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Acton Joins in Tribute

With tribute befitting a monarch beloved by his people, every part of the British Empire on Tuesday participated in a day of mourning. Acton, in common with all other parts of Empire, joined on this occasion of the funeral of the late King George V. Business places were closed and business suspended for the day. The service, arranged under the guidance of Reeve Harrison and the Council, was attended by citizens in every walk of life and in large numbers. Residents of this district were joined in a common bond of loyalty and sympathy on this occasion in tribute to a ruler beloved.

Modern Highway Cleaning Methods

The past week has put to a test the maintenance of the means of travel and the opening of roads. Of course regular schedules could not be maintained, as in summer time, but it is remarkable just what is done on the highways these days, with modern snow clearing machinery. On the second line, below Acton, and on down below the County Town, the roads have been cleared and are in good condition, but the piles of snow on the side give evidence of some strenuous work in making them so good for motoring. Just east and west of Acton, on No. 7 Highway, the snow is not quite so deep as it would seem, that the snow fence has been placed to good advantage. It seems only a few years since motor travel to any of these places, under present weather conditions, would have been out of the question. The increasing motor traffic and the demand by the public for this convenience, has made the change necessary. The plan under trial by the Council of clearing the snow from a section of Mill Street is in keeping with this trend and a step along in the direction of more convenience for the motorists.

Construction Contracts Gain

If the trend of building activities reflects the state of the public mind, it would seem that the Canadian people have no serious lack of confidence in what the future holds. Construction contracts awarded throughout all Canada during 1935, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., amounted to \$16,305,000, an increase of 27.4 per cent. over the 1934 total of \$125,811,500, and 64.7 per cent. over the 1933 total of \$97,289,800. During 1935 there were 19,047 separate projects compared with 16,734 in 1934 and 13,407 in 1933. The number of jobs taken in conjunction with the value of the work, indicated a definite upward trend which should be accentuated in 1936 if national and international skies continue to clear. Each province shared in the increased building activities in 1935. Where 1934 dollar volume totals were smaller, the percentage of increase during 1935 is noticeably high. Ontario, where 50 per cent. of the total awards were shown for 1934, had 44 per cent. for 1935, but at the same time exceeded its previous year record by 11.8 per cent. With little or no change, the other provinces maintained their percentages at a level with those of 1934. While the Federal Government work was active, private enterprise, prompted by renewed confidence and actual demand, was equally responsible for the increased operations. Residential construction increased 19 per cent.; business buildings, 29.2 per cent.; industrial building, 28 per cent.; and engineering, 31.1 per cent. Another indication of better times is the amount being spent on new theatres and renovations and alterations of existing properties. The 1935 total of \$1,429,600 for this class of work was 126.3 per cent. over the 1934 total and the first major increase in this classification since 1930.

EDITORIAL NOTES

At the request of readers, "The Old Man" gives again his early history of Acton streets, commencing in this issue of THE FREE PRESS.

A copy of the London, Eng., weekly edition of "The Times" has come to our desk. It is splendidly illustrated in colors and a copy that is appreciated.

Haven't written a hockey editorial this year. We're saving it until the boys land a championship, that indications point as a splendid possibility this year.

It is claimed for a new invention that a motor car can be made to run 26 miles on a pint of gasoline; or more than 200 miles on a gallon. Another revision of the gas tax will be in order if the invention ever reaches the market.

County Council met on Wednesday. The news columns announce the new Warden for 1936, but the editorial columns are written previously. Reeve George Currie, of Esquesing, is the very probable selection of the members and will ably head the Halton County Council during this term.

Exports of fresh fruit from Canada during November last had a value of \$2,292,150 compared with \$1,753,085 in November, 1934. Apples to the value of \$2,267,422 were the principal item, and went to 31 countries. The leading purchaser of Canadian apples was the United Kingdom, with shipments to the value of \$2,157,047, and Brazil was second, with purchases valued at \$19,257.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1936

JESUS ENLISTS HELPERS

Golden Text.—They left all, and followed him. Luke 5: 11. Lesson Text.—Luke 5: 1-11, 27, 28. Time.—A. D. 28. Place.—Gallilee, near Capernaum.

Exposition.—I. Jesus Preaching from a Fishing Boat, 1-3.

There is nothing that will draw the multitude like the Word of God. It needs man's deepest need, and when all other topics fail to draw, the Word of God commands a hearing (MK 2: 1, 2). It brought great joy to the heart of Jesus to see these multitudes gathered together to hear the message from the Father. A little way from the shore He sat and taught the crowds lining the beach and crowding down from the surrounding hills. Simon was diligently washing his nets after a fruitless night of toil when Jesus asked, the loan of his boat; he cheerfully left his work and acceded to Jesus' request. It was well for him that he did; he was abundantly repaid for his sacrifice. No one ever puts himself or what he has at Jesus' disposal, but that he is richly rewarded (Mat. 3: 10). It would be well if more ministers to-day pursued the Master's plan of preaching in the open air where the crowds are. Every one of the great sermons recorded in the Bible were preached in the open air.

II. Obedience, the Condition of Discipleship, and Its Reward, 4-7.

The sermon finished, Jesus proceeded to pay for the use of the boat. "Launch out into the deep," He says, "and let down your nets." The Master's command was a searching test for Peter. He had fished all night and caught nothing. Moreover, as a fisherman, he knew that fish are not usually caught in the deep waters of a lake. At first he protests, but remembering who it is that speaks, he finishes his obedience. "Nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net." There was never any lack of decision about Peter, and that was one reason why the Holy Spirit could use him so mightily in the building up of God's kingdom. Calling Andrew to help him, he immediately pulls out into the deep and lets down the net. His faith was speedily rewarded. "They enclosed a great multitude of fishes." Happy is the man who is able to say to Jesus, in spite of the objections of his own common sense and reasoning, "Nevertheless, at Thy command I will!" In these words lies the secret of all blessedness, all victory and all achievement (cf. Jno. 2: 5). A blessing always awaits the obedient (Deut. 11: 27; Isa. 1: 19; Acts 5: 32). "Put out into the deep." He is saying this to us all to-day. All about us are great depths of sin and misery into which the average gospel fisherman never puts out, but which are full of fish. Some of us would unless a great multitude if we would only heed Jesus' command. One night's fruitless toil does not foretell failure. So great was the catch that Simon and his brother could not handle it. They called James and John to help them. There is a lesson here for churches and individual workers. How many a church that is utterly unable to secure all the fish in the neighborhood is still jealous of other churches that come to its help. They would prefer that the net break and the fish escape to their being caught by some other denomination. We need to be more concerned about the fish being caught than about who catches them. There were more than enough for all, and both boats began to sink. God's blessing often proves almost more than we can carry.

III. Jesus' Mighty Promise to Peter, 8-11.

Peter takes fright at the miracle. He had gotten a glimpse of Jesus' deity, and in the presence of that purity and power was overwhelmed with a sense of his own sinfulness, his unworthiness. "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord," he cries. A view of God always brings the sinner to realize his sinfulness (Isa. 6: 1-5; Job 42: 5-6). A recognition of Jesus as divine and of our sinfulness OUGHT to bring us to fall at His feet for pardon, but not with the cry that He depart from us. Mercifully, Jesus refused Peter's petition. A sense of unworthiness is a real sign of fitness for service. Jesus cheered Peter's trembling heart with that oft-repeated "Fear not," then fired it with the glorious promise, "from henceforth thou shalt catch men." Jesus first banishes our fear then empowers us for service. The word translated "catch" means literally "take alive." The Gospel fisherman catches men to make them alive and feed them. The day came when the Master's promise was wonderfully fulfilled (Acts 2: 14-41). Simon and his companions showed that they believed Jesus' promise by leaving all and following Him—everyone who would be His true follower must do the same (Mat. 16: 24; Luke 14: 33), but such forsaking will pay them, for they will gain for all time and eternity.

IV. The Call of Levi (Matthew), the Publican, to Discipleship, 27-28.

Jesus saw a Jew gathering taxes for Rome, lining his pockets to the sacrifice of his patriotism. He belonged to a class hourly despised by his fellow Jews. Yet this despised publican was to play an important part in the establishment of the Gospel and to write the distinctively Jewish Gospel. Jesus saw all the evil that was in him, and He also saw his adaptation for discipleship and service. He saw all that meant to make of him—just as He sees in all of us what He can make out of us.

AN ANCIENT WATCH

Is owned by Mr. Clement Toovey, a 70-year-old baker of Whielden Street, Amersham. He uses a watch that is 253 years old. It is believed to be the only one of its kind in the world. It is solid gold, and is only slightly larger in circumference than a half-crown. The watch originally belonged to his great-grandfather, and has been handed down from one member of the family to the other. Mr. Toovey has used it regularly for 45 years, during which time he has only spent 2d on it when a hand worked loose.

Persian Balm is magical in curing alluring complexion. A little gentle rubbing and your skin is invigorated and touched with the true beauty of youth. Charmingly fragrant. Delightful to use. Cools and caresses the skin. Believes all roughness and chafing caused by weather conditions. Tones and stimulates. Enhances and protects the loveliest complexion. Unrivalled as a perfect aid to beauty and charm.

If we will lend ourselves to the leading of His Holy Spirit, He will in Him His chosen, His redeemed, His convert, His disciple, His apostle, His biographer. Note that Levi was attending faithfully to his business when Jesus called him, while the multitudes had gone out to resort to Jesus. Fidelity to duty is necessary in one who would be a disciple of our Lord, and Jesus, who sees the heart, recognized this quality in Levi. Moreover, as a tax gatherer, he had been trained in habits of accuracy, to judge men, and to be proof against temptation—all characteristics which God can use in His service. The Lord calls us His disciples, but He sees what He is doing! Sovereignty is not blind! It acts with boundless wisdom: The call was very sudden, very brief, very much to the point. Without hesitation, Levi "rose up and followed." The voice of Jesus had transformed the keen money-getting publican into a devoted disciple.

'SALADA' TEA is delicious

CHEERFULNESS CAN BE CULTIVATED

You are fortunate if you are born an optimist or you take a cheerful view naturally. Those who are born worriers, who come naturally by their fears and apprehensions, need not despair. Cheerfulness is one of the qualities that can be cultivated, and the variety created by steady, persistent effort is quite as satisfactorily a possession as that which is inborn.

The fact is that if you do not like the characteristics which you are born, determine to change them. Theodore Roosevelt, who is regarded by most of you as a symbol of rugged strength, was a delicate youth. His strong body was not a gift from indulgent nature but the product of his own determination. Some of the bravest acts ever performed have been done by men who were born cowards. Some of the most cheerful souls, who look forward confidently to every tomorrow, started out in life by being apprehensive.

Nothing is a blinder factor in success than cheerfulness. Nothing is more necessary to your happiness.

What is the difference between a bun and a crum? One is eaten and the other is beaten.

HELPING EACH OTHER

A picnic party stopped at an orchard and filled their luncheon basket with fruit. As they passed the farmer's house they stopped while one of them called out:

"We thought we ought to tell you we helped ourselves to your apples." "Oh, that's all right," answered the farmer cheerfully. "I helped myself to your tools and spare the while you were in the orchard."

ALL READY

A small boy at a party had been eating steadily for an alarming length of time. When he asked another helping, the hostess spoke to him earnestly. "Willie," she said, "I'm quite serious. If you take another helping of cake, you'll burst." Willie listened, alarm spreading over his features. He hesitated, and gazed at the plate of cake. Finally he sat erect a study of heroic resolution. "A'right then," said he, "give another helping and stann' clear."

WHY?

Little Boy (on way to dentist's): "Oh mummy, why wasn't I born with a bank?"

EDITORIAL

God Save the King

The British Empire goes forward under a new monarch, King Edward VIII, who became king on the death of his father, King George V. Much has already been written and told of this new king. He comes to the throne at a time of life that has given him the advantage of mature judgment. His training for the position and his opportunities to visit and study all parts of the Empire, fit him well for his responsibilities. He is fully abreast of the times and his association with people in all walks of life has made him a favorite with all who have met him. King Edward VIII, comes to the throne with a loyalty engendered in his people by his own winning. Backed by the example of his worthy predecessors, he will continue to bind closer the parts of his far-flung Empire, of which all people join loyal in singing "God Save the King."

Better Farm Produce Prices

Judging from prices realized at recent farm auction sales, it would appear that an upward trend is noticeable in these commodities. Prices reported last week at a neighboring sale were cause for real optimism. Another feature was the fact that the good prices were also cash prices and the deal was all completed the day of the sale. These facts are encouraging. It has been stated frequently that better prices were needed for farm produce before a general improvement in conditions would be possible. Evidence points to these better prices being here along with a more optimistic outlook among the farming community. It is undoubtedly among the signs pointing to better conditions generally.

Acton's Population

The figures published last week, giving the assessed population of Acton last year as 1957 will come as quite a surprise to many. It is quite probable that this year's figures will show a further increase over those now quoted and possibly put the mark over the 2,000 figure. A few years ago there was a plan to annex that part of Beardmore Crescent, lying in the Township, and if this were done, it would add another hundred or more to the population figure. Of course that brings up the question again of incorporation as a town or retaining the status of a village. There is a reluctance on the part of many places to incorporate as a town. Ferris, for instance, has had many more than the required number for several years, and yet remains a village. Its growth has been remarkable and it is now nearing the 3,000 mark, if memory serves us right. Forest Hill Village, with a population of over 7,000, retains the name of village. After all, what's in a name? The thing that causes the most satisfaction is that in these days some growth is being shown and Acton's population is showing a substantial increase—due, in large part, to the stability of its industries and their expansion.

Heads of various governing bodies and organizations have been selected this month. January might be termed organization month.

Our Greatest January CLEARANCE

- Red Rose TEA 1/2-lb. Red Pkg. 26c
Routette's Unsweetened CHOCOLATE 1/2-lb. 17c
Sweet Spanish PIMENTON sm. tin 7c
To Darken and Flavor Gravy BISTO 3 sm. pkgs 25c
Canada White or Cider VINEGAR 12-oz. 10c
Heinz Cooked SPAGHETTI 7-oz. 11c
Dishco Cubed PINEAPPLE 19-oz. 10c
Lynn Valley Pie PUMPKIN 3 lbs 20c
Eagle Brand BLUEBERRIES 1/2-lb. 10c
Tender, Evaporated PEACHES 1/2-lb. 10c
Lachne Golden Wax BEANS 3 No. 2 tins 25c
Garden Patch Golden CORN, 2 17-oz. tins 19c

White Meat - Solid Pack TUNA FISH Regular Value 23c 7-oz. tin 19c Tender, Meaty PRUNES Good Medium Size 3 lbs. 23c

McCormick's Fresh Biscuits BUTTER BARS 2 pounds 25c Chase and Sanborn's DATED COFFEE 1-lb. pkg. 35c Toilet Size IVORY SOAP 3 cakes 14c Liquid Stove Polish ZEBRA 8 1/2. 15c SPECIAL! Maple Leaf PURE LARD 1-lb. pkg. 14c Glassco's JAM WITH PEACH 32-oz. jar 26c Velveteen or Old English-CHEESE 1/2-lb. Pkg. 15c Fluffy, White, Northern TOILET TISSUE 3 rolls 25c Blue Back RED SALMON 2 1/2-lb. tins 27c CARROLL'S LIMITED

GRAPEFRUIT Seedless 6 for 25c ONIONS Sound and Dry 5 lbs. 9c POTATOES Good Cookers—Peck 25c SPINACH Green, Crisp and Curly 2 lbs. 15c LETTUCE 5c ICEBERG - FIRM HEADS TOMATOES 2 lbs. 25c FIRM RIPE ORANGES 2 doz. 29c NAVAL - NICE SIZE Also Special - MEDIUM LARGE 27c Dozen LARGE 37c Dozen FREE DELIVERY - PHONE 158

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