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Pleasant Transformer Station
Important to Area Growth

Ontario Hydro's new Pleasant Transformer Station, just west of Brampton, is both a result and a symbol of the rapid growth and development in this area within the last few decades, a growth which from all present indications should continue into the future.

The new station was first put into service in August, 1954 to meet increased power demands in the area, including the towns of Brampton, Georgetown, Milton and Streetsville, the surrounding Brampton Rural Operating Area, and the CBC's transmitter at Hornby. It consisted at that time of two 25,000 kva transformers, capable of more than doubling service to the district. In June of this year a third transformer rated at 15,000 kva, was added to the station to meet both present power demands and future load growth in the area. Taking its name from a neighbouring hamlet, the Pleasant T.S. is located near No. 7 highway, about three miles west of Brampton.

In addition to the station, other associated facilities were built, including approximately 14 miles of transmission line extending north to Pleasant T.S. This line taps an existing circuit between the A. W. Manby Transformer Station west of Toronto and the Burlington T.S. New distribution lines were also erected between the transformer station and Brampton and Georgetown.

The erection of the Pleasant T.S. following engineering studies which indicated that adequate voltage and efficient 60 cycle supply to the Brampton-Georgetown area could not be provided from existing transformer stations. Brampton, for example, was formerly supplied from the old Cooksville transformer station, and Georgetown and Milton from the distant A. W. Manby T.S. near Toronto. Voltage conditions on the feeders from these stations, which were then supplying power at 25 cycles were not entirely satisfactory.

The new station, its associated facilities, and the fact that power is now supplied to the area at 60 cycles as a result of frequency standardization in the area last year, have effectively remedied this situation.

Dramatic Development
Judged by what has happened in the past 10 years, the future of the Brampton district should be one of continuous expansion and development. A look at the changing power picture in Brampton since 1944 reveals a vigorous growth in population, commerce, and industry, as well as a steadily increasing standard of electrical living.

In 1944, for instance, Hydro customers in the town of Brampton used 7,802,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy. By 1954, this figure had more than trebled, rising to 26,084,300 kilowatt hours, or an increase of 234 per cent. During this same period the number of Hydro domestic customers in Brampton rose from 1,627 to 2,974, or almost double. At the same time the number of commercial Hydro customers increased from 248 to 355, and the number of power or industrial customers from 51 to 87.

The growing use of electrical appliances and electrical equipment in the homes and industries of Brampton area has also had a marked effect on load growth. Nowhere is this more evident than in figures showing the increase in the average monthly consumption of power by domestic consumers in Brampton, over the period from 1944 to 1954. In 1944, for example, each domestic customer used a monthly average of 222 kilowatt hours. In 1954, the monthly average had jumped to 451 kilowatt hours, or over twice the consumption of 10 years ago.

It is interesting to note that in 1914 the average monthly consumption per domestic customer in Brampton was only 18 kilowatt hours. The townfolk of that era had not the advantages of today's modern electrical equipment, such as television sets, refrigerators, radios, food mixers, oil burners, clothes dryers and so on. The 18 kilowatt hours would probably have been mostly consumed in supplying electric light or perhaps in operating a few of the comparatively crude electrical appliances which were then available.

Today the picture has changed radically, and modern community living is characterized to a considerable extent by the range and number of electrical machines and appliances that scientific ingenuity has made available. The outstanding expansion that has occurred in Brampton in recent years has been in part due to this new technological revolution, for which Ontario is supplying an essential ingredient — electrical energy.

Brampton, is, of course, not alone in its development. Other communities in the Brampton area now served by Hydro's new Pleasant Transformer Station have experienced a similar expansion in recent years, and Ontario Hydro is continually striving not only to meet but to anticipate this kind of growth and development. Its new station is, therefore, a practical and important step in the Commission's long term service plans for Brampton area.

NAVAL TRANSFER FROM
DARTMOUTH TO HALIFAX

S/L Paul Barber, who was home for a short visit with his family last week, has been transferred from the naval station at Dartmouth to Halifax where he will serve in the CDR's office.

David Lawson, Church St.
Always District Resident

Rev. Alex Calder conducted a funeral service last Tuesday at the Harold C. McClure funeral home for David C. Lawson, who died in Guelph General Hospital on October 2nd. Mr. Lawson, who had lived at 21 Church Street for the past 43 years, had been in hospital for a week after suffering a coronary. He was a member of one of the district's oldest families.

He was one of a family of seven children, the son of David and Janet Cation Lawson and was born at Stewartown where his father was in the lumbering business. He attended public school there and Georgetown high school.

Mr. Lawson was one of the oldest members of Credit Masonic Lodge. He attended the Presbyterian Church.

He leaves one sister, Miss Hettie Lawson, with whom he made his home.

Pallbearers at the funeral were four grand nephews, Harry and Paul Lawson, Acton, Bob Lawson, Stewartown, and Donald Lawson, Lindsay, and Robert Eagly, Inglewood and Donald Farby, London. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Hospital Board Starts
Peel Expansion Program

The greatly needed and long contemplated expansion of Peel Memorial Hospital at Brampton has taken another important forward step towards its accomplishment.

At the last meeting of the Board of Governors, two important decisions were made regarding this matter. By a unanimous vote of the Board members, J. B. Parkin Associates, Toronto, were named as architects. As soon as a satisfactory contract has been negotiated, they will proceed with the necessary sketch plans for submission with a rough estimate of cost and their initial recommendations.

Decision was also made to proceed as rapidly as possible, with the necessary enlargement to the present boiler room and the installation of a third boiler to relieve the grave hot water shortage being experienced at the hospital.

It was felt that this part of the expansion could not, in view of its urgency, be allowed to wait until the overall programme was decided upon. While the exact plan and cost of this immediate boiler room expansion will be a fairly sizeable outlay, it was made clear to the board by Mr. Gordon Friesen, Hospital's Consultant and his engineers, that the enlarged building and new boiler will be utilized to economic advantage, in the eventual hospital expansion. Thus in reality it becomes the first unit in the greater overall expansion which the architects will go to work on shortly. As soon as the cost of this initial undertaking is determined, the Board will devise the necessary ways and means for financing this portion of the expansion program and acquaint the public with its plans.

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