

Letters to the editor There's only one Canada

There is only one Canada, one people, one nation, one goal, one vision, one hope, one heart, one challenge, one dream and one path.

One Canadian spirit, one Canadian strength, and one Canadian future, which is to rise above the sea of nations and gather all peo-

ple of good will and pure intent, to beckon them to come, to strive to give the very best within them, so that we form an iron will and determination to be an example for the world, because there is only one hope, there is only one Canada.

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The Way We Were



Officially opening in June 1967, the Acton Centennial Public Library replaced the library rooms in the YMCA building on Mill Street, home to the Acton Public Library since 1935. In this photo, the Acton Citizens Band and spectators watch grand opening proceedings from the shade of the trees around the building. The Centennial project library closed its doors in 2011 and moved into the current 9,000-square-foot, LEED-certified building on the same property several weeks later.

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Putting another season's promise in the ground

I was at an event last week, and bumped into an old friend.

We expressed the usual pleasantries, and then he asked a question.

So Ted, do you have the crops all in yet?

I told him I had finished planting in May all was good, I said.

And how is it (the crop) doing, especially with all this wet weather?

And so the conversation went.

As I drove to another event, I thought about how my old friend got it, in other words, he understood the challenges of working in agriculture.

I always think back to years ago, when a radio disc jockey gave the weather forecast.

Well it looks like the weekend is going to be great, with all sorts of sunshine and warm temperatures, he stated. Of course it will be short-lived, as the rain and colder temperatures will be back Monday. But who cares? We'll all be at work anyway.

I remember wanting to call the radio station and give him a piece of my mind, but he probably wouldn't understand anyway.

You see, farmers need to work all week, not just weekends.

It's been said if you run into a farmer, be prepared to talk about the weather.

There is a certain amount of truth in that, as farmers do keep a close eye on the weather, but there's a reason the farming community is by far one of the most impacted groups when it comes to unpredictable weather. Crops rely on the different aspects of what Mother Nature has to give rain, hot weather, dry weather and everything in between.

There are other professions impacted by inclement weather, like construction, but agriculture has one unique element makes them stand out they make things grow. Construction crews build, and I'm not for a moment downplaying the effect of severe weather in that group.

But it usually effects construction in loss of time, not a crop.

I do smile when it comes to farmers talking about weather.

It's been said there isn't a farmer around who is happy with the weather any given day it will be too cold, too hot, too dry, and too wet, no matter what day it is.

And that is the problem. At some point, all of those conditions will be required, to make crops grow, hay dry, or grain, soybeans and corn ripen.

If it's too cold, the fields don't dry, or the seed can't germinate. Too hot, and the moisture in the ground evaporates, and the crop can't grow.

And on any given day, what makes one farmer happy, like a nice shower, another farmer might be unhappy, since his land is a bit later, so he hasn't been able to plant his crop,

and needs just one more of dry weather.

The various weather needs of farmers as individuals has always been the subject of farmers visiting with each other.

But there is one aspect of being a farmer or agriculturalist, that sets them aside of other professions.

It's that ever present faith that Mother Nature will provide, and the fact we all still enter into that annual covenant with her, where we create a partnership for yet another year.

The late folksinger Stan Rogers wrote many songs about the farming community in his warm, maritime style, building great awareness on the challenges of farming.

In his song The Field behind the Plow, he uses the analogy of plowing a field as life.

His line Another year's promise in the ground, says it all.

For the good times come and go, but at least there's rain

So this won't be barren ground when September comes around

And watch the field behind the plow turn to straight dark rows.

Put another season's promise in the ground



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