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EDITORIAL

Canada's Seventy-seventh Birthday

At no time in history have Canadians more cause to have pride in their Dominion than on Saturday, the occasion of its seventy-seventh birthday.

From a pre-war strength of 10,200 in the three armed forces Canada has now 764,500 men and women in uniform. The air training plan has 12,000 planes and much credit is due this branch for the present mastery that the Allies have in the skies over Europe.

Canadians on the home front in our factories and in our economic controls and participation in war financing are playing a part that will make in the years to come this Dominion one of the world leaders. Yes on this birthday on Saturday Canadians may well feel proud of their Dominion and the leadership of those in high places in these trying times.

Wants Wellington Restrained Too?

Editor Hugh Templin made the following editorial comment in the Fergus News-Record last week on the announcement that Halton had elected a woman to the County Council. He heads the item "A Restraining Influence."

"We don't know how Mrs. Pettit came to get elected to such a position. Evidently, there was a vacancy in mid-year and it may be that the electors of Nelson are more enlightened than most. In the whole of Wellington county, we cannot recall that there is, or ever was, a woman on any municipal council. They have found their way on to school boards, in towns and in rural sections, but apparently not on councils, and certainly not on the Wellington county council. Yet we think a woman or two on that last-named body would have more than a steady influence. In fact, it seems to be just what the doctor ordered. Who'll elect the first one?"

It does seem that the Fergus editor would like to see a "steady influence" particularly on Wellington county council. He is not prepared to suggest what municipality will elect a woman to the office of Reeve or Deputy-Reeve. Why not Fergus? Being first has advantages.

Western Wonder-Workers

There was particular interest last week in going over our exchanges and reading the editorial comment on the C. C. F. landslide in Saskatchewan. It seemed to be general feeling that both old parties need to change their ways, and that there was little comfort in the results for the Liberals and nothing for the Progressive-Conservatives.

Then we picked up the Bracebridge Gazette and turned to that column conducted by Editor Redmond Thomas and read the following: "The most famous Western wonder-worker was Rainmaker Hatfield. He operated chiefly in Alberta (where there is, in many parts, much less rainfall than in Saskatchewan.) Farmers of a neighborhood which needed rain would engage Mr. Hatfield's services. His terms were 'no rain, no pay,' so the farmers who engaged him felt they could not possibly lose. If rain fell, the farmers were content to pay and were not interested in skeptical scientific discussions as to whether the rainfall was caused by—or merely happened to coincide with—Mr. Hatfield's science or magic. Mr. Hatfield used a very complicated electric-powered machine. It is a long time since I have heard of

Rainmaker Hatfield so maybe he has retired or died." Just when we thought Mr. Douglas and Mr. Aberhart would go down in history as the most famous western wonder-workers it was quite a jolt to have the career of Hatfield brought up. Yes, we recall Hatfield the rainmaker too, but we couldn't tell you who was Premier of Alberta when he operated. Such is fame.

Sixty-nine Years of Publication

With this issue of the Free Press sixty-nine years of recording the events of Acton and district are concluded for this journal and we enter next week the seventieth year of publication. It was on Dominion Day, 1975 that Acton had the first edition of its own newspaper.

During those sixty-nine years there have been five editors, J. H. Hacking the founder from 1875 to 1877; S. W. Galbraith for 1877 and 1878 and Rev. T. Albert Moore for 1878-79. After those first adventurous years in a new field the editors stuck longer. The late H. P. Moore was editor from 1879 until 1927. Since 1927 the present editor, G. Arlof Dills has been in charge. It was in 1909 that he started his apprenticeship in the printing trade and for thirty-one years of the thirty-five years since has been associated with the Free Press.

There are some things that may be unique about these sixty-nine years of the Free Press. It is the only paper ever published in Acton. The files are complete from the first issue, Volume I No. 1. In the sixty-nine years of publication not an issue has been missed and in thirty-five years at least not a mail has been missed on publication day. We mention these items with real thankfulness, because many times this regularity of schedule has meant long hours and a heavy strain on a loyal staff and a splendid measure of good health.

During the past year an additional load has been assumed in the publication of the Canadian Champion of Milton. How the dual-editorship will work out only the future will record.

We might reminisce at some length but will leave that until our hair is greyer. As we enter another year of publishing the home paper in Acton we just want to say thank you to all who down through these years have helped maintain by their loyalty and assistance a paper and printing establishment that we have been told compares very favorably with any in communities of this size or larger. It will be our aim while guiding the destiny of the Free Press to maintain it on the same high standard set by our predecessors.

EDITORIAL NOTES

With good news coming from three fronts of the war Dominion Day this year will be the best that Canadians have observed since 1930.

A writer in the Financial Post last week made the comment "With Canada's first 'socialist' government now in power for a week, many observers in this province are questioning whether the C. C. F. has converted Saskatchewan to socialism, or whether Saskatchewan has converted the C. C. F."

Russell T. Kelley, of Hamilton, head of one of Canada's important advertising agencies, said in a public address: "The circulation of your newspaper is the cheapest, best and most efficient method of increasing business. Advertising in it will draw business from as far as it circulates."

When Hon. Duncan Marshall was Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, he purchased a bull in Scotland for the O. A. C. at a cost of \$15,000. Hon. Thomas Kennedy, now Minister of Agriculture, has invested \$18,000 in a Scotch bull and we bet that if the C. C. F. gets the reins of power, the bull will be higher and higher whether it comes from Scotland or not.

"You can do more praying in five minutes of a bomb-run than in the rest of your lifetime," said an American flier. Another added: "This business of flying will make a Christian out of you just about as fast as anything can." Unfortunately, there are so many people who never go on a bomb-run to Berlin and thus do not experience the comfort of prayer.—Chesley Enterprise.

"The Dominion Government should return the control of quantity as well as distribution (of liquor) to the provinces." Premier Drew declared in a statement on Monday. "In the interests of goodwill and real temperance the Dominion should immediately step out of the field of regulation." If you want to know what Mr. Drew's ideal of "real temperance" is, just consider his beverage rooms for a starter—is the comment of the Barrie Examiner.

Germany is preparing to put two divisions of women soldiers in the field and it is reported they are concluding their military training now. Soldiers hate to shoot women, but will be compelled to when they are faced by the new German divisions. And probably after the war, the Germans will be talking about our shooting German women. The manpower pot in Germany must have been scraped clean when it is found necessary to have women mobilized for fighting service.—Niagara Falls Review.

ROAD OPENS UP R. C. FARMLAND

VANCOUVER (CP)—Sections of some of British Columbia's finest farm land in the Similkameen area, east and south of Hope, will be opened by a road which the State of Washington plans on building from a valuable timber stand in its northern section, through B. C. to connect with the Hope-Princeton highway.

Starting in the Skagit River area near Cedar River, the road will open a corridor through this province by which Washington timber can be transported to the eastern Washington coast.

The Seattle Light and Power Company plans on constructing a dam at the junction of the Skagit and Cedar Rivers. Such construction would mean flooding a considerable stand of excellent timber. It is for this reason timber interests intend to build the road to take out their product. There is no practical route south of the border. The lumber will move in trucks to head, connecting with the Hope-Princeton highway at Cedar flats and going back to the United States through Hope and Sumas.

The new road will be used by the United States interests only as long as there is timber to be transported.

ADDED WEIGHT

A newly-inducted private wrote his family some few days after he had arrived at camp: "I've gained sixty pounds since I came here, two pounds of flesh and fifty-eight pounds of equipment."

A STRIKING CHARACTER

(Ottawa Journal) General Montgomery is a striking and unusual character. He neither smokes or drinks, does not tolerate fools gladly, those accidentally, but at the same time he dramatizes himself and certainly he is not averse to personal publicity. He is self-confident, aggressive, brusque and abrupt. He gives an impression of impulsiveness. Actually, however, Montgomery is a cautious leader. He will take a chance as readily as anyone if the circumstances demand it—so did in the attack in Tunisia and scored a brilliant win—but his preference for a campaign carefully planned, to the last rifle cartridge, an offensive mounted with deliberate detail and leaving as little as possible to the vagaries of war.

THE ATLANTIC WALL

(Windsor Daily Star) For months before we invaded Europe, there was much worry over reports from Germany of "impenetrable" defense lines being built along the French coast. Many who read the enemy dispatches adopted almost a defeatist attitude, accepting at face value the Nazi claims that any invasion must batter itself to pieces against the "Atlantic Wall." Our men are already past that wall. We should be sensible of the moral effect of this achievement. It should teach us a sense of proportion in considering enemy claims. We should realize that most of their boasts of "secret weapons" and "impenetrable defenses" are merely part of their propaganda campaign.

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