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EDITORIAL

The Functions of the Press

This is one of a series of editorials specially designated to acquaint our readers with the various functions of the Press in a Democratic community.

EDITORIAL NO. 3

The Press And The Government

Misconceptions relating to the right of the press to criticize, commend or suggest to government bodies...

Many well-meaning people conscientiously believe the press should express no conviction upon civic, provincial or federal affairs...

Members of civic bodies sometimes point out that newspapers have such a tremendous influence in the community...

Another assumption of some men and women in public office is that any criticism offered in a newspaper is personal, rather than objective...

The newspaper which comments on public affairs far from being presumptuous, is but fulfilling one of the most important and vital functions of the press...

Trappers Back In Old Trails Revive Living This Spring Sew Activity In Muskrat Fields Dormant For Years as Furry Tribes Increased...

When Spring Doesn't Come

The sudden drop from winter to summer weather has played havoc in many things for which this section of Ontario was not prepared...

Streets in Acton and other towns that ordinarily gave little trouble have had to be closed. The same applies to stone roads which never before gave any serious trouble...

The season has also been a short one for making maple syrup. Those who didn't secure syrup early are liable to miss out this year on this spring delicacy...

Building?—Then Hurry

The Financial Post last week carried a feature article regarding housing conditions in Canada. It carried so much of interest to home owners and to prospective owners that we quote a few of its paragraphs...

"If you own your own home, 1940 brought more chances to sell than 1935 and 1941 will probably bring better offers. If you have been coasting along with an overdue mortgage, don't bank too much on being able to slide through 1941 on credit..."

More important to private individuals is the fact that residential construction in the three-month period is up 25 per cent. over 1940. The month of March, 1941, showed a gain of 30 per cent. over a year earlier...

Labor costs in 1940 do not show much of an advance, only some 3 per cent. above 1939. Building materials were only some 13 per cent higher at the beginning of 1941 than they were two years earlier...

"If the figures indicate that it is just about last call for low-cost building, they tell a more pleasant tale for the man who already owns his home. Improved demand for housing is shown by the 25 per cent. increase in residential building..."

EDITORIAL NOTES

April the month of showers, yes and municipal and income taxes and radio license too.

With the first receipt of War Savings certificates perhaps investors will feel they would like to increase their savings and get more of these Dominion guaranteed bonds.

Income tax collections in Canada during the first eleven months of the current fiscal year totalled \$24,179,485, an increase of \$103,27,839 over the corresponding period of the 1939-40 fiscal year.

Along with all the joys of spring comes that one disturbing and upsetting element known as spring housecleaning. We presume its a very necessary part of the yearly routine but it is upsetting. Some of those things that you hadn't intended to discard are ruthlessly tossed away and before the absence is discovered are where they cannot be retrieved...

Trappers Back In Old Trails Revive Living

This Spring Sew Activity In Muskrat Fields Dormant For Years as Furry Tribes Increased

THE P.A.S. Muskrat (P.M.) Five years of fur rehabilitation in Northern Manitoba has increased muskrat in the 134,000-acre Summerberry game preserve...

Seven hundred trappers are busy this month snaring 200,000 muskrat in the preserve and revenue from the catch will provide them with abundance of the necessities of life.

In the early 1930's swamplands southeast of The Pas were drying up and low water in many places caused thousands of muskrats to die in ice every winter. By 1936 only a few thousand muskrats could be found...

In 1941, for the second successive spring, while trappers, Indians and Métis left their log homes in all sections of the north for the preserve grounds, about 500 miles north of Winnipeg. Each was given permission to collect 275 pelts during April.

Trapper's Army

The pelts, collected at a central station, will be sold at an auction under government supervision and the money paid trappers on bonds of families participating at the rate of about \$25 a month for 12 months.

The preserve areas, when fully developed, are expected to take care of at least 3,000 trappers annually, giving each \$25 every month for but one month's work a year. "I look forward to a \$3,000,000 industry for the people within a comparatively few years," said Premier Bracken in speaking of the rehabilitation program.

Expenditures made by the provincial and Dominion governments in muskrat conservation in two years amount to \$1,000,000. For every dollar spent we will get a dollar back," said the premier.

Big Areas to be Developed for Permit Trapping

Areas to be developed for permit trapping include 532,000 acres in the Fisher-Hay section of the inter-lake area for trapping fishes, otter, muskrats and beaver, and a 2,000,000 acre potential beaver development in Northern Manitoba between God's Lake and Hayes River.

Another large section, lying north and west of the Hudson Bay Railway has been zoned into Registered Trapping Districts where trappers were given permits. The trappers will be equivalent to small fur farms and persons given permits will be charged with the responsibility of patrol work, water control development and conservation of breeding stocks.

WANTS SMALLER PIGS Because of the shortage of feed the government is asking British farmers to market fewer and lighter pigs.

THEIR EXCELLENCIES ENJOY SPRING PREVIEW OF ROCKIES



THE Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice stopped at Jasper National Park during their Western visit and enjoyed a Spring preview of the Rockies. Their Excellencies saw the many beauty spots in the vicinity of Jasper Park and received a demonstration that Jasper is an all-season ski centre. They climbed on to the glacier at Mount Edith Cavell to witness a special ski display by experts from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Their Excellencies also enjoyed a demonstration of the Indian and French parades. Photo courtesy of the Jasper National Park.

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'Bills Boy was at Gibraltar...

... at least, that's what his folks think... he went over with that hard-rock mining outfit in the engineers... seems like only yesterday he was a kid spending holidays here... now he's in the middle of the big fight. We'll do our part too...

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