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## EDITORIAL

### We Met A Gentleman

Traffic was heavier over the Labor Day weekend than at any holiday this summer. Perhaps there was an added reason for this in the Northern Ontario section where parents and children were getting back in time for re-opening of school. At any rate No. 11 highway at Thornhill was a solid line of south-bound cars as far as the eye could see when we came along on No. 7 and hoped for an opening into that line of traffic at some reasonable period.

It was here we met a gentleman. We don't know his name and we do not even know his license number. We wouldn't know him again if we met him and in getting acquainted, we never heard his voice but we know he is a gentleman. Apparently he had been back a little way in the line and saw that one car waiting. The line moved along and he was stopped just opposite that intersection. Instead of taking his place he motioned for our car to move in while he held the line for a car length. He was delayed a car length but we were given a lift of possibly half an hour. Only a gentleman would have been so considerate. We hope he reads this because only then will he know his thoughtfulness was appreciated. We met many others on the road who did not show much thoughtfulness for others but that gentleman's conduct overrules many who gave no appearance of gentlemanliness.

### Youth's Opportunity

Schools re-opened on Tuesday—that is the larger part of them and back went the scholars for another term. It seems a long time to look forward to exam time next midsummer but that period invariably rolls around—usually much faster than is expected. Like life it is the day by day progress that makes exam time the easiest to face. Those who waste the early days of the term and plan to catch up easily later on find that "catching up" is much more difficult than keeping up with studies as they are unfolded day by day.

The same is true of those who sacrifice their schooling opportunities to-day for the seeming easy positions with good pay now being offered. There is little possibility of going back. Once school days are stopped few indeed return to the studies after having found the need for education and proper training. It must be taken in the years and with the group as the opportunity comes. It is in these years too that lessons are most readily absorbed. Opportunity for application of the lessons will be found all along life's later pathway. Education is an opportunity for youth. Every Canadian youth should be appreciative of the fact that it is made so easily available.

### The Finality of Summerland

We spent last week-end in Canada's summerland in Northern Ontario and the thing that struck us on the visit was the finality of autumn and winter in this land. Here were wooded shores, fine beaches, and all apparently ready for many fine more days of out-door life, but September had its calls back to city life for most folks and cottages were boarded up for the winter, and equipment was safely stored. The end of summer comes with a terrific finish in this summerland.

This year the farewell is more abrupt than ever because restrictions on travel forbid return visits to the summer cottages when fine days do offer an extra opportunity. It would appear that many people have holidayed in Northern Ontario this year. Tourist resorts and cottages had a demand that

more than kept pace with the help problem and the rations. The inquiry was often required to see if even single meal accommodation was available. Gone are the wayside stands stocked with untempting kinds of bars and every known refreshment. Indeed even the familiar chewing-gum may mean the object of wide and unsuccessful search. Stocks that were once plentiful in the tourist section have now been depleted. The finality of shortages which seemed so far removed a year ago have also come to the summer colonies.

Perhaps it's all for the best. Holidays have been more restful. Neighbors in summer camps have become more neighborly and helpful. One may bring all the mail from town, now instead of all gathering in town at mail time. War restrictions have made alterations in the way of holiday life but Canadians still have glorious opportunity for peaceful holidays right within their own borders.

### A Home in Canada

The few conversations we have had with men in the active services who have returned home for further training, invalidated or for other reasons, have impressed us with the regard every one of them have for their home town. They may visit other countries and see more gorgeous scenery but after all there's nothing quite equal to the home surroundings.

But we're thinking too that when the boys come back in greater numbers they will have to be ready to accept the changes that have occurred during their absence. Most of them have, we think, been for the better, but they have removed some of the landmarks they once knew. Our population has changed too and there are new people with whom those returning will have to become acquainted. We think the men who have been away will agree they are fine, just as we have found them, but they are different from those you left.

We say these things as a hint to those men overseas. Acton and the district isn't exactly the same as when you left and there has been a considerable change in population. No place can stand still in these days. But you'll find sufficient of the old faces and old landmarks to assure you that it's home. As we write THE FREE PRESS each week we try to keep you informed of these changes. But thanks to your holding of the battle in Europe, there are no bombed buildings, or bomb craters. There are no war casualties. Your home town is still a peaceful Canada and untouched by Germans, Italians or Japs.

### A New Perspective

City folks who have been exploring the countryside this summer have viewed the rural scene with both new and renewed interest. Relatively common things, such as the old woodpile, have actually aroused spontaneous enthusiasm—bordering on excitement. The berry patch has aroused exclamations of delight among mere city-breders when they discover large bunches of the glistening fruit. The unearthing of potatoes has been a source of new attention for the wayfaring city dwellers.

The urban people have been getting a "kick" out of the Swiss chard, egg plant, melons, squash, corn, celery and other vegetables at the ripening stage. Former favored haunts, such as the cattle stalls and pig pen, are almost ignored by the visitors from the city in their rush to see what's growing in the long rows. The holiday-gasp when they come upon the neatly-stacked cordwood which is the fuel supply for the coming winter. It's great to live in small town or country, they say.

Yes, the big city has cause to be envious of the little spot on the map, along whose main street the tourists once sped with hardly more than a quick glance. The holiday-seekers now take a much more serious view of the advantages of small-town life. Undoubtedly, the ruralite is entering a new era!

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Yes, it's quite correct that Acton Fair is just a week away.

School days, fairs and threshing time, all signs that summer is over and autumn is here.

With winter coming along the shortage of homes in town and the consequent longer travelling to and from work are not pleasant anticipations to many in Acton.

It is important to remember that political platforms are like icebergs—the more dangerous parts of them are out of sight.—Cochrane (Ont.) North, Land Post.

Thanksgiving Day has been proclaimed as October 11th and we hope that having once been set it will not be as moveable as holidays were for a brief period this year.

It's not to be wondered if those interested in Fall Fairs study the almanacs more closely these days. After all, so much depends on the weather in the success or failure of an out-of-doors event.

We have appreciated the kindly references and compliments that have been paid the editor and staff in maintaining THE FREE PRESS among the leaders in the newspaper competitions. It is our aim to provide the best local newspaper possible. Co-operation of advertisers, correspondents, and readers can help us maintain the standard.

## The Week at OTTAWA

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press BY GUY BEAUBRY Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, (CP)—Political observers here view with great interest the announcement that the National Liberation Federation will meet in Ottawa Sept. 27, following a meeting of the government's parliamentary supporters September 25.

Both meetings are expected to give close study to the labor situation in Canada, highlighted by the recent disagreement between Mr. Justice C. P. McTague, chairman of the National War Labor Board, and J. L. Cohen, workers' representative upon it.

Those attending the meeting no doubt also will take cognizance of the condemnation of the government's labor policy expressed by convening members of the Trades and Labor Congress (A.F. of L.) at Quebec city. Some observers are of the opinion that certain Quebec Liberal members attending the party gatherings will sharply criticize the dispatch of "rail-up" troops to Kiska in the Aleutians, since abandoned by the Japanese.

Whatever the outcome of the meetings, a renewal of political activity by every party, with a view to the next federal election, may be expected.

### Wage Policy Maintained

Meantime, the government is maintaining its policy of strict wage and price control. However Canada's official cost-of-living index moved upward during July for the sixth consecutive month, and workers in most industries will receive increased cost-of-living bonus payments unless the trend is reversed between now and the beginning of October.

Should the government's efforts to control the cost-of-living fall, bonus payments to workers will have to be increased Nov. 15.

Though Canada has entered her fifth war year with prospects brighter than at anytime in the past years of conflict, the government itself faces many problems, one of the most serious of which is the constantly tightening shortage of manpower.

Labor unrest and the threat of a possible crumbling of the administration wage control and price ceiling policy, together with a forecast of severe shortages of coal and wood fuel this winter, are but a few of the problems facing the federal authority.

In addition, as Hon. Norman McLarty said in announcing that the National Liberal Federation would meet, opposition parties have increased their political activity, while the Federation itself has not met since the war began.

Manpower Policy Attacked There has been considerable speculation among political observers here upon the steps which the government will take to offset the gains made by opposition parties, particularly the C.C.F., in recent by-elections.

In the past, the government has

come under attack from several quarters because of its manpower policy, which, it has been claimed, has resulted in inequitable distribution of available manpower between the services and war and other industries, including agriculture. Lately, the administration has encountered some editorial criticism be-

cause it has not yet seen fit to take advantage of its power to amend officers called up under the National Mobilization Act overseas, even though such men now are being used on outpost duties. All these questions are expected to be discussed at the forthcoming Liberal gatherings.

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### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Going West

Daily, except Sunday	9:01 a.m.
Saturday only	2:29 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	7:48 p.m.
Monday, only	12:08 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	1:14 a.m.
Flyer, at Georgetown, daily	
except Sat. and Sun.	6:35 p.m.
Flyer, at Guelph, daily	
except Sat. and Sun.	7:12 p.m.

Going East

Daily, except Sunday	6:49 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	9:56 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	6:50 p.m.
Sunday, only	8:19 p.m.
Flyer, daily, Georgetown	9:25 p.m.
Flyer, daily, at Guelph	8:59 p.m.

### GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound	
6:45 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 6:26 p.m.; 9:16 p.m.; 12:01 p.m.	
Westbound	
10:53 a.m.; 12:38 p.m.; 2:58 p.m.; 5:33 p.m.; 8:34 p.m.; 11:24 p.m.	
a—To London.	
b—Sundays and Holidays only.	
x—To Guelph daily, to Kitchener, Sunday and Holidays.	
y—To Kitchener.	
z—To Stratford.	

### TEA-COFFEE RATION INCREASED ONE-THIRD

An improvement in Canada's shipping position, which in turn has meant an improvement in the country's stockpile of tea and coffee, will result in an increase in the tea-coffee ration by one-third beginning September 2. The increase will become effective with the new coupon ration book. There will be no change in the quantity value of the coupon, but the increase will be accomplished by making two coupons good every three weeks rather than every four weeks. A further increase has been promised if and when the supply situation shows further improvement.

## CARROLL'S

Whole Mixed PICKLING SPICE 25c

XXX B&B VINEGAR Gal. 41c  
Sour PECTIN 2 lbs. 25c  
Fisher's Colony FLAVOR lb. 35c  
Fresh KEFE 25 lbs. 25c  
Imitation CINNAMON oz. 4c

VINEGAR 16 1/2 oz. 14c  
MUSTARD 12 oz. 27c  
CATSUP 2 1/2 lbs. 27c  
MILK 16 oz. 9c  
COFFEE 1 lb. 35c  
FLY DED SPRAY 16 oz. 27c  
CLEANSER 1 lb. 5c  
LIGHT BULBS Each 15c

Newport FLUFFS pkg. 25c, 30c  
For Undernourished Children  
Ovaltine Jr. 50c, 90c  
For Chopped Dishes DRANO tin 25c

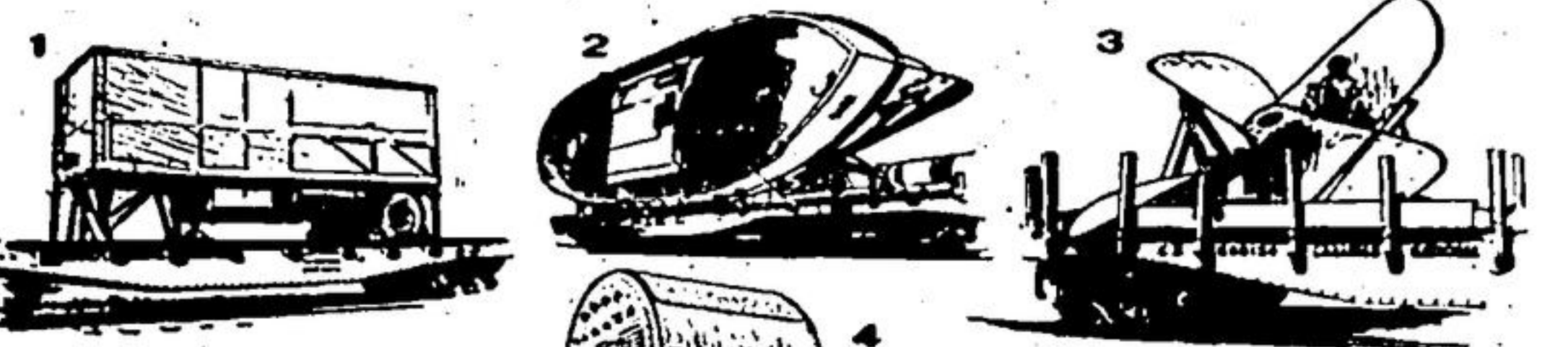
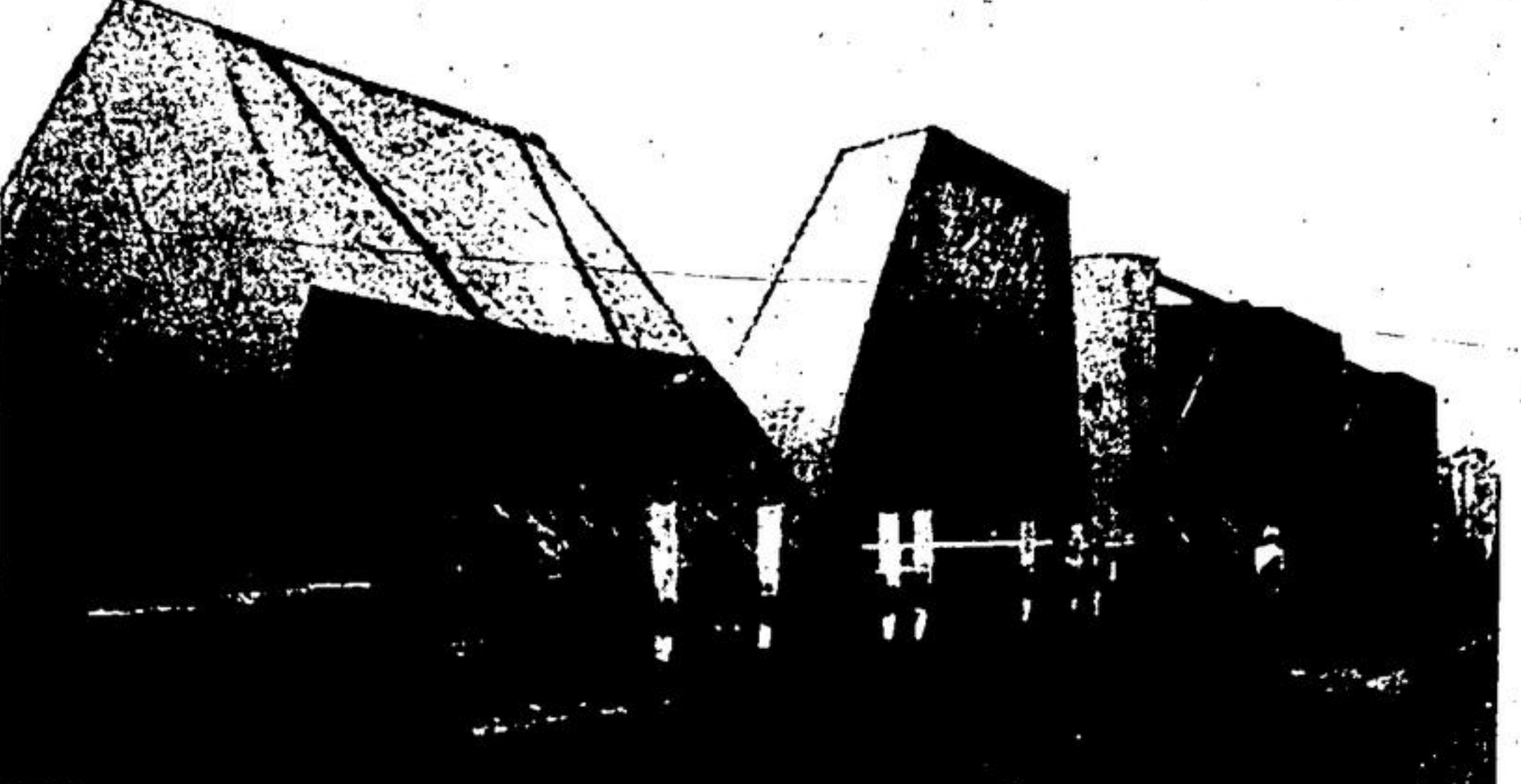
Lipton's Red Label TEA 1/2 lb. pkg. 37c  
Heinz Condensed Tomato SOUP 10-oz. tin 9c  
Palliser WAX 1/2 lb. tin 20c

Champion CAT or DOG FOOD  
Dehydrated Mtd with Hot Soup or Gravy  
2 7-oz. pgs. 19c

CHOICE NO. 1 DUCHESS APPLES 39c  
Basket  
SILVER SKIN ONIONS 2 Pounds 35c  
For Pickling  
CRISP CELERY 2 Large 15c  
Fresh Daily

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Fruit and Vegetable Prices Until Saturday Night Only.

## Invasion Barges Latest "High and Wide" Rail Loads



THE problem of the transportation by rail of huge single-unit materials needed for Canada's war effort has presented a challenge which has been met and mastered by the ingenuity of Canadian railwaymen. These "oversize" shipments are moving daily over rail lines in all sections of the Dominion. To railwaymen they are known as "high and wide" loads. They require special care and skill in loading and many of them also necessitate special operating arrangements. The Canadian National Railways recently handled what is said to be the largest single-unit freight shipment ever carried by a railway on this continent. This was a 150-ton tank

loaded on three flat cars which was transported from Montreal to the Government's new synthetic rubber plant at Sarnia. The latest "high and wide" loads carried by the Canadian National are invasion barges, now forming such an essential part of the equipment of Allied fighting forces. The upper picture shows one of these invasion barges loaded on flat cars enroute to a Canadian port over the lines of the National System. Other unusual freight loads illustrated in the drawings are: 1. An army laundry unit. 2. A sixty-foot tug built at Owen Sound and shipped by C.N.R. to the seaboard. 3. A huge propeller enroute to a shipbuilding plant. 4. A marine boiler, which required a specially equipped car and fixtures to prevent rolling. 5. The big tank loaded on three flat cars for the record trip.