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EDITORIAL

Who is the Referee?

The elections are over in Acton for 1945. The vote of the electors has been recorded and their decision has been made. What will be done with the decision remains to be divulged. The point that appears most peculiar is that in every type of contest a referee, umpire or judge is appointed before the contest to see that the event is carried out in accord with the rules laid down. Even a horse race has some one to make a decision on the outcome. There may be such an individual whose duty it is to make decisions in municipal elections, but if there is no one seems to be able to recall who is the individual or board of judges.

The irregularity in Acton elections is public knowledge. We have no regret in that we helped to inform the public before the voting. It will be an interesting point to electors generally to find the referee.

Or can it be that with all the municipal legislation on the statute books that this appointment has been overlooked? It certainly should not be the obligation of a defeated candidate to start any proceedings. But who is the referee in municipal affairs whose duty it is to see that the game is played according to the rules?

No Point in Indecision

It is rather interesting to note that while Halton County Council had the information the matter of a County Assessor was shelved until next year. Such was not the case in Peel County where at the last meeting Ainslie Sherman was engaged as supervising assessor at a salary of \$2,000 a year with an office in Brampton and a car allowance of \$500 yearly. Under the plan in Peel County we learn that assessor's reports of the various municipalities will come under the supervision of the new appointee and it is hoped that by this plan an equitable equalization will be struck in which no town or township will have a grievance. It may be asking too much but such an arrangement is worth hoping for.

Just why Halton County deferred action in the matter is not quite clear. It would seem that most of the Councillors favored the plan. Certainly if delay is continued the county will face the expense of an equalization. We note that in Peel, Toronto Township appealed against the equalization assessment and this appeal resulted in Council giving serious consideration to the plan of appointing a supervising assessor.

Perhaps it will be necessary for some municipality in Halton to appeal the equalized assessment before Halton County Council will give the matter serious consideration. But if the plan is right in the final analysis why delay making the change?

Our Fighting Forests

The productive forests of Canada, covering more than 770,000 square miles, have always been one of her greatest assets. In peace, lumbering and associated industries made an immense contribution to the economic life of the Dominion and placed her high among the wood and wood-product exporters of the world. In war they contributed greatly to the striking power of the Allies in many different ways.

Hundreds of millions of board feet of Canadian lumber have been used in construction of boats, barges and emergency training structures since war began. From Canadian red pine came the famed all-wood Mosquito bomber which is over Germany nightly. Pulpwood and cellulose, both used extensively in war, came from the Canadian woods.

Canadian forests have truly gone to war. And with science discovering new processing methods for wood, a great era is promised for timber stands and lumbermen after the war. Perfection of wood plas-

tics, substitution of wood for certain metals, wider use of prefabricated building and plywood will add to the peacetime demands Canada's lumber industry can expect.

But first the Dominion must continue to meet the war-born emergency of a manpower shortage and increased overhead that has arisen in lumbering as in other wartime industries.

Canada's lumber production dropped more than 300,000,000 board feet during the period from 1941 to 1943 and steps were taken to provide more woodmen. Special labor priorities were granted the lumbering industry. Farmers were urged to go into the woods in winter. Even prisoners of war were put to work and the lumber price and subsidy structure was revised.

All these factors helped greatly in keeping the Dominion's wood production from falling to a dangerous low. But we are not yet over the hump and new appeals are at present being made for men in the woods. It is expected that during 1944, requirements of the United Kingdom and the combat areas for Canadian timber and wood products will increase greatly and every effort is being made to 'hold the line' on the timber front at home.

Men who now go, new and unskilled, into the forests to help lumbering over its wartime difficulties, will be aiding a vital industry to do its full war share and to keep in competitive trim for post-war years.

No Time for Wrangling

Summarizing the re-inforcement issue in Canada the Financial Post makes this sound comment:

"Canadians should look coolly and clearly at the government's proposed solution of the Army reinforcement issue. The issue at the bottom of this whole tragic and debilitating crisis has been, from the first, tangled up in side issues, personal antipathies, and poorly disguised manoeuvrings for party advantage. Two facts stand out clearly.

"1. The Government has now introduced overseas conscription. Arrangements have been definitely made to send 16,000 men overseas now and to send more over later, as required, by Order-in-Council. This arrangement gives Canada the immediate realizable advantages of conscription. The number of men military authorities say are needed are being provided.

"2. An election at this time would be a calamity. There is still a vital job of war-winning to do—as the reinforcement issue has made very clear. This is not a time when Canada can afford the luxury of election wrangling; when she can tolerate any interference with the work of the war-making machinery which has so laboriously been built up.

Very Comforting

During the recent controversy of sending drafted soldiers overseas many telegrams and resolutions were forwarded to members of parliament and government leaders but we found the prize one in a neighboring exchange last week. It's so good it will stand repeating: "At a meeting of the Women's Progressive Conservative Association, of Burlington, Halton county, held this evening, it was moved and unanimously approved that we express to you our deep anxiety as to the results of present session; but assure you of our unwavering confidence in the decisions of you and your associates."

The telegram was sent to Hon. John Bracken and addressed to Ottawa. Truly the honorable gentleman must have been greatly cheered by such unswerving loyalty in whatever session he was in at Ottawa and whatever decisions he did not have to make. To a stranger in a strange land it was indeed an act of consolation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The days for Christmas shopping are fewer and the selection of gifts more difficult. No we haven't our Christmas shopping done yet either.

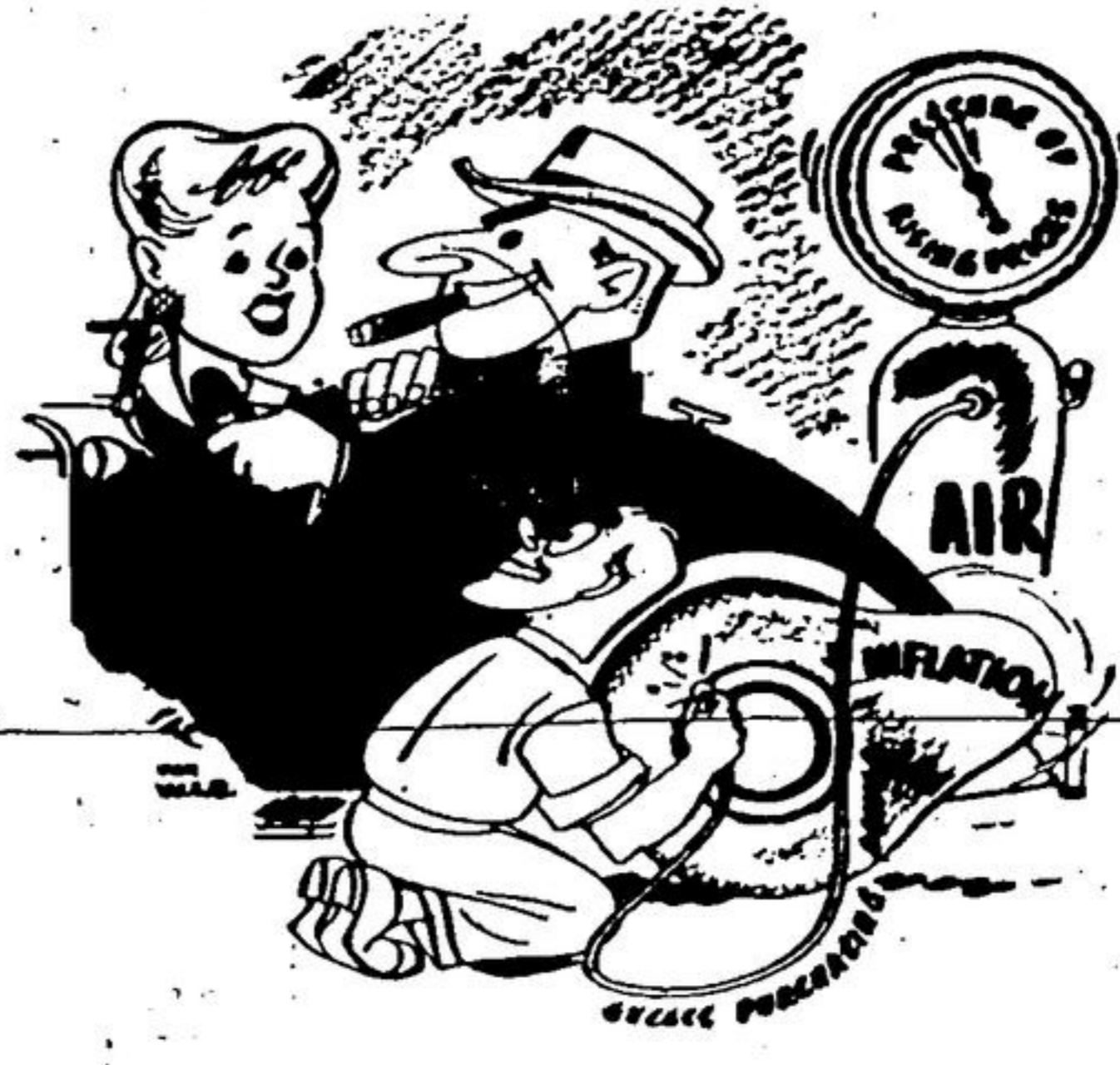
The Ontario Provincial Government has at last come out with a statement that all liquor stores, beer warehouses and beverage rooms, will be closed on V-Day, when victory in Europe is achieved.

"We shall only save ourselves from what might be only an armistice between two frightful struggles by maintaining a sense of urgent crisis and by keeping united and alert in the face of it."—Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, U. K. High Commissioner.

A newspaper report gives the information that the C. C. F. will appeal to the electors on a 10-point program. The point system has slipped since Ontario electors were offered 22 points and even then weren't too definite in making a decision.

In a day when prices in Canada are under control, we possibly do not altogether appreciate our blessings until we read that drinking water sells at \$1 per bottle in Italy; that lemonade is \$2 a bottle in China, and iced milk \$2.50 a glass.

Too many bike riders are forgetting traffic rules . . . riding two on a bike, three and four abreast and wandering about on the highway. Careless riders are constantly flirting with danger and the law. Powell River (B.C.) News. Apparently the practice is Dominion-wide.



Market For Surplus Beef in 1945

Producers of beef in Canada are assured of a market for all surplus beef in Britain for the year 1945, states Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture. He was referring to the statement made in the British House of Commons on November 15th by the Minister of Food, to the effect that Canada will supply a minimum of 50,000,000 lbs. of beef in 1944 and 1945, but that the United Kingdom will purchase a minimum of 112,000,000 lbs. in 1944, 134,000,000 lbs. in 1945, and will be glad to take additional amounts available.

Mr. Gardiner explained "It has been the policy of the Dominion Government since early in the war to have a clause in the agreements with Britain read 'not less than' a given number of pounds. The beef agreement was the first departure from this in that a maximum as well as a minimum was set. The statement made by Colonel Llewellyn removes the maximum limitation and in effect says to Canadian producers there is a market in Britain for all surplus beef for the year 1945."

PRIMITIVE FARM TOOLS

As showing the wide diversity of agricultural practices in the world, the farmers of the now historic island of Guam in the Pacific carry on their work with primitive tools. The two principal tools are a long-bladed knife, known as a machete, and the "fosino" — a small hand-forged tool which is used as a shuffle hoe on a long handle. It is also used for clearing land for planting, in preparing the seed bed, and in cultivating the crop by the occasional removal of weeds, with a simultaneous stirring of the surface soil. It also has a variety of other farm uses.

In the rice fields, one-handed, iron breaking ploughs are used and a favorite cultivator is a locally made harrow with wooden spikes, which is employed after the field has been first ploughed and flooded in preparation for setting out the rice seedlings. The plough and the harrow are drawn by a carabao, the native name for a water buffalo. Originally a native of India, the water buffalo was domesticated and is now found in most Eastern countries.

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| MACARONI | 1 lb. | 5c |
| PEEL | 1 lb. | 20c |
| BEANS | 2 lbs. | 11c |
| ALF | 2 lbs. | 25c |

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| Beets or Carrots | 19c |
| PRAIRIE NUTS | 2 lbs. 19c |
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| PEAS | 2 lbs. 21c |
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| Daily, except Sunday | 7:48 p.m. |
| Monday, only | 12:08 a.m. |
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| Flyer, at Georgetown, daily except Sat. and Sun. | 6:25 p.m. |
| Flyer, at Guelph, daily except Sat. and Sun. | 7:12 p.m. |
| Georg East | |
| Daily, except Sunday | 6:49 a.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 9:26 a.m. |
| Daily, except Sunday | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, only | 8:19 p.m. |
| Flyer, daily, Georgetown | 9:29 p.m. |
| Flyer, daily, at Guelph | 9:59 p.m. |

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