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## Growth of the Hydro in Acton

### Acton is One of Hundred Municipalities That is Out of Debt

Acton's total of Hydro reserves and surplus is now \$107,820; its reserve for equity in the Provincial Hydro system is \$44,796; and during the last year the total number of Acton Hydro users increased to 591.

Acton is one of the hundred or more Hydro municipalities with liquid assets in excess of total liabilities, and is considered "out of debt."

Acton's total of \$107,820 of Hydro reserves and surplus is an increase of \$2,200 over 1934. The items are as follows: Provincial Hydro accounts: Reserve for equity in Hydro system, \$44,796; reserve for depreciation on local plant, \$10,371; debentures paid \$14,500; operating surplus, \$38,152.

Acton's total of 591 Hydro users is an increase from 509 in 1934, a year after public power was first turned on. Last year the municipality used 1,089.9 horse power as compared with but 72 horse power in 1934.

Acton's total Hydro revenues from all sources last year were \$42,596, as compared with \$40,350 in 1934, and but \$3,442 in 1934. Lighting revenue last year was \$14,882, as compared with \$14,337 in 1934 and but \$2,959 in 1934. Killowatt hours sold last year totalled 804,337 as against 774,437 in 1934 and but 41,070 in 1934.

Last year's average cost to Acton lighting consumers was 1.85 cents per kilowatt, as compared with 7.21 cents when Hydro was first turned on in the municipality.

In the Provincial Hydro field the audited accounts of the Provincial Hydro Commission this year show that the 1935 \$3,000,000 Hydro deficit has been transformed into a \$3,000,000 profit during 1935.

This has been made possible by the revision of the Quebec power contracts, which, as originally drawn, would have committed the Ontario Hydro Commission to the purchase of 657,000 horse power of Quebec electricity, as a cost of \$216,000 during August alone.

Under the revised terms of the Quebec contracts, Hydro now has to purchase only 328,000 horse power at total expenditure of but \$101,854, or a saving to the people's Hydro business of \$623,145.83 for that one month alone.

Of the 300,000 horse power of Quebec electricity purchased during August, 160,000 horse power is unused and stands as "reserve power." Hydro's "reserve power" supply as of to-day is greater than the 15 per cent. generally regarded throughout the continent as normal, safe, reserve.

Best information from Hydro is that Ontario's rates would have had to rise 25 to 30 per cent. to carry the load of commitments under the original Quebec power contracts. Instead of an increase in power costs, however, a decrease of at least 42 per cent. has been promised for November 1st.

The difference to Ontario industry and industrial workers between a 25 per cent. increase and the anticipated 32 per cent. power decrease is of enormous commercial importance, not only to Ontario but to Canadian industry as a whole in its search for world markets.

While Ontario voters and industry admittedly could never have afforded to use so much electricity at old, private power rates, the difference between those old rates and Hydro charges—down through the Hydro years has meant a saving of close to \$700,000,000.

## READY FOR ACTON FAIR

Secretary F. L. Wright has this week been mailing to exhibitors copies of the 1936 Acton Fair prize list. It shows many revisions and enlargements and is one of the best ever presented by Acton Fair. Prizes of the Fair are also listed in this new prize list. The arena performance will have several new attractions this year. Acton Y.M.C.A. gymnasts will give an exhibition of tumbling and several new features. The burden of clowning for the show will be done by several clowns instead of one this year. George Grant, juggler, Scooty Campbell, roper, and Cary Brothers, musical acrobats, will be added features and the races and other events will again form part of this first night, when the hall exhibits are viewed.

Dr. G. H. Christie, President of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, will officially open the Fair on Wednesday, September 23rd, and other guests will be Mr. Elliott Moses, Mr. Jas. McLean, of Richmond Hill. The platform features and trials of speed will also be featured on Wednesday afternoon. An added event this year is a pony race.

Already the Secretary is receiving inquiries regarding the 1936 Acton Fair and early indications point to a big entry with keen competition in all departments and features that will make it an outstanding success.

## ROCK-ALONG WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The newly-formed "Rock-Along" Women's Institute held their August meeting at the beautiful farm home of Mrs. George Bayne. In the absence of the President, Mrs. D. McNabb, the chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Mrs. Plank.

After the roll call, which was answered by "The Place and Month of your Birth," a short business session was held. Five new members were added to the roll. Mrs. T. Jones then took the chair for the program. Mrs. Plank gave some very interesting, current events. Miss Helen Bayne and Doris Watson demonstrated correct and incorrect postures. A paper on "Health and Child Welfare" was read by Mrs. T. Jones. A reading, "Talk for Sick Rooms," was given by Miss Mary T. Jones. Mrs. Dennis put on a very interesting contest, the prize for which was won by Mary T. Jones. Following this, a dainty lunch was served and a social half hour enjoyed.

## MILTON JUNIORS ACTIVE IN CLUB WORK

Halton Junior Farmers and Junior Homemakers have established a "reserve record" for 1936, with 195 participating in the various club projects. Over 100 young ladies enrolled in the Supper and Clothing Club projects, with 49 competing in all details and exhibiting at the Achievement Day, held in June. The boys this year are carrying on projects with calves, goats and grubs. These activities are sponsored by the Acton, Georgetown and Milton Agricultural Societies. The directorate of the Acton Fair Board is most enthusiastic about the prospects of their Boys' Pool Club, which is a new undertaking for Halton. At Georgetown, where they established a record last year for the best grain show in Halton, they are again sponsoring a Boys' Grain Club. Calf Club work, which has been a feature in Halton for several years, is this year being sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society. Forty-four boys this year will exhibit Holstein, Jersey and Shorthorn calves—the latter, another new feature for this county. The Milton Society is also sponsoring a Boys' Grain Club. Judging by the interest taken in previous years, we anticipate a large ring-side of interested spectators will follow the work of the boys at all three points.

## BANNOCKBURN INSTITUTE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. John McLean, on Wednesday, August 19th, 1936, with a good attendance.

The meeting opened with the Institute Ode, followed by the Lord's Prayer. This roll call was answered with a favorite recipe. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted. During the business session it was decided that a donation be given to the Acton Fair.

Mrs. A. Fisher favored the meeting with a piano solo, which was followed by an instrumental by Mrs. W. H. McCullough. Everyone then took part in community singing. The meeting closed by singing. Lunch was served and an enjoyable half hour was spent by all.

## BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

Last evening Mrs. Charles Kirkness and Miss Merita Kirkness entertained a number of friends at the home of Mrs. Kirkness, Main Street, when a miscellaneous shower was tendered to Miss Olive Cooper, a bride-to-be. A most enjoyable evening was spent and Miss Cooper received many lovely gifts. The evening was concluded by the serving of delightful refreshments and all left, wishing the bride-to-be much happiness.

## Duncan Campbell Wins at Ottawa

Shorthorn Herd from Moffat Took Major Honors at Central Exhibition

Duncan Campbell, of Moffat, took major honors in the Shorthorn division of the cattle judging at the Central Canada Exhibition in Ottawa on Tuesday, with John Garhouse and Sons, of Weston, runners-up.

Entries by Campbell carried off 12 firsts, six seconds and three thirds, while those of Garhouse & Sons were awarded seven firsts, 13 seconds and six thirds.

Double Minister, owned by the Campbell Farms, was declared Grand Champion bull, while his Kinellar Ladies was named Reserve Grand Champion.

Other first prizes won by the Campbell entries included:

Bull, two years and over, born on or before August 31st, 1934, Double Minister; yearling bull, born September 1st, 1934, to August 31st, 1935, Norfolk of York; bull, senior calf, born September 1st, 1935, to December 31st, 1935, Kinellar Ladies; bull, senior champion, two years or over, Double Minister; bull, junior champion, two years or over, Kinellar Ladies; heifer, senior yearling, Kinellar Broadheads; heifer, junior yearling, Kinellar Glory; female, junior champion, under two years, Kinellar Broadheads.

## LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENT

A serious level crossing accident was narrowly averted on Thursday evening on the C.N.R. level crossing on Mill Street, when a freight train and a car collided. The train, which was shunting in the railway yard and their truck was struck by the train. The men were coming from Toronto when the accident occurred. The front of the truck was badly wrecked, with the right front wheel broken and the hood dented. The truck was towed to an Acton garage and the men were able to proceed home.

## NO BLAME ATTACHED FOR NORVAL FATALITY

A coroner's jury at Brampton, inquiring into the death of Harold Kenner Hustler, 27, of Norval, found he came to his death by accident when his motorcycle collided with a car driven by Wm. McGregor, Toronto. The jury attached no blame to McGregor or to Albert Deudman, of Moncton, N.B., driver of another car involved in the accident.

## MILTON WINS LAST WEEK Fourth Game Here Saturday

Acton Unable to Beat Clement and Lose by 5-3 Score in Third Game of Series — Both Teams Put Up Splendid Ball Game — Acton Wins Two Games and Milton One in the Series — Both Teams Pull Off Sensational Plays in the Field — Two Base Hit was Longest Drive — Telfer and N. Morton Pitch for Acton.

The third encounter with Acton and Milton battling for the Halton County League championship in the play-off series gave fans just as fine an exhibition of amateur baseball as will be seen in many a day. This "third" game was pitched to Milton by a two-run margin, with a score of 5-3, and it was played in Milton park on Saturday afternoon. Acton took a good contingent with them and Milton fans were out to back their team. Anything is liable to happen when these two teams get together and fans of both towns are back of them to the limit in this play-off series.

Milton simply had to come through with a win on Saturday to stay in the running, as Acton had the first two games of the five-game series in the bag. A win for Acton finished the series and the Acton boys were out to finish the series last Saturday, but Clement was the stumbling block.

The first two games saw London and Eward as the starting pitchers, with Clement in the relief role. Acton batters had shown what they could do with the first two boys. There was only one choice left for Milton and it was the deciding factor of the game. Clement pitched them to their first win of the series by holding Acton to three runs, while his mates took five runs off Telfer and Norm Morton went to pitch in the eighth, in a relief role.

The next game, scheduled for Acton next Saturday, will, without a doubt, draw the biggest ball crowd of the year. Both teams want that championship, no doubt Clement will do the pitching for Milton, but just who the choice for Acton will be is not known. Milton batters had not been able to pile up a big score against any of the Acton throwers, and if the boys had touched Clement as they did the other pitchers, Telfer would have had a win against his former teammates. Milton deserved the win on the day's play, but the championship is far from won.

It looked as if the rain would force the game to be called off, but the skies cleared and although the diamond was a bit sticky, it was in pretty fair shape. Milton took the lead in the first innings, with one run, off two hits by W. Clement and Tolozka. Acton was held scoreless for two innings, but in the third five hits for Acton put across two runs to put Acton in the lead. With two hits in the fourth, Milton tied up the score again, and so they battled along until the seventh, when a walk and a hit put Milton in the lead, 3-2.

## LARGE ENTRY FOR C. N. E. FROM HALTON

Halton will be well and worthily represented at the C.N.E., judging by the number of entries, which have been made in the Holstein, Shorthorn, Percheron, Hackney, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Berkshire, Fruit, Grain and Vegetable sections. The Holstein entry is particularly strong, with between 55 to 60 individuals being entered. This constitutes a record entry for Halton.

## SHOPPERS' GUIDE

- The following are the pages in which advertisements appear in this week's Free Press:
- Page 2—Bank of Montreal; Kellogg's Corn Flakes; Western Fair; Salada Tea.
- Page 3—Carroll's Grocery; Canadian National Exhibition.
- Page 4—Star's Grocery; E. P. Head; Arrow Bus.
- Page 5—Palani's Footwear Store; Bassall Play-Off; Corporation Tax Notice; Geo. Wallace; A. D. Savage; Gregory Theatre.
- Page 6—Kellogg's Rice Kriples; F. L. Wright; Professional Cards of Business Men.
- Page 7—E. Harrop; Time Tables.
- Page 8—Elliott Bros.; Milton's S.C. to S.I. Store; Norton Motors; Orangeville Secretarial College; Royal Theaters; J. K. Gardiner; W. Y. Patterson, E.O.

## ANGUS DUNCAN Dies of Injuries Sustained in Accident at the Paper Mills in Georgetown

Angus Duncan, well known resident of Georgetown, succumbed to injuries received in an accident at the Provincial Paper Mills, in Georgetown. He passed away in the General Hospital at Guelph on Tuesday.

Mr. Duncan was an engineer at the plant of the Provincial Paper Mills in Georgetown and was replacing a belt in the plant shortly after commencing work on Monday, when a steel he was using struck him a terrific blow. He sustained severe internal injuries and from the first there was little hope of his recovery. He, however, lingered until five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

He was well-known throughout the district and keenly interested in lacrosse and hockey. For several years he was manager of the Junior Hockey Team of Georgetown, and was a former lacrosse player of note. Friends in a wide area will mourn with Mrs. Duncan and his two sons, Jack and Ross, his sudden death.

## Y. M. C. A. REDECORATED

When the classes open at the Y.M.C.A. next month the building will present a neat and clean appearance again. The lower walls of the showers and the gymnasium have been painted a dark red. E. G. Vardon, A. Mason kindly donated the paint for this work as well as for painting the walls of the public lavatories. The floors have been thoroughly cleaned and lines for games have been repainted. The hardwood floors are being refinished. Caretaker Watson has had a busy time during the season when the demand was not so heavy on the Y. building and it is greatly improved. Secretary Geo. Emery is getting acquainted and assisting in getting things in shape for the opening of activities next month.

## HALTON CALF CLUBS TO BE REPRESENTED AT C. N. E.

The selection of the calves to represent the Halton Holstein, Jersey and Shorthorn Calf Clubs in the Inter-County Calf Club competitions at the C.N.E., has been announced by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock. Holsteins: Fred Bell, Archie Gates, Donald Peer and Addison Woodley, Jerseys: Eccles McCure, Emerson and Edward Robinson and Fred Russell. Shorthorns: George Brecken, Glen Campbell, Allan Simpson and John Snyder. We understand that the young men are out to maintain and if possible surpass the record hung up in previous years when representatives of the Holstein Club headed the line-up in both 1934 and 1935, while the Jersey boys were in second place in 1935.

## LOYAL TRUE BLUE PICNIC

The Ladies' L. T. B. No. 399, held a very enjoyable picnic at the home of Mrs. J. Wilderspin.

The sports events were won as follows: Small Girls' Race—Donna Anderson, Apple and Spoon Race—Irma Wilderspin.

Boys' Shoe Race—Elwood Collier, Washout Race—Jack Hollinger, Time Race—Mrs. Collier, Membership Contest—Mrs. Wilderspin, Mrs. Hollinger.

Sunbonnet Relay—Mrs. Percy Smith's Group.

Pillow Relay—Mrs. Hollinger's Group, Kicking the Shoe—Mrs. Hall, Consolation Prizes—Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. J. E. Gamble, George Hollinger.

A beautiful lunch was served and a real good time was had by all.

## HONORED ON TENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Sergeants of the Peel and Dufferin Regiment, the Toronto Garrison and the Guelph Artillery joined with the sergeants of Lorne (Scottish) Rifles in a gathering to honor Sergeant-Major and Mrs. J. H. Alger on the occasion of their tenth wedding anniversary. The gathering assembled at their home on Church Street and the couple were presented with a number of tireless utensils. Peel and Dufferin Company Sergeants-Major Donaldson, of Brampton, acted as the master of ceremonies, and after the presentations, directed the company to the Canadian Legion club rooms, secured for the occasion, where a happy time was had in games, singing and dancing. Lunch was served by the visiting ladies.

## WEDDINGS ON INCREASE

Reflecting improving conditions in Canada, an increasing number of young people are getting married. During the first half of the year, 15,798 marriages were registered in Canadian cities and towns of 10,000 population and over. This compares with 14,023 in the corresponding period of 1935, and 14,450 in the first half of 1934. These figures represent only urban marriages and do not take into account the large number of young people in rural districts who are getting married. During the month of June alone—the wedding month—4,504 marriages were registered in urban centres, as compared with 4,308 in June, 1935, 4,051 in 1934 and 3,230 in 1932.

## O. B. A. A. PLAY-OFFS

Announcement was made on Tuesday of the O.B.A.A. play-offs. In the intermediate B, the first games are announced for Saturday, August 29th, and the champion teams of the various groups have been drawn as follows: Western Counties, by: Inter-County vs. Halton County; Tobacco Hill vs. Niagara District; Bruce County vs. North Simcoe; North Bay vs. Nickel Belt; Lake Shore vs. Kingston.

## Freight Car Burned

Shortly after leaving Acton station, about three o'clock last Thursday morning, a car on a C.N.R. freight train, east-bound, was found to be on fire. The train crew stopped the train and attempted to back up to Acton, as the fire was noticed near Dolly Varden. The heavy grade prevented this and, with full steam ahead, a quick run was made for Georgetown with the flaming car. The Georgetown Fire Brigade, when summoned, soon had the fire extinguished, but not before the carload of mattresses was destroyed. There was little of the car, except the steel frame and the ends, left.

## Much Damage by Electric Storm

The heavy rain and wind and electric storm that descended on this section early Sunday morning left a swath of destruction in its wake in various forms. Trees were broken and destroyed throughout the town and the falling branches carried electric and telephone wires down with them and disrupted several services. At Mr. H. Malnprize's residence a bolt of lightning struck the electric service box and put a hole in the side of the box where it came out. The adjoining woodwork was scorched. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, on Cameron Avenue, the radio wire was burned for several feet, but the radio was uninjured. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wallace suffered from electric shocks, and Mrs. Wallace was burned by the bolt.

The windmill on the farm of Mr. R. M. Brown, adjoining Acton, was blown over and the mechanism destroyed. Buildings on several farms near Acton were damaged in several ways, some unroofed, all other moved on the "founder" line.

The electricians had a busy time all that night and the days following, making repairs to electrical equipment. A transformer on Mill Street, west of Main Street, was on fire and gave residents of that district a bad scare. It was the most severe storm that has visited this district this year. Many of the corn fields were badly beaten down.

## BUILDING NEW HOME

Mr. J. B. MacKenzie has arranged for the erection of a new modern house on Main Street on the former radial right-of-way. The house will be of bungalow type, with garage-attached, and with all modern conveniences. It will be of stucco construction and contain six rooms and bath. For thirty-five years Mr. MacKenzie has always had a house under construction in Acton and 1936 is going to prove no exception for him.

## INJURED WHEN TEAM BOLTED

Mr. John Moore, Speyside, suffered painful injuries last week when the team he was driving on his farm ran away. The wagon tongue, to which the team was hitched, broke, and Mr. Moore was thrown over the rack to the ground. He suffered several broken ribs and was painfully bruised about the head and body. The team continued to run and jumped a fence on the farm. The accident occurred on Tuesday of last week and Mr. Moore is still confined to bed as a result of his injuries. Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

## LAWN SOCIAL

Knox Church Ladies' Aid held a very successful lawn social last Thursday evening at the home of Miss H. Wallace. The grounds were attractively decorated and the following local artists gave a program that was varied and well rendered: Mrs. G. Desjardins, Vernon Agnew, Mrs. G. Allan, Miss Lois Atkinson, Miss Elizabeth, Orr and Mr. Wm. Burton. Accompanists were Miss Jessie Atkinson, Miss M. Brown and Mr. P. Sall. The Knox Sunday School Orchestra were generous with a group of well rendered selections. Mr. P. L. Wright was chairman. A social time with refreshments followed the program and concluded a very pleasant evening.

## FAIR FAIR DATES

ACTON	September 22-23
C. N. E.	Aug. 28-Sept. 13
Caledon	September 18-19
Pergus	September 18-19
London	September 14-19
Mount Forest	September 15-16
Orangeville	September 15-16
Galt	September 25-26
Grand Valley	September 25-26
Milton	September 25-26
Brampton	September 29-30
Georgetown	October 2-3
Aberfoyle	October 6-7
Steelesville	October 10
Woodbridge	October 9-10-12
Bolton	October 16-17
Erlin	Thanksgiving Day

## MILTON WON JUVENILE LEAGUE

In the Juvenile Ball League, in which Acton was grouped this year, the County Town youngsters won the championship in two games from Oakville. They won from Oakville by scores of 11-10 and 9-1. Milton Juniors will enter the Juvenile play-downs and Acton wishes them the best of luck.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, at 25 cents per announcement of 35c.

## SALE PRICES GOOD

The regular monthly business meeting of the Acton Women's Institute will be held at the home of Miss E. Hawthorne on Thursday, September 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

Halton Conservative Association Men's, Georgetown Park, September 12th. Hon. Earl Howe, Provincial Leader, will be present. Program of sports in the afternoon and dancing in the evening.