

**H. K. Porter Co., (Canada) Ltd.
To Manufacture Product Here**

A new industry rumored for some time will be established in Acton in the near future. Official announcement was made this week by officials of H. K. Porter (Canada) Limited, that they had leased 7,000 square feet of space from Canada Packers in the former Wool Combing building.

T. Shields, general manager, in making the announcement pointed out that his company had finalized agreements for rental of the area to accommodate the Thermoid Division which will manufacture clutch bearings for distribution to the Canadian market.

Occupancy of the new vacant section is expected by March, 1961, when arrival of necessary equipment is expected. Production will begin as soon as machines are set up. It is expected five employees will start but officials expect the number will increase.

R. T. Lee will be product manager of the new division of the H. K. Porter organization and direct supervision will be provided by Mr. Shields.

The products now planned for manufacture in Acton were formerly imported from the United States and distributed through agents in Canada. The operation in Acton, when established in March will provide products for suppliers and manufacturers in the automotive industry.

Company officials are looking forward to immediate expansion and anticipate employing local labor.

**Drums in P.O. Lobby Speed Up
Yule Mail: First Class First**

Postmaster Gordon McKeown has adopted an innovation for Christmas mailing this year. Two large drums are installed in the lobby to speed up mailing service. Residents mailing Christmas cards can now drop them in either the local or out-of-town drum and avoid queuing up in front of the wicket.

These barrels will be cleared every hour and mail processed immediately. Mr. McKeown noted the sealed drums would be marked and special clerks would be assigned to check them regularly.

Sort First Class
Another change has been made this year and train mail crews will not be sorting anything but first class mail. To speed up out-of-town mailing, a special section has been set up in the Acton Post Office where bundles of mail will be marked in alphabetical order according to destination and shipped to Toronto. Extra help will be on hand at the Post Office during the Christmas rush but the postmaster requests the public to

mail cards early to assure prompt delivery.

**Nix Sunday Sport
Firmly in Guelph**

There'll be no commercialized sport played on Sundays in Guelph. A total of 9,665 voters Monday opposed Sunday sports by an imposing margin of 1,126 ballots.

Bill Hamilton was elected mayor, replacing David E. Hastings, partner in a law firm with an office here.

Making a bid to be the first woman mayor, Mrs. Elvie Lowell trailed badly. The new mayor represented the riding of Wellington south in the Ontario Legislature for 10 years in succession. He was given cabinet rank in the government of Premier Leslie Frost and served as minister reform institutions and later as Minister without Portfolio. He was also vice-chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission.

**Broken Windows, Door Locks
Lead Police to Six Break-ins**

Keeping one step ahead of the police, smash and grab thieves left a trail of broken glass and smashed locks when they entered six business places and attempted a seventh Thursday evening.

First incident reported to police was 2 a.m. when Acton Dry Cleaners' front door window was smashed awakening the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Dorkin McBride. Shouts from Mr. McBride scared off the intruders and he reached the front door in time to see a lone figure racing down the darkened street. A call was sent in to the police immediately and within three minutes Constable Bruce Kressler was on the scene beginning an investigation. Restaurant \$10 Loss

At Watson's Restaurant, Mrs. Perry Watson came down the stairs from her apartment to start her day's chores at 4:15 a.m. and was greeted by a kitchen strewn with broken glass from a heavy plate glass door window, smashed by the break-in artist. Force of the blow on the glass was so great, pieces of glass were found up near the front of the store. After calling police and investigating thoroughly, Mrs. Watson estimated the loss at around \$10 in cash.

At Baxter's Drug Store, entry was gained by using an instrument to jimmy the back door. A sum of money estimated at \$44 was taken and cash register broken. A tin box containing money was taken from a back cupboard and found later in the back yard. A cash register was jimmyed open and the bakelite counter top broken.

The proprietor and his wife, who live above the store, believe the noise of the breaking bakers lit roused their young son Roy at 3:30, who went to their bedroom door and stood sleepily-eyed. He was persuaded to return to bed after getting a drink. It is believed the sound made by the youngster startled the intruder who dropped the drawer of the cash register, scattering silver over the counter and floor. When Mr. Baxter came down in the morning to open the store, he noticed the cash register and money lying on the floor.

Entry into Cooper's Drug Store was made by smashing a rear storm door and back door window. No loss was reported although cupboards had been ransacked, a safe opened and the cash register rifled.

At J. B. Mackenzie and Son, entry was gained by smashing a rear window, but after rifling through the office, thieves left empty handed.

Thompson Motors Limited was hit for the second time in the week when a back window was broken allowing the thieves to gain entrance and ransack the front section of the building. Nothing was reported missing after a careful check.

Nearly Half Would Resign

Firefighters Battle Income Tax Ruling

About 270 firefighters in Halton County, this month began waging a new battle, a fight to procure some better arrangement on income tax payments necessitated by the annual remuneration they receive for their fire-battling chores.

To date the casualty list shows 270 angry volunteer firemen, and nearly half of them are threatening to resign their brigade positions unless some fair solution can be arrived at.

A letter from the Department of National Revenue, Income Tax division, sparked the controversy that has firemen boiling and legal aid looking for loopholes. The directive noted no firefighters had paid any income tax on their practice and fire call pays and warned that tax would be collected this year for the tax years 1958 and 1959. And this has the firemen hopping.

Here in Acton, the brigade members explain they received an average of \$85 each year—paid all in one lump sum just before Christmas—for their volunteer services. Acton firefighters' pay is based on a point system. They receive one point per fire and two for practice and meetings. Their \$85 annual pay they claim, just about covers the use of their cars and gas to drive to fires, the cost of clothing ruined fighting blazes, and the expenses of cleaning clothes dirtied at fires. Subtract from the \$85 the amount of additional tax (over and above their regular occupation's income tax) the firefighting money will make them pay, and they say they'll have nothing left.

"It will actually cost us money to risk life and limb to protect the property of the public," declared one unhappy smoker-eater. "I might as well quit."

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**Denny Heads Poll at Tuesday Election
As 45 Per Cent of Voters Cast Ballots**

Acton's municipal elections Tuesday saw three present councillors returned and three new names added to the list with political newcomer Bill Denny heading the polls with 20 votes over his nearest rival, council-

or Les Duby, who polled 718 votes. G. V. Barbeau was returned to office for another term when he polled 647 votes; and councillor W. J. McLeod will begin his 10th term when he received 578 votes.

Jack Newton, who served one year on council in 1954, was elected with 574 votes and Frank Toth Sr., tossing his hat in the ring for the first time, was elected when he received 489 votes. **Three Councillors Out**

Defeated at the polls were councillors H. Lowe, A. Field, and E. Pope who polled 331, 194 and 176 respectively. Three political newcomers, R. Michcz, receiving 160 votes, C. Bishop, polling 115 votes and J. Callan, polling 93 votes, went down to defeat as did E. McDonald with 75 votes. He made his first bid for municipal government last year and was defeated as well.

Returning officer J. McGeachie reported a light poll on the wet overcast day with 45.38 per cent of the electors casting ballots.

The polls closed at 7:30 p.m. and first reports from the five polling divisions were received around 8 p.m. Interested citizens crowded the town office eagerly waiting until final results were tabulated.

In by Acclamation
Other municipal positions will be held by John H. Gov, mayor by acclamation, J. Hargrave reeve by acclamation and H. H. Hinton, deputy reeve by acclamation.

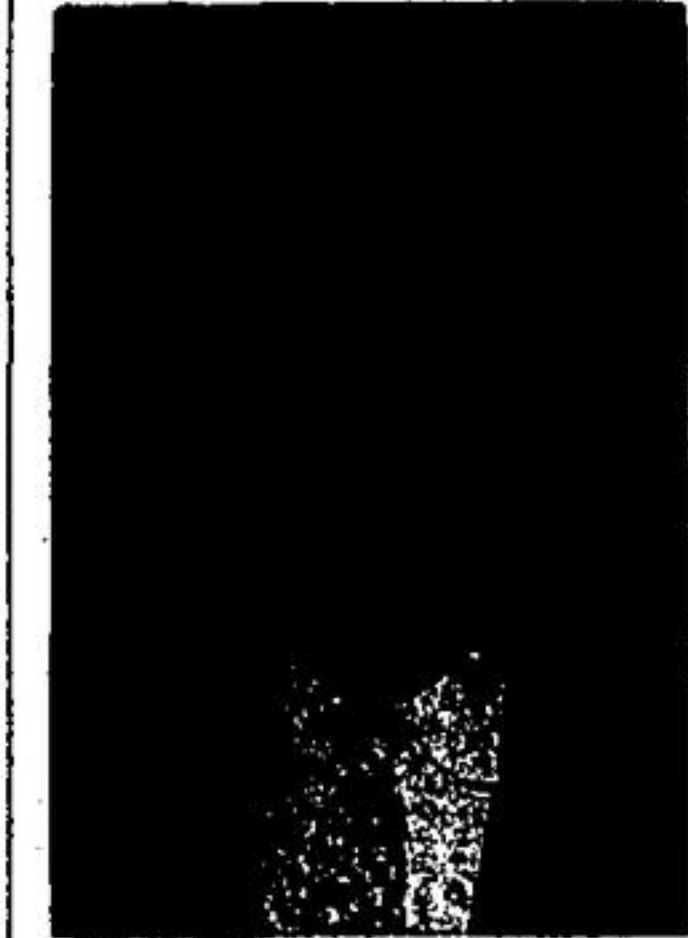
Hydro Commission and Public School trustees were returned to office by acclamation with G. Beatty and E. G. Tyler Sr. returned to the hydro commission and C. W. Bradley, E. T. Marks and D. Manning returned to the school board.



W. DENNY



L. DUBY



G. V. BARBEAU



W. J. McLEOD



J. NEWTON



F. TOTH Sr.

**Teachers, Principal Air View Points
On Suggestion to Publish Salaries**

Teachers' reaction to making their salaries public was noted during the public school board meeting Tuesday evening. Mayor John Goy, at the nomination meeting, had suggested having teachers' salaries published. Robert Little school principal G. W. McKenzie told the board teachers had expressed concern over the mayor's statement and wondered what useful purpose this would serve.

Mr. McKenzie recommended the board continue its present policy of hiring carefully and "never hesitating to replace unsuccessful staff members." He suggested they treat the salaries as confidential but make the information available to those who need or request the information.

Trustee E. T. Marks agreed with the present policy, saying there was nothing to hide and if anyone wanted the information they could request it.

Trustees Run Board

Trustee C. W. Bradley wondered what bearing this information would have on council as the trustees were running the board and not squandering the money.

The board agreed that upon request the information could be made available. Mr. McKenzie thanked the board for the teacher-board social evening recently and pointed out it was a grand opportunity to cement better relationships and from out problems. Before concluding his report he congratulated Mr. Marks, Mr. Bradley and D. Manning on being re-elected to the board during the nominations. Principal W. D. Smith told the

board his school would present the program for the next Home and School Association meeting.

Christmas Events
Permission was granted to the United church Sunday school and Beardmore Company to use the auditorium for their Christmas parties. The Acton H-Y Club was also granted permission to use the auditorium for a charity dance to assist needy children in Acton. It was also agreed to allow use of the auditorium for the music festival next spring.

The board agreed that future repairs would not be authorized and no repairman called until the property committee had been notified and given their consent. A suggestion to obtain prices on

conversion of the present heating system to gas was accepted and the United Gas Company are to make a survey. It was pointed out, however, that conversion at the present time was not contemplated but could be a guide for the future.

Shop Safety
Inspector W. L. McNeil was present to outline anticipated plans for the education system in Acton. He made several recommendations to relieve possible dangerous situations in the shop classroom.

Accounts totalling \$4,477.41 were approved for payment. Before adjournment the inaugural meeting was set for Tuesday, January 3, 1961.

**Industrial Promotion Aspects
Aired at Georgetown Meeting**

A regional meeting of men and one woman, keenly concerned with industrial promotion programs was called by officials of the Trade and Industry Branch of the Ontario government for this area last Friday, when about 40 gathered from Acton, Milton, Georgetown and Esquesing township. Roast beef dinner at the Delrex restaurant, Georgetown, preceded an impromptu evening.

Two panel discussions were featured. In the first, George Barbeau of Acton, Ross Pearce of Milton and Jack Cooksley of the Trafalgar Industrial Commission discussed typical problems of an industrial commission. In the second were Norm Braida of Acton, Bob Burke and A. Clare of Georgetown's Junior Jaycees on an industrial commission problem.

Metropolitan Toronto Industrial commissioner William Wilson outlined the city's policies and methods of operation.

Department Aids
Aspects of immigrants on Canadian business were dealt with by R. G. Hill of the Department of Immigration while Jack Delaney of the trade and industries Branch of the Department of Planning and Development outlined his department's program and willingness to assist industrial commissions.

Utilizing services of the industrial development bank was urged in a film shown by W. Stuart of the bank.

—North Halton O.P.P. reported a fairly quiet week with only a few minor accidents

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**High School Gym Window Paint
Greenhouse for Science Debated**

Property chairman W. Coon informed high school board members Monday evening that a special plastic glass tint could be used to cover the gymnasium windows at the school. Painting was held in abeyance until cost and color charts from the company are obtained.

Mr. Coon said the paint was used extensively in the United States. He had seen complete work on windows at hospitals, schools, hotels, motels and various other places during his trip west this year. He pointed out the finished product looked good and prevented glaring sun from beating in the windows.

Drapes would likely be installed, he said, but the paint, guaranteeing a lifetime, would prolong the life of the drapes.

Board member E. S. Fritch quipped, "We weren't very bright having windows put in the gym in the first place," and received a quick reply from Mr. Coon, "I know we weren't."

Two replacements are likely on the high school board next year following notification by chairman J. Creighton he was serving his last term. It is generally understood that Mr. Coon will take a recess from the board for at least a year.

Rick McLellan, representative from the Frank Cowan Insurance Company and W. Denny, local agent, were present to present a complete outline of insurance rates for the school.

During an earlier meeting representatives from another company made their presentation and it was agreed Monday evening to have the finance committee make a final decision before the next meeting at the end of the year.

Experiment on Roof?
A greenhouse for science experiments is needed, he said. Currently plants in need of warmth are kept in the already-crowded boiler room. Small animals and reptiles studied in science classes

could also be kept there. A door opens onto the school's flat roof, and he suggested the greenhouse could be built there. Breakage danger would be at a minimum that high.

The science teacher, Michael Bevan, is to submit plans for the structure for further consideration.

The secretary reported a letter had been received from the Department of Education stating only 64 per cent of night school costs would be assumed by the Department of Education through grants. The board agreed the night school organization should be assessed their portion of the cost of operation.

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**Husband Wins Wife's
Cake in Group Draw**

The Acton Scout and Guide Mothers' Association held a very successful euchre and baking sale on Saturday, December 7, at the scout hall. Eleven tables of euchre were in play. Prizes went to Mrs. R. L. Davidson for ladies first; second Mrs. George Lazenby; consolation Mary Osborne; men's first J. Krapek; second Mrs. H. DeForest, consolation James Jessemar.

The Christmas cakes which were made by Mrs. Will McEachern and decorated by Mrs. Clifford Storey of Ospreys were won by Roy Mantell, R.F.I. Acton, Mrs. R. C. O'Rourke, Guelph St., and Wilfred McEachern, River St.

An auction was held on a small Christmas tree which went to Mrs. Earl Jordan. Lunch was enjoyed by the very good crowd. Paying off the scout hall is the group's current goal.

In Family

"It's all in the family!" exclaimed Bernie Drew when he accepted the \$40 in the merchants' draw on Saturday at the post office. His wife's name was drawn this week, and his mother-in-law's, Mrs. Wes Marchant, last week.



WAR VETERANS confined to Sunnybrook hospital will spend many leisure hours watching television, thanks to the generosity of the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Veterans unable to walk to the lounge room will be able to make use of the wheel chair the ladies donated at the same time. Last week the ladies made a trip to Toronto to make the presentations. Pictured above, left to right, are the representatives making the trip, Mrs. D. Rogers, Mrs. C. Maplesden, Mrs. K. Turkosz, Mrs. R. Agnew, Mrs. Elsie Roach and Mrs. R. Angell, president.