EDITORIAL

Canada 1959

A steady rise in economic buoyancy can be expected next year throughout most of Canada. That is the heartening prediction which can be drawn from the economic [illegible] in this country and the United States.

Of course we cannot predict what will happen should the war situation [illegible] a major war or even a [illegible] war. There be such a thing as too much but there is no use planning on disaster.

Canada has come through three years of unprecedented growth. Through a massive immigration movement and one of the highest birth rates [illegible] the country's population has been given a tremendous [illegible] stress.

This growth has resulted in a backlog of years [illegible] demands. Demands have [illegible] new roads and highways, schools and hospitals, dams and hydro power [illegible] have been built by new homes. The [illegible] of thousands [illegible] the east and major colleges in fact [illegible] and technology.

The country has gone through a breather spell for the past year. Everyone [illegible] capital outlay has been held back but [illegible] and rates we have become accustomed [illegible].

Now we feel Canada is ready for [illegible] new spurt of expansion [illegible] market for everything from [illegible] expensive.

New Package Arriving

A completely new package [illegible] on the scene. Many [illegible] resolutions, hopes, dreams [illegible] months. The old year will pass [illegible] tense to the realm of history [illegible] there will be hopes of another decade [illegible] interest of days [illegible].

The new year will be greeted [illegible] some at noisy parties [illegible] and by some with [illegible] at home.

There are [illegible] ahead for Acton. We can look forward to the opening of an addition at Acton High school [illegible] that will [illegible] east end of town.

To the town [illegible] system will be added a new source [illegible] completion in the present year. The [illegible] will maintain the town's best [illegible] which [illegible] can boast.

In Acton's [illegible] industrial building, the Moore Parts plant will be occupied and add to the town's growth in that direction.

Early spring should see extensive [illegible] on the Glenlea park project which will add another link to the almost completely town-wide program of paved streets.

This year 1958 will be the last for the Public Utilities Commission which ratepayers at the last election voted out of existence. This is probably one of the years biggest question marks. Members of the commission have already admitted lack of any plans to take up the vacated [illegible]. We'll be watching the change with interest.

On the hopeful list of events ahead we must place the construction of an industrial sewage treatment plant. Negotiations undertaken late in 1957 will perhaps be completed in 1959.

If this follows we can also hope that the Canada Packers plant will get into production to provide another shot in the industrial arm of Acton.

It seems possible too that more accommodation will be on the drawing boards for Acton's public school system following results of recent surveys.

Looking ahead at any year through the crystal ball is only guesswork. We can only hope that the year ahead will be a better one than some of the years that have gone before for the area.

Can [illegible] expect [illegible]

- Completion [illegible] area with the installation of artificial ice and a rink of the competitive hockey series between George Town and Acton.
- Some new [illegible] for the town but just a convenient [illegible] for the [illegible].
- New street lights on the local streets and on the new sections.
- An old boys' reunion for the town since the centenial of the town [illegible] for a good few years yet.
- Possibly the street lighting improvements began this year on Mill Street east may be completed.
- Activities of the Parks Board might include some of the desired land in subdivisions as well as further improvements at Prospect Park.
- Sidewalks along Mill Street east of the C.N.R. railway and along Acton Boulevard would be an asset as well as a safety feature for the children walking to school twice a day. As a matter of fact there is quite a list of sidewalk throughout town that could be built or repaired.

The new year indeed has its hopes and challenges. It's not a void of 365 empty 24 hour days. The acceptance of these challenges and their completion can place the year as one of Acton's best or worst. The challenges are there. Will you be there to meet them?

Brief Comments

The ancient Persians gave their friends eggs on New Year's Day. The hatching of eggs symbolized the beginning of a new life.

The Chinese and Japanese literally wipe the slate clean for the New Year. Research experts say they pay their debts and settle accounts before a new year begins.

Queen Elizabeth I built up a collection of hundreds of pairs of richly embroidered and bejeweled gloves through the custom of New Year's gifts.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1938

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BACK IN 1908

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Jim's Jottings

● CHRISTMAS with all its gay wrappings has now been tucked away in most homes as a pleasant memory. Its effects will undoubtedly work on as fathers trip over the newly received toys, mothers face the unending chore of picking them up and everyone else enjoys wearing a new tie, pair of gloves or reading a favorite book. I hope your pleasant memories stay with you for the years to come.

● BUT NOW the old year is approaching its final hours and ahead lies a brand new sparkling 365 days of 1959. Financial experts are offering their predictions, weather forecasters are chancing long term predictions and just about everyone has some thoughts for the year ahead.

● THIS CHRISTMAS and New Year's season has brought to just about the longest holiday for several years. Publishing schedules prior to Christmas and New Year's Thursday celebrations were pretty hectic but the welcome long Monday break that accompanies each of the holidays has been well worth the effort.

● IT'S A LOT of fun to get time from the unending deadlines for a chance to take the boys skating, ride a sled or build a garage from their Christmas blocks. Make one wonder if the hectic pace of "modern" living is as proper as we think.

● THE FREE PRESS goes into the New Year with a new managing editor. I don't expect there'll be any radical policy changes but I'm sure this a move that will keep the paper in close touch with the events of the community. Dave and all of us at the Free Press are looking ahead to the continual production of the best possible newspaper.

● BUT BEFORE my space runs out I'd like to say a personal word of thanks to all the correspondents, press reporters of organizations, readers, advertisers and hundreds of others who have helped us all at this office through 1958. No one person or small group of people can make a newspaper. It takes an entire community if it is to be a true mirror of that community. I'm looking forward to 1959 with its new challenges, its new opportunities and its 365 fresh days. While it may be a well worn phrase, may I, in all sincerity, wish you a Happy New Year.