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EDITORIAL

Beclouding Canada's Contribution

The governments of Canada and England have faced crises during the past week and both have been sustained by overwhelming votes of confidence. Of course even after the votes have been recorded the sniping still continues by those who have nothing to do but snipe.

In these days when those who are heading the country's war effort and carrying heavy burdens are called away from their task to waste time and effort on these hecklers, it does not help the war effort. Those who followed the debate in the House of Commons here in Canada could certainly not be duly impressed with the opposition tactics that were shown, and the lack of constructive leadership in what was once an influential and respected Conservative party.

The numerous attempts to put politics first at every turn rather than the war effort and the leadership given by a man who has held that position for two years and has not yet taken a spat in parliament, was indeed a sorry spectacle. While we do not lean to the C. C. F. platform we do at least have some admiration for the leadership of Mr. Coldwell in comparison with the two-horse exhibition of the official opposition.

The question before the House was a simple one: "That this House will aid the government in its policy of maintaining a vigorous war effort." In the final stage, after a week's debate, three words were deleted, "in its policy." If any Canadian were asked to support such a question on the street he would invariably answer, "Sure." Most folks bought Victory Bonds to aid in maintaining a vigorous war effort and have done a lot of other things solely for that purpose. But not so when it comes to opposition groups. They are opposed to everything the government proposes.

Folks outside of Canada can't understand all the ridicule that has been heaped on Prime Minister King by this opposition group. The New York Times says:

"The third element in the situation has been the personality of Prime Minister King. Those who, in other countries, have learned to admire him for his sagacity and his smile would be surprised to find how intensely he is disliked in some sections of his own country. During all this controversy he has had to sit and hear himself called a 'traitor' by Quebecers because he finally consented to overseas conscription and denounced by his opponents because he did not do it sooner.

"His defense has been that he put Canadian unity first, but when he found the army in danger he felt that he had to put its safety first. To any impartial observer it would seem a reasonable attitude, but the emotions stirred by the alarm that was felt when the shortage of infantry reinforcements was first reported and the conflict of racial and political attachments that has been developed in the debate have ended by clouding all that he has done to make Canada's contribution in war so great and so united. As he said, conscription has become the symbol of total effort and all else is forgotten."

The Canadian government led by Prime Minister Mackenzie King has given splendid leadership to Canada in a total war effort. No man in public life to-day could have sustained the unity of Canada as he has in these troublesome times. It is significant that a so-called Union Government failed in the last war. It's also significant that when given the opportunity those opposed backed away from the task and refused to shoulder the burden. It would be well if those who have done so little to aid would now refrain from clouding all that Canada has done to make a great contribution to the war effort.

The County Assessor Plan

Simcoe county is to have a county Assessor. This was decided at the November meeting of the County Council of that county, but the appointment of the official was left to be made by the 1945 Council. Since Halton has the plan under consideration the benefits hoped for from such an appointment as summarized by W. S. McKay in the Municipal World will prove of interest to our readers. They are here-with reproduced.

- 1. The assessment in each local municipality is made after an inspection of the property and all relevant factors noted. Guesswork is eliminated.
2. The facts are recorded on field sheets and cards in detail.
3. There is a uniform system of records throughout all municipalities of the county.
4. The properties so recorded are classified.
5. Unit values of assessment are set up for each class of property and the same standards of value applied throughout the county.
6. County assessors through supervision of local assessors is constantly watchful to see that the same standards of valuation are applied throughout and that local assessors are agreed on the application of these standards. He constitutes an active, constant, equalizing factor throughout the year so that when his report is made to the county council at the end of May or June little if anything should remain to be done by the county council to equalize county assessments.
7. Legal costs in connection with equalization appeals are saved and one of the chief causes of discord removed.
8. Local assessors are likely to be paid a more adequate remuneration by reason of additional work required of them in setting up the new system.
9. Lands which have been missed and not assessed have been found in many cases under this improved system, which includes the use of assessment maps.
10. The best method of obtaining equalization of county assessments is through the appointment of a county assessor and supplying him with the necessary records and assistance. This will assure to individual taxpayers throughout the county a fairer distribution of the tax burden.

While the foregoing are the benefits expected to be derived from the appointment of a county assessor the following also deserves consideration. In answer to a questionnaire sent to the county clerk of each county asking how much equalization proceedings had cost the county in the past twenty years, Replies from 28 counties indicated a total cost of \$209,919.10. The highest figure for the twenty-year period 30,000.00. The lowest figure for the twenty-year period 300.00. The average cost per county for the twenty-year period on the basis of these figures 8,073.81. The average cost per county per year 403.69.

Mr. McKay points out that a distinction should be made between the costs to the county itself and the costs to local municipalities where there had been an equalization appeal and legal costs were incurred by the local municipalities involved. So for greater safety in arriving at an outside figure he suggests an average cost per county per year of \$800 for equalization—double what is allowed in the foregoing figures. Total allowance to the four present county assessors for salary and expenses averages \$2,900.

Know Your Neighbor

Now and again you run into a person who is forever criticizing other folk. If you bother to talk to a misanthrope like this—which you shouldn't—you ought to ask him whether he really knows the people he finds fault with. Has he dined with them, chatted over the back fence, or gone fishing with them? Usually you'll find he hasn't.

The same goes for nations. Nine times out of ten when one nation blasts the pants off another (barring enemy countries, of course, which makes it proper) it is due to ignorance. The other time it is probably due to sheer cussedness—looking for trouble. Ignorance, prejudice and lies cause enmities between folks on the same street or in the same office. And they cause wars between nations.

That is why this move for world-wide freedom of news may be a real help in trying to corral the Lasting Peace that is always eluding us. The idea is that nations should be able to exchange their news without interference and that no government of big interest should be allowed to get control of a nation's news.

It is a big order to put this into effect. Canada and the United States have a free press and no two countries know each other more intimately or get along better. If the Germans and the Italians and the Japs knew what we were like—without a dictator-controlled press distorting the picture—they might not be so anxious to argue with explosives.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Looks as if the skating for the young people here this year would again be out-of-doors. Surely the wool storage problem will soon permit return of the arena for the purpose for which it was intended.

With the store windows and signs lighted once again and the restrictions off for some Christmas decorative lighting, some of the pre-war appearance of the Yuletide season returns. Now if the boys were only back home again.

The editor of the Elora Express, Mrs. Katharine Marston marked last week her third year in guiding the home paper in Elora. She has made a splendid success of her task and Elora may well be proud of the fine representative it has in the weekly newspaper field.

Congratulations are in order to our neighboring town of Georgetown on winning the plaque presented for the district in Halton subscribing the greatest percentage of its quota in the seventh Victory Loan. The presentation was made last week to Mayor Harold Cleave and Reeve Howard May.



WOMEN AND WEIGHT LIFTING

In a memorandum issued today to Ontario's production plants by the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, there is an article dealing with weight lifting by women workers. It says in part: "Set statements of what women can lift are apt to be misleading. Compactness of the load, levels of lifting, and other factors, as well as individual differences make any estimate a 'rough approximate' only. Some authorities argue that the most economical load for a woman is 35 per cent of her body weight, others suggest 40 per cent. There is reason to think that 40 per cent is too high for growing girls. The constant carriage of heavy loads may develop a deformity in a growing girl and it is well to submit individual problems of weight lifting to your plant medical man," the memo advises.

VITAMINS SHOW IN PIG'S EYE

NEW YORK (CP) — A number of deformities in animals, due to lack of vitamins are reported in Nutrition Reviews, a monthly publication of the Nutrition Foundation, Inc., New York City. Some of these deformities are common in human beings, others not. Whether similar vitamin deficiencies account for any of the human deformities is not known. It should be noted that humans probably seldom or never are subjected to a severe vitamin deficiency as cause the deformities reported in animals. Pigs whose mothers lack vitamin A have been born without eyeballs, with harelips, and cleft palates, extra ears, misplaced kidneys and missing legs. Cows fed poor quality roughages low in vitamin A sometimes give birth to blind calves. Hens on a diet lacking something unidentified in wheat germ, liver and whey-lay eggs which hatch into chickens with shortened skulls. Deficiency in riboflavin a B vitamin, causes reduced size in the embryos in eggs laid by hens with this deficiency. Among rats, lack of riboflavin results in cleft palates, shortening of some bones, and fusion of fingers and toes.

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP) — Prospects that oil be discovered near here are brighter than for some time according to a spokesman for a company now engaged in drilling. A well has been sunk in the middle of Hillsborough Bay, making it Canada's only submarine oil development.

CARROLL'S

Advertisement for Carroll's groceries featuring various products and prices: LARD 2 1/2 lbs. 27c, PUMPKIN 2 No. 2 1/2 23c, FLOUR 7-lb. 29c, 24-lb. 84c, SYRUP 5-lb. tin 53c, STARCH 10c, POWDER 16-oz. tin 19c, MOLASSES 1c, JUICE 20-oz. tin 14c, COFFEE 1-lb. tin 35c, FLAKES 1c, BEETS 16-oz. tin 19c, BEANS 7c, NUTS 1c, SOUP 2 Tins 15c, PEAS 2 20-oz. tins 23c, WAX TABLE TURNIPS 4 lbs. for 10c, FIRM ICEBERG LETTUCE Large Head 15c, MALAGA GRAPES Per lb. 25c, FRESH SPINACH Per lb. 10c.

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