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Let's Vote on It

The confusion of a mid-week public holiday was brought into the limelight again this week. It was not only in our own community but right across Canada it was solved in most cases individually.

Folks in industry found that employees and employers favored marking the holiday with a long weekend. Retailers, especially in the perishable goods category, found that the public could not be best served with a long period of closed shop.

There is no use in recalling how such situations were met in early days. Now we have by-laws, union regulations and the need to make a living with their own situations of preferences and non-preferences and all backed by strong argument.

There's only Dominion Day, Christmas and New Year's Day that don't fall on a weekend. There's only one thing to do apparently - put them on the Monday list.

Let's vote on it? The issue might arouse more interest than Ceylon or Lebanon.

Good Old Summertime

For generations the song, "In The Good Old Summertime," has been popular, not so much because it is a catchy piece of music but because it extolls what is for most people the favorite time of the year.

Inhabitants of northern countries such as ours appreciate the summertime all the more because it is relatively short. In more favored climates, California for instance, where according to the natives summer is an all-year-round season, the summer months cannot mean so much.

For most of us Canadians summer is a real holiday even though we may be unable to get away from our regular work. For a couple of months anyway we are divorced from the onerous chore of shovelling coal and emptying ashes.

Canadian summer is out-of-doors time. Picnics, sports days, weekends at the lake and homes open wide to the elements are among the features of the season. We have wondered sometimes why any indoor gatherings at all should be held during our short period of fine weather.

Summer is holiday time for many and no doubt this is the best season to get away from it all. More and more business places in this country are closing up completely for a couple of weeks to give employees a holiday.

For each individual summer holidays should mean a complete change. It is a good thing to get away from one's customary haunts, see something of the rest of this great country of ours, meet new people, do new things.

At this time of year the amount of trash and litter that blows around the streets is astounding and becomes more than an irritation to those responsible for efforts to keep the streets of the town in some degree of tidiness.

come from is a fair and logical one and one to which there is only one answer. People are just careless.

Actually there is no reason at all for even one bit of paper being blown around. Every piece in some manner must have been released outside, either when thrown out with garbage or tossed into the street in such forms as cigarette or candy boxes.

If everyone was truly tidy-conscious there would be no paper litter.

Maybe those who throw cigarette boxes on the street (for example) act in the same way at home by throwing them on the floor, but we doubt it. We cannot imagine anyone like that just the same as we cannot imagine anyone thoughtfully throwing paper on someone's lawn or the street itself, yet it is done regularly and prolifically.

Laws are only necessary when people neglect to carry out their responsibilities fairly and honestly. They are necessary to force people to live up to their responsibilities in relationships with others and their communities.

It is disregard of the elementary need for tidiness that has produced laws providing penalties for throwing litter on the highways. Such laws can be quite irritating yet they would not be necessary if everyone acted as they should.

There is a challenge in collection with this litter business within this town a challenge to everyone whether a household or only temporary resident occupying a room. A continuation of this paper discarding habit could well call for the enforcement of fines.

But that is all so unnecessary, unpleasant and unfriendly. The cure is entirely in the hands of all of us. Just don't throw away papers or place them where winds can reach them. We'll all enjoy the tidier town.

"Our Skyway" - A Suggestion

One of the favorite past times seems to be finding a name for the spanking new sky-way bridge that will get motorists around Burlington Beach Bottleneck.

Burlington boosters are plugging hard to get the name of Burlington Skyway permanently attached to the publicity can bring them more industry. Hamilton pluggers maintain more of it is in that city and since it provides an entrance to the city it should rightfully be called the Hamilton Skyway.

Meanwhile letters to the editor in many newspapers are suggesting Prince Phillip, Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth and a host of other titles.

Of course the Burlington boosters are putting the pressure on. They took a 40 foot scroll to Queen's Park bearing 5,000 names urging adoption of the Burlington title. And Stan Hall has obliged by suggesting to the Prime Minister that Burlington's claim is legitimate.

Away up here and a little out of the noise of battle we were just wondering if Burlington or Hamilton had any particular claim to the bridge that tax dollars from all over Ontario built. Haven't hear that either municipality plans to maintain it or has issued decrees to cover its cost.

That's when we got to thinking that we had just as much right to suggest a name as those who live closer. That's why we're wondering if some consideration shouldn't be given to calling it Nelson Skyway. There's a name that may be lost to future generations but that has been an important part of Halton County since its inception.

We're all for the name Nelson Skyway because it will avoid any mental connection with what for years to motorists, has been a headache-provoking traffic bottleneck known as Burlington Beach.

Using the name Nelson, too, we maintain peace between the two municipalities that have threatened to gobble each other up.

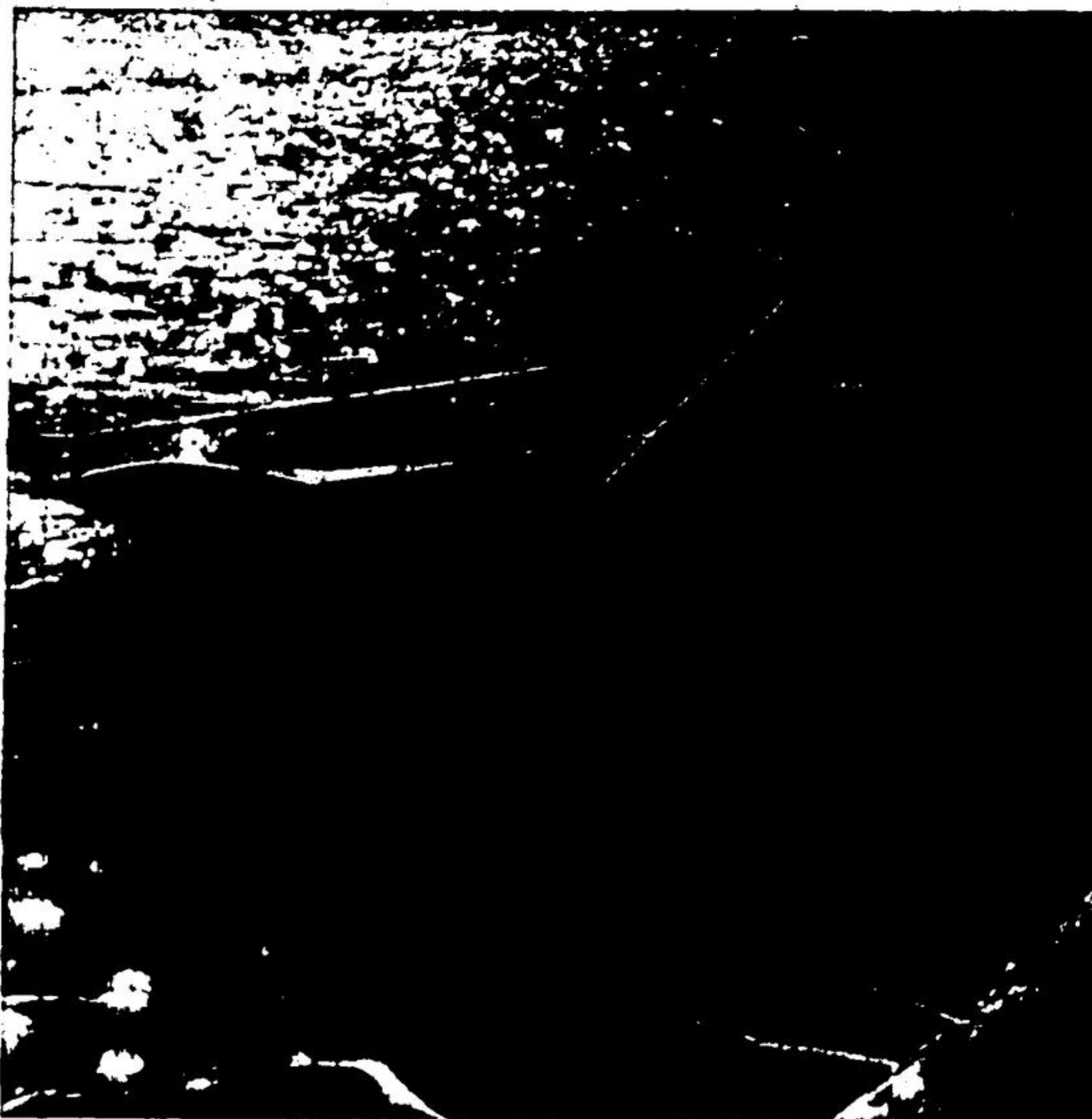
Anyone for the Nelson Skyway?

Brief Comment

CANADIAN GOODS Besides being a patriotic duty, it is a matter of definite self-interest for the people of this country wherever possible to purchase the products fabricated here by Canadian workmen, using Canadian materials and paying taxes to maintain the government and the public services of this Canadian nation.

ONE SOLUTION All the fuss and bother about safety on the highways with the millions of words written about it would be unnecessary if every vehicle were governed to a maximum speed of 50 miles an hour.

SILKS AND SULKIES Harness racing seems to be outgrowing the smaller towns. There are just not enough people to provide the gate receipts, the parimutuel bets and the purses. So while harness racing flourishes in the big urban centres, smaller tracks are dying out.



"Angler Bewitched"

G.A.D. About...

Mostly About Our Rivers

In the light of present day thinking, my travelling has been very limited. In fact it has been limited to Canada and a portion of the United States. I must admit my acquaintance with countries on other continents is limited to reading and other means of communication that have been brought to my doorstep or within my reach.

As a youngster a trip to Winnipeg was just about as far as you could go. There were no planes, there were no automobiles and train trips to Canada's north-west were popular as haversacks, excursions and I never spent a day on the farm in my life, not even being turned.

All of these handicaps, however do not deter me from having an appreciation of those things which are at hand. Among other things, just two hours from Acton in Niagara I've been there many times. I still get a joy from a couple of trips by car to Buffalo. It's just week-ends.

I doubt if there is anything more beautiful than a drive along the river road from Fort Erie to Niagara Falls and back to the Queen Elizabeth Highway at the left bank. There are more direct roads that take less time, but we have yet to find a drive that is more pleasant on a fine June day.

The Niagara Parks Commission has done a wonderful job in maintaining our Canadian side of the river. There is practically no industry along the shore line. The road is winding and plenty of trees and flowers line the way. The river is not obscured by even fine homes and gardens but is in almost constant view along the whole route.

For those who like just the bright lights, Niagara Falls on the Niagara River has more than its share and above all, seems to have ample room to accommodate all the world travellers of all nations it attracts. Man has done a great deal to make it more beautiful and awe-inspiring.

But for quiet beauty and the sheer enjoyment of a day in summer, give me a leisurely drive

along the Niagara in June. It's a great treat for the rich of the highway scene.

I know the glories of Ontario's northland. I've travelled its roads and visited many of its lakes and fought its mosquitoes and black flies. I've seen Canada's prairies and been awed by our great mountains and rivers. I've relished the antiquity of the historical castles of our country.

I've seen the tides come and go on both our ocean fronts and sat and gazed at the mighty St. Lawrence as it goes to sea but give me the turbulent Niagara hemmed in by its walls of stone, its power and its summer beauty along its bank. Its rush and its contrasting quiet are things that never lose attraction for me. Even the water seems to have its moods.

On Dominion Day morning in other great events in Canada, was marked which will mean more to the expansion of this country and this district, when a part of the St. Lawrence Seaway was completed and put into operation. For months the Seaway has been a great project an event to wonder about and compare as an engineering marvel, a place for self-satisfaction.

Dominion Day saw a modern miracle when the waters of the mighty St. Lawrence which had been held back so that the workers could work dry shod, for months, loosened and a part of the project became a reality.

You may have seen it on television and certainly you have read about it. That was progress in a big way Tuesday when 30 tons of explosives broke up the big rock dam between Barnhart and Snick Islands and a great lake 65 miles long is now being formed.

Man has made many great changes in directing water to his plan and service. Lakes have been created ever since the first settlers made the first mill ponds to grind the grain for the pioneers. As the years pass, the projects get more daring and of wider scope.

Thursday's event was Canada's biggest. Only the future can tell

the full story of its total impact on our way of living. A dream of a half century is coming into reality. Some day I must further explore the St. Lawrence.

CHURCHILL

Hold Garden Party At Community Church

Last Thursday night, Churchill Church held a garden party on the premises. Since it was cold and wet, the event was held inside. An excellent variety program was presented.

There were Scotch dances, folk dances, bands and many other interesting events. The ladies held a booth in the basement.

Church Services

There are to be no services at Churchill next Sunday but on July 13 Rev. Duncan Foster will be the guest speaker. July 20 Rev. Alex Dalton will take the service and on July 27 the Young Peoples' Union will be in charge.

Sunday evening a very impressive joint communion service was held by Rev. Gordon Adams of Acton at Ballinacree Church for the members of Churchill and Ballinacree congregations. There were 12 new communicants accepted for church membership.

Miss Marianne McEachern was the only one of Churchill to join. There were also three who joined by letter. Miss Clarence Donald of Churchill was among them.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer and Mr. and Mrs. Mel McCullough had an interesting holiday when they visited near Ottawa, the St. Lawrence Seaway and took a boat trip to Trenton.

Monday was hot, field crop judging and the weather was certainly ideal for the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch ate home from an interesting trip down to Lake Umbagog and Lake Placid. They returned by way of Montreal and visited Ottawa and saw a session of Parliament in person.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Van Gorder visited Mr. and Mrs. Act Swackhamer and Mr. and Mrs. Les Swackhamer and family.

Knox Church Group Enjoy Supper Meeting

The Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church held their annual supper meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Adams at Clowson's Corners.

Following the beautiful supper, Mrs. Mel McCullough, the president, conducted the business of the meeting. Reports from the various convocations were given.

Rales Sent

Mrs. J. VanFleet, supply convener, had taken care of the \$15 to be sent in June, with the other half to be made up in September.

There will be no meetings during July and August. Some rousing games were enjoyed to conclude a delightful evening. A vote of thanks was extended to the hostess for her kind hospitality during the evening.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 2, 1908.

Brampton Baseball Club balanced accounts with the local team in the park here last Saturday, winning by the narrow margin of 6-5, recovering from the loss of the previous Saturday. They are now tied with Acton for first place.

The visitors got their start early in the first inning when they scored three runs on an infield error, after two had been retired. The locals made a valiant effort to retake in the eighth but could not overcome the lead. Hynds, although hit freely, with proper support would have won his game.

Line-up for Acton: Ryder, 2b; Holmes, cf; Schunsky, c; McIntosh, lf; Hynds, p; Arthur, 1b; Taylor, ss; Williams, cf; Wilds, 3b.

Born McPherson in Acton Sunday, 21st June, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson a son, Robert Charles.

The council met on Monday night in the recently improved council chambers. The chambers, now vastly improved with new metal walls and ceilings freshly painted, has new electric fixtures and a new coat of paint added to its exterior. It presents a fine picture.

The members of the Acton Lawn Bowling Club had an immense amount of pleasure and a gratifying measure of success at the annual tournament held at Brampton last week. There were 30 bowlers participating in the events.

During the tournament the three rinks from Acton played 13 games and came out victorious in eight of them. This is a record not surpassed by any town whose bowlers participated.

Rev. J. Feeney, who for the past ten and a half years has ministered to the congregations of the Roman Catholic churches in Acton, Georgetown and Guelph, has been removed to the parish of Oakville and Burlington. His faithful ministrations have been much appreciated and his removal causes keen regret not only on the part of the parish but of the community as well.

Mr. John Fairbrook and family drove up from Toronto on Saturday making the 50 odd miles in less than 10 hours.

Company F, 29th Battalion R.C.I.P. arrived home from Camp Neopoma on Saturday where they have been attending the annual motor camp.

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 7, 1938.

The results of the entrance examinations in Milton have been released this week and of the 36 candidates from the Acton school, every one was successful, with 12 of the class securing honours.

Congratulations from friends and parents go to Miss M. Z. Bennett, the principal, and the staff and the successful candidates.

Two accidents occurred on Dominion Day at the corner of Yonge and Queen Streets in Acton within the period of one hour.

Wet pavement and high speeds were determined by Chief McPherson to be the cause of both accidents.

Born Landsborough at the General Hospital Guelph on Tuesday, July 5, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Landsborough, a son, Robert Charles.

Miss Marie Brunelle is to be congratulated for obtaining high honours in her recent piano examination. Marie is a pupil of Mrs. L. A. Warden, A.T.C.M.

This morning when municipal officials went to the park, they were surprised to see a full grown deer come down the centre of the ground.

The annual was started and went back to the end of the park and with one long leap went into Fairy Lake and swam across to farm properties on the east side of the water.

The Acton team won an important game over Oakville last night when they scored seven runs to Oakville's four. It concluded a third place spot for the Acton team and left Oakville with a tie for first place with Milton.

Acton players backed up five runs in the first inning and held the lead throughout the game. They were backed by the outstanding pitching by Gordon.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

Table with multiple columns listing professionals such as Medical, Dental, Insurance, and Travellers' Guide services in the Acton area.