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EDITORIAL

Time to Consider

Some time ago we received among the circular mail a petition to sign and an invitation to get other signatures, urging support for admission to Canada of a larger number of refugees. We didn't sign or use the petition because we believe the question of admission of refugees is one that demands very careful study and no governing body should be coerced by petitions often signed by people who have given the matter no study but just a snap decision. Many splendid citizens have come to Canada from other lands and are playing an important part in the development of the Dominion.

We believe that the important thing to find out about these new citizens who come to make their homes among us is their willingness to forget the customs and political environment in the land they left and adapt themselves to conditions in this new land—our way of life. Without a doubt Canada has plenty of room and opportunity for many more people. But we do not want people who bring with them the thoughts of strife that have made so many countries' battlefields. This North American continent is a peace-loving world. We live on such splendid terms with our neighbors that the frontiers are in normal times little more than an imaginary line. Folks here are content to leave it that way.

Canada can look after many refugees—provided they come to Canada with the purpose of becoming Canadians and forgetting the land from which they have taken refuge. We want to be sure and not urge on any government a wide-open policy without restrictions. Remember what happened in Holland after the last war when homeless German children were befriended and later turned on their friends. This country would do well to examine carefully all who seek admission in the post-war period and make sure that they intend to start life anew in the new home. It is no time for advocating a wide-open policy on the grounds of sympathy alone.

Enlightened and Convinced

We were rather interested to read a few weeks ago an extract from an address by a Mr. Leavens one of the CCF orators and to get in one paragraph some of the aspirations of this new party, and here is what the speaker said: "The CCF is definitely socialistic, make no mistake about that. As soon as we come into power at Ottawa, we will do three things. We are going to socialize Canada's whole financial structure. We are going to socialize the national processing plants, the trusts, and the combines. We are going to socialize Canada's natural resources—the mining and lumbering industries."

That was a pretty clear cut statement and easily understood by us because twenty-five or more years ago we gave some time and study to socialism and are quite free to admit it had its attractions. But socialism isn't new, and it's been tried under a lot of names and none of them successful.

It's a funny thing that some of the things that the Socialist party urged twenty-five years ago as drastic reforms are now in operation, and they didn't come into being because a Socialist party had ever been in power in Ottawa or on the North American continent. We doubt very much if a new group of inexperienced idealists could have put this reform legislation into successful operation.

No, we don't belong to the CCF party. We don't condemn them for their dreams either. We need folks who dream dreams and have visions of better conditions for all. Experience has taught us however that it isn't these dreamy folks who conjure up these fine programs who have the ability to bring them into reality. Folks all have a lot of talent and it all seems to be different—which is perhaps

fortunate. We need a few of those dreamers and we need a lot of those who have the initiative and the ability to bring dreams to realization. Some way or other we seldom find these two elements both in the same carcass.

We're relieved to have Mr. Leavens' interpretation of the CCF and the assurance that the party is new in name only. Some way or other new names have lost their attraction for us, and we find we are like most other voters in this respect—although the CCF isn't the first party to try out the new name theory.

Just read that paragraph again and a grain of common sense will tell you how little Mr. Leavens knows of realities. "As soon as we come into power at Ottawa we will do three things." And then Mr. Coldwell tells you the CCF plans will take years.

The only difference seems that Mr. Coldwell is gaining by experience and has been at Ottawa. Reforms will come to Canadians just as soon as all Canadians are ready for them and capable of conducting themselves under the new conditions. Three initials and a lot of promises don't add up to sweeping changes "as soon as we come into power at Ottawa." Thanks again, Mr. Leavens, for that little paragraph of elucidation.

Wage Comparisons

The average earnings of male wage-earners was \$1,141 in urban centres of 30,000 population and over, according to Federal Government figures recently issued, while male workers in places having a population of 5,000 to 30,000 averaged \$713.6. Those in centres from 1,000 to 5,000 earned an average of \$1,005 and under 1,000 population the average pay was \$811. For employed female workers the annual wage scaled from \$530 to \$354, according to population.

At first glance, the statistics appear to favor employment in the larger cities because of the comparatively higher annual wage in urban localities. Examination of the tables, however, shows that the difference in pay for dwellers in large communities is not a great deal more than that for workers in small towns—a matter of only \$5 per year between the two highest male categories and only \$36 between the first and third male brackets. Women workers in towns from 1,000 to 5,000 population averaged \$87 per year less than for their big city sisters.

The cold figures, moreover, do not take into account the lower cost of living in small places, compared with expenses in metropolitan areas. For instance, they do not show city workers spend \$37.50 in a year for street-car transportation and from work in a great majority of cases. Restaurant meals are relatively high in large centres; rents, taxes, and other normal expenses are considerably higher in the cities and even the cost of a theatre admission is greater in large places, to mention one luxury.

The householder in a village can also have the advantage of a garden, fruit trees, berry bushes and a few chickens to help reduce everyday costs. In a small town, too, places of employment, stores, the theatre and the church are often just around the corner, affording the saving of time which is a factor in economy.

People in small towns may not draw city-scale wages but it is safe to say ordinary economies more than make up the difference.

EDITORIAL NOTES

January might well be termed form-filling month and each year seems to find another one added.

It is said that many women use less than 850 words of Basic English, but, as Punch remarks, there's a terrific turnover.

All the legal holidays this year fall on week-ends. Dominion Day is on a Saturday and Christmas on Monday. No adjustments will be required.

The price offered for the return of empty beer bottles has, according to announcement, been increased. And we suppose some folks will argue that as a reason for emptying them faster.

It is said the new automobile stickers will be ready for distribution next week. It's quite a convenience to be able to secure them locally, even if they aren't as heavy to carry home as the usual plates. Wonder who gets the saying?

Who would have thought two years ago that rationing of any commodity would be welcomed but now it is considered by most folks as the fairest method of apportioning goods which are in short supply.

The Financial Post is carrying on a most effective campaign to stop the racketeering in worthless stocks. Surely the public memory can go back to 1929-30 and heed the warning now, or is there a new bunch of suckers ready to be fleeced.

This section has to date certainly enjoyed a delightful winter, and indeed a pleasing change from last year's variety of heavy snowbanks and blocked roads. Roads are still splendid for wheeled vehicles and no sleighing by mid-January is quite a fine record.

Nazis Imprison Premier's Wife

Action Taken as Reprisal Against Polish Government Leader in London

LONDON (CP)—Mrs. Cecilia Mikolajczyk, 43-year-old wife of the Polish prime minister in London, has been sent to the most notorious concentration camp in Poland on the personal orders of Heinrich Himmler as Nazi reprisal against her husband. At the Oswiecim camp, she has been subjected to "the most cruel treatment," the Polish Telegraph Agency here said it had been informed. It added that Himmler's henchmen who carried out the orders will be treated as war criminals.

Mrs. Mikolajczyk had been under arrest for 18 months before her removal to the camp.

PROBLEM SOLVED

When people get into hard places and meet difficulties, there are usually possible solutions for their troubles, to be provided by intelligence and good advice. Communities are very apt to run into difficulties caused by changes in the field of business, or lack of facilities expected in a progressive town.

"There is almost always a solution for such problems, if the people study their situation carefully. Business concerns often engage the services of experts to analyze their operations and as a result of such advice they attain new prosperity. So a community has to look for ways to solve its problems and possibilities analyzed by people of exceptional intelligence. Almost always they can tell a town how to go on to increased success.

VETERAN SCIENTIST TO RECEIVE MEDAL

LONDON (CP)—A 71-year-old British scientist who once lived for a week in a sealed case to study the effects of the lack of oxygen, has been chosen by the Royal Society to receive the Copley medal, which originated in 1709.

Sir Joseph Barcroft has repeatedly risked death to add to the scientific knowledge of breathing. He once tested a pump held by staying in a gas-filled chamber with a dog. The dog died within a minute but Sir Joseph continued to take notes and walked out of the chamber after ten minutes.

Before the war began, he tested blast by sitting in air-raid shelters while bombs were dropped nearby.

DISREGARDED ORDERS OFFICER WON D.S.O.

LONDON (CP)—Lt. Col. Malcolm MacEwen of the Royal Army Medical Corps, refused to obey orders, and won the D.S.O. as a result. This is how it happened:

On March 17, 1943, the North African Advanced Dressing Station was at Amera. The surrounding area was shelled and dive-bombed continuously during the day. At the end of the day, during which 100 cases were treated, there was not a square yard of the station left untouched from bomb or shell splinters.

Although all personnel were ordered to take cover, Col. MacEwen refused to leave his post and kept on attending the seriously wounded, although one bomb exploded nearby and shells burst all around.

SAILOR WAS PREPARED EVEN WHEN ON TRAIN

Walter Legge, writing in the Granby Leader-Mail of a recent trip to the Maritime Provinces, tells the following story: "On one of the fast trains between Montreal and Halifax, a lady was trying to get into an upper berth but the porter could not find the ladder. 'Lady,' he said, 'I have been a porter for eighteen years and this is the first time I ever lost my ladder. I had it right here a few minutes ago.'"

"An English fellow popped his head out of an upper berth and said, 'I'll lend you my ladder 'til morning.' He had pulled the ladder up into the berth with him. The porter commented 'He must have thought the train might be torpedoed and wanted to be prepared.'"

London Woman A War Heroine

LONDON (CP)—Mrs. J. Eastwood of suburban Chamberwell had three sons, a husband and a house when the war began.

One son, Pte. John Eastwood, recently repatriated from a German prison camp, came home on a stretcher, minus both legs. Now he has died of wounds.

Six months ago, a second son, wounded in Italy, was repatriated home from an Italian camp. He, too, came on a stretcher, minus both legs and he, too, died.

The third son is still a prisoner in Germany. Mrs. Eastwood's home was blown up in the blitz and her husband has been in the hospital since. But Mrs. Eastwood carried on. To keep her second home together she works as a post-office cleaner.

The Week at OTTAWA

BY D'ARCY O'DONNELL, Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Wartime growth of Canada's Navy is reflected in Navy Minister MacDonald's announcement last week the Royal Canadian Navy sailors are now in training to take over two new medium cruisers of the latest type—gifts from the Royal Navy.

The navy minister also announced a switch of naval chiefs of staff and revealed that Canadian sailors are going to man two Royal Navy escort carriers. He said the R. C. N. now has a personnel of approximately 80,000 compared with 1,700 at the beginning of the war.

In the staff switch, Vice-Admiral Percy W. Nettles soon will leave for London to assume the new Canadian rank of senior flag officer and succeeded as chief of the Canadian naval staff by Rear Admiral George C. Jones, former vice-chief.

The new move is in line with inviolable plans which have sent chiefs for army and air staffs: Lt. Gen. Kenneth Stuart and Air Marshall L. S. Brodie in Britain recently. Mr. MacDonald said Admiral Nettles will remain senior ranking naval officer and will have "general insight of all Canadian naval forces overseas."

To Pay Hog Bounties

The United Kingdom has marked a rich source of revenue for the Danubian hog producers since early in the war, they agreed to buy Canadian supplies at least until 1946.

This was revealed by Agriculture Minister Gardiner when he announced that the Dominion government plans to pay hog producers \$3 a head for grade A or select, and \$2 a head on B grade at all plants inspected by the government.

In making the announcement, Mr. Gardiner said that negotiations are being conducted with the United Kingdom to see if the present two-year contract for a total of 800,000 pounds of bacon can be extended to four years with possibly 500,000-600 pounds being shipped annually.

Recently some farmers switched from hog producing to cattle raising when they feared that the British bacon market would be shut off to them within another year or shortly after the end of the war in Europe.

Payment of the premiums will begin as soon as arrangements can be completed and they will remain in effect until six months after the end of the war in Europe.

Exports Jump

What bacon means in dollars and cents to Canada's export trade was revealed in statistics released by Trade Minister McKinnon. The statistics showed that the value of bacon exports jumped from \$32,700,000 in 1939 to \$116,200,000 last year, when export trade was the highest in the country's history.

The value of wheat exports, set at \$109,000,000 in 1939, was \$234,400,000 in 1943. Cheese exports, valued at \$12,200,000 in 1939, were worth \$26,300,000 last year.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that on Jan. 1 the Canadian creamery butter stocks were 46,878-162 pounds, compared with 23,075,973 on Jan. 1 last year but a reduction of 12,700,000 from Dec. 1 holdings.

The bureau said that butter production in December was 12,370,029 pounds a reduction of 15.7 per cent. from the same month last year.

Prices Board officials said recently that concern was felt over maintenance of the present butter ration due to rising consumption of milk products and lowered production during the winter months.

Reduce Storage Charges. News of special interest to western farmers was the announcement of a reduction in storage charges on grain in western country elevators. The existing charge of one-fiftieth of a cent a bushel a day in country elevators will be reduced to one-sixtieth of a cent. The charge of one-fiftieth in terminal elevators will remain unchanged.

This announcement came after the agricultural supplies board stated that transportation subsidies will be payable on commercial fertilizer for use on all essential field, orchard or garden crops in the five eastern provinces and British Columbia.

Last year subsidies were payable only on feed crops. The subsidies will allow farmers to obtain fertilizer at practically the same cost whether they are near or far from the fertilizer plants.

CEILING ON CROCKERY

CAPE TOWN (CP)—"Ceiling" prices for cups, saucers, plates and glass tumblers have been fixed in a notice published in the Government Gazette. The prices became effective December 20.

CARROLL'S

CHIPSO 1/2 lb. pkg. 23c Ovaltine jar 50c 95c
 Ivory Soap med. bar 6c RICE pound 12c
 SINKO tin 25c KOFY-SUB pkg. 31c

For Babies—Aylmer Sterilized
FOODS 5-c. tin 7c
 Asparagus, Beans, Squash and Carrots, Peas and Carrots, Peas, Applesauce, Soup, Spinach, Tomatoes, Peaches, Pears, Prunes, Beets, Carrots.

PALMOLIVE Soap 3 lb. cakes 23c
 PRINCESS FLAKES 2 pkg. 29c
 Old Dutch Cleanser tin 10c
 Hawe's Floor WAX 1-lb. 45c, 2-lb. 63c
 Quaker Oats Quick 1/2 lb. pkg. 19c
 Pure Lard 1-lb. pkg. 17c
 Cheese-a-Roni pkg. 17c
 Marmalade Aylmer Bitter 32-oz. jar 33c
 Quaker Muffets 27-oz. jar 17c
 Sweet Pickles Aylmer 27-oz. jar 29c
 Peach Jam Glass's with pectin 16-oz. jar 18c
 Roman Meal pkg. 29c
 Creamettes Move Tender Macaroni pkg. 9c
 Tomato Soup Van Camp's 2 tin 15c
 Carroll's Own Tea 1/2 lb. pkg. 38c
 K-9 Dog Food Master's 2-lb. pkg. 19c
 Shredded Wheat 2 pkg. 23c

Five Roses, All Purpose
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 Daily, except Sunday 1:14 a.m.
 Flyer, at Georgetown, daily
 except Sat. and Sun. 6:35 p.m.
 Flyer, at Guelph, daily, ex-
 cept 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.
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 p.m.; 9:16 p.m.; 10:51 p.m.
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