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Comparable Discomfort

While the complaints of the recent immigrants that they were crowded into planes, given a packet lunch and generally neglected, probably are quite understandable, they must cause some of our old-time residents to

There are still people living who can recall reaching this country only after tossing about on the high seas, crowded (and they meen really crowded) down below decks and subsisting on the most meagre fare.

On their arrival they found no welcoming committee, no preparations for even their first night's stay, but were forced to shift for themselves. They secured homes only after they cut the logs to make them and then proceeded with the actual construction.

Even those coming over early in the century had pretty tough going for the first few months.

We're not suggesting that today's immigrants haven't every right to expect reasonable comforts and care. But some of them might be more patient and willing to rough it a bit for a time. After all this is a mighty fine country in which to live. But it is so only because of the hard work of several generations of earlier immigrants - Owen Sound Sun-Times

The Only Measure

Now that your income tax returns have been duly dispatched, your attention is being drawn to the levy which over the year will be required to be paid to the municipality in which you reside. One thing about municipal tax levies is the fact that it is all completed for you and there are no forms to fill in by the ratepayer. The amount due is set forth in straight dollars and cents

Last fall you received your assessment notice. This year the amounts to be received from other sources were collected and by subtraction, addition, etc. you get your real and final story in the tax biff. That is actually the only item which counts. You may have had illusions from your assessment, your mill rate, your government grants etc. that the final outcome would be more favorable than last year. You may have had similar illusions from other government returns that you would gain taxwise, or that you would get out more than you did formerly. With expansion going on as if is presently, the intake has to be more to keep up with the out-

Several years ago a real estate man of our acquaintance used to enquire every year when our local taxes were going down. We used to assure him quite sincerely that just as soon as some large debentures were retired it would seem lower taxes could be assured. We always added "unless some more major projects are debenturized". Well, we've been adding new debentures over the past ten years at an unprecedented rate. The home that used to be built for \$5,000 will easily cost \$15,000.

Maybe it would be well if taxpayers would add up the services supplied by the municipality and place them alongside the tax bill that costs would not seem unreasonable. It would be enlightening to citizens to do this: We want good roads, street ligh ing, plenty of water, adequate sewage disposal, the best schools, a nice library, garbage collection, support for local institutions such as an arena, the band, police protection etc. and progressive action by your elected

representatives. These and many more services are secured for you in your local tax bill. We doubt if municipal taxes will ever be lower and neither will provincial or federal taxes shrink. We want more each year and government incomes comes solely in taxes and levies. They create nothing and attempt only to fulfil the needs or demands that seem most

popular. The facts about taxes may temporarily be withheld from you. The budget may be kept secret for a time. But there just isn't any means except cold hard accounts and inevitably your tax bill and a business-like demand.

More Chances to Progress

Young people today never had greater opportunities to acquire training and education to fit themselves for business life and a future in life. An example which caught our attention (perhaps because we are personally interested in that brench) was recently announced by the Ryerson Institute of Technology.

Ten bursaries of \$500 each have been offered bright young high school graduates to prepare them as future publishers of Canada's weekly newspapers.

The Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto, has agreed to combine elements of its three-year diploma courses in Printing Management and Journalism in a special contribution to the weekly press. The All-Canada Insurance Federation has agreed to contribute an annual \$5,000 fund to attract young people into weekly newspaper editing.

Candidates will write a 1,500-word essay on "The Weekly Newpaper". Students may interview editors and source material will be provided by Ryerson. Details are available to any high school pupil at their local high school.

Of course, such opportunities need exloring and some initiative on the part of the student Similar opportunities exist in other fields for those who take the effort to seek them out. Never was there such a dearth of trained help in the country as today. Never were there so many aids to acquiring that experience and training open to our young

"As school term draws to a close now isthe time for every student to plan the career he will follow. More young people with an incentive can be absorbed into our economy and to these people will go the top positions of the next few years.

New and Old Shopping

Remember the general store? In many ways-it was a shopping centre. It carried an amazing variety of goods -- groceries, dry goods , hardware - practically everything under the sun. But, our tastes and shopping habits have changed since folks bought dress material in the general store. Today's shopping centre, with its variety of shops and stores, bears little resemblance to the one we know today

The change is merely a greater variety and more specializing. The shopping centre some of us recall was under one roof. But folks wanted hundreds of dresses to choose from feet haven't changed much but the demand for variety of shoes and lasts has multiplied. The old general store perhaps had two lines of canned tomatoes whereas Soup was made at home where now dozens

of kinds carry a myriad of fancy tabels The old general store had delivery wagons to take home the family supply. They didn't need huge parking lots but only a couple of hitching posts. The general store didn't have so many people to serve and shopping hours were long and leisurely. It's a far cry back to the old general store and its limited stocks and lack of assortment. Yet is the principal behind the shopping of today far removed from earlier days?

Banking - To-day and Earlier

We joined hundreds of residents of Acton and district Friday evening at the opening of the new Bank of Montreal building and had feelings of admiration as well as recollections of the past days which did not occur to many there.

Over in the north-east corner was Acton's first bank. We recall going to that corner off the millinery department of Henderson and Co. with father while the late Hon. David Henderson brought forth papers from the safe and spread them among the hat stands. We never knew whether father got a loan or not but with a family of six and wages at \$1.10 a day it was a cinch he wasn't making a deposit.

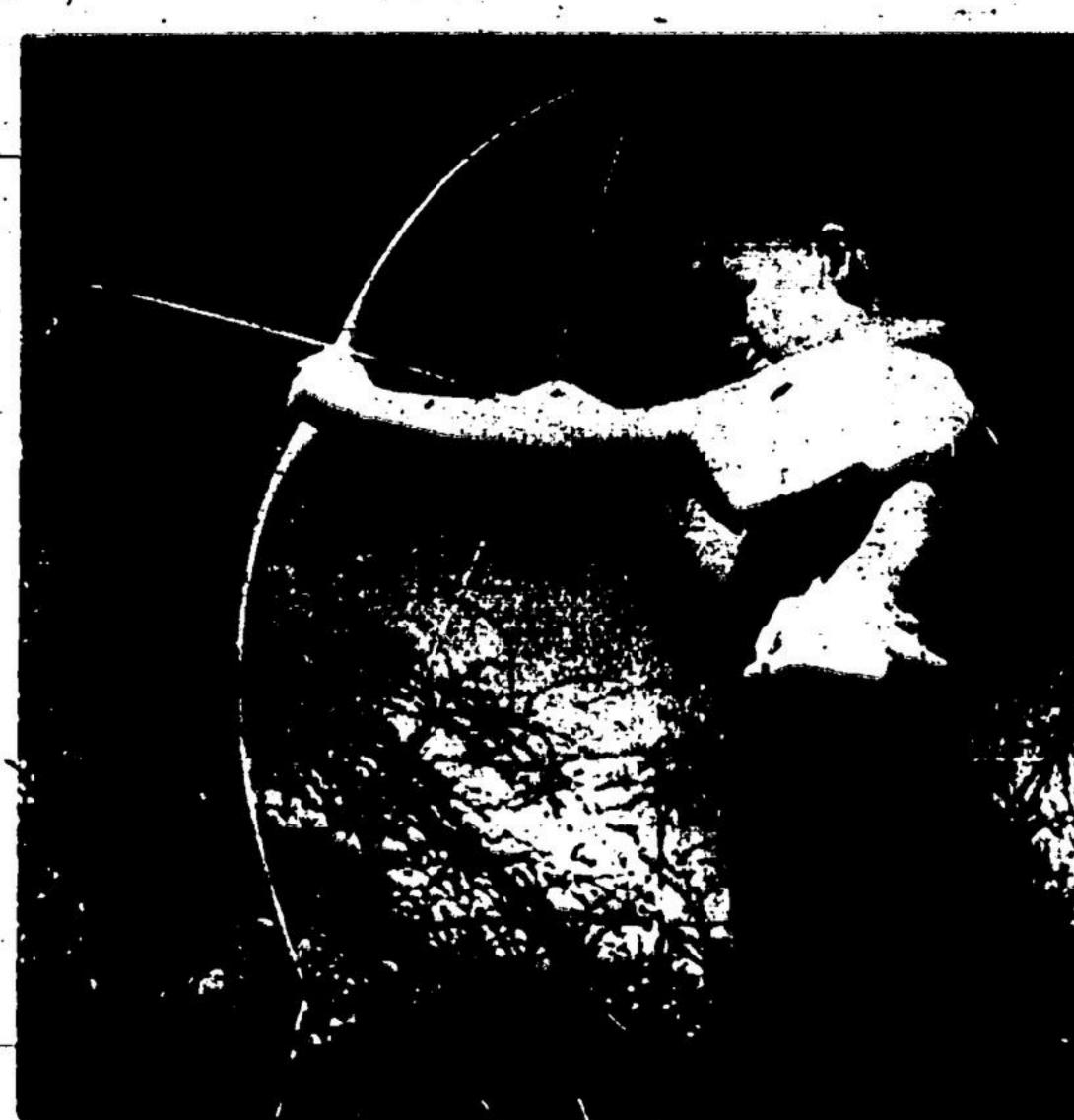
As we noted the fine office fittings and over the counter method of transaction we recalled the cages in which the teller was locked with the cashing during open hours when the first chartered banks moved into town. A revolver was at his hand to protect him and the currency. It was imposing even

if it was not always effective. Banks and banking have undergone great change down through the last half century. The years find the banks taking a more and more prominent place in business. It is gratifying to find them keeping pace in added services and building which are befitting their importance in the town.

Brief Comment-

Will the worst days regarding daylight saving for the year are over. We've made the changeover...

Any program or policy that slows down the advance of the ability to produce goods and services, without at the same time holding in check the expansion of the ability to · purchase, will fuel the fires of inflation -Black's Harbor (N.B.) Fundy Fishermen.



Spring Sport

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

The Confusion of Moving

By Gwendeline P. Clarke

We are here in our new homeat least we think we are As to that I am not quite sure because for the last few days we have been living in two places at once and moving

We sold some of our oversize furniture and traded in the electric stove and refrigerator so that climinated moving a lot of heavy stuff What was left Johnny was able to bring over in his truck, making two trips. What was left." sounds as if there wasn't very much doesn't it? Ye gods contents of the old farm home

seem to be there Somehow, sometime we shall get things straightened away but at the moment what we want is nev er where we expect it to be Sounds like bad organization, doesn't it' Well, it is and it isn't. We started out labelling everything that was packed and thought there would be no confusion at all And then it rained A very heavy rain that temporarily put an end to work on the land Johnny, naturally, wanted to move our stuff during the wet spell -So, over he came and to make 'a long story short, everything in sight was loaded into the truck - sorted and un-

The end is not yet in sight - at least not for me Over at the farm there are still most of my books, papers and historical reference material. It was useless to bring the stuff over until we had some place ready to receive it Other things too - dishes, ornaments, pictures and house linen-anything that could be brought over in a

THIS SUNDAY'S

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SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 1967

9.00 a.m.-Holy Communion.

9.45 a.m.—Church School

7.00. p.m.—Evensong.

.00 a.m.—Boginners' Classes.

1.00 a.m.-Choral Communion.

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SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 1957

a.m.-Morning Worship.

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8.15 p.m.—Senior High Fellow-

9.43 a.m. - Church School

ship at the Manse.

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9.00 am -- Morning Prayer.

11.15 am .- Morning Worship

Church School

car So we have been driving back and forth - the first part of last week sleeping at the farm, the latter part at "Halfway House"

By the end of the week we were too tired to organize anything properly and forgot to bring the very things we needed most. One day there was no bread and at breakfast, coffee, but nothing to make it in Instant coffee would have been all right but that had been left at the farm

However, Friday afternoon went shopping and what a treat that was' Down in the village, there is a very nice general store the usual staples plus frozen foods and excellent fresh meat AND NO PARKING PROBLEMS! 1 was back honre in 15 minutes and all my shopping done Prices were comparable with most of the groceterias and there was no line-up at the cash register.

And what is it like around here? Believe it or not, it is quieter than it was on the farm. Except for the birds Such a lot of birds, mainly, I suppose, because there are plenty of trees. It is wonderful to step outside, see them hopping around on the lawn or singing from the tree tops It may be because there is no fast traffic on our road

The only people who use the road are residents, their visitors and delivery men. And yet if one should hanker for traffic, five minutes walk takes you to the busy Dundas highway - we can see the cars through gaps between the

On the whole, we think we are going to like it here very well. The new house seemed strange at first but now that we have some of our

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er, meeting and Bible study,

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 4957

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11.00 am - Morning Worship.

7 00 pm .- Evening Service.

THE RESERVE OF THE PROPERTY OF

old furniture in it it seems to feel more like home especially as from my den I can look outside and there is Rusty' Yes, we brought him along last Saturday, more or less as an experiment. If he settles down we shall keep him. If he doesn't, there is a good home waiting for him elsewhere

-Photo by Enther Taylor

part with him so I guess the rest o up to Rusty So far les hos behaved very well in spite of the fact that a German Shepherd lives on the next lot Of course he will have to be tied up more than he has been used to but when he is taken out for a walk, Pantner will get exer cise too and that will be good for both of them

None of the family wants us to

Last Saturday, we were all down at the farm, each one gathering up whatever he or she wanted from the things that were left. Dave wanted to go to the barn. When he got there, he wondered where all the chickies had gone Eddie had a great time crawling around the floors through the almost empty rooms A couple of visitors blew in and we managed to find enough old cups to have a cup of ten Dee had brought along cookies and tarts

The day before when Partner and I were there alone, the surveyors were very, busy and were working nearer to the house than they had done on any previous occasion The tables seemed to be turned we began to feel that we were the intruders, not the survey

We have not yet given up possession of the farm so we have every right to come and go as we please for a few days yet I hate to think what the place will look like in a few weeks' time after the grass and weeds have taken over Maybe it will look so awful we shall be glad to keep away from it

On the other hand, it might be rented until the road machinery moves in. We don't know and apparently no one else does either in some respects, the Department of Highways stays very close to Hibheal precepts - its left hand never knows what its right hand is doing'

Local Boy Runs Third 10 Sec. Behind Record

Competing in the two and a half mile Lucky Stuart Road Race at Hamilton last Saturday, Bruce Andrews of Acton placed third

Ed Graydon of Hamilton took first place honors and Billy Reyholds ran second Both the first and second place runners, broke the old

Bruce Andrews was only 10 sec-

'onds' behind the first place win-

ner He has approximately four vers lunius to the first and second winners in training. -Bruce is a fine example of a true sportsman who does a lot of hard. silent practice and competes ag-

ainst more experienced runners

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champion. GROWING NEED

SEPT-ILES. Que. (CR) .- The Catholio and Protestant school plan to form a committee to look into the possibility of establishing a high school for English-speaking

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

-BACK IN 1937

Taken from the tense of the Free Press, Thursday, May 6, 1937.

On Tuesday afternoon, Victoria Mission Band of Knox church held a Coronation meeting in the Sunday school room when mothers of the children and other friends attended. The room was decorated with flags and coronation colors.

A great deal of interest was shown in the guessing contest conlast week in connection with Talbot's Anniversary Sale. iar display contained 8.943 beans The nearest guess was by Miss Aileen Clarridge, at 8,967. Clarridge gets her choice of either an electric waffle iron or a Cole-The purchase of three Provincial

bus routes out of Toronto, operated by the Central Ontario Bus Lines, was an item of local interest last week. Insluded in the purchase were nine large cuaches operated by the Arrow Line A banquet was the feature of the

closing meeting for the year of the United Young People's After the members had enjoyed a bountiful support, plans were made for a picne this summer The local ball club were fortun-

ste in obtaining Mr. Farrell manage the team. We understand new screen is to be erected behind the plate Too many balls lost the mand last year \$1.60 each tem Judging by the enthusiasm shown by president J. Leishman. his executive, manager, Earrell's players and Percy Works Action baseball is destined for a most succensful Massett

Next Sunday morning. Acton Legion and the Acton Citizens' Hand will parade to Knbx church for the Coronation Day service

Most of the communities in this section are now on Daylight Sav

Mr and Mrs M Pallant celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary at the home of her brother, Mr and Mrs Harry Adler of Hespeler, Sun-

The Ladies' Aid Society of the -Unsted church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ramshaw on Tuesday evening E J Hassard spent Wednesday

on a fishing trip to his old home at Mono Malls The repairs on the Mill St roadwas are quite an improvement

In preparation for Coronation Day next Wednesday Principal Meltae of the high school has been giving a series of talks of the exent each school day to the pupils

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the taxes of the Free Prom, Thursday, May 2, 1907.

Joseph H. Boyd and Miss Nina Smith of Toronto were united in hely wedlock at the home of the bride's parents on Saturday after-

The constables here have very promptly taken a cue from the Licefisé Commissioners recent resolution respecting drunkenness on the streets of the towns of the county. As usual there was last Friday a number of drunks parading the streets and making the night hideous with their fighting and profanity. On Monday, Chief Lawson laid information against five of these disturbers of the peace. charging them with being drunk and disorderly and using profune language. Four of them come before H. P. Moore, Justice of the Prace, on Tureday, pleaded guilty and were fined \$2 each and costs. The fifth cleared out to escape being served A tilue paper will be promptly presented if he returns

It will be difficult for the hotelmen to persuado the public that they are in any respect anxious to preserve the public peace when they put on extra bartenders on Friday night and will to all and sundry until many go reeling out on the streets and in the natural order of events create disturbanc

A car of very fine turning was shipped here on Monday This will probably be the last for the season Will the party who exchanged fors on the day of the funeral. please return the one she got and receive her own and oblige Mrs J

Reeve Swackhamer hat gone into the curpentering business and is engaged in rebuilding Mrs. Turten's residence on Willow St.

The Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Larige of Oddfellows have arranged with the GTR for an excursion to Niagara Falls via rail and boat from Toronto on Tuesday, 25 June The fare will be \$1.55 The Women's Institute will hold

their meeting on May 3 at 3 pm. This is the annual meeting for the election of officers and also an exhibition of sewing

Owing to the lack of proper dramage the water ran down the roadway on Mill St Monday night and washed out several loads of earth at the west corner of the big

... The bowling green and the lawns in town are now graced with the meet refreshing vernal tints

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