

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 11, 1913.

Acton Fall Fair — a week from next Tuesday and Wednesday, Comel The Fair Night concert will be a most enjoyable event. The concert committee has selected artists of wide variety and new to audiences here. Miss Theresa Sheehan, humorous entertainer who has won the hearts of people of the western provinces and the United States, will present humorous sketches. Mr. Hartwell de Mille is one of the most brilliant baritone before the public today. Mr. Charles Emery, a highly clever and most versatile entertainer, will appear for the first time here in song, story and recital. Mr. Harold Rich, solo pianist and accompanist, will preside at the piano. The plan of the hall will be opened in Brown's drug store in a few days. There will undoubtedly be a rush for seats.

The newly amended law for the protection of women and the suppression of white slavery went into effect on Monday, much to the satisfaction of moral reformers.

Collector Harvey has been delivering tax notices this week to all ratepayers. The first to liquidate their indebtedness to the corporation were W. A. Coleman, Hespeler, Miss Margaret Russell, Toronto and Joseph McClure Esq., Acton, in that order.

On Saturday, Acton journeyed to Georgetown to play off their last scheduled ball game with them for this season. The Acton boys took quite a bunch of fans down with them and it is said the Acton attendance was even larger than those who turned out from Georgetown. Evidently, Georgetown didn't want to witness the slaughter—and indeed it was practically a shut-out.

Mr. Michael O'Brien has charge of Barnackburn school. He has earned a good reputation as a teacher.

Toronto reached the million mark in 1913. In fact, the aggregate attendance was 1,000,000 — a fine record.

Misses Hawthorne and Morton have opened new millinery rooms in the premises next to Hynd's jewellery store, Mill St.

Miss Clara Ebbage, and her Sunday School class picnicked at Rockwood.

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 9, 1943.

Indications are that, given good weather, Acton Fair 1943 will be one of the finest. There will likely be an exceptionally fine showing of livestock and with such an outstanding horse man as R. W. Lowrie as president such an attraction might well be anticipated.

News of the surrender of Italy yesterday called for no celebration here or cessation of work in Acton plants. Citizens realize that Italy is only the smallest part of the Axis partners and that Germany and Japan are yet to be dealt with. Wednesday's war news was the best in four years.

Dude Lindsay wrote to the War Service League. "During the course of my duties around the camp, I met a great many of the boys from all over Canada and to date, I've heard of no organization that remembers them boys as regularly as Acton and Vicinity War Service League. When the people around Acton decide to do anything, no half measure will do."

The last lot of mail received by the League from overseas included letters of thanks from Gordon Cook, Johnny Guy, Sam B. Biggin, E. Patrick, R. S. O'Hara, George Strouvan, A. E. Mills, A. J. Irwin, Glenn Britton, Franklin Meier, W. H. Barber, G. C. Allan, W. M. Caldwell, Leuit Nora Kenney, Jack Honeywell, H. V. Dron, P. A. Elliott, F. Turner, Frank Kelly, J. Smallman, R. Anderson, P. Kenney, F. C. French, Gordon McKeown, R. E. Vance, George Stringer, R. A. Johnson, G. W. Williams, J. G. Lamb, F. Van Weyck, C. W. Douglas, Doug McDonald, L. A. Cripps, N. L. McNabb, W. H. Brown, G. Bayliss, G. T. Pargeter, Jack Alger, G. C. Lambert, E. Landsborough, M. McMillan, J. B. Fields and Walter Gibbons.

At the Lakeside L.O.D.E. meeting, Mrs. A. Orr a recent bride, was presented with a beautiful lamp.

Nearly 40 children put in their first day of school in the primary room. The Y.M.C.A. classes have an attendance of about 30.

Just a year and a month after rationing commenced, the government is able to raise the rationing one-third. Teachers will rejoice at this happy turn of events.



WEDDING DANCES were performed for a large crowd at the Ukrainian Youth Camp, west of Acton, during the varied 15th anniversary program. Members were present from as far east as Montreal and competition in the sports events was keen. Four of the gaily-dressed young dancers above are, from left to right, Danny Matwiv and Jerry Dudych, both from Brantford, back, left to right, Dosa Oparick and Lucy Bazzynsky, both from Montreal. Over 5,000 attended the anniversary.

Who Plays Santa Claus? . . .

One of the big questions in the unrest toward Confederation that seems evident from the Quebec corner of the country is "Who will play Santa Claus with the taxpayers' money."

The Hon. Bona Arsenaull, provincial secretary for the province of Quebec, went to considerable lengths to outline the Quebec stand to weekly editors recently. Perhaps one statement in the minister's address summarizes the problem when he says "This Province (Quebec) wants to have a more satisfactory access to its taxation resources and use them according to its own plans and not according to plans dictated to it by other powers." The minister continues pointing out the French-Canadians are hardly satisfied with their ownership of only 10 per cent of industrial and economic institutions in this province which effectively leaves very few doors open to talented French-Canadians.

It is obvious, and Mr. Arsenaull agrees, that the Quebec force was at the bottom of earning power in Canada in 1960, agriculture continued to go down hill and Quebec registered one of the highest unemployment rates in Canada.

It is also a well-known fact that the government Quebecers continued to elect until 1960, was not always as anxious to solve the problems of its people as it was in keeping itself as distant from the Federal government and hence the people of Canada as possible.

It would appear the present government in Quebec is tackling a great many reforms—that indicate a growing consciousness of the times. But no government can work miracles overnight and the growing unrest in the province is rising too quickly for the reforms to keep pace.

It is evident from the growth of Quebec's provincial budget that has grown from \$600 million in 1959 to \$1,200,000,000 in 1963, that new resources are vital.

It appears to us that Quebec is now looking to the remainder of Canada. If the province can successfully channel more funds from the federal to the provincial field it will have gained some help in its struggle to catch up with the rest of the country.

Just where all the hue and cry about biculturalism fits into the picture is beyond definition. The problem is not just whether we speak one language or another; it is not just a problem of historic background. The problem is basically how one province, held for many years under the rule of one man to all intents and purposes, can suddenly catch up and where the money comes from for that spur of growth.

Every politician wants to play Santa Claus with the taxpayers' money and taxpayers seem willing to continue in the role of supplying the funds for which they receive a portion in return. Quebec is anxious to channel some of the now-federal funds into the provincial purse. In this they may find growing support from the other provinces.

The Economy in School Buildings . . .

The recent provincial conference on School Design has produced some interesting discussion. Of particular interest to taxpayers, already groaning under the cost of education, is the note of economy which seems to be threading its way through much of the discussion.

This is the first conference of this type to be held in the province. Educators, architects, builders, trustees, municipal authorities, planners and other groups interested in the problem of providing classrooms have been brought together and it's just about time.

Not known in the province is without some figures to indicate that the provision of educational facilities, in line with a growing population, is expensive.

If the experts during their Conference found economies that will make the provision of educational facilities more reasonable, they will earn province-wide gratitude. It is still the devil's own game however, and

we're inclined to think the economy will still have to be introduced at the local level and seep toward the top.

The Minister of Education has announced that his department "will study" setting up a committee to engage in research of school planning, design and construction. If the committee is established, it is to be hoped that it, discussions will continue the thread of economy that is so prevalent in the minds of the taxpayers.

It has always been difficult to understand why there could not be some areas of standardization that would at least reduce architectural fees and the time of the Department of Education in granting its approvals.

Probably no subject attracts as much attention as education, but then no single subject attracts as much of the taxpayers' skilled thought. This feature alone makes it imperative that some economies are introduced at some point if the requirements of other municipal services are not to be ignored.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN—The present municipal building is being offered for sale, since the town's bid for the old post office building was accepted and a shift is contemplated. Council feels the Main St. municipal building's sale will cover the cost of the post office purchase.

BRAMPTON—Peel Memorial Hospital officially opened its latest \$750,000 addition on the weekend, bringing the hospital's capacity to 225 beds. Included in the new wing are 72 beds for the hospital and the county, including a 21-bed psychiatric unit, a 10 bed intensive care unit, offices for the Health Unit and V.O.N., and a 30-bed pediatric unit.

STREESVILLE—Former councillor Vic Johnson has town council in a flap over a piece of property he owns that the town is using as part of a roadway. Mr. Johnson fenced off his portion of the road in protest, then refused council's offer of \$200. The council has taken proceedings to obtain the property.

MILTON—Residents got some good news last week when lawn and garden watering restrictions were suspended. During the summer home owners were allowed out with the hose only two hours a night, three nights a week.

BURLINGTON—Traffic on the Burlington Skyway increased by more than 42 per cent from May to July 31, 1962, over the same period in 1961. A Department of Highways report says larger numbers of 162 trucks were using the Skyway during this period, the Department noted in the four months 3,208,882 vehicles crossed the bridge.

OKAVILLE—A traffic survey over a three-day holiday weekend recently, revealed some startling statistics on the Coronation Park on the Lakeshore. Over 1,200 park patrons were interviewed about where they lived and why they visited the park and how they liked the facilities and half the visitors rated the park "excellent."

Urge Halton Farmers to Use Fall Alfalfa Management

Halton farmers can protect their future yield of forage by fall alfalfa management. Management of alfalfa was stressed by Dr. J. I. Wynch of the Crop Science Department, OAC on a recent bus tour of Halton Soil and Crop Improvement of Agriculture. Do not let your alfalfa pastures go to seed in September when the pasture will be used the following year.

Unless you are planning to plow it down this fall, preventing preventing the last crop of alfalfa until after growth has stopped. This is usually in the beginning of October.

Note Importance

The importance of not harvesting pastures at this time has been demonstrated at the OAC. September and October cuttings were taken from one year old alfalfa pastures. In the spring of 1962, the second crop year, the October-cut field had 30 per cent more dry matter than the September-cut field was drastically reduced to 30 per cent. Therefore, if you harvest your alfalfa in September you can expect only a small yield next year from that field.

Instead of using that new pasture in September, try an alternative: feed Old hay or pasture fields, which are to be plowed.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

Are we going to have a civil war in Canada? You may laugh at the question, but a lot of people in this country don't find it too hilarious.

La Belle Province is sick and tired of her Cinderella role. She has had enough of being the bright and beautiful, but bedraggled and badly neglected sister in the family.

Since Wicked Godmother Duplessis kicked the bucket and Prince Charming Lesage rode up on his white charger, a new life has dawned for La Belle.

She has realized that her wicked godmother was doing her out of her inheritance, that some of her sisters, especially that Ontario, who was always a bit of a snob, were looking down their noses at her, and that the meek inheritance, the earth only when everybody else has lapped it.

As a result she has lost her inferiority complex. She has dropped her submissive obedience. She has lost her faith inwards. Her eyes are blazing. Her fists are up. She has a chip on her shoulder the size of a chunk of cordwood. And she is very determined going to the ball, whether the rest of the family likes it or not.

Readers of this column probably don't realize how lucky they are to have the white French-Canadian revolution and the separatist movement explained to them by an expert who just spent a week visiting La Belle Province, travelling on an English-Canadian shipping line, and staying in an English-Canadian owned hotel.

First, let me say that the girls in Montreal still knock you stiff. They have a flair, a style, that makes old guys like me stare dead in their tracks and turn slowly, mouth open, until a vicious poke in the ribs from wife or small daughter shatters the moment.

Secondly, the traffic in Montreal is still the most frightening, the cab-driving the most hair-raising, and the fares the most reasonable of any city in Canada.

Thirdly, the majestic bulk of Quebec, brooding over the St. Lawrence, with who knows what memories, is still probably the most imposing city in North America.

Fourthly, the price of booze in Quebec province is here. Fifth, I can't stay up all night any more. Sixth, it was good to meet old weekly editors and

The Bible Today

The Campaign "God's Word for a New Age" aims to triple the annual worldwide rate of Scripture distribution within the next three years.

The goal is to distribute at least 150 million copies annually by 1986, according to Dr. Fredrick Donald Coggan, of England, Archbishop of York and President of the United Bible Societies. In 1962 the 23 national of Bible societies who are members of the U.B.S. circulated a total of 51,092,202 copies of the Scripture.

The Archbishop noted that the population of the world is increasing by 60 million every twelve months and that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is undertaking a five-year campaign to develop 180 million new readers within the next five years.

At the time of his visit to the province he was asked to be deprived of the possibility of reading at least some part of God's Word. Should they because the Book is not as available to many as they are aware of the great things God has done. The crowds assembled in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost heard each in his own language the good news of Jesus Christ. Heard, understood and were baptized. Our task today is to give the hearing millions of the world a like opportunity to hear and to read the Gospel and under the power of the Spirit to be led to the Saviour of the world and the Lord of the Church.

Daily Bible Readings
 Sunday: 1 Kings 14: 1-16, Monday: 1 Kings 14: 17-29, Tuesday: 1 Kings 14: 30-40, Wednesday: 1 Kings 14: 31-40, Thursday: 1 Kings 19: 1-14, Friday: 1 Kings 19: 9-21, Saturday: 1 Kings 19: 1-16.

In Spain the bride is always certain, on a wedding present, a huge supply of olive oil. By custom, the olive oil is donated by the bride's oldest aunt to insure good food from the new household's kitchen.

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