



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

The question is often asked: How many people are in Ottawa now? The 1943 directory gives it as 222,103, an increase of 14,313 in the past year.

Something else I have been asked about and might as well get it off my chest. There are 124,000 civil service employees in Canada, 34,000 in Ottawa. One day last week, 10,000 went on strike.

Highest rating of radio programs in Canada goes to "Radio Wife" which is broadcast by a happy program emanating from the Information Branch of the War-time Prices and Trade Board in Ottawa.

Plans are being pushed along for the establishment of five projected health and occupational centres for discharged personnel of the armed forces.

What a mess of misunderstanding can be hatched forth and trouble people and officials alike! That is proven in the recent Rush case at Toronto where a fine of \$500 was imposed on an alleged farmer for having had his wife with him as passenger in a farm truck.

The Board has, however, clarified the order which is something that the Rush case helped to do, anyway. A new order will allow passengers to be carried in the cab of a truck.

In a release, Munitions Minister Howe makes it clear that there was no arbitrary date set before which furnaces could be lighted. He points out that there should be no misunderstanding only regional weather conditions can determine the length of the heating season.

"Don't be discouraged if your Victory Garden didn't turn out so hot," in effect says James Gallagher, head gardener of the Dominion Experimental farm in Ottawa.

That some folks don't give a hoot about the equal distribution of food was shown in a story in the Ottawa Journal, related by a shopkeeper who was blazing mad because a woman came in with a big dog.

weed which germinates into stiff resistance to the pest. In considering a measure to Canadian farms. Like a yoke it cuts itself around the narrowest plant available.

This, I think, needs further publicity. Western Canada farmers wanting to ship feed grain to East Canada for use on their own farms or for sale to relatives on farms can get such through the Canadian Wheat Board.

Do you know that Canada is now producing 95 per cent of the combined nickel output of the United States, 30 per cent of the zinc, 12 1/2 per cent of the copper, 15 per cent of the lead, 75 per cent of the mercury.

Where does all Canada's war production go, is something folks might be interested in. Well, about 30 per cent is delivered directly to the Canadian armed forces at home and abroad.

Canadian Indians Prove Themselves Careful Farmers

Cattle Herds Expanded on Many Reserves, but General Trend is Toward Hog Raising

OTTAWA (CP)—It's a long trail from hunting buffalo to raising hogs but many Canadian Indians have made it—and their bank books show the benefit of the change.

Generally, the Indians' health is better as a result of medical services provided by the Indian affairs branch which is part of the resources department.

The western Indian, in particular, likes to be a cattle rancher, if he had to make his choice of what farming pursuit he will follow. It means he can have horses and a free, wandering life.

Experienced woodsmen among the tribes had more work than ever before as the demand for pulpwood, fuel and other forest products has reached new heights.

One group of Battleford, Sask., Indians went to Kapuskasing, Ont., to cut pulpwood and returned to their home reserve with about \$1,000 cash in their pockets.

WAR 25 Years Ago

Early German Peace Overtures Rejected by President Wilson in Exchange of Notes

By ERNEST LEE, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Peace overtures reached the stage of specific proposals in the First World War 25 years ago.

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1. German troops would evacuate occupied territory if a mixed commission could make the necessary arrangements.

2. The 11 points laid down earlier by President Wilson as the basis for peace were acceptable to the German government.

3. Prince Maximilian spoke with the authority of the German Empire.

On October 11, President Wilson stated that no peace could be concluded with the German military autonomy.

No conditions would be acceptable to the Allies which did not absolutely safeguard Allied military supremacy nor would an armistice be concluded while German troops continued to burn and loot in their retreat as they were known to be doing in an effort to slow the Allied advance.

Continued depredations of German submarines, as exemplified by sinking of an Irish mail boat, with loss of nearly 500 lives October 10, coupled with the fact Germany appeared anxious to withdraw her troops from an apparently hopeless situation in France and the Lowlands, was largely responsible for the Allied attitude.

Further, there was no guarantee that once Germany succeeded in withdrawing her troops to more favorable positions she would not break off the armistice and renew the war.

Only an armistice involving complete surrender would preserve the military advantage the Allies had won with such great effort and it was toward this Wilson aimed.

Two-pant suits are back and a lot of people, including men who never bought two-pant suits, feel triumphant; feel that the citizenry has just won a great battle against W.P.T.B.

The clear and usually overlooked truth is that W.P.T.B. is the consumer's friend; fighting his battle to get a share of available supplies at moderate prices; trying, on the civilian's behalf, to see that he gets his just and necessary share and that the armed services don't get more than theirs.

Very obviously, the more supplies the W. P. T. B. can get, the easier its problems of rationing, distribution, price control. The fewer the restrictions the better its system will work.

No one suffered very greatly because of the two-pant ban. It is gratifying that the ban was lifted as promptly as an improved supply position justified.

So lifting the two-pant ban is no cause for a civilian triumph against the W. P. T. B. It is a W. P. T. B. triumph for civilians. — Financial Post.

HOUSES AGAIN POPULAR MASERU, South Africa (CP)—The horse has become popular again in Basutoland because of the heavy restrictions on gasoline and tires.

PILES Sufferers of bleeding and protruding piles should know Bunkers Herbal Pills treat the cause at its source. Money back if the first bottle does not satisfy. Buy from your druggist.

BULLETS ARE MADE FROM CHURCH BELLS

LONDON (CP)—Germany's occupation forces, desperate for metal to run the Nazi war machine, now are taking Belgium's church bells.

The massive 15th century bells of the church of St. Michael at Ghent, capital of East Flanders, were taken after a priest barred the doors and ordered the bells rung as the German forces battered at the portals.

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In Liege and in Brussels the story was similar. The German police force surrounded the ancient Gothic church of St. Gudule in Brussels and removed the bells.

R.C.A.F. HONOURS SCOUT TROOP

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YUKON AIR STATION LIKE SUMMER RESORT

WATSON LAKE, Y.T. (CP)—Lone woman among 400 men in the lot of Mrs. Eric Andrew, the former Edith Burton of Edmonton, Alta., who came to this air station, the Northwest Staging Route last July and found it "just like a summer resort."

She shares with her husband a level of about 10,000 square miles of it immediately around Watson Lake.

Andrew, who formerly worked as a chef in Vancouver, has been here since June, 1941 and now is employed by the Canadian department of transport and cooks for 50 to 90 persons daily.

He foresees Watson Lake as a stop-over on a world air route after the war and hopes to remain there. "Two weeks of the city is enough for me," he said. "Everything is phony there. Here it's just what you are yourself that counts, not your money."

RAILWAY TRAIN COOKS PREPARE MEAT MEALS

During the year's operations cooks on scheduled trains and special troop trains operated by the Canadian National Railway, prepared 3,607,105 meals of which 1,902,705 were served to military personnel when travelling.

METAL TO BE RELEASSED FOR STREET EQUIPMENT

Metals required for the re-coating of maple syrup evaporators worn by years of service will be released to renew the equipment, according to information received from the War-time Prices and Trade Board.

In a move to conserve metals, the manufacture of evaporators was prohibited except for replacement. Now it has been announced that this equipment from which the tin coating has been worn by service may be re-lined and made suitable for further use.

PEOPLE MUST PLENTY

To hear some people talk one would think that the country is being devoid of the essential to satisfy hunger. It is those who want six or eight course meals who complain the most. They seem unaware that the bulk of mankind subsist on a simple diet of bread and greens with an occasional supplement of fish or meat.

HELPS LIBERATED AREAS

MOSCOW (CP)—The government has sent about 11,000 specialist-mechanics, harvester combine operators, personnel for machine and tractor stations and agronomists to the liberated areas of southern Russia.

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