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Let's be Interested

With the time of year coming around when municipal offices must be filled for another term, ratepayers may well give attention to making sure that men who have shown an interest in the municipality are urged to assume those positions of responsibility and trust. More than ever men with a broad outlook, not only on the immediate present, but upon future municipal welfare are needed in these positions.

Men who have experience and a vision of the future should be approached to offer their services. In any municipality these men are known to all citizens. If they are in office and you know they have done a good job for the town do not hesitate to tell them so, and urge them to continue. Often, too often, such men put in long hours attending to the affairs that belong to every ratepayer without much praise and quite often a lot of condemnation. It doesn't hurt to let them know when their work is appreciated as well as when it does not find favor.

Above all when nomination day rolls around, at least show interest by appearing at the proceedings. Communities are built best when all citizens take an active interest in these matters, and it's hardly fair to ask them to do all the work of the year when we are not prepared to give attention for one evening in the year. The future of our municipality is moulded by the men we put into office. The past has a splendid record, but we are the custodians of the present, and let it not be said that we failed our day and generation.

We write this well in advance of municipal election time purposely, because forethought on such matters has proven most valuable. It's our community. Let's be interested in it.

We Hope our Friends Read This

We owe a lot of letters, and in that respect we presume there is nothing unique about such a predicament. But some additional responsibilities lately assumed seem to make it impossible to write these letters for a time at least. We would be indeed lax however if we did not acknowledge the kind things that have been said about us by our fellow editors in the weekly field and by friends in both Milton and Acton when we assumed editorship of an additional newspaper. Failing to write these letters now we hope those friends will take in lieu of the personal note this acknowledgement of our appreciation. Our only hope is that the future in both municipalities will merit half of these kindly references.

Let it Be Different This Time

There seems to be no end to the ways in which those at home can serve these days. For instance there is the daily in which every individual can assist—that is maintaining our price ceilings and staving off inflation. We have yet to meet the man or woman who will admit that he or she wants even mild inflation, and yet we see not only individuals but big groups of people who consciously or perhaps heedlessly do the things and urge the measures that bring about inflation.

The regrettable part is that always the producer and wage-earner get the short end when inflation comes, and yet they often play into the schemes that bring on inflation. We have only to look back at the last war to see the evils of inflation—a short period of big sums of money passing through your hands and then a deeper period of depression. For those who are tempted to urge higher prices for their commodities it will be well to remember that once the vicious circle gets under way and everybody plays the game of higher prices for all it is worth, nobody wins.

As a reminder of last war's inflation we noted the

store window in Milton of R. C. Cunningham where the prices to-day on various articles are shown very clearly with those paid in the last war. It brought the message home. And remember that in the last war the working man wasn't the big bond-holder at the finish—he paid during the war, and after it the big financiers held most of Canada's bonds. Let's see that it's different this time.

Early Holiday Mailing

Now that the Christmas overseas parcels are all away it is important too that you do your Christmas mailing in Canada as early as possible. The folks who ordinarily wait until a week or two before Christmas before buying and sending gifts and greetings, will cause great congestion of postal work if they adhere to this habit this year. A time of labor shortage is one in which it will be hard to get mail handled and delivered promptly.

Some people have always bought their gifts at a late date because, as they said, they did not have the money to buy the things before. This year, with national income greatly increased, regular work general, and many people getting big pay, it should be easier to buy earlier.

One would think most people could as well get their Christmas gifts within a very short time, and get them off promptly. Hard worked postal people would look at such a change as a godsend.

The War Comes Home

The grim shadow of the casualty list has fallen over Canada. Her soldiers march in their first campaign. For four years Canadian airmen gave their lives in Europe's skies; sailors died in guarding the North Atlantic life-line.

But until now the Army saw only sporadic action. Hong Kong's catastrophe fell like a flashing knife-stroke. Dieppe was one fatal day. Sicily's six-week task ended before its cost was counted.

For the first time, Canada begins to realize the oppressive cost of freedom bought with lives. Column on column from Italy come the names of dead and maimed. They carry none of the heart-warming glitter of troops marching off to battle. The war has become more than a hectic round of bigger wages, better jobs and higher prices—with the battle half-a-world away. A new meaning has come into the headlines, newsreel shots and radio talks. Ration restrictions become all too reasonable. Factory overtime seems little enough to do.

At last the war has come home and many a Canadian wonders whether he is doing his part. Buying a bond becomes no sacrifice when the next-door family mourns a son.

Parents Have a Responsibility

A writer in the Saskatchewan Farmer states that in some communities the latest method of dealing with the problem of juvenile delinquency is to hold parents responsible for their children. A curfew is set and if children, or adolescents, are found on the streets after that time, the parents are brought into court and either fined or given some other punitive sentence. This plan has much to commend it and is a reasonable course of procedure in some respects at least. It is surely not unreasonable to hold that parents should be held responsible if they allow their children to run wild. After all they should know the evil consequences that are almost certain to result from the lack of control and discipline in the home.

The children have not reached the age of understanding and are therefore not in a position to estimate these consequences at their true value. If there is to be any punishment at all should it not fall on the shoulders of the parents rather than be visited on the children? It has been suggested that such punishment would tend to improve relations in the home. This might be the case, but it would at any rate awaken the parents to a keener sense of their duty and responsibility for the good behaviour of their children.

Proper control, supervision and direction of the children in the home would go far to curb juvenile delinquency and give the state a better class of citizens in the years to come. Anything that can be done to awaken parents to their responsibility for the good behaviour of their children should meet with general approval. The training of childhood should not be left entirely to the school and the church, and this, unfortunately, is just what too many parents are doing.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The snow and freeze-up have not improved that highway between Acton and Milton. Not that we expected any marked improvement from any direction until the post-war period.

With Christmas just five weeks away attention is justified to the gift season. And remember that your local stores can best fill your needs. Try them first and save time and needless travel.

The tax assessor's office had to decide on which side of the Canada-United States border an old lady's newly surveyed farm lay. Surveyors finally announced it was just inside the United States border. The old lady smiled in relief. "I'm so glad to know that," she said. "I've heard that winters in Canada are terribly severe."

"Mum's" Word Now As Seamen Gather

Men of Merchant Navy Keep Lips Tight as Result of No Talking Campaign

NEW YORK, (CP)—Four years of fighting have transformed merchant seamen from garrulous gents with a yen for gab fests into passable replicas of ocean-going mummies. In fact, so bad has it become no reporter would be surprised if, on asking a sailor "How is the war," that that worthy replied "What war?" Seamen aren't talking anymore. Deep-sea days spent clinging to life-rafts and lifeboats, the chill of watching shipmates die and the iron authority of security officers, have all combined to deprive all these modern Sibads of their second favorite off-duty sport.

And the change is quite remarkable. During the first few years of the war it was a common thing in any waterfront gathering spot to hear sailors announce loudly he was sailing in the morning, then, in an exaggerated whisper, add, "but don't mention that. Even the walls have ears, you know." Or he would make fun of another familiar warning poster, going through the motions of "buttoning" his lip.

Those were "the good old days," from a reporting angle, when every loose-tongued sailor had a story to tell, and the yen to tell it. And, maybe he would embroider it, just a trifle, so the landlubbers would get their nickels' worth.

Given Deck Talks But all that has almost disappeared. It soon became apparent security officers weren't kidding about their no talking campaign. Stiff penalties handed out silenced some men—but wisely authorized realists felt that limitation wouldn't work with seamen.

So they took the trouble to illustrate to the men just how careless folks were sinking ships. There were informal lectures on the decks and in the fo'castle of the freighters and tankers of the United Nations, and to-day more than one seaman could tell you exactly how it came about that his ship was sunk.

And others, perhaps even more impressed, would ponder for you, the sequence of events that started with some little barroom chatter and ended with a torpedoing that killed some close friend.

About the only yarns a reporter can pick up now tell about a brunette in Algiers, or a blond in Liverpool—and although these might pass the military censor they certainly would not get by an editor.

Shortage of Fruit Trees

Lack of trained help and scarcity of root stocks is making it difficult for nurserymen to propagate adequate supplies of fruit trees. Accordingly, wise orchardists will lose no time in placing orders for trees required for planting in the spring of 1944. In fact it will be to the advantage of all concerned if orders can be placed now for trees to be delivered in 1945 and 1946. This will ensure propagation of the varieties which are desired, states A. J. Mann, Dominion Experimental Station Summerland, B. C.

The shortage of nursery stock makes it more important than ever to take care of young trees which have already been planted. They should be given good cultural treatment and protected from injury by mice, rabbits, gophers and deer. In case a few trees become girdled during the winter in spite of precautionary measures it is a good plan to lay in a supply of alon wood suitable for bridge grafting in the spring. Well matured shoots of one year old wood about two feet in length are desirable for this purpose. They keep dormant a long time when placed in damp peat or stored in 32 degrees F. storage. If cold storage is not available the next best thing is to bury them on the north side of the building.

In these days of keen demand and good prices for fruit, old trees merit special care. Prune, spray and care for mature trees in a manner which will ensure maximum production.

Co-Ops in India

Sixty-seven per cent. of the more than the 300 million population of India is directly engaged in, or dependent on agricultural production, and, while the country offers vast scope for the development or agricultural co-operative marketing organizations, only 4,577 agricultural co-operative societies, with a membership of 450,000, are at present in existence. These represent about 4.4 per cent. of registered co-operative organizations in the country, whose combined interest range over questions of credit, purchase, production, insurance and other matters. The main reasons for the slow development of co-operation in agricultural marketing are the lack of organizing ability among agriculturists, lack of sound business management, and in some cases the tendency of the peasant classes to cling to traditional methods rather than trust to any new schemes.

Canada's Population As To Racial Composition

Particulars regarding the racial composition of the population of Canada, as shown by the census of 1931, were published recently. They indicate that one out of two persons was of British Isles origin, roughly 1 in three was of French origin, one out of six was of other European descent, one of every hundred was Asiatic and a similar proportion, Indian and Eskimo. Compared with 1931, the distribution showed a slightly lower proportion of persons of British Isles race, and a correspondingly higher ratio of French racial origin. Actual percentages of the total population in 1941 in brackets, with percentages for 1931 in brackets were as follows: British Isles races, 49.7 (51.9) French, 30.3 (28.2); Other European, 17.8 (17.6); Asiatic, 0.6 (0.8); Indian and Eskimo, which included half-breeds on reserves in 1931 only, 1.1 (1.2).

A comparison of the net changes during the past decade showed that persons of British Isles origin increased in numbers from 5,381,071 to 5,715,994, or by 6.2 per cent. The population of French origin increased from 2,927,990 to 4,483,038, or by 19 per cent., and other European races rose from 1,825,252 to 2,043,926, a gain of 11.9 per cent. On the other hand, the number of Asiatics dropped from 84,538 to 74,064, a decline of 12.4 per cent., caused chiefly by a falling-off in the number of Chinese in Canada. The population of Japanese origin remained fairly constant, amounting to 23,149 in 1941 or 0.8 per cent., less than in 1931. Comparing the other European races individually, the largest proportionate gains were noted in the following orders: Netherlands, 4.9 per cent.; Czech and Slovak, 41.2 per cent.; Ukrainian, 35.9 per cent.; Hungarian, 34.5 per

cent.; Polish, 15.1 per cent.; and Italian, 14.7 per cent. Those showing a falling-off in numbers were: Austrian, 22.5 per cent.; Rumanian, 15.0 per cent.; Russian, 5 per cent.; Finnish, 3 per cent. and German 1.9 per cent.

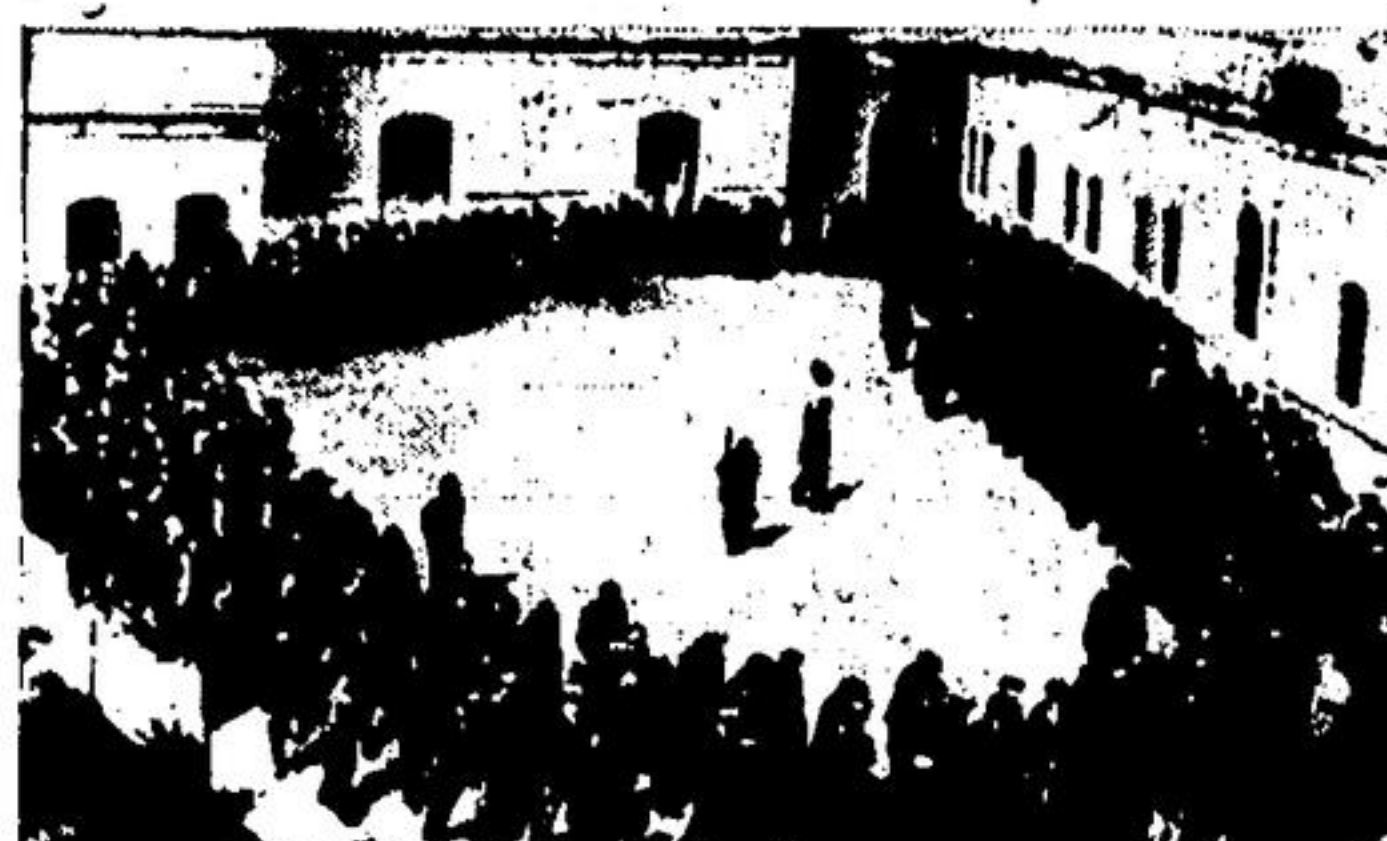
CHOICE EASTERN OYSTERS

HELL WELL IN MARKET The Atlantic oyster with the sea tang taken from the waters of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, are in constant demand in the city markets, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto taking large quantities of this choice sea food from the ports by express and freight facilities of the Can. National Railways. "This season's deliveries of oysters in barrels are heavier than for the similar period of last year," said Harry F. Walker, freight agent at the Bonaventure Station, where shell oysters are handled for the local trade. The Malpeque variety is but one of the several choice oysters from the Maritime which go to the interior cities. Other well favored varieties come from Buctouche, Shippegan, Shediac, Newcastle and Orangedale. Elderly citizens in Montreal recall happy days when schooners from Gulf ports would tie up near Bonsecours market offering a nearful for ten cents. They could be eaten then and there, provided the purchaser carried his own oyster knife.

ROOMS TO GET RENT ADJUSTMENT

OTTAWA Rental regulations of October 1 give tenants ground for a decrease in rent if there has been a lessening of furnishings, services or facilities supplied. Landlord may not, without the agreement of his tenant, decrease heating, lighting, hot or cold water service unless he obtains a permit to do so, or unless fuel is not available or the lessening is due to government orders.

HOSTAGES IN CONCENTRATION CAMP



Belgian National Day, in Britain and German occupied Belgium was widely celebrated. The underground movement in Belgium is strong and there are many clandestine newspapers circulating widely. In an effort to stamp out the Germans have taken hundreds of political prisoners and hostages. Picture shows the Fortross de Huy, converted into a concentration camp by the Germans. Hostages and political prisoners exercising in the interior of the Fortress closely watched by armed guards.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Don't waste COAL

Make every shovelfull count!

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Part of the Canadian Pacific Railway's campaign for rigid conservation of coal during this heating season is a special booklet of instructions, the front cover of which is illustrated above and all those immediately responsible for handling company coal must follow. Supplementing this booklet a general appeal on home saving possible has gone to the almost 70,000 employees of the company and the subject will be kept alive by a continuing intra-company educational series. All phases of the campaign, announced by W. M. Neal

the vice-president, are expected to save 500,000 tons of coal through the system itself, with home savings by Canadian Pacific people expected to add considerably even to that impressive figure. The company saving will be ten per cent. on the approximate 5,000,000 tons of coal required annually—a remarkable saving, when considered in light of the Canadian Pacific's own conservation campaign to increase operating efficiency, which has been intensively pursued for 10 years.

Business Directory

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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, at Georgetown	8:25 p.m.
Flyer, daily, at Guelph	9:59 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound

6:46 a.m.	9:16 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	6:28 p.m.
9:16 p.m.	10:51 p.m.		

Westbound

10:53 a.m.	12:38 p.m.	5:08 p.m.	8:33 p.m.
1:48 p.m.	1:48 p.m.	11:28 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.

SCOUTING HELPS A SOLDIER

A former Canadian Scout Troop Leader, now on active service in Africa wrote to his former Scoutmaster in Canada: "Thanks to Scouting the transformation from civil life to army life was made without the usual discomfort, most chaps experience. I have been in the army three years now and I still find my Scouting experience helps me out on many occasions."

CANADIAN DISPLAY

LONDON (CP)—A collection of pictures by Canadian artists has come to Britain for war-time display. They are reproductions of Canadian scenes which were specially painted to be hung on the walls and buildings occupied by the Canadian armed forces.