

LOOKING BACK *The Acton Free Press.*

Reported in the Acton Free Press from 140 years ago, March 2nd, 1883:

The Council met in the council chamber of the new Town Hall for the first time Thursday evening. W.H. Storey, Reeve, in the chair and Messrs. Smith, Ismond, and Kenney present.

A petition asking that the Town Hall bell be rung at six o'clock each morning in addition to the present ringing, signed by W. Allan and 112 others, was presented, and considerable discussion took place. A special committee will consider this.

Acton is entirely at the mercy of the fire fiend. A hook and ladder company should be organized.

Reported in the Acton Free Press from 115 years ago, March 5th, 1908:

Last month was a busy one for Mrs. Graham, Librarian, at the Free Library. The largest number of books issued in a single month since the reorganization of the library 10 years ago was given out, aggregating 600.

As an increase in duties, Mrs. Graham's salary was raised to \$75 per year.

Owing to the storm on Sunday, Rev. Willoughby was unable to reach Churchill, his afternoon appointment. Rev. Father Feeney has had much trouble this winter getting to his church at Oustic.

Reported in the Acton Free Press from 60 years ago, March 21st, 1963:

Five Acton High Schoolers marched into town Saturday evening after a 50-mile walk from Richmond Hill along Highway 7. The walk resulted from a student challenge. John Goy, Allan Hall, Gerry Murr, Boden Dyc and Keith Ranney made the walk. Two other participants dropped out along the way.

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Waterlogged Highway: Before Highway 7 was built up higher, flooding during the spring thaw was a constant issue for motorists. This photo from March, 1950 shows a transit bus making its way through a massive puddle, west of Dublin Line at Watkin's Poultry Farm.

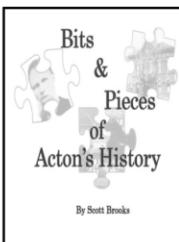
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