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EDITORIAL

A Help at Least

Beamsville is another community that has adopted the plan of publishing the list of arrears of taxes owing the municipality. Acton has carried on this plan for over eight years. All amounts owing by individuals for taxes waterworks service, and cemetery accounts are listed every year in the annual Auditors' Report. There is only one way to evade inclusion in the list and that is to have the slate clean with the municipality before December 31st of each year. There was quite a strenuous objection the first year so so, but now the procedure is taken for granted. There is nothing unfair about publication of these accounts. The amounts owing are debts owing the public treasury, and all the shareholders have a right to know of the assets of their town. Tax sales are a rarity in Acton. In fact we can only recall one in the last twenty years. We are not prepared to say that publication of the arrears is responsible, because penalties for non-payment of taxes are also levied. However, the methods adopted can lay claim to some success when it is taken into consideration that a total of taxes owing for all years was only \$7,000 at the end of 1934.

Your Report

The Auditors' Report of Acton for the year 1934, which will be available in printed form the end of this week, shows the municipality to be in a very healthy condition. The net debenture indebtedness shows a decrease over the previous year of over \$10,000, and the principal payments now being made will decrease the indebtedness at a much more rapid rate henceforth. One debenture issue was retired last year. The overdraft shown at the bank is about \$250 less than the year previous. Acton has, until this year, no debt as a result of either expenditure; and it is very probable that amount used this year can be taken out of current taxation and there will be nothing added in debenture debt. Collections have fallen down a little. The tax arrears list is shown at \$7,694.44 as against \$6,885.50. This same state of affairs is seen in a fifty dollar increase in the arrears in the Waterworks Department, and the Cemetery Board also shows a larger list of accounts receivable over the previous year. The Hydro account shows a healthy growth and substantial increases. Total receipts were more than \$8,000 over that of the previous year, and this account is really the best of any of the municipality. The School Board, in spite of reduced expenditure of the previous year, again shows a reduced expenditure this year of over \$1,000, and is another of the bright spots in this annual statement. The Arena account is down by almost \$300 in the surplus over current expenditure and the lowest recorded. But it is impossible to give a clear and correct summary in a brief article. The statement of your affairs of your municipality will be ready for the asking in the Auditors' Report at the end of this week. It is very interesting and should be studied by every ratepayer and every citizen who will be pleased with the financial standing of Acton.

Just Another Service
The part that a local newspaper plays in advertising the community it represents is not always known to the residents. Recently we received an envelope containing hundreds of clippings from newspapers from coast to coast of articles or comments on articles that had appeared in The Free Press columns within the past year. A perusal of these clippings establishes the fact that the local paper carries the name of Acton and the district well beyond the confines of the immediate neighborhood. Dailies, as well as weekly newspapers, had selected these articles from THE FREE PRESS for reprint or comment. This is just another service that the local newspaper gives, its community week in and week out.

In Worthy Hands
It seems but fitting that the local branch of the Canadian Legion should take the initiative in arranging the local event to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King George V. Undoubtedly, as planned, the various organizations will desire to co-operate in the work of making the occasion a memorable one. Many can recollect the event commemorating the jubilee of the beloved Queen Victoria's reign. The Legion has struck a responsive chord in initiating the first steps for the preparations for May 6th. They have received the support of the Council and it goes without saying that they will likewise receive the support of the general public and organizations in promoting and encouraging the plans. The matter is in worthy hands and further announcements of progress will be watched for keenly by all.

Budget Days
These are Government budget days. Last week the Dominion budget and change in taxation methods was brought in and probably before this week is out that of the Provincial Government will be made public. The taxation proposed by the Dominion Government is what might be anticipated during an election year. The increase on income taxation does not affect those who receive under \$5,000, and will therefore be pleasing to the masses. There is no relief of the taxes that strike the average pocket-book, such as the sugar tax, excise Levy, cheque stamps or return to penny postage. The budget announcement therefore had little of interest to the average individual. An improved financial condition is shown in the figures quoted, which might, or might not be rightly termed a surplus. The improvement has not however been sufficient to allow of lower taxation but needs must be and have been found to secure some additional revenues. There is nothing of a vote-catching nature to the budget which is perhaps just as well for real stability. It is encouraging to note that some progress has been made and the debt is not increasing at such rapid bounds.

EDITORIAL NOTES
For the first time in the province's history, honey production in Alberta reached a mark of 1,500,000 pounds in 1934. Receipts of jewellery and scrap at the Royal Canadian Mint during 1934 contained 116,862 ounces of gold, a gain of 39.6 per cent. over the 1933 total of 83,680 ounces. Improvements on the Second Line, between Acton and Milton are gradually getting closer to the Acton end of the road. The widened roadway gives every promise of some day being a real highway.

The Liquor Tax has been cut by the new Budget. Is this another effort to reduce the consumption of liquor in the Dominion? No one has dared yet to suggest that it is, and Rev. A. J. Irwin is quite outspoken in denouncing the change. A father, writing in a Canadian magazine, says that in the event of another war the young men should insist that the munition makers, the racketeers and the wealthy crooks that only war makes, should be placed in the front line trenches. The financial position of a municipality is a reflection of the people chosen for the administration of corporate affairs during past years. The present-day references to bankrupt municipalities should result in a more economical management of local affairs, and greater care in the selection of administrators.—Municipal World, St. Thomas.

There is a great deal of argument about the value of County Councils and whether they could be abolished. The problem is much simplified if you can answer the following question: "Is there anything that the County Council does for your municipality which could not be done by your local Council, using the money now paid in County rates?" Ferguson News-Record. "Every Canadian should voluntarily reduce his salary to \$10,000 a year if he receives more," Rev. John Davey told his congregation at Dale Street, Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and concluded: "This isn't a depression that will pass. It is a development of the machine age. We must solve it, or it will destroy us. If we haven't a man who is big enough to lead us out, we must find one."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1935
REVIEW
The Lessons for this Quarter form a study of the life and message of Peter, as recorded in the Gospels, the Book of Acts and the Epistles of the Apostles. Golden Text.—Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—2 Peter 3: 18. Read as Lesson 1 Peter 5: 6-11; 2 Peter 3: 14-18. Lesson I.—Central Truth: If we would be followers of Jesus we must be fishers of men. Lesson II.—Central Truth: Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God, and beside Him there is none other. Lesson III.—Central Truth: We should ever be ready to perform the most menial service for the benefit of our brethren. Lesson IV.—Central Truth: "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10: 12). Lesson V.—Central Truth: Forgiveness and restoration to Divine favor ever at the disposal of the repentant sinner. Lesson VI.—Central Truth: The Christian should never shrink from denouncing sin or from proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus. Lesson VII.—Central Truth: A good Christian is a good citizen. Lesson VIII.—Central Truth: Of ourselves, we can do nothing; but in Christ's name we can do all things. Lesson IX.—Central Truth: In the ultimate issue, hypocrisy and lying never go unmasked. Lesson X.—Central Truth: The Gospel of the Son of God is full and free for all mankind. Lesson XI.—Central Truth: God never deserts those who love Him. Lesson XII.—Central Truth: Christian living is not a mere conformism to rules and ritual, but a thing of the heart. Ability to live it comes to the believer through the power vouchsafed him by the Lord Jesus who paid his debt. There is nothing repulsive in Miller's Worm Powders, and they are as pleasant to take as sugar, so that few children will refuse them. In some cases they cause vomiting through their action in an unbound stomach, but this is only a manifestation of their cleansing power, no indication that they are hurtful. They can be thoroughly depended upon to clear worms from the system.

THE ONLY REASON
It was during the War. A patriotic woman, visiting a farm, noted a stalwart young man milking. "See here, young man! Why aren't you at the front?" she demanded. "Well," said the milker, "I guess I'm mostly because this cow ain't any different from any other!"

CANADA'S WHEAT PROGRESS

While Canada's fame as an agricultural country of unsurpassed merit may to some extent be attributed to a bounteous nature which has provided the Dominion with fertile farm land and an invigorating climate, another important reason for her success in the realm of agriculture, especially as a producer of quality wheat, is the progress in wheat development which has taken place during the last half century. Wheat, of course, is the pioneer cereal, and fifty years ago early Canadian farm settlers were faced with the almost impossible task of finding a variety of wheat capable of maturing earlier than Red Fife, which was the variety then commonly grown. Under the direction of the Dominion Experimental Farms, which were created in 1886, a world-wide search was made for a suitable variety, with futile results, as imported grains, however well adapted they may have been to the soil of their native countries, were found unsuitable to Canadian conditions. Failure to find the ideal variety led to the introduction of a program of plant breeding which has been carried on unceasingly with results that have made Canada's wheat famous throughout the world. Up to the present time, the most famous variety of any wheat produced in Canada by scientific means undoubtedly is Marquis, king of Canadian wheats. Other famous varieties are Reward, Garnet, Bobs and Huron. A committee known as the Associate Committee on Field Crop Diseases, consisting of members of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, the National Research Council and the Western Universities and Colleges, still carry on this important work, and their efforts for years have been directed to overcoming such a very destructive disease that attacks several crops. Strains of rust-resistant wheat believed to have the yielding ability, baking, milling, and early ripening qualities of such varieties as Marquis have been developed, and when released by the Department of Agriculture will mark one of the greatest triumphs of Canadian agriculture. A new development in wheat culture of great promise is Canus, a product of the University of Alberta which is highly resistant to rust and compares favorably with Marquis in respect to growth period, yield, and ability to withstand lodging. The Dominion Geneticist, who has been watching the performance of this wheat carefully for some years, reports in the opinion that the University of Alberta is to be congratulated upon developing a wheat so full of promise as Canus. The Dominion Experimental Farms system has been comparing this variety, not only for yield but for baking quality, for the past two years and has found it satisfactory in both respects. Give your trouble to God. Remember that everything before the believer is easy.—D. L. Moody.

DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL FARMS Weekly News Letter

The Egg Laying Contests
The health of the birds in the Canadian National Egg Laying Contests from the Atlantic to the Pacific has never been better during the fifteen years these contests have been in operation than at the present time. This factor is no doubt responsible for the uniformly high egg production being obtained this season. The production of leading pens and birds is equal if not superior to those of preceding years. Another very commendable feature in connection with egg production this season is the size of the eggs laid. Egg Laying Contests and poultry registration work have clearly demonstrated that egg size is an inheritable character, and the Registered poultry breeders who have been breeding from Registered birds are having their efforts crowned with success. Many contest pens are producing eggs this season weighting 30 ounces per dozen. Spring Treatment of Lawns
Results of experiments on lawn plots conducted by the Division of Forage Plants, Central Experimental Farm, prove conclusively that necessary spring treatments of lawns should be done early. Rolling should be done as soon as the frost is out of the ground. As soon as the surface is dry the lawn should be thoroughly raked. A light top dressing of good soil should be put on and raked in. If any re-seeding is necessary a mixture of four parts Kentucky Blue grass and one part Colonial Bent, by weight, with 1/2 ounce White Dutch clover added to every three pounds, is recommended. Culture for Lemniscus Inoculation
Farmers who are sowing alfalfa or other legumes this spring and who have not previously used cultures for inoculation may obtain enough to treat one hundred of seed by writing to the Division of Bacteriology, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Requests should be sent in early and should state approximately when the culture will be needed.

Salada Orange Pekoe Blend will prove a sheer delight to lovers of fine tea. 'SALADA' TEA

CANADA'S FORESTS
Canada's forests occupy 1,153,000 square miles, or 32.8 per cent. of the total land area of the Dominion. Over half of the present forest area, 792,000 square miles, is considered accessible and capable of producing commercial lumber crops. The remainder of the forests, such as those on high mountain slopes and in the Far North, have a value for their influence on the climate, water control, game conservation, and for local supplies of fuel and building material. Of the accessible and productive forest area, about 370,000 square miles carry timber of merchantable size and 413,000 square miles bear young growth of various ages. Conifers predominate on 61 per cent. of the productive area, hardwoods on 12 per cent., and mixed stands on 27 per cent. The accessible stand of merchantable size is estimated to have a stumpage value of \$1,715,000. In addition, 412,725 square miles of young growth at the low valuation of \$2 per acre are worth \$828,288,000. The total stand of timber is now estimated at 267,733 million cubic feet, of which 145,834 million cubic feet is classed as accessible and includes 290,000 million feet board measure of saw material and 920 million cords suitable for pulp-wood, fuel-wood, poles, etc. Only one-tenth of Canada's forest area is privately owned, the balance being owned by the public through the Dominion or Provincial Governments. Industries engaged in the manufacture of wood and paper products exceed all other classes of manufacturing industries in the number of establishments, capital invested, number of employees, salaries and wages paid, and in the value added to the raw materials through manufacture. Canada's forests and forest industries make an annual contribution of \$582,570,000 to the wealth of the Dominion, and provide employment on a yearly basis of 244,000 people, whose annual wages total approximately \$259,000,000. "How prone we are to seek for life in the dust of a dead past. My brother, your loved one lives; look up. Your Lord is alive to-day and forever more. And His lives to conquer. Not in the grave of a past, however rich in precious memories, but on the field of a splendid present and in the promise of a tomorrow more glorious than any yesterday. Is your Lord to be found. Look up! L. O. W. Rev. Herbert Johnston, D.D., St. Catharines, Ont.

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