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EDITORIAL

The Dominion's Birthday

On Friday Canada will be seventy-one years old, for in the year 1867 the Dominion was established by the British North America Act. From a people of 3,485,761 in the first census, in 1871, the country has grown to one of about 11,000,000 at present. Reviewed over the years, Canada has much to be proud of on this birthday occasion. Not only has the country grown and developed rapidly, but its natural resources are still large.

Perhaps it would be well on this birthday occasion to take stock of Canada's blessings and for the moment overlook some of the short-comings which we are tempted in every-day life to magnify. Compare if you will its climate, its minerals, forests, lands; its fisheries, manufactures and transportation; its forms of government and administration of justice and its record of achievement of the seventy-one years and you are bound to be proud that you are a Canadian and Canada is your country.

Friday is our country's birthday — a day in which to enjoy our country. And at seventy-one we can look ahead to a brighter future and with a great deal of pride on what is behind.

The Clean-up May Continue

Most folks will approve of the action of Ontario's Attorney-General in raiding high-toned gambling dens in the city and nearby. The fact that doors were heavily barred, that a watchman, armed with a sawed-off shotgun was on duty, that gambling paraphernalia of much value was seized and thousands of dollars in money secured, while the boss resisted arrest shows something of the character of the business being carried on. More important even than the arrest of the keeper and habitués of this place is the announcement of Premier Hepburn that gambling houses are to be closed, and the further assurance that in Oshawa, which is the home of the Attorney-General, proceedings will be taken to close gambling houses in that and other places. There is also the report that the round-up is to be extended to the bootleggers and lesser gambling promoters.

Police are anxious to do their duty, and backed by the Attorney-General's Department, there can be a clean-up of these places that are a detriment to young and old.

Sex Equality Again

A proposal is going the rounds of Councils that a tax be placed on women as well as men. It is suggested that all who earn over \$100 a year be taxed. We have often heard the subject approached and it does seem only fair that female workers who are earning amounts as large or even larger than male workers, should pay a tax.

At the present time all males over twenty-one years of age who pay no municipal tax in any other form are assessed a poll tax, which in Acton amounts to \$5 per year. The proposal is to extend the same tax to apply to women. In these days, when women take such a prominent place in the industrial world, there is reasonableness to the proposal. In Acton, between \$300 and \$400 is collected each year and if this were extended to include women as well as men, the amount would be doubled at least.

Municipalities are in need of new sources of revenue and property seems to have about all it can stand. Hence the suggestion is being made for legislation that will enable municipalities to make this levy. Hanover, Kitchener and Barrie are among those centres which have approved of the passing of enabling legislation.

Still Blowing for Acton

If any of those who in 1872 had formed Acton Citizens' Band had been privileged on Saturday to see the boys of the present band at the Waterloo Musical Festival we are sure they would have been justifiably proud. True, the boys didn't win first place, but surely that fourth place was just an incentive to go and do better next year, or in the years to follow.

It's many a year since 1872, and we are told that Acton has won contests in other years. It is a means of stepping to higher standards. Bandmaster Perrott had had only a few months but has, with the co-operation of the members, made a marked improvement. His methods must give confidence, in view of the fact that he has developed such a fine organization in Georgetown and a prize-winning band. Acton did well in the first contest for many years. Citizens are proud of the organization and wish them continued success.

Of Mutual Advantage

The general public will give hearty approval to the arrangements that have been completed by the Reeve and Council, in conjunction with Mr. R. M. McDonald, in securing an industry for the shoe factory building. First failure was not allowed to mean complete failure, and the Force Electric Products, who will now occupy the factory, are a going concern, locating here with the thought of expansion in mind.

It is fortunate that Acton is able to diversify its industries and is building on a sound basis of a number of smaller manufacturing establishments, rather than concentration on one or two larger manufacturing establishments. The brothers who are the executive of the Force Electric Products will find a hearty and co-operative welcome in becoming established in Acton. Viewed from a shipping and manufacturing centre, we felt, too, that the new concern will soon realize that no mistake was made in establishing Acton as their headquarters.

The arrangement is one that will be beneficial to all concerned. The truth of the old motto of "Try, Try, Try Again" has been well exemplified.

Jealous of Others Success

"Every community is better off when somebody succeeds—and worse off when one fails," states a pamphlet issued by the Southam Press, entitled "There's Nothing Like Success." That is true in more than one sense. Success always has a favorable effect upon a community. A town of successful men is a good business town, and in the same manner a town of business failures is a town to be avoided. Unfortunately, as this pamphlet points out, there is a tendency among some people to always discredit those who have made a success of life. At the back of this desire to discredit is usually one thing: jealousy. The green-eyed monster, as this trait is usually dubbed, is responsible for a great many evils, and it is usually the basis upon which agitators work.

There are some people, generally those lacking in ambition and initiative, who will tell you that no man can be honest and accumulate a fortune. This is neither a truth nor a half truth. True, some men have made fortunes through dishonest practices, but their numbers are small. The critic who is lacking in some of the essentials that make for success, turns to dishonesty and the answer for the reason some make a success and others do not. It is neither a crime nor is it unfair for a person to make a success of life, even if that success brings with it the accumulation of money. —Bowmanville Statesman.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada's seventy-first birthday on Saturday. A youngster yet in comparison with other nations.

School's out and the time of year is at hand when school days are remembered as the good old days.

The dust nuisance on the highway south of Acton has been helped by the oiling. It is hoped construction work will soon be underway again on this strip.

With this issue THE FREE PRESS closes its sixty-third year of publication. We plan a few changes for the first issue in the new volume which we hope you will like.

General regret will be felt in the illness of Finance Minister Dunning. Burdens are indeed heavy on many prominent men and might well be eased if there was more self-helpfulness and less clamoring to be carried along.

Hon. W. D. Euler says he will consider a suggestion by a member of the House to put rural mail carriers on the same basis as city letters carriers and have them appointed by the Civil Service Commission. This would mean that the rural mail carriers would be paid two to three times as much as they now receive. It is a fact that the present system of cut-throat tendering finds some carriers without sufficient means to do their work and maintain themselves and their equipment on a proper basis. But the cut-throat evil does not apply only to mail carriers. It is rampant in nearly every line of business. —Renfrew Mercury.

MAKING CANADA
A Better Place in Which to Live and Work

A Series of Letters from Distinguished Canadians on Vital Problems Affecting the Future Welfare of Canada
Specially Written for Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association

Dear Editor:

The opportunity you have given me of offering some suggestions which might be helpful to members of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association is very much appreciated.

I have discussed your letter with Rev. C. E. Gilroy, General Secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada, and with Mr. Frank Chamberlain, Press Representative of the United Church of Canada. As a result of this conference I make the under-noted suggestions:

1. It is our feeling that if the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association would like to do something really worthwhile, "to make Canada a better place in which to live and work," it would be advisable to pool their efforts and to attack the task with some collective plan.
2. The Association might consider the appointment of a committee of three or four to consult with recognized authorities in the problems to be dealt with with the purpose in view of establishing a syndicate service which would provide every one of the 600 editors simultaneously with authoritative, timely, brightly-written articles.

We feel that there are four outstanding endeavors to which the editors of weekly newspapers might well devote their attention:

1. Consideration of outstanding social problems:
 - A. Health Insurance.
 - B. Unemployment.
 - C. Maternal and infant mortality.
 - D. Problems of the home.
 - E. Education.
 - F. Economic Organization.
 - G. Vocational Guidance.
 - H. Recreation.
 - I. etc.
2. News concerning the broader activities of all the Churches.
3. Problems of health, mental and physical.
4. International problems.

We believe that it would be possible for a Committee of the Association to form a syndicate service that would provide each one of the newspapers with perhaps two articles a week on two of these four subjects (alternating thereafter). Mr. Gilroy tells me that he would be very glad to confer with such a committee from the Association, and he would be glad to assist in the preparation of at least 20 articles on the first question. Consideration of Outstanding Social Problems

On the question of Health, we feel

that it would be possible to ask for four articles each from: (1) The Canadian Medical Association; (2) The Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene; (3) The Canadian Tuberculosis Association.

It is also our belief that the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association could do a fine piece of work by promoting better understanding between the city industrial worker and the rural worker. We feel that the question of understanding between East and West between different races and people of different creeds—in the demanding larger consideration.

I believe that concerted effort on behalf of the Association, rather than by individual editors, who have not the time or the materials on hand, would bring better results.

Yours very truly,
PETER RYCOV,
Moderator, the United Church of Canada
Rt. Rev. PETER RYCOV, D.D.

HIGHWAYS MINISTER
URGEN COURTESY FOR WEEK-END VISITORS

Toronto, June 20th.—Confidence in the driving habits of Ontario's motoring population was expressed Tuesday night by Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways, in discussing the coming holiday week-end's heavy traffic.

"Our national holiday and the United States national holiday coming on the same long week-end marks the heaviest traffic loads in the year for our highways," the Minister said, "and all officials of the Highways Department are hopefully looking forward to a good driving record over the holiday."

"Our safety campaigns carried on in the newspapers, coupled with the co-operation that has been given by editors and by the public, do seem to be having an effort in reducing the number and seriousness of accidents. Recent holiday week-ends have been marked by fewer accidents than in other years and we do feel that the educational safety campaign has contributed greatly to an improvement in driving and walking habits, leading to fewer accidents."

The Minister appealed to motorists for special consideration to visiting motorists over the holiday week-end. "Courtesy toward guests is always expected," he pointed out, "and on this occasion the greatest courtesy we can extend to visiting motorists is to give them 'all the breaks' while they are travelling on unfamiliar roads. It is no more than we would expect, and appreciate, when we are 'valuing motorists' across the border."

"At the same time," he added, "Ontario expects reasonable co-operation from visitors and those who are not accustomed to our roads have an obligation to exercise special care in their driving to help prevent accidents."

Nearly every public-spirited safety and industrial organization in the Province is working with his Department, Mr. McQueen said, in promoting safety on the highways, and he felt the whole-hearted co-operation coming from the press of Ontario was a definite factor in the general improvement of traffic conditions on the highways.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES
IN THE IRISH SWEEP

It will surprise many people to learn that out of every three tickets sold on the Irish Sweepstakes in America, two are counterfeit.

The odds against winning a prize is anywhere from 1,000,000 to 1 up to 3,000,000 to 1 and yet undoubtedly a few people do win a small percentage of the huge sum accumulated through the sale of tickets.

A lot of inside information is furnished in an expose published in a recent issue of Collier's. Even when a genuine ticket is secured only 75 cents out of his \$2.50 ever goes into the winner's pool. The other \$1.75 goes into commissions for salesmen, distributors and wholesalers, bribes connected with smuggling payment of handsome salaries to employees "operating" operations, and finally the Irish Hospital Trust Limited.

Writing under the pen name of "Fred McDonald" one of the American distributors who is paid \$15,000 per year, points out that there are five wholesalers in the United States who average \$150,000 annually.

It sounds like a lot of money but it is only chicken feed when it is estimated that \$100,000,000.00 worth of tickets are sold in the United States and Canada. In addition to the other worries of the sweepstakes operators they have to watch out for confounding government men, who take another quarter million out of the pot every year. —Toronto Telegram.

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Don't drive when you can't see or be seen. You need two headlights correctly focused, and a tail light if your car is to be visible to other drivers. You need clean headlights, delivering full illumination if you are to see the roadway clearly at night. Have your lights checked frequently to be certain that you fulfill these minimum requirements for safety after dark.

ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
Motor Vehicles Branch

Prime Minister Unveils Rebellion Memorial



Commemorating the Rebellion of 1837, which was led by William L. O. Mackenzie, the Clifton Gate Memorial was unveiled at Niagara Falls by Prime Minister Mackenzie King as thousands paid tribute to the memory of the men who battled for responsible government and freedom. The names of Samuel Loring Carter in the Senate, as shown, left, as he spoke to the crowd during the ceremonies, and Peter Matthews, who were hanged for their part in the rebellion, along with the names of 26 other patriots are inscribed on the monument which is shown, top left. The Prime Minister, whose maternal grandpa, he had the upswing, is shown, right, as he addressed the large throng. Senator Howard Danforth, speaker in the Senate, is shown, left, as he spoke to the crowd during the ceremonies.