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EDITORIAL

Use Care

Perhaps it is because it is the first holiday of summer, or perhaps it is just an old custom. At any rate, it seems necessary to celebrate Victoria Day with a bang. It's a privilege that none who have recollections of boyhood days want to deny the youngsters of to-day, even if the celebration does carry on for some time in advance of the holiday.

There is just a word of caution, perhaps, necessary. When fireworks are set off, be very careful that it is not near buildings, or that firecrackers are not thrown, so as to injure persons or property. If these cautions are observed by young and old, everyone will have a good time and there will be no regrets. And so as you celebrate with fireworks, use care.

Parents can do a good deal to help in this respect by pointing out to children the danger of firecrackers or fireworks when wrongly used. They can curb danger, too, if they will teach the children how to set off the firecrackers. In this way, painful accidents can be avoided and property damage minimized.

What Will We Say?

A letter received this week from Pre. Eddie Jamison, reminded us that we have heard very little about baseball activity in Acton this season. A visit to the Park does not reveal any great activity either. We know full well that the game has been declining a bit in enthusiasm and that those who attempt to make it a success have many a headache before the season is over.

We imagine that just such a headache is being experienced right now by baseball officials in Toronto. A winning team or a team capable of making a bid for the leadership seems essential in every sport. Surely in this community where baseball has held sway so long, Acton will be represented again this year. Eddie Jamison and other boys overseas will be waiting in the dug-outs to read of what is going on in Acton in sport circles. We hope we can keep them interested.

Tendency to Small Communities

Thomas Bata, who is establishing a new community about his factories at Frankford, is another who believes that the day of centralization of all industry in the big cities is over. In a newspaper interview recently he said:

"The time of industry only in the large centres is over, I think. People in the rural parts should be given the opportunity to make money, too. Also it is healthier both for work and play to be in the country. That is one reason why we tried to find a beautiful location for our factory."

We who live in the smaller communities have always felt that the city dweller had a disadvantage. Little time and no expense is incurred in going to and from our work. Likewise, it takes little time to get to and from our play. Recreation centres are all within walking distance and Acton has most of those either in the town or very close that are to be found even in the city.

More and more there are men in industry who are believing as Thomas Bata that the day of decentralization of industry is over. As witness of this, look at the large industries that have been established and grown just outside the city. And each year the radius goes further back.

They Are Satisfied

A week or so ago members of the Executive of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association met in Ottawa. During the visit the group, representative of all parts of the Dominion, were guests of Graham F. Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada. That dinner is described as the highlight of the gathering, as the Bowmanville Statesman puts it: "Messrs. Ralston and Towers, however, took down their hack hair, talked completely 'off the record,' told us with astounding frankness the inside story of Canada's war effort on the dollar front; and gave us so much confidential information, fearlessly, that we were made more than ever before conscious of the power, the dignity and the place of the country newspaper, in a free democracy. It was a high compliment to our profession and to our organization. It was a demonstration of extraordinary confidence and it will not be abused."

It was very interesting to peruse last week the account in the various weekly newspapers of this visit in Ottawa. We know personally most of the editors on the Executive, as we served on this group only a short time ago. It is therefore encouraging to hear that now that they know the inside story how well satisfied they are with Canada's war effort.

This confidence was expressed by every account we perused. The Fergus News-Record says: "After all, we haven't much to tell you, we're afraid. You might like to hear it, but so would our enemies, who might find it even in a little newspaper like this. So we'll tell you a few things which we found interesting, and which are not secrets, and ask you to take our word that we are not only completely satisfied with the Canadian war effort, but we know how hard and faithfully these men are working and we don't think anyone else would do it better—or as well."

And the Brampton Conservator makes this comment: "After hearing what these gentlemen had to say, we are ready to say that Canada's war financing is in strong and safe hands. Col. Ralston, at considerable sacrifice to himself, is doing a mighty fine job in this department. Col. Ralston gave the group some idea why he is ready to make this sacrifice for Canada. He is an enthusiast for freedom and liberty and he is willing to do his part, as the soldiers in the line are doing their part, to see that this freedom and liberty is preserved for the Canadian people."

These are days when we need confidence in our leaders. Those who have been privileged to peek behind the scenes have that confidence that every thing is being done. To have these assurances at this time is very helpful. At least we found it so.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A weekly feature of THE FREE PRESS, on Page Six is headed "The Canadian War Effort." It briefly summarizes the activities of Canada in this gigantic struggle.

The production of the various items of concentrated milk in Canada during February totalled 9,270,017 pounds, an increase of 57 per cent. over February a year ago.

Looking at the growth everywhere in evidence after the rain and the warm weather on Monday, it is easy to understand why this season is very appropriately called Spring.

The steel culvert that came in the night and remained near THE FREE PRESS Office for several days, slipped away during Sunday night again and we still have our sidewalk drainage problem.

Of some seventy varieties of maple trees found in the world, only one, the famous hard or sugar maple, whose beautiful leaf is Canada's national emblem, yields sugar in commercial quantities.

We little thought that when we commended the move to form a Business Men's Association in Acton that we would be chosen as its head. But apparently some of us never learn that the proper technique in a bout for the community is not to lead with your chin.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Nature gave us two hands so that we might gather with one and dispense with the other.—Goose Lake (Sask.) Herald.

"The essential technique of government in Berlin as in Moscow is unlimited propaganda plus unlimited terrorism."—William Henry Chamberlin.

A manufacturer of wooden hoops says he is losing money every week owing to foreign competition. It is a disturbing thought that it does not even pay to make ends meet nowadays.—Saint John Telegraph.

Irwin Bretz, head of the West Fairview, Pa. Municipal Council, resigned because: "I didn't want the job in the first place; every night someone called about ashes dumped in the street or dogs fighting. I hadn't an enemy in the world before I took the job; now I must have at least 50."—Baltimore, Sun.

Ontario News of the Week

By Muriel McDonald

One of the duties of Parliament during the course of the next few weeks will be to review the Defense of Canada Regulations under the War Measures Act. There have been assurances from Ottawa that this will be carried out.

With the present war now unfolding on a scale that already threatens to surpass the "Great War" of 1914-1918, this country, in line with our Allies, has come to grips with the realization that we are in all truth fighting to the death. This being so, there is likely to be sterner measures adopted by the Canadian Government to see to it that the war effort is not hampered by subversive interests within the Dominion, nor impeded by the activities of enemy agents or the unguarded talk of citizens at large.

But it seems we are still some short in matching the drastic attitude of England towards the enemy. When it was announced that the British government was bringing down legislation providing for the death penalty in extreme cases of espionage or sabotage, Ottawa indicated semi-officially that Canada was not considering following suite.

The new trend was revealed only this last week, when after a Cabinet meeting to re-examine Canada's position in the light of Hitler's invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, Premier King announced that certain steps were being taken by which Canada would render still more help to the Allies. In making this announcement, Mr. King said he could not tell Canadian citizens what these steps were, "for obvious reasons."

Canada is extremely vulnerable to "fifth column" efforts of enemy agents, because of her friendly relationships with the United States. In that country, a neutral administration cannot keep German sympathizers under the close scrutiny which would be permitted under other circumstances. And since we are doing our utmost to encourage tourist traffic from the United States, it becomes an easy matter for enemy agents to get into Canada under the guise of United States citizenship.

This is one situation which may give legislators some cause for concern during the general review of the situation. At the moment there appears but two courses to take on this phase of the problem. Either we keep restrictions eased as they are at present along the border in the interests of tourist revenue or we scrutinize visitors much more closely in the interests of public safety.

All this is predicated on the assumption that the United States will stay neutral. If the swiftly changing picture of Nazi aggression in Europe should bring the great neighboring republic into the war, then present difficulties would dissolve.

There may be more general interests in the "House of Commons" debates to do about censorship. As the war has gone thus far in Canada, censorship has

been applied in a comparatively loose fashion.

Officials have been appointed to stand guard over newspapers and other publications over radio stations, incoming and outgoing mail. But they have worked in a somewhat lenient manner. Only where the protection of Canadian troops depended on cloaking their movements and in the publication of technical information of military value has this new department shown an iron hand inside the glove.

Whether parliament will require the censors to broaden their activities remains to be seen. Without doubt, there will be spoken in the House who will draw attention to the loose check on war news as published and broadcast in Canada. There is a growing feeling that the public has been unduly alarmed on occasion, made pessimistic at times, by a hysterical presentation of certain phases of the great war story being unfolded from day by day. And should this question be brought up for consideration by members in the House, many complications will arise.

If the country attempts to curb the individual news broadcaster who plays on the emotions of his listeners by employing the artifices of the dramatic actor in an attempt to inject an air of vital importance to everything he says, what happens to the newspaper publisher who places screening barriers on stories day after day, regardless of the relative importance of the news he is presenting? What is to be done about similar broadcasting which pours across the border from radio stations in the United States?

If a restraining hand is to be laid on Canadian newspapers and other periodicals in governing the use of news services from the United States, what happens to the uncensored newspapers and magazines which are sold freely throughout Canada?

CANADIAN COAL PRODUCTION GAINS

Canadian coal production during the first month of the current year amounted to 1,684,624 tons, compared with 1,190,951 tons in January, 1938. The output in January, 1940, exceeded the five-year average production for that month, and included 1,130,277 tons of bituminous coal, 54,093 tons of sub-bituminous, and 490,254 tons of lignite. Production from Nova Scotia mines amounted to 675,450 tons as against 300,479 tons in January a year ago. Alberta produced 665,089 tons, consisting of 256,073 tons of bituminous coal and 409,016 tons of sub-bituminous coal and 244,024 tons of lignite coal. During January, 1939, the Alberta output was 28.7 per cent. power at 516,616 tons, and included 186,431 tons of bituminous coal, 81,360 tons of sub-bituminous coal, and 278,825 tons of lignite coal. An advance of 39.3 per cent. was recorded by British Columbia operators in January, 1940, when the output totalled 163,442 tons, compared with 117,246 tons. Saskatchewan mined 137,330 tons compared with 138,084 tons in January of last year, while New Brunswick with a production of 43,413 tons registered an increase of 16.4 per cent. Imports of coal into Canada in January, 1940, totalled 457,075 tons. Coal made available for consumption in the Dominion was computed at 2,098,479 tons compared with 1,827,394 tons in January 1939.

AMATEUR ENTERTAINMENT PREFERRED

A preference for entertainment by members of their own regiments has been shown by Canadian troops in England. While professional entertainers have been given an enthusiastic welcome, home-brewed concerts, with Canadians as performers, are the most popular.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



ALL ABOARD FOR THE OTHER WORLD—SMALL BOATS LIKE THIS, BEARING WOODEN IMAGES OF ANCESTORS, ARE LAUNCHED ON RIVERS BY THE BATAKS IN THE BELIEF THAT THEY WILL CARRY THEIR BURDEN TO THE ANCESTRAL LAND.

THE BIGGEST FRESH-WATER FISH CAPTURED WAS A GIANT BULLHEAD STURGEON FROM THE VOLGA RIVER—IT WAS 14 FEET 2 INCHES LONG, AND WEIGHED 2,250 POUNDS.

Historic Trail to be Opened as Modern Highway



Major Fred Brewster (oval inset), famous mountaineer in Jasper National Park Alta., who once headed a Smithsonian Institution expedition into the Yellowhead Pass and Peace River territories, recalls the early days of Jasper as plans progress for the formal opening on July 1st of the Columbia Icefield Highway from Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies—the continent's largest national park—to Banff. It was Major Brewster who guided the first American tourist over the approximate route of the new Columbia Icefield Highway in 1912. He was Samuel Prescott Fay, of Boston.

Jasper town, now a bustling, neat alpine community, only three miles from famed Jasper Park Lodge, is shown above as it appeared before the days of the Canadian National Railways transcontinental line and, right, is a view of Mount Athabasca and the Athabasca Glacier on the

Columbia Icefield Highway on the route Fred Brewster once guided the Bostonian. The Columbia Icefield Highway reaches the climax of its grandeur in Jasper National Park. For 75 miles from Jasper Park Lodge to the point where the tongue of the Athabasca Glacier flows over the mountain into the valley, the scene is one of indescribable beauty and pageantry. Sometimes the Highway becomes an avenue in a forest, sometimes it scurries by the feet of ice-ridged crags and it keeps company with emerald rivers and it is wet by cold spray of waterfalls dropping from hidden heights. Everywhere the white plumes of unconquered peaks pierce the sky and one starting portrait passes only to be replaced by another equally breathless in beauty.

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Sunday only 8:19 a.m.
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Flyer at Guelph 9:16 p.m.

Going West

Daily, except Sunday 8:48 a.m.
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Flyer at Guelph 6:46 p.m.
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