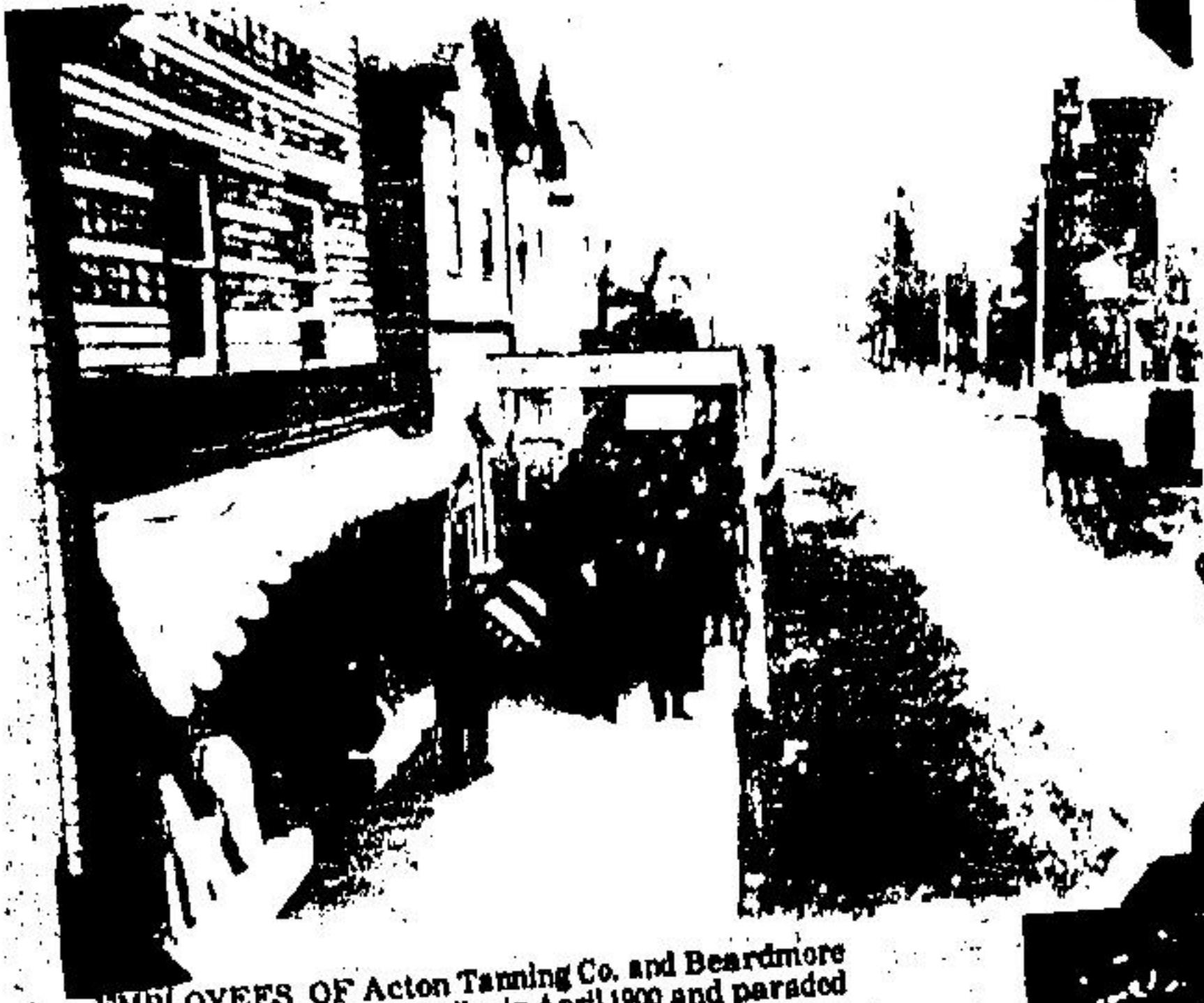


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EMPLOYEES OF Acton Tanning Co. and Beardmore and Company went on strike in April 1900 and paraded on Mill St. Wages were the problem after they were reduced from \$1.25 per day to \$1.10. While this was accepted the men felt the original wage should be restored. 150 men marched up Elgin St. and paraded to the G.T.R. station. The strike lasted nearly two weeks.



ACTON PUBLIC School in 1898 was at the end of Education Lane adjacent to the home of C. S. Smith which is here surrounded by a forbidding board fence. The school's four room brick section shown here was built in 1892. Previously a stone section at the back had been used.



EARLY photographer C. C. Speight was pictured by A. T. Brown as he prepared to photograph a nature study. Many of the early pictures in this issue are from the A. T. Brown collection.



WELCOME... and come again... but don't speed, please. Mrs. Ted Solman (Merle Frick) and son Victor smile a welcome about 1922.



SETTING THE sporting scene three Actonians are shown at the tennis courts, an early centre for recreation and social activity. Bertie Speight and Bertha Brown are on the right.



ACTON IN 1899 was a scattered collection of buildings as shown in this early photo from the west. In the foreground is a saw mill yard which was at the Main St. entrance to Lakeview subdivision. In the scene you might locate the town hall and the steeple of Knox Church, Storey Grove and St. Alban's Church.



LOCAL OPTION was vigorously enforced in Acton 60 years ago. This supply was taken from the Dominion Hotel and enforcement officers are down amassing the kegs. One hundred and ten gallons of foaming beer were sacrificed that day.