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EDITORIAL

The Plan Finds Favor

Trafalgar is the latest township to adopt the school area plan and now only one township remains in this County where the area is not in effect. It is also reported the area plan is spreading fast in Grey and Bruce Counties. Under the present arrangements of grants and other advantages the plan offers, it does seem that the Area plan is the most efficient way of rural school management. Those townships which have not adopted the area should in fairness to all ratepayers thoroughly investigate the new plan and make inquiry in municipalities where it has been tried for a few years. There is no point in adhering to old systems which have nothing, but their antiquity to commend them.

Nearing the Twelve Million Mark

If Canada had the same rate of increase in population during the past year as it had in the previous year, the nation's population must now be approximately 12,000,000. Figures released at Ottawa recently indicated that the population in June 1943 was 1,812,000 as compared with 11,654,000 in June 1942.

The estimate was based upon the count of the births and deaths recorded and on the counts of the first three ration books issued.

As might be expected, Quebec had the largest increase (67,000), jumping from 3,390,000 to 3,457,000, Ontario being second, increasing by 33,000 from 3,884,000 to 3,917,000. Judging by these figures and keeping in mind the annual increases, it may not be long before Quebec replaces Ontario as the largest province, a fact of which Ontario people should be increasingly aware.

Reforestation Pays

Interest in Canada's forest wealth and its conservation is increasing. Private individuals, municipal councils and provincial forestry departments are undertaking projects to return sub-marginal land unfit for cultivation to forest growth.

The potential value of these projects has several aspects. As a commercial investment reforestation is providing for the expansion of one of Canada's most valuable natural resources. In 1939 forest permitted woods operations to the value of \$157,747,308. Industry involved represented an investment of \$188,000,000, gave employment during the logging season to 277,240 people and distributed more than \$79,000,000 in wages and salaries.

Tourists come to Canada by thousands every year drawn by the scenery, fishing, summer sports for which our forests are the background. Government bureaux are looking forward to a tremendous increase in the volume of the tourist business after the war. Reforestation now is a financial and publicity investment for the future.

Flood control, soil conservation and prevention of erosion are closely linked with reforestation. Moisture is retained in the earth and given better distribution in forested land than in barren areas. It has been found that fields with heavier snow covering because of nearby tree snow fence produce better crops the following year.

What probably counts most with the individual tree planter is pride in possession and growth. He starts with a small group or area and discovers that he is working hand in hand with nature to restore the ravages of man. He adds to the attractiveness of the countryside and finds that additional protection and food attract more wild life.

The widespread interest in restoring land unsuited for farming to forest indicates that the public is concerned and in many cases has started to secure the future of these lands by planting trees.

Post-War Education

Just what will be the status of our educational system after the war is difficult to visualize in these days. The need for youth in various places to supplement the man-power shortage has made the school year as it was defined before the war rather abbreviated either the course of study has suffered or it may be that like other things, the necessity of speed in war times has proven that there are short-cuts and more simplified methods in securing the same training in the shorter period.

At any rate after the war is over young folks are apt to remember these short cuts. It may be impressed on the educationalists too, that there was in our pre-war courses many things that served no useful purpose other than training more people the same thing, but no accomplishment. Just where the standard will find a common meeting place for the youth who secured their education through one or several of the means open and those who have gone through the prescribed courses will be a \$64 question.

It would appear that one of the post war activities or inactivities will be some drastic changes in our educational standards. No doubt many of the short-cuts discovered in wartime will stay. Just at the present time our educational system is in a rather contradictory position.

Holiday Time

These are holiday times for most everyone and those who work on newspapers are just like other folk, who in spite of the intensely interesting nature of their work relish getting away from it for a brief period. The day may come when we will join in the custom that many weekly newspapers have and miss an issue so that a uniform holiday can be had. It may even be that we won't have to arrange any such event but that it too will come under some sort of regulations of some governing body.

However such is not planned or regulated this year and our staff will take holidays at various periods which will not interfere seriously with publication schedules. During this time it may not be possible to render the usual prompt printing service. It would help a lot in publishing the paper if advertisers, and correspondents and everyone would have their copy in the office as early in the week as possible. Errors may creep in more frequently as others assume unfamiliar tasks. Don't be too critical. There may be some other unavoidable occurrences during vacation time, but we know we will have your co-operation and forbearance.

Simple but Efficient

Visiting a farm home recently it was refreshing to meet a couple for whom the filing of the farmer's income tax forms had no fear. It was the first time we had seen the farmer's forms and not knowing the extent of the book-keeping we were hesitant about any comment. In comparison with those of others they seemed fairly simple, provided of course records had been kept.

It was pleasant to learn that on this farm records and books had been kept. We were shown a home-made book with all the farm receipts and expenditures and the various headings were neatly tabulated. We were told that book-keeping had been in practice on that farm for many years and it was found helpful in more ways than for filing income tax papers. Accurate records and attention to all details had been helpful in discharging the mortgage on this farm.

The system employed was one that was easily understood. Perhaps there are prepared books now available prepared by experts, but we liked the simplicity of this one that had by years of experience been found practical. A little study would allow any couple to make up such a book. Without a doubt it would be interesting and helpful, even if it only gave that feeling that was in that home "that farmers had little to complain about in the income tax return."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Those speed limit signs on No. 25 take on a new significance since the road has been improved. 40 miles an hour can be done.

Family allowances do not come into effect until next Dominion Day. Another postponement and our family will have grown up without this benefit.

The roses have passed the best of their bloom and the strawberries are on the last pickings, but it's great to have had the aroma and beauty and the refreshing of appetites again.

With the close of schools, vacations are being planned by many. In these days the vacation is bound to be more restful than in the days of a few years back when it was popular with many folks to see how much road could be covered in a given week or two week period and get back on the job in time to punch the clock at the day after holidays.

"We expect to see a decidedly Progressive government in Saskatchewan, but we do not expect to see a very Socialistic one," says the Editor of Toronto Saturday Night. "If Mr. Douglas' government were to do anything strongly anti-capitalistic it would alarm not only a great many of the people who voted for it in Saskatchewan, but also a great many more of the people whom the CCF wants to vote for it all over the Dominion."



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