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## Liberals Swept the Dominion Halton Returned a Liberal

**Biggest Majority Given Any Government Since Confederation is Accorded Party Led by Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King — Halton Elected Hughes Cleaver First Federal Liberal Member in Over 40 Years — Majority Greater Than Conservative in Last Election and County Shows Definite Liberal Leaning — Long Regarded as Conservative Stronghold — Reconstruction Party Made Poor Showing.**

The Dominion electors on Monday gave the biggest surprise and set new records in many respects. The Liberals were swept into power with the largest number of representatives ever given any party since Confederation. The sweep started in the Maritimes and continued right through into Ontario, where 65 Liberals were elected, which is just one behind Quebec. The Conservatives have a remnant of 41 members from their former number of 113 before dissolution, with 24 seats vacant at that time.

One of the big surprises was the almost complete failure of the Reconstruction Party. Only the leader, Hon. H. H. Stevens, was successful in being returned and of the 174 candidates of that party seeking election, 134 of them failed to secure half of the vote of the successful candidate and therefore lost their deposits. Deposit losing netted the Government \$68,400, so that it was quite general.

Halton County also joined in the record breaking of the day. It is over forty years since a Liberal has represented this County at Ottawa, and on Monday E. Hughes Cleaver, Liberal nominee, was returned with a sweeping majority of 1394. The majority is more significant when it is recalled that at the last federal election Dr. Anderson, Conservative, was accorded a majority of 1,178, which at that time was considered quite conclusive that Halton was predominantly Conservative.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the comparatively small support accorded M. M. Robinson, Reconstruction candidate. His total vote was only 1,651 in the County—just about 300 more than that polled by the C. C. F. candidate in the Provincial election.

With a following of 168 in the House, Mr. King will be able to put into effect the policies which he proclaimed during the election. Backed by Liberal Governments in all but one of the Provinces, the Liberals cannot complain of lack of support. The Social Credit group will be the third largest in the house, with 17 members, and the C. C. F. follow in fourth place, with 8 members. The Liberals will have a majority of 91 over all the parties in the new parliament.

In Acton, too, a new record for a Liberal majority was shown. Mr. Cleaver was given a majority of 248, which was the largest given in any municipality or subdivision in the County. He had a majority over the combined vote of the other two candidates of 7. It is also to be noted that the Conservative and Reconstruction vote was within one vote of each other, namely, 242 Conservative, and 241 Reconstruction. Locally all parties voted faithfully and out of a total vote of 1,168 in Acton, there were 973 votes polled on Monday, or about 83%, which is considered very high.

In the County, Acton, Burlington and Milton gave majorities for Cleaver; and Georgetown and Oakville gave Currie a majority. In the Townships the swing was generally towards Cleaver, representative of the Liberal party.

The following is the detailed result of the voting in Acton:

Cleaver Currie Robinson		
Council Chamber	64	36
Stewart Hall	88	37
Spotted Sheep	79	45
Y. M. C. A.—1	84	44
Y. M. C. A.—2	88	41
Starkman's Store	112	47
Totals	490	341

Majority for Cleaver—248.

The following is the details of the vote throughout the County:

Cleaver Currie Robinson		
Acton	490	341
Burlington	704	691
Georgetown	494	578
Milton	470	385
Oakville	742	821
Essexville	866	661
Nassagaweya	591	325
Nelson	652	498
Trafalgar	818	664
Totals	5,327	4,153

Majority for Cleaver—1,394.

Majority for Cleaver over all—142.

### PAPER EARLIER NEXT WEEK

Owing to Thanksgiving Day coming on the usual day of publication next week, The Free Press will be issued a day earlier than usual. Correspondents and contributors, advertisers and all are requested to bear this in mind and assist us by having copy in the office a day earlier than usual. The Free Press will be issued on Wednesday evening. May we have the co-operation of all.

### Various Items of Local Interest

**First Grade Apples for Scout Apple Day**  
When Acton citizens buy apples from the Scouts on Saturday they will not be buying culls, windfalls, nor "scabbies preferred." The Scouts emphasize the fact that they have made arrangements with the grower for a special lot of large, carefully graded McIntosh Reds, picked fresh for the occasion.

**Visited at Boston Church**  
The following from Acton attended the Thank Offering Meeting at Boston Church on Wednesday afternoon: Messdames H. L. Bennie, E. J. Hassard, F. Turner, W. J. Gould, Allan Smith, John Moore, Scott, T. Rumley, H. Hinton, F. Blow, R. M. McDonald, Misses Lottie Moore, H. Wallace, L. Orr.

**United W. M. S. Meeting**  
At the monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church, held on Wednesday evening, October 9th, in the church, with Mrs. J. W. Barberre, the President, in charge, an inspiring devotional period was conducted by several members. Mrs. Hemstreet and her group, with a number of the Mission Band girls, gave an excellent program to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of Union.

**Car Attempted to Pass on Hill**  
Two cars figured in an accident on the Silver Creek hill, five miles east of Acton, on Sunday evening. When Albert Sim, of 138 Mulock Avenue, Toronto, cut in front of a car on the hill, proceeding in the same direction, his rear bumper caught the front bumper of the car he was passing. The result was that both cars were thrown into the guard fence and damaged considerably. None of the occupants were injured. Chief McPherson investigated the accident.

**Local Women Compete at International**  
Calendula is the mecca for plowing enthusiasts during the current week. Halton will again be well represented in the open classes by such skilled exponents of the plowing art as Harold Pickett, John Lister, Jr., and Claude Pickett. In the Inter-county Class, open to boys, the honor of Halton will be upheld by Donald McNabb, of Essex; Ray Blacklock, of Nassagaweya; and Stanley Miller, of Trafalgar. This is one of the big features of the week and it is anticipated that the Halton boys will have many supporters on hand to offer encouragement on Friday next.

**GYM DEMONSTRATION**  
Given by Group from Toronto Central Y. M. C. A. — Equipment Now Being Installed

Last Thursday evening was the first event in connection with Acton Y. M. C. A. program, when Mr. McVicar, physical instructor of Toronto Central Y. M. C. A. and Dr. Cook, one of the leaders, with a group of fifteen young men from Central Y. came to Acton and gave a program of physical drills and work that can be done in the gymnasium.

The gymnasium had a crowd of 150 to 200 young men and boys to witness this exhibition and all were delighted. Tumbling, exercises, boxing, club swinging and other features made the evening an outstanding one for the boys and young men of Acton. Appreciation of this work was expressed to the visitors by Secretary A. Maclaren and President G. A. Dills during a social time at the close, when refreshments were served to the guests.

A similar night has been arranged for the girls and young ladies for October 22nd, when a group from Guelph Y. W. C. A. has kindly consented to give a demonstration of the gymnasium work. Memberships are now being received by Secretary Maclaren and the enrollment of members is steadily growing in preparation for the season's activities. Lock boxes for members go with the membership tickets.

A piano has been purchased and a Victrola has been kindly donated by Miss M. Stephenson and Mrs. A. Johnston. Locker room equipment is now being installed and the gymnasium equipment has been ordered and is arriving daily. The walls of the halls have all been painted and a moulding trim put on. Boxing gloves, volley ball equipment, badminton, mats and other equipment are now ready for use.

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### THE EVENING MEAL DIGEST

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HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING  
Who was Accorded a Record Endorsement at the Election on Monday

### A Selection of News Items

**School Boy Ran Into Path of Car**  
Yesterday at noon, Jimmy O'Rourke, in playing, ran in front of a car, driven by Phil Forbes, and narrowly escaped serious injury. The lad was knocked down by the car but the driver, by going onto the sidewalk, was able to avoid running over him. Medical examination showed that he had sustained practically no injury.

**Election Celebrations**  
The jubilation of a Liberal victory in Halton after 40 years, and the Liberal sweep in the Dominion, was well done in Milton on election night. Liberals and supporters from all over the County gathered in the County Town and when the successful candidate, Hughes Cleaver, arrived, about ten o'clock, he was greeted with wild enthusiasm. The streets were jammed with the crowd and from the cab of a motor truck Mr. Cleaver addressed the throng and shared the honors with other Liberal stalwarts, who expressed appreciation of the support accorded and the opportunity for Liberalism to lead Canada in the forward march.

**Hockey News (7) from the Royal City**  
Guelph takes a keen interest in Acton sport prospects and it, therefore, was not any surprise to read a dispatch from there telling that "Dude" Lindsay, of that city, was now resident of Acton, and would play with the locals this year. He came here, according to the dispatch, to play with Milo Marso, whose home is here, but who played in Guelph last year. And then the third interesting bit of news is that Rose, a defence man from Gravenhurst, has moved to Acton. Once again the Royal City sports have the players and the information has even been sent over two months to us, so we may not even know our own team, if we read the hockey news from Guelph.

**A. Y. P. A. Meeting**  
On Tuesday evening, there was a meeting of St. Alban's Young People in the Parish Hall. Previous to the installation of the officers, Rev. Mr. Brillinger conducted the meeting. After having been duly installed, the officers, elected at the last meeting, took their places, and the new President, Eddie Pottier, took charge. Several matters of interest to the A. Y. P. A. in general were discussed during the time allotted for business. There was a short program, as follows: Solo, "A Prayer," by Mr. Geo. Simpson; a dance by Mona McGeechie; a short "Lead, Have Time Own Way," by Mr. and Mrs. Simpson; and a solo, "Just a Memory," by Miss Hunt. The meeting ended with the singing of the National Anthem. The new Group Leaders and Executive met afterwards, and made out a list of the members to be in each group. Plans are being made for an active and interesting year.

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### Roads, Town Hall and Special Days

Are All Matters that Occupy the Attention of Council at the Meeting on Monday

At the regular meeting of Council on Monday evening, Reeves C. H. Harrison and Counsellors A. Mason, P. J. McCutcheon, J. E. McMillan and Dr. E. J. Nelson were present.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted.

The Finance Committee recommended that the twentieth report of that Committee be passed, as follows:

**General Account**

R. M. McDonald, Relief Officer	\$ 18.00
James Symon, supplies	15.11
King & McEachern, supplies for fire truck	1.25
Wm. R. E. Hilper, stove pipe, etc.	1.50
Wm. D. C. Talbot, supplies	6.47
R. H. Thompson & Co., tile	20.00
The Barrett Co. Ltd., tarvin	11.15
George Cowie, supplies, etc.	2.50
J. H. Mackenzie & Son, supplies	14.11
Woodhall & Musselle, flowers for monument, etc.	3.00
Provincial Treasurer sinking fund	150.91
Ritchie & Agar, coal for Town Hall	5.59
Kerr & Coombs Poultry Co., Ltd., gratings, etc.	3.45
Acton Public Utilities Commission	
Street lighting	\$151.34
Pump house lighting	31
Arena, lighting, water	14.42
Power at spring	19.24
	185.31
Bell Telephone Co., services	11.13
Acrow Pkx Press, advertising	3.75
R. J. Wallace, gravel, etc.	17.60
M. P. Moore, Treasurer Pioneer Cemetery	92.80
R. N. Brown, gravel, Pioneer Cemetery	2.50
J. W. Barberre, Pioneer Cemetery	15.80
	\$352.34

**Murray Memorial Fund**

Beardmore Leathers Ltd., mat.	\$ 12.72
United Church of Canada, desk	15.00
United Car & Package Co. of Canada Ltd., supplies for Y. M. C. A.	60.90
H. Maszall, piano	50.00
Jas. B. Chalmers, repairing eave-troughs	1.80
	\$140.22

These accounts were passed, upon motion of A. Mason and J. E. McMillan, when certain accounts had been O. K'd. by R. J. McPherson, Municipal Officer. Moved by P. J. McCutcheon, seconded by A. Mason, and resolved that the Receiver and Clerk be authorized and instructed to execute on behalf of the Corporation of the Village of Acton the agreement made in triplicate between the said Corporation and the Department of Public Highways in regard to the repair and maintenance of Mill Street, a connecting link in the King's Highway, said agreement bearing date September 30th, 1935.—Carried.

Replies were received from Georgetown and Milton regarding the fire equipment leaving town, and neither of these places had any agreement with outside points for going to fire.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Fire Brigade that fire fighting equipment of Acton should not be used for fighting fires occurring outside the limit which could be supplied by our waterworks, unless such fires occur in the Corporation of Acton.

The Clerk was also instructed to notify Mr. P. L. Wright, Secretary of the Canadian Legion, that the Council would again co-operate with the observance of Poppy Day and Armistice Day and to say that the Corporation would again bear the expense incidental to the community service.

It was agreed that the Y. M. C. A. could have the use of one of the basketball sets owned by the Corporation.

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**Burlington Man Escapes When Truck Hit by Train**  
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**Knox W. M. S. Thank Offering Meeting**  
Knox Church Women's Missionary Society held their Thank Offering meeting in the church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Eakin, of Hesper, was the guest speaker, and in her talk, which was listened to with great interest, she stressed three points: First, the giving of our time and service entirely to our Master, and always remembering to give first things first place, and not let worldly calls take of our time when our church has work for us. Secondly, if we feel we cannot do anything else, we can use the gift of prayer for the advancement and increased interest at home. The last thing was, if we do these two, we will need no persuasion to give of our money. Many of the ladies of the other congregations in town accepted the invitation to join in this Thank Offering meeting. Mrs. W. Thompson offered the dedicatory prayer and Miss Lisle Orr favored the gathering with a solo. At the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed by all in the Sunday school room of the church, where a delectable lunch was served.

**RT. HON. R. B. BENNETT**  
Whose Government was Deleted in the Elections on Monday



E. HUGHES CLEAVER  
Who Led Liberals to Victory in Halton County After 40 Years of Conservative Representation

### Various Interesting Items of News.

**Injured at Tannery**  
On Friday George Molozzy had the misfortune to have his left arm caught in the banding machine while working at Beardmore Leathers. The flesh was badly burned and scraped above the elbow and the injury has been rather painful. George is, however, recovering as well as can be expected.

**Thank You!**  
Hydro bills this month had a pleasant surprise. Through the work of the local Commissioners, with the Ontario Hydro Commission, a substantial rebate was deducted from the current bills sent out and they are appreciably reduced. It is based on the amount of the total bills of consumers last year and is really appreciated. We join the rest of the consumers in saying thank you!

**Unity Men's Club**  
The regular meeting of the Unity Men's Club of the United Church was held on Wednesday evening in the school room of the church. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Jack Reid, the President, and opened with the singing of a hymn and prayer by Dr. Morrow. Business was discussed in connection with the coming concert, and other business matters. At the conclusion of business a few minutes were spent in group games and contests. This Club is growing rapidly and already has a membership of over forty.

**Erin Had Splendid Fair**  
Blessed with an ideal fall day, the eighty-fifth annual Erin Fair was a splendid success again this year. There was a good attendance and the showing in all the classes was good. The hall exhibits of baking, ladies' work and field crops was outstanding. Showing of sheep and hogs and cattle was good, while the horse ring presented an exhibit that was the stage for the horse breeds of Acton, took the prize for the boy violinist, and other Acton exhibitors were prominent. The school floats were a real feature of the parade. Hon. Duncan Marshall performed the opening ceremonies.

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### Masonic Hall Dedicated Here by Officers of the Grand Lodge

M. W. Bro. Copus, of Stratford, Past Grand Master, Addressed the Gathering — Lodge Hall and Banquet Hall Packed with Masonic Visitors on the Memorable Occasion — Master and Officers of Lodge Congratulated on Work and on the Quarters Arranged.

Last night was a red letter night in the annals of Walker Lodge, A. F. and A. M., when the new Masonic Hall, with its new furnishings, was officially dedicated. Visitors were present from many sister lodges and Acton has never seen such an attendance of officers of the Grand Lodge at any other time.

The lodge room and club room was entirely inadequate to accommodate the visitors and members who came to Walker Lodge and attended this important event, for over three hundred were in attendance.

The colorful and most impressive ceremony of dedication was carried out in the lodge hall by the officers of Grand Lodge, under the direction of Grand Master Copus, and his Grand Lodge officers.

Following this ceremony the banquet tables were set in the gymnasium of the building and the ladies served a delightful and splendid banquet. The table decoration and general arrangements were indeed a credit to Junior Warden Rumbley and his assistants.

W. M. Darby, of Walker Lodge, presided at the head table and the toast "The King" was, of course, the first, with its usual response.

Bro. George Gordon proposed the toast to Grand Lodge and expressed appreciation of its work. The success of masonry depends on leadership, and Grand Lodge ably gave that leadership.

R. W. Bro. H. Pindley, D. D. G. M., of Wellington District, in his reply, voiced appreciation of the reception accorded Grand Lodge. It was the duties of this institution to cement the ties into a solid structure. It was their work not only to institute new lodges but also to maintain the present lodges. Masonry is a vital and living force and has been throughout the ages and must keep step with the march of progress and be a power for good.

Miss Ruth Gibson favored the gathering with two delightful soprano solos. In introducing M. W. Bro. Copus, Toastmaster Darby bespoke the honor that was conferred on Walker Lodge by his attendance. He told of his extensive travel and the effort necessary on his part to take this ceremony. It was the first time Walker Lodge had had a Grand Master within its portals and it was most happy that Bro. Copus was that official on this occasion.

The Grand Master, in his reply, told of his pleasure in being present. He congratulated the officers, Mr. McDonald and the Committee in charge, on the arrangement and furnishing of the lodge room and said it was one of the finest in any community of which he knew. He told of the friendly and other relationships that made the work of the Grand Master interesting and of service.

Grand Lodge in Ontario had, on October 10th this year, celebrated its eightieth birthday and he paid tribute to the pioneers, who had labored well in its founding.

The present is no time for pessimism and despair. We all believe that the clouds will pass away and all that is unkind and unchristian will pass into the realm of forgotten things. It is equally no time for careless optimism and the belief that conditions are going to get better with no effort on our part. God always works through human agencies and there is work for all of us. We cannot dodge the responsibility.

We must make out of this sickly mentality of the last few years, and develop some intestinal fortitude. What are we going to do to make this world better? Humanity is at the crossroads in its pilgrimage. It is no new experience for the Anglo-Saxon race. The task that lies before us is one of steady and tolerance of a panicky world. It is the duty of Masons and citizens to preserve an even balance between extremes of thought and preserve British ideals of safe, sane and sure progress.

When the roof leaked, Britain didn't pull down the house, but mended the roof. We, as Masons, can help preserve that steady influence. No richer contribution can be made by the craft. Who knows what lies ahead? Whatever form the new world takes it cannot disregard the fundamentals—the better things for which the craft stands—fair dealing, justice, truth, loyalty, tolerance and faith.

These are the things worth fighting for. They are worth dying for and worth living for. Let us take the lead in courage, love, sympathy, and toleration. It should be Free Masonry's chief mission.

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### News of Acton and the District

United Young People's League

On Tuesday evening the regular weekly meeting of the Young People's League of the United Church was held in the school room of the church. After the usual opening ceremonies, the third number of "The Uplifter," was read by the editor, and the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. J. J. Stewart. The reports of the St. Catharines conference delegates were given by Misses Laura Johnston and Ruth Gibson and Mr. Grenville Maszall. Miss Ruth Gibson rendered a soprano solo, which was much appreciated. The report of the convention at Oakville were given by Miss Velma Murray and Mr. G. Maszall. Rev. Dr. Morrow also spoke on both conventions. During the business session, Mr. J. Gordon Ramzden, President, tendered his resignation, owing to removal from Acton. Mr. Grenville Maszall was the unanimous choice of the meeting to be the new President. Mr. Jack Reid had charge of the meeting for the Literary Group. The Misses benediction concluded the meeting, after the singing of a hymn.

**Halton Representative Endeavors to Curb Expenditure**  
Urging that "extravagant and wasteful expenditure of public money is not justified," Hughes Cleaver, Halton County's first Liberal member of parliament in over 40 years, has wired the Dominion Post Office Department asking that awarding of a \$30,000 contract for a new Burlington Post Office be held up. This wire was dispatched within 24 hours of his election on Monday. Mr. Cleaver favors a new Post Office building in Burlington, but he believes that a suitable one can be built for \$15,000. The text of his wire to the Post Office Department was: "Please do not award contract for new Post Office at Burlington. Suitable building can be designed and built for half the proposed expenditure of \$30,000. Burlington is my home town, but I believe such extravagant and wasteful expenditure of public money is not justified. Writing, Hughes Cleaver." Mr. Cleaver pointed out that in addition to saving \$15,000 on the cost of the proposed new Post Office in Burlington, the simpler structure would bring savings in maintenance which would include hiring a resident caretaker. Halton's new Liberal member also believes that building contracts of this nature should be awarded separately on masonry, carpentry, and so on, in order that local tradesmen might compete.

**Coming Events**  
Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, we cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

The Senior I. O. O. E. are having a Sale of Home-made Baking and afternoon tea on Saturday, October 19th, at the Council Chambers, from 3 to 6 p. m.

"The Rose and the Shamrock," by Dr. Morrow, in Acton United Church, Wednesday, October 23rd, at 8:00 p. m., under auspices Unity Men's Club. Literary and musical numbers.—Refreshments.

Eleventh Anniversary of Acton United Church on Sunday next (October 20th). Rev. Dr. E. M. Morrow will be the speaker and the choir will furnish special anniversary music. All are invited.

Don't miss Monday night at Knox Y. P. Guild. It is going to be one of the best and most amusing nights of the year—its "Amateur Night." The executive are in charge. No admission fee.

Friday, October 18th — Lakeside Chapter I. O. O. E. Dance. Novelties, prizes and fun in this event of the season in Acton Town Hall. Ramsey's six-piece Orchestra will supply the music. Lunch will be served.

Sunday and Monday, October 27th and 28th, will mark the anniversary of Knox Church, Acton. On Sunday, at the morning service, Rev. T. O. Marshall, M. A., of Hesper, and in the evening, Rev. Dr. Rochester, Editor of the Presbyterian Record, will be the anniversary speakers. On Monday evening the Ladies' Aid will hold the annual Powl Supper. A variety program of musical and literary numbers will be part of the evening that will mark this anniversary occasion. The admission prices for Monday are 30c and 20c.