.

"The greatest danger," says Health Minister Dr. Phillips, "lies in the 16 to 25 years age group, where, perhaps, some seem unconsciously to take chances or overestimate their powers as swimmers."

Dr. Phillips listed these simple rules for water safety:

1. If you cannot swim stay away from deep water and out of canoes.
2. Never go swimming alone.
3. Never enter the water directly after a meal. Stomach cramps may be caused by swimming too soon after eating. Allow at least one hour after meals before taking that dip.
4. Float on your back if you get a cramp in your leg or foot, and on reaching shore, rub the affected part vigorously.

ABOVE ALL, KEEP CALM!

Opinions

In view of the fact that there are apparently so many wrongs that need to be righted, we often wonder that we do not receive more letters to the editor and that there is such a dearth of candidates for municipal office each December. We are often asked to write on subjects of public interest and we appreciate these suggestions even if our views may not coincide. After all when we write on any subject the opinions are our own, based on our own experience.

We would like to emphasize that we welcome the opinions of others in our columns, but we would warn against some pitfalls. It's not in the best interests to write when one is very angry because one is apt to say things that may be regretted. If you have a complaint, be prepared to offer a suggestion. It's much easier to wreck than to build. Don't be personal in your attacks and keep in mind the problem rather than the individual. People come and go in this world, but policies live on for years and years. It won't hurt to be analytical of yourself in relation to the problem as well as to the shortcomings of the other fellow.

As evidence of good faith all letters for publication must be signed by the writer, who will thereby accept his responsibility for the statements contained. The name does not necessarily have to be published but can remain a secret between the writer and the publisher.

Last but not least try to be a booster rather than a knocker. Have the courage to express your opinions and stand behind them. Progress comes through courage and the right of free speech and expression of opinion.

Brief Comment

The lack of display of flags on Dominion Day was quite noticeable here. Holidays have time only for pleasure.

Without a doubt the most inappropriate name saddled on our women folk is the meaningless word "housewife." There is no knowing where the term came from, but in all likelihood it is an importation and a poor importation at that. —Pembroke (Ont.) Observer.

Today, the great flood of the service clubs' great contribution to the welfare of his fellow man is directed not alone to the amelioration of suffering and want, but to the correction of those conditions that make suffering and want possible. —Rimley (Alta.) Record.

If your wife buys a colored refrigerator, she'll get tired of it sooner—in seven years instead of the 11 she needs for white, says the Financial Post. And if she does buy, odds are two to five she'll redecorate the whole kitchen. Be prepared to shell out for both within three years, if you haven't already, according to the growth statistics.

It is true of every community—there are a few who have the interest of the community at heart, and strive to make it a better place in which to live. Organizations are formed for this purpose, but even in those organizations the great bulk of the work is left to a few willing horses who give their time "to put things over." —Grenfell (Sask.) Sun.



THE NOSE FOR NEWS is a qualification highly valued by newspaper editors in their reporters. This individual may never make the grade as a reporter, but he's got a nose that's as valuable for his particular needs as any newshawk's curiosity. The heading hound in this picture seems about to let loose after the source of the scent, just soon as he's made sure.

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

The Tower of Babel has been transferred to Toronto! This would have been the conclusion of any one passing the open window of Toronto Bible College during the past month. Escaping from within, there came the weirdest conglomeration of sounds—or noises—imagined.

The reason is simple. The eleventh Annual Toronto School of Linguistics was in session. Wusitata! Wusitata! (Single voice)

Wusitata! Wusitata! (Swelling echo)

Waliki! Waliki! (Single voice again)

Waliki! Waliki! (Resounding chorus)

And so it goes on, hour after hour of the ten hour day, for weeks despite the heat and ever beckoning out-of-doors summer. These are the special drill classes where the students from British Columbia to Nova Scotia, and from the Arctic almost to the Equator, practice reproducing sounds from the Cree country to the Amazon jungle, from Viet Nam to Eritrea.

The 73 Missionary-elect students, mostly graduates of Colleges and Universities, almost double in number over last year's Institute. "click" and "trill" while clustered about a tape-recorder. They echo the sounds in chorus and separately until they become masters of mimicry.

Such drill sessions are a new approach to language study but are backed by 29 Mission Boards and Societies which have headquarters or representatives in and around Toronto.

This intensive course clues candidates on how to simplify the study of any language.

It is sponsored by the Canadian Society of Missions under the leadership of Dr. L. S. Alright, Dr.

Oakville's Swim Pool is Planned

A swimming pool for Oakville, probably beside the arena Pine Room, moved closer to realization last Thursday when the Oakville Lions Club approved a nine-man committee to start plans and ways and means.

"We'll need \$25,000 in the bank before we make any move to start building," said Gil Coombs, chairman of the pool committee. "The group, he said, would not only be responsible for raising the funds, but also for choosing the design and location for the man-made swimming hole."

"It definitely will be located within Oakville," said Mr. Coombs, who added that the arena site wasn't the only one in the running and the committee still had an open mind on location.

Francis Bacon: If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.

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, JULY 8th, 1956
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector
- SUNDAY, JULY 8th, 1956
(TRINITY VI)
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
- USE Radar Squad**
A special Ontario Provincial Police radar squad has had to be called out to curb the excessive speeding on Highways 25 and 7 and through the village of Norval. The special squad worked over the week-end and will return through this week.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Mr. William Bell
- SUNDAY, JULY 8th, 1956
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**
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 206W
- SUNDAY, JULY 8th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. In charge of Men's Brotherhood of Hamilton.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship in Knox church.
- ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid,
81 Cook St., Telephone 649W.
- SUNDAY, JULY 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

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of July 9, 1936

Mina Cripps secured the highest standing of any pupil of Acton public school in the Entrance examinations and won the L.O.D.E. award for her splendid standing.

School No. 4, Nassagaweya, held their Jubilee celebration on July 1, 1936 in honor of building their present school 1863-1936. The program began with a parade led by Mr. J. Y. Norrish mounted on a snow-white charger carrying the Union Jack. Then followed the school children in a van; the Rural Fire Brigade, who were well equipped for all emergencies; the Colored Bridal Party in a well-decorated Carryall, the T.B., the Scruball gasoline wagon; the Brilliant Scholar, who used to sit in the corner; the Speed Bus hitting on all four, and the marching rustics.

There was a program, picnic lunch and dance. Nearly 500 signed the register, and hundreds of others failed to sign.

The 13th annual Storey reunion was held at the home of Hannah Wallace, Acton. Guests were present from Cleveland, Troy, Toronto, Guelph and the district.

Sir William Mulock, distinguished chief justice of Ontario, has handed in his resignation from the bench with his final sitting in court June 30. He is 92 years of age.

An interesting event took place at the men of the Currying Department presented Mr. Eddie Footitt with a desk lamp and electric iron as wedding gifts.

Harry Statham has installed a modern oven and opened a new bake shop on Mill St. It is a coincidence that his father used the same shop 60 years ago.

Mr. Harold Swackhamer has purchased the funeral home of Green-Guernsey in Hamilton and will be leaving for that city the first part of August.

The Saturday evening band concerts are still popular. Under bandmaster Mason the concert on the lawn of the Clarke property was a fine event.

The bass fishermen have been working pretty steadily at Fairy Lake for the past month or so.

106 in the shade was recorded in Acton yesterday and in the sun the thermometers just went over the top.

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 5, 1906

Hurray for our gallant fire indies! Their demonstration on Monday was thoroughly successful in every particular. The athletic contests were well carried out, some of Canada's best men assuring excellence in this department.

Visiting firemen formed a procession under the escort of Acton Cornet Band. Acton showed up particularly well. However, the Georgetown brigade carried off the prize for natty appearance and marching. They were dressed in brand new uniforms of bricky red trimmed with gold braid and all wore warm looking white gloves which were striking if not particularly aesthetic. The Hamilton company paraded in their shirt sleeves.

A full two thousand were on the athletic grounds for the events, including ball games, sprints, mile road race, competition in fire apparatus and lacrosse.

The dance in the drill hall in the evening was quite well attended. Local firemen are to be congratulated. The committee in charge of the celebration were Messrs. W. Worden, T. Wilson, McLeod, Wm. Anderson and James Anderson, with Chief Gamble, Chairman Robert Scott and secretary Frank McIntosh as moving spirits.

Acton did well in the matter of Dominion Day decorations. Fitting references were made in the various churches on Sunday to our national day.

On the first of July, 1907, the Methodist church here was opened and dedicated with impressive ceremonies. The 30th anniversary of this auspicious event was emphasized by a powerful sermon by Rev. G. W. Barker. Mr. James Moore is the only member of the Quarterly Board who was a member when the church was opened and Messrs. James Brown, James Matthews and James Moore are the only original trustees remaining.

Miss Bertie Smith took first class honors in her vocal examinations in Toronto. She has a rich voice, sweet and melodious and of splendid compass. She has a bright future before her.

Picnic parties are of everyday occurrence.

The Acton Baptist Sunday school will hold their annual picnic at Warren's Grove.

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