

GEORGE KERR CAPTURES HALTON SEAT

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Acton Vote 69 Per Cent Kerr Wins 7 of 10 Polls

Over 69 per cent of 2,253 eligible Acton voters cast their ballots Wednesday during the provincial election and Progressive Conservative candidate George Kerr headed the polls here with a total of 702 votes. Liberal candidate Owen Mullin polled 610 votes while New Democratic Party candidate William Gillies polled 245 votes.

Returns began pouring into committee rooms around 8:30 p.m. and party officials were kept busy posting tallies on master sheets while party supporters waited anxiously for final results.

When the final tally was received in the Conservative headquarters, cheerers went up momentarily but supporters were soon occupied watching a portable TV installed for the purpose of watching complete results pour into the broadcasting station from all over Ontario.

Some Conservative workers headed to Milton and on to Burlington for the victory celebration while others celebrated the decisive win at the home of local president Roy Kirkness. Liberal supporters sat patiently in their committee room hoping the last-minute results would reduce the lead Mr. Kerr had quickly taken over their candidate.

ACTON RESULTS

	Kerr	Mullin	Gillies
Poll 22	95	71	36
Poll 23	76	77	23
Poll 24	92	80	24
Poll 25	64	68	29
Poll 26	73	61	12
Poll 27	63	45	30
Poll 28	80	55	10
Poll 29	71	49	11
Poll 30	43	38	21
Poll 31	41	67	48
Advance	21	9	1
Total	719	620	245

Acton Polls

Complete Acton results by polls were reported by phone at the Free Press Office by nine o'clock last night; the totals for almost all Halton polls and the fact Owen Mullin had conceded were passed on an hour later. There were under 50 calls, with a flurry of ringing at 10 o'clock. Some mentioned they hadn't been able to get much news on Halton on television and were pleased to hear the town figures as well as the trend. Acton figures were tabulated from the party headquarters here; county results were phoned in a series of phone calls from Burlington over a three hour period. The first call came at 8:15 p.m.

The last phone call was received at 11:45 p.m.



GEORGE KERR THE P.C. candidate in Halton County, was elected last night as the County's representative at Queen's Park. The 39-year-old Burlington lawyer gained over 6,400 votes more than the Liberal candidate Owen Mullin. Mr. Kerr is shown being congratulated by Stan Hall, Esquensing President on the left and Halton County President Gord Beatty on the right.

Irate Ratepayers Hold Heated Session Demand Esquensing Board Move Pupils

Thirteen irate Esquensing ratepayers from the Waterloo school district aired their grievances Tuesday night and demanded their children be allowed to attend a graded school instead of Milton Heights school. Esquensing school board members adjourned the meeting at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday morning and promised ratepayers they would call

a special meeting Friday evening to reach a decision. The delegates submitted a list of 22 grievances through inspector O. G. McDowell and staged a heated hassle with board members from 10:30 p.m. Tuesday until the early Wednesday morning adjournment. Main concern of the ratepayers was to have their children transferred from

the two-room Milton Heights school where there are four grades per classroom to a larger graded school. Arguments presented during the evening concerned teachers, transportation problems, school supplies, lack of supervision by the teachers, to support their demand to have pupils re-located. Ratepayers present for the meeting included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordob Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fisher, Mrs. Howard Stull, Gordon Wingfield and Frank Wilson.

Unfiled Group
Mrs. Gordon Fisher, spokesman for the group, read a prepared statement from the group of ratepayers and told the board the delegates were present as a united group and the questions to be asked were prepared by the group working as a unit. Main hope of the group was to have their children moved at once from Milton Heights school to a grade school which was substantiated by 11 reasons for having this done.

When the 11 reasons had been read Mrs. Fisher told the board "We feel you have committed a grave error in judgment and perpetrated a rank injustice upon 12 children whose welfare should be of as much concern to you as the welfare of your own children and grandchildren."

Moved Without Notice
Several objections were raised regarding the manner in which the 12 pupils in question had been moved to Milton Heights school after a publication in the newspaper had designated Speyside school as their

destination. Mrs. Fisher reprimanded the board for not notifying the parents when the children had been transferred. "This was clearly stated in the newspaper publication you sponsored," she stressed.

Transportation committee chairman Bill Lawson said he had been at the Speyside school on the day school opened and informed the principal, the parents whose children were being transferred were to be phoned on behalf of the board.

Mrs. Fisher asked when the board had decided to move the children from Speyside to Milton Heights and stated she understood the decision was made August 26. Mr. Lawson told her the board realized on August 26 during the transportation meeting it was evident some pupils would have to be transferred who would be transferred was made at that time.

"Select Few?"
The spokesman for the group wondered why a select few had been picked for the transfer. "If Milton Heights is good enough for some, why not all?" she enquired. She told the board if the ratepayers present wanted their children to attend Milton Heights they would have purchased farms in that area.

Mr. Lawson told the group the transportation committee had been given a list from a certain area which seemed feasible to

Kerr Beats Mullin by 6,400 Votes Holds Edge in Every Municipality

Rolling up the biggest Conservative victory in many years, P.C. candidate George A. Kerr crushed all opposition when Wednesday's election swept him to the Halton riding's Queen's Park seat with a 6,400 vote plurality.

The young Burlington lawyer-councillor polled 19,931 votes, winning handsily over his strongest competitor, Liberal candidate Owen Mullin, who polled 13,508 and New Democratic Party candidate William D. Gillies received 5,187.

64.8% Vote
During the Wednesday election, 30,888 Halton voters headed for the polls, for a 64.8 per cent turnout. There were 80,000 eligible voters and 262 spoiled their ballots.

The victor swept to the win with a hefty vote and led in every Halton municipality. Mullin ran close behind in Nassagaweya, Esquensing and Acton, but defeated the Conservative candidate in very few polls across the county.

It was the seventh provincial election victory in a row for the well-organized P.C. party. The same organization that kept the late Stanley L. Hall ahead in six election campaigns, was rejuvenated with more young blood for this campaign, and the move was a successful one, P.C. organizers at the Burlington headquarters said. Mr. Hall, who died last fall, held the Halton seat at Queen's Park for nearly 20 years.

This was the second Provincial campaign for Mullin the first for both Kerr and Gillies. In the last provincial election in 1959, Stan Hall held the riding with one of the slimmest majorities of his six election campaigns. He led Owen Mullin, the Liberal candidate, by only 714 votes with a total of 10,348 C.C.F. hopeful Jack Henry trailed with 3,994.

The 1959 vote showed Hall victorious for George Kerr," said Andy Frame of Burlington, one of his supporting publicity men. Mr. Frame said that although his supporters had worked hard, the candidate had thrown himself into the campaign and his numerous personal appearances, his warm personality, and his affiliation with the Roberts team drew the votes that sent him to victory.

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Kerr was one of 76 P.C.'s elected Wednesday, as Premier John Roberts was returned to office with a greater strength than in the last session.

From the moment first voting returns were posted shortly after 8 p.m. Wednesday evening, the outcome looked obvious. Early polls reporting to Returning Officer M. E. Kerr of Oakville and to the two large party headquarters in Burlington, showed Kerr taking a definite and decisive lead.

Before 8:15 p.m. Kerr held a healthy lead in the first 10 of the county's 293 polls; by 8:30 the lead was growing steadily and by 9 p.m. the pattern was firmly set for the eventual result. Kerr held a three-to-two lead over Mullin and Gillies was trailing far behind, an hour after polls closed.

When half the county's polls had reported by 8:45 p.m. Kerr held a 9,800 to 6,200 lead. About that time, Liberal candidate Mullin arrived at the party's main headquarters in Burlington area, accompanied by Federal Liberal member Dr. Harry Harles and their wives, and they were greeted with the bad news.

At 9:30 p.m., Mullin appeared at the Brant St. headquarters of the Tories, to admit defeat and congratulate Kerr amid the cheers of hundreds of onlookers. Both candidates looked worn and haggard as they posed for photographs.

"I am certain George will make a fine representative for Halton County," the loser announced as they shook hands.

"I feel wonderful, just wonderful," said the winner, beaming the broad grin that has become known across Halton over the past several months. He credited his victory to several things — the security of the present Conservative government, a general satisfaction with Conservative rule, and the willing and volunteer work of his many capable assistants in Halton.

"This old meat market is really jumping tonight," he grinned as he surveyed the cramped rented store — women posting returns from scrutineers, others taking in results on a battery of telephones, some serving coffee and sandwiches, a group clustered around the candidate, another cluster with eyes glued to a portable TV set in the corner. And amongst it all, a battery of reporters and photographers were anxiously elbowing their way through the maze of bodies to catch a word or a picture.

After 10 p.m., the winner led a victory celebration to Milton, where north end supporters had gathered to welcome him. Allow about 250 handshakes and a brief speech of thanks, he joined in a car cascade around the town before heading back to Burlington, where 500 gathered for a reception at the Brant Inn. The toasts lasted long into the night.

Blaring Horn Is Fire Alarm

A short in the wiring system which blew the horn of a car owned by Stan Bowen, R.R. 1, Acton, possibly saved his home from being engulfed by flames in the early hours this morning (Thursday).

The Bowen family were asleep in their home and the late model car was parked in the carport adjoining the house. The family was awakened around 2 a.m. when the horn began to blow. When Mr. Bowen peered outside the door he saw the car in a mass of flames.

Dashing outside he noticed the flames licking toward the frame work of the building. Grabbing the garden hose he played water on the blaze while his wife, Wayne called the Acton fire department.

When firefighters arrived the inside of the vehicle was gutted and still smouldering and the long-still blowing. Water from the hooster line was poured on the interior of the car and the wiring pulled off the horn to stop the noise.

Milton fair this weekend.

How Halton Voted

The following table shows the unofficial results of Wednesday's provincial election in Halton County, by municipal totals. The figures were provided for this newspaper at 1 a.m. today by M. E. Kerr of Oakville, Halton Returning Officer, and are as accurate as he could provide until the ballot boxes have been opened and checked on October 9.

	Kerr	Mullin	Gillies
Acton	698	611	244
Advance poll	538	150	16
Burlington	7,748	4,347	1,502
Esquensing	921	883	251
Georgetown	1,421	1,244	501
Milton	1,051	899	312
Oakville	2,199	5,032	2,150
Nassagaweya	385	307	97
TOTAL	19,931	13,508	5,187

There were an additional 262 spoiled ballots, just 64 per cent (37,888) of the 60,000 eligible voters cast ballots.

Franciscan Friar Conducts Mission for St. Joseph's

The Mission of Spiritual Renewal which opened officially at 7:30 a.m. and evening devotion at 7:30 p.m. consisting of Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Church and conducted by Rev. Fr. Malachy White O.M. conv. is being well attended. The weekday morning Masses (Continued on Page Three)



"MISS ACTON FAIR", Linda Ferguson, R.R. 3, Acton and runner-up, Kathy Molnar, Acton are shown above shortly after the Queen was crowned Friday evening at the fair. Miss Ferguson reigned over the fair all day Saturday along with Miss Molnar.

11,000 Patrons Jam Acton Park To See 50th Anniversary Fair

It took superlatives to describe the 50th anniversary fair on the weekend. A weary but delighted board of directors has tallied record attendance of 11,000 admission at the gate on the two days; gate receipts soaring Friday from last year's and Saturday afternoon's more than doubled, the best parade ever, and midway just as promised by contract, outstandingly good entertainment and for the first time, a "Miss Acton Fair" to reign over the event with a court of two dozen beauties.

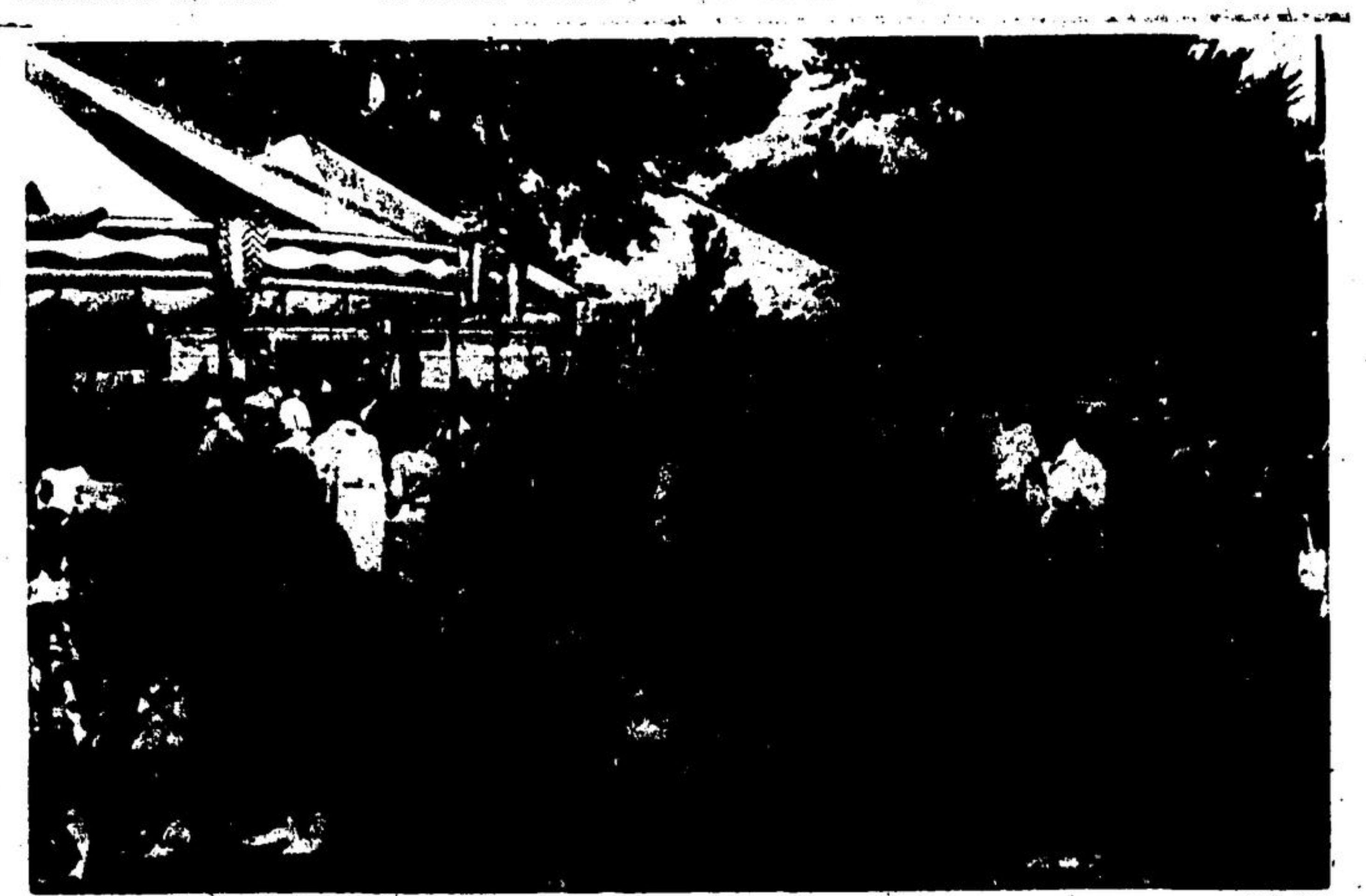
The extra effort put into the special 50th anniversary edition was reflected in a surge of new interest, hordes of visitors, and thoroughly satisfied exhibitors and patrons. Last year's attendance was 6,000. "Just Wonderful" "It's just wonderful," echoed links fair president Calvin Arkin and his sister, hardworking secretary-treasurer Mrs. Irene Swackhamer. While almost everyone on the executive is relaxing now after the hectic last week, Mrs. Swackhamer is just starting to line up all her judges' books to tally up the prize money for the hundreds of exhibitors. Number of entries remained at about the usual level, and the prize

money offered totalled over \$6,000 — about six times that given 50 years ago when Acton Agricultural Society was formed with the intention of having a fall fair here each year. Previous years had been held in Acton and Georgetown alternately. **Arms Full** The Friday evening show despite a rapid pace which tilted every minute, lasted till midnight. The 2,000 in the audience filled the seats, stood along the back and sat in folding chairs hastily set up on temporary flooring over the arena pipes. Acton Citizens' Band played a concert to start the show, then (Continued on Page Three)

Draw Canisters Boost Campaign

Acton firefighters are sponsoring a fund-raising campaign to aid the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Canisters have been placed in stores throughout town and Saturday firefighters marked out literature at their booth on the fair grounds.

During the afternoon, anyone who dropped a coin in one of the canisters at the booth was entitled to a free ticket on a draw for a \$100 extinguisher. Two draws were made with Mrs. Kathleen Deids and Charlie Thompson being winners. About \$22 was donated by fair patrons in signs and firefighters are hopeful the remaining 20 coin canisters in town will boost the amount considerably. For seven years, firefighters in Canada have taken an active part in the fund-raising campaign and this year the fire prevention committee of the Acton Department started their program early in order to raise money for the research, patient service and education of patients suffering from muscular dystrophy. Firefighters are asking the assistance of the public and hope everyone will drop loose change in one of the canisters.



LARGEST CROWD TO DATE attended Acton fall fair this year and board members estimated close to 11,000 had admissions for fowl, sheep, hogs and other outdoor exhibits attracted many the Friday night performance, Saturday show and Saturday tall fair visitors and the community centre was constantly filled, night dance. Some of the crowd are shown as they jammed into upstairs and downstairs.