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EDITORIAL

Important Elections

Municipal Nominations this week and elections
being held the week following shape up as the most
important in years. They are important not only
because municipal government is one of the founda-
tion stones of our system of democracy, but be-
cause the mayors, reeves and councils who will hold
office in 1946 may be entrusted with the greatest
municipal capital expenditure program in Canadian
history.

They will have to make up for six years of war
when most municipal councils abandoned all but the
most essential public works projects because of the
shortages of labor and materials. They are faced
with installing sewage, housing and other post-war
problems in urgent need of early solution.

The need for men with the vision, the honesty and
the administrative ability to solve these problems
lends an added incentive to municipal electors to get
out and nominate and vote and nominate and vote
wisely.

The problems of municipal government have
grown with the years, particularly in urban centres.
The taxation system—a levy on real property—has
remained unchanged while there has been a gradual
widening of the basis of expenditure chiefly through
assumption of part of the cost of many social services.

Generally, residents in small municipalities take
a keener interest in municipal elections than those in
larger centres. They know the candidates personally,
know their capabilities and their shortcomings and are generally better informed on
municipal affairs. They are not influenced by any touch
of machine politics which may creep into elections in big cities.

A regrettable apathy toward municipal elections developed during the war when hearts and minds
were centred elsewhere and when the actions of the
Dominion government personally affected the lives
of all Canadians. But the war is over, the emphasis
is coming back to local government and a keen ap-
preciation of the fact is essential to the national
welfare. Get out to-morrow night at the municipal
nominations.

Why Not All Canadians?

It was interesting to note in the news from
Ottawa last week that "general support" was given
to motion for introduction of a resolution which
will grant a non-taxable increase of \$2000 annually
in the indemnity of members who now receive \$1000
that is taxable. It appears this item will find general
support from all parties and the debate will be
short, and the vote almost unanimous.

We have no argument against a \$1000 salary for
members of the House of Commons. When we look
at the salaries paid professional players of games,
movie stars and many others, it seems that the job
of running Canada should pay \$1000 a year even
if it takes 245 to argue out some seeming trivial
question. A member who does his duty may well
earn that salary. Elections being what they are, it
is a well-known fact that the indemnity is not all
clear for any member.

The point to which we take exception is that the
fifty per cent. increase is to be non-taxable. That
is manifestly unfair to every salaried worker who
now pays tax on everything from \$600 or \$1200 up,
according to whether the person is single or married.
When legislation for the Dominion of Canada is
being brought in it should be applicable to every
Canadian rich, poor, or member of parliament. No
one likes taxes. We have suffered them to win the
war and keep Canada strong financially, not to give
any class special privilege.

Until the Dominion government is prepared to
give every Canadian exemption from taxes on sal-
aries up to \$2000, legislators have no right to ar-

range such exemption for themselves. We don't
recall any mention of such an item in the platform
of any of the parties at the elections in June. It
wouldn't have been popular then and it isn't popular
now. Taxpayers will pay that fifty per cent. increase
in indemnities and if Canada is financially able to
raise indemnities the country can well afford to
arrange \$2000 non taxable for all Canadians. We've
heard a lot about equality of service for six years.
It will be interesting to follow the debate (if there
is one) on this "non taxable" salary increase. It's
not going to help settle reconversion problems more
easily unless it's viewed in a broad sense.

Relaxing Controls

Do we realize that Canada's cost of living has
risen less than that of any other country? Canadians
are the best fed people in the world. Because of
everyone's co-operation, our government was able
to subsidize essentials such as milk and oranges,
making the necessities available to all. One hears
on all sides: "The war's over now. Why doesn't the
government get busy and remove these controls?"
But are we the people of Canada ready for the
lifting of controls?

"Aw, Dad," begged Jimmy, "let me have the car
all by myself, just once." His dad yielded to him.
He got the car. What a wonderful feeling of power
to have his hands on the wheel and no one to check
him! But Jimmy raced the car through a red light.
Now Jimmy is in the hospital while a mechanic tows
away the wreck and dad pays the bill.

Are we mature enough to have unrestricted buying
power put into our hands. Have we the inner
control necessary? Or will we indulge in an orgy of
spending, race through the red light of inflation and
land up in the hospital. Depression? A sound
economy depends on sound people, people who give
honest measure whether in weight or work, who
care about their neighbors, whose policy is not
"grab" and "get."

To quote Donald Gordon, Chairman of the Wartime
Prices and Trade Board: "In the reconversion
of our economy each segment of the economic structure
has its part to play and every citizen will have
to bring all his intelligence and realism to bear on
the task." How long the controls will last will depend
on the degree of restraint shown by the public
in the use of accumulated purchasing power."

Through disciplined use of controls comes our
opportunity to show that our patriotism is not a
feeble flame but a burning passion. Our dollars
properly spent can help to build confidence, enter-
prise and national security. So shall such a spirit
grow within all Canadians that, when controls are
relaxed, there shall have been bred in us the con-
sciousness of our individual responsibility in our
country's economy.

"Shakedown" in Quebec

A pretty sorry mess in Quebec provincial politics
is disclosed by Blair Fraser in the current issue of
Maclean's Magazine. Fraser charges that many
Quebec tavern keeps were asked to contribute \$500
each to the funds of the Union Nationale Party (now
in power in the province) before their licenses were
renewed. Some who did not pay, reports Fraser,
no longer had licenses.

In bringing this glaring shakedown into the open,
Mr. Fraser has done both the country and Quebec
province a public service. It is to be hoped that the
resulting publicity will force prompt investigation
and clean up with drastic punishment for those
public officials who have been attempting this sort
of blackmail. (Financial Post)

Not Enough Jobs to Go Round

Last week, according to the Financial Post, the
reconversion deficit for jobs which had been reated
for several weeks finally hit official statistics which
show for Canada as a whole 13,000 more job seekers
than jobs, compared with a surplus of 12,000 in
previous reports. More important than the size of
the job deficit was its concentration. Montreal
Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver each had
more than a thousand more applicants than vacancies.
But in five of Canada's 15 major cities there
were still lots going begging. Halifax, where 3,021
applicants compared with 3,446 unfilled jobs, Kitchener
where 1,281 jobs were offered with only 1,170 takers; London, with 1,300 job seekers, 1,155 jobs;
Ottawa, 2,125 jobs, 1,820 applicants; Edmonton, 2,298
jobs, 2,055 job seekers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dinner isn't a meal where everyone seeks
a place but an ensemble where everyone takes part.

There can't be much complaint that this has been
a splendid fall unless it comes from those who are
anxious to enjoy the use of the arena in hockey and
skating again.

Congratulations are not only due Halton County
for the splendid showing in the Ninth Victory Loan
but to our neighboring town of Georgetown for the
fine showing of reaching 243 per cent. of the
objective set.

To-morrow night is Nomination Night and a
night when every citizen of Acton should pay par-
ticular attention to the community's affairs. The
next year or so will see some big strides in municipal
changes and spending.

**DRAB RATS?
GAY COATS?**

LONDON (CP)—The drabdest rats
can have a gay coat if it submits to
the administrations of scientists who
claim that their derivative of the
chemical atoxizine will give abino
rats ("football jerseys") of symmetrical
white and yellow stripes, and is also
capable of turning rat pelts to such
shades as sky-blue.

The chemical can be administered
by injections or in the rats' food.
The experiments, by Dr. Alexander
Haddow and K. M. Ruddall, are de-
scribed in the magazine *Endeavour*.

NEWFOUNDLAND CROSSINGS

SORTEL, Que. (CP)—A hundred
French-Canadian sailors are making
an unusual Atlantic crossing, manning
two tugs and four dredges which
are being towed to France. They are
going from Sorrel to St. Nazaire and
probably will make the slowest At-
lantic crossing in modern seafaring
history.

The most densely populated politi-
cal unit in the world is the province of
Kwangsi, in China, with a population
of 16,000,000 in 41,000 square miles.

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Daily, except Sunday		7:48 p.m.
Monday, only		12:00 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday		1:24 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.
Sunday, only		8:19 p.m.
Flyer, daily, Georgetown		9:25 p.m.
Flyer, daily, at Guelph		8:50 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

S. COACHES LEAVE ACTON	
Eastbound	
16:45 a.m., 17:45 a.m., 9:16 a.m.	
11:51 a.m., 2:06 p.m., 5:16 p.m.; 6:26 p.m.; 9:06 p.m., 11:11 p.m.	
12:45 a.m., 1:45 a.m., 2:45 a.m.	
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1:10 a.m., 1:11 a.m., 2:35 p.m.	
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COFFEE	14c, 25c
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COFFEE	41c
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