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## EDITORIAL

### Surely Unconsidered

In this present day and generation it was rather astonishing to read the discussion that took place in Halton County Council last week. Astonishing too was the fact that after the discussion the members convinced themselves that it was wisdom to oppose the compulsory pasteurization of milk that is sold for human consumption. If this pasteurization of milk was an untried thing, it might be that there was ground for opposition. But after all that has been proven in favor of pasteurization and been published we feel that the County representatives passed a resolution without much consideration.

Not only is tuberculosis a disease that may be carried in milk, but typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria, Bang's disease and others may all be transmitted through the milk supply. Pasteurization kills all the disease-producing germs of milk and yet does not harm the milk or make it unpalatable. We have been told on reliable authority that in a well-known hospital fourteen per cent. of the cases are traceable to bovine tuberculosis. There isn't a municipality in this County that hasn't cases that can be traced to such infection, and while the testing of cattle is helpful, it is not completely effective.

We think the County Councillors should become acquainted with the facts that are available and proven before such a resolution was passed. We doubt the resolution will have any weight when placed beside the scientific proof. But such a resolution was the highlight of Halton County Council meeting.

### A Worthy Appeal

On February 12th the Canadian Legion War Services will launch a nation-wide appeal for \$500,000. Considered in the cold light of the eventual value to Canada, and without weighing its benefits as a contribution to the peace of mind of the members of the naval, land and air force, the work undertaken by this great wartime organization is a sound investment in Canada's future welfare. That the investment will be productive of dividends is assured already, being foreshadowed by the amazing response from the men of all ranks who are eager to accept the facilities offered them to continue their education even though on active service.

The magnitude and importance of the education program offered by the Canadian Legion War Services, in collaboration with the Canadian Association for Adult Education, may tend to attract attention only as the first time in man's history that an organized, well-planned effort has been made to help men in wartime prepare themselves for peace. But, underlying the undertaking, there is the paramount objective of winning the war. Surely a man who has offered himself for his country's defence, and who devotes some of his time to thoughtful consideration of his personal position as a citizen, is a man who realizes the value of carefully-planned action and restraint? Such a man reveals himself as a better citizen in uniform and a better citizen among his neighbors. He will be a greater contribution in peace or war. The Legion War Service appeal opens Monday. Give your support.

### Personal and Otherwise

Canada is to have a war-time election. An election to clear the air and give a mandate to some group that can get on with this business of winning the war. The mere changing of a name of a group will not make it more fitted for the task. The group which will accomplish the task best must have experience and the best of qualifications. It matters not by what name such a group is called.

Last week we enjoyed making a summary in our

mind, after reading comments of a number of weekly newspapers. Judging by these it would seem that the present government would be returned to power. Turning to city publications, the opposite seems to be the prophecy. It will be interesting to see which comes closest after the election. The air will be full of controversy for the next few weeks. Both sides will be fully discussed. Folk will have ample opportunity to find out facts and should endeavor to base their decisions on facts rather than gossip.

Whatever may be one's convictions on the matter let us be fair. While the editor of THE FREE PRESS has every right as an individual to lend support to whatever side he chooses, we do not claim the privilege to use these columns to promote that individual right. THE FREE PRESS columns are open for the presentation of the views of all parties. We will make an honest endeavor to report all sides of local meetings without regard to our personal leanings. We think this is but the fair thing to do in a community served by one newspaper.

We do not hesitate for a moment to state our position and feel we have good reasons for our individual stands but any argument will be carried in our columns as advertising at the same rates to all who use it. Personally we have yet to be convinced that at the present time it would be advisable to change to a so-called national government. The editor will personally lend whatever effort he can to see that the Liberal government is returned to prosecute Canada's war effort. We are sincere in that effort and we appreciate and honor the sincerity of those who support another body of government or form of party.

### Where Hydro is Used

The monthly Bulletin, published by the Ontario Hydro Commission, carries regularly the lists of the municipalities served on the various systems and gives the populations and electric load in horse power. These figures prove very interesting when studied in groups.

For instance, we find that in the municipalities in this County the average load is about a half-horsepower per person. Acton's population is given as 1,916, and the load 1,058 h.p.; Georgetown has 2,425 population, and uses 1,587 horsepower; Milton has 1,791 population and a load of 1,160 h.p.

But the figure changes as we go west. Fergus, with 2,785 population, uses 1,123 h.p.; Listowel is about the same proportion; Mitchell, with 1,407 population, uses only 600 h.p. Hanover, with 3,191 population, uses 1,066 h.p. What the table published does not give is the rate charged for the power in the various centres. Possibly if that was given, one could get a better picture of the situation.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Enumerators are making up the voters' list now. Make sure your name is on the list and don't be disappointed when March 26th comes round.

The announcement of a Dominion election has had a very beneficial effect in silencing the barrage from Queen's Park. Or is it just the lull before a big offensive?

Raw fur production in Canada in the twelve months ended June 30th, 1938, had a value of \$12,527,497, of which fur farms contributed approximately 46 per cent.

Building permits for the first seven months of 1939 in 58 Canadian cities totalled \$33,647,625, an increase of 4.9 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1938.

Editor Hugh Tempin, of the Fergus News-Record, fears that if the Acton Hockey Team doesn't win more games, we will be selling THE FREE PRESS. This week the selling responsibilities shifted to other shoulders.

Some municipalities have a plan for cleaning sidewalks with a horse-drawn scraper. Perhaps such a plan would be appreciated by many here, but then all these public services are the means of keeping up the tax rate.

The interest taken in the pictures in THE FREE PRESS Family Album means that this feature will be continued in our columns. Many readers have expressed appreciation and supplied photographs for reproduction.

With more and more Canadians overseas, the work of the Red Cross and other organizations in war work takes on an added local interest and gets speeded up. All are doing a share of this worthwhile work in this district.

Monday night seemed to be Acton's night in sports activities. Four different groups took part in part in competitions with groups from other centres on that night and the local contestants were successful in every one of these competitions. Two of them were under Y.M.C.A. supervision.

St. Valentine's Day next Wednesday, and another time to send pleasant greetings to those you like. There are a few, we suppose, who will take the opportunity of sending messages to those they do not like. The latter ones are not usually signed and the addressing usually disguised if possible.

## Ontario News of the Week

By Muriel McDonald

Although the general election campaign is just nicely under way in Canada, and in spite of the fact that election predictions are dangerous at any time, it is not too early to report on a hasty conclusion which several politicians have been reaching during the past week. Briefly it is this: The Ontario vote will in all probability be the deciding factor for the Conservatives in their bid to wrest the responsibility of administration from Prime Minister King's government.

From rough surveys which have been conducted by party organizations, these general observations may be made: Patullo's commitment of his organization to the support of the King government is an important one in favor of the present administration's chance in British Columbia.

Throughout the Prairie Provinces, impartial reporters believe the present government will hold its own.

In the Maritimes, the Liberal party is counting on keeping as many seats as they have now, despite the narrow shave the Liberals had in New Brunswick in the last Provincial election. The argument here is that the Conservative gains in the Provincial field were due to a desire to oust Dymally, rather than a falling away from the Liberal party. Conservatives expect a gain or two in Prince Edward Island.

That leaves for consideration, the two thickly populated provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

Only the most optimistic Conservative workers have even a glimmer of hope for their party in Quebec, following the fairly recent Provincial election there. This vote appeared to be settled on a federal issue of war effort, and the general result was accepted at least by the Liberals as an endorsement of the King government. A sudden reversal of opinion in Quebec, then, would be a distinct surprise.

Not so long ago, there was some feeling that the Social Credit organization in Quebec might be a factor in the next Federal election, but the Provincial vote showed that these Abernethy followers had little influence. And if that were not enough, His Eminence the Cardinal of Quebec last week dealt a heavy blow to that group when he issued a communique in which he instructed that no priest or member of the clergy in the Quebec diocese will give the support of name to Social Credit defenders or organizations and will not be allowed to attend Social Credit public meetings at all. This action the Cardinal took to avoid ambiguity arising out of the report on Social Credit made by the Commission of Theologians, which His Eminence felt might be used in an election campaign as implying approval of the doctrine of Social Credit in the name of the Church.

If this presentation of the election chances of the two parties throughout the country be anywhere close to the actual facts, then, of course, it is easy to understand why these political observers hold that Ontario's vote will tell the tale.

Highlight of Provincial election news last week was the Hepburn government's announcement of new taxation an increase from 2 to 5 per cent. in the tax on net income payable by ordinary incorporated companies.

If possible, it would be illuminating to arrive at a total of the number of Ontario citizens who read this announcement and then say something like this: "Well, thank goodness, that doesn't cost me anything!"

What many of us are apt to overlook is that this new tax increase is really a direct tax on each and every one of us.

For the simple reason that the companies involved must add the tax to the price of the products they sell to the public. So many firms work on such a small margin of profit, that to absorb this and other taxes would mean going into the red.

Thus this latest tax may likely be responsible for another slight upward shift of prices for all sorts of commodities—foods, clothing, furniture, gasoline, fuel and dozens of other articles which the ordinary citizen has to buy frequently.

The pity of it is this: The higher the price, the more sales resistance there is, the more sales resistance, the less production there is; the less production, the greater the unemployment of workmen. Just another vicious circle. And yet, there is this to keep in mind—that if the Provincial government really needs the money for war services, complaints will not be strong.

As an example to show how this system of hidden taxation works out, we set down rather a curious piece of information which came to light last week. Someone was talking about the possibility of having the old amusement tax brought into force again, when an official of one of Ontario's largest sport institutions said:

"Even without the amusement tax, right now we pay out in taxes the sum of 11 cents out of every dollar we get from our patrons."

### TRUE ENOUGH

A quack doctor was expounding upon the quick healing powers of a certain herb that he compounded.

"You see, my friends," he said, "I have sold this tonic for over thirty years and have never had a word of complaint against it. Now what does that prove to you?"

A voice from the audience answered: "That dead men tell no tales."

### CANADA, PREPARING FOR WAR, NOT TOO BUSY FOR TOURISTS

"As a free nation, and of our own untrammelled free will, Canada has gone to war," A. A. Gardner, Assistant General Passenger Traffic Manager of the Canadian National Railways, told the members of the Camp and Traffic Club of Philadelphia when he was guest of honor at their annual dinner. "Some of our boys—and every one a volunteer—are already in Europe," he added. "Our air men have been in action, and nobly have they acquitted themselves. Thousands more are training in Canada to do their part for the right, as God gives us to see the light."

"With all this, however," said Mr. Gardner, "we are still happy to have you come to us. You will find that our border line is as open as it has during the hundred years of peace that has blessed our relationships. We shall be glad to have you come up and see us preparing for the part we are to play. You will suffer no inconvenience from the fact that we have embarked upon another great adventure."

### TELEGRAPH OPERATOR HAN 200 ELEPHANTS

Miss Irene Beard, recorder operator in the Canadian National Telegraph office at Quebec, collects elephants. She has more than 200 of them. The herd is insured for some of the animals cost as much as \$50 apiece—and requires a good deal of apartment attention. But this is mostly in the way of polishing and cataloguing, for the elephants don't eat and require no bucket brigade. They are of porcelain and metal and ivory chiefly and they come from all parts of the world. Miss Beard became "elephant concubine" with her first ride on a circus elephant at the age of seven.



On Monday, February 12th, the Canadian Legion launches a financial appeal for \$500,000 to carry on a great, new and much needed program of educational and personal services among our enlisted men. While the first job is to win the war, every man must be prepared for the inevitable return to Civil Life. The Canadian Association for Adult Education is collaborating with the Legion to provide educational and vocational training for our men. Through its 1100 branches in Canada the Legion will assist in the solution of personal and business problems. Soldiers free of private worries are better soldiers. Legion services will also include facilities for leave, sports, reading, soldiers' concert parties and other entertainment. Give generously to this great new cause. Send or take your contribution to your nearest Legion branch. NATIONAL APPEAL, FEBRUARY 12th

### CANADIAN LEGION WAR SERVICES

EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONAL SERVICE APPEAL

### Canadian Firms Building Planes for R.C.A.F.



Canada's air force is rapidly being expanded to meet the war emergency and to give 100 per cent. co-operation to the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme, which is now getting under way. Designed for photographic work, speedy Northrop Deltas are being built at the Vickers plant in Montreal for the R.C.A.F. These planes are fast, all-metal low-wing monoplanes which can carry a crew of six and attain a speed of 205 miles per hour. In addition to these planes, larger Stranraer flying boats are also being built at the Vickers plant. These huge boats carry five men and have a range of 2,000 miles, and are the biggest planes built in Canada.

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Daily except Sunday 6:28 p.m.  
Sunday only 8:19 p.m.  
Flyer at Georgetown 9:41 p.m.

Going West  
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Saturday only 7:29 p.m.  
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