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## EDITORIAL

Monday—Decision Day

On Monday Acton ratepayers will go to the polls to make important decisions. Not in the past twenty-five years has such an important question come up for their verdict. Property owners will decide whether the time has come that Acton will take a forward step and sanction the installation of a sewage system and a sewage disposal plant when materials and labor are available.

Twenty-five years ago Acton installed a water works system. The years have proven that the step was in the right direction and there are few people who would say otherwise. Ratepayers of both Milton and Georgetown have already given approval of such a step and will be ready for the work when it can be done. If Acton is to keep step and be attractive to manufacturers and home owners, it certainly cannot afford to decide against this installation at this time. Twenty-five years of use of the soil to absorb the water pumped into town day in and day out has the land saturated. In many parts of the town health conditions require action promptly to meet the disposal problem.

If you believe Acton should continue to progress and flourish, if you believe in keeping the community abreast of the times you will vote "Yes" on the question on Monday.

On that day you will also choose the Reeve and Council who will plan, and prepare, and perhaps start the installation of this forward step. Monday is a decisive day for Acton electors. Consider well the interests of your municipality when you make your decisions.

### In the Homes of To-Morrow

For years, housing men have dreamed of putting all the "machinery" of a house in one factory-built piece, all the equipment needed for the bath, the kitchen, the laundry and the heating plant. If all that equipment could be built and installed in one piece, preferably on an assembly line, one of the biggest barriers to building a truly modern house at low cost would be overcome.

Only a few days ago in Leaside, Ont., the dream was seen in the flesh: one well-knit assembly on a steel base plate, incorporating every last bit of basic equipment in the modern home, from an oil-fired warm air conditioning heating system, to an electric kitchen clock, fluorescent lights, electric washer, stove and refrigerator.

The factory built unit is about the size of a couple of automobiles side-by-side. Anchored on the one base plate are at the centre, an oil burning warm air furnace with automatic controls, also a complete piping system for the house, a hot water tank and electric service intake. The main switch and fuse box is also at the centre. Flanking the core on one side, a modern electrical kitchen assembly with refrigerator, range, sink, cabinets, clock and fluorescent lighting over work areas; on another working side, laundry tubs, electric washer, more cupboards; on the bathroom side, standard plumbing fixtures comprising built-in bath with shower, basin and toilet, more fluorescent lighting, shelves, cupboards and mirrors.

The "Utility" deluxe model seen by the experts last week is tentatively ticketed at around \$1,800. When large-scale production gets going in a few months hence, this price may be toned down to somewhere around \$1,500.

### Union—How?

"The only defense against atomic bombs is the organization of a world in which no one has the slightest desire to drop atomic bombs on anyone else," said Stephen King-Hall, condensed in the November issue of Reader's Digest. "No truer, more profound or clearer statement on the question has been made,

But what of the conclusion given—"World Government or World Destruction?" Would putting the nations under a world government give them less desire to drop bombs on each other than they had before? Has any other form of formal union—marriage articles of incorporation the Government of the Dominion made people any less self-willed and antagonistic?

If married people never threw plates at each other, if workers and employers in the same company never pulled off strikes or lockouts, if we were not now upon the verge of a new conflict over the control of industry we might think that a union of the nations would really unite them and give the answer to atomic bombs.

Until we find the answer to divorce, however, to bitterness in industry and to mud slinging in Parliament, a proposal for world government just dodges the real issue. The real question is not "Union Now" but union how?

The tragedy is that this question has been answered and goes unrecognized. Men have found the answer to divided homes, friction in industry and national disagreement. They have found it when together they turn to God and find a sudden unexpected freedom from the selfishness which caused their differences.

Lincoln was right. A nation cannot exist half free and half slave. And the London Conference has just shown that neither can a world. But nations and the world can together, find freedom from the fear, hate and greed which cause them to fly at each others throats. Men who, under God, have found this real unity, can make their example so revolutionary and appealing that it sweeps across the world. Then no one will want to drop bombs on anyone else. Any lesser solution is and will always remain a Utopian dream.

### Paper-Backed World

This world has never stood so badly in need of the interchange of ideas and the understanding of differing views. If peace is to continue citizens of every country must learn the views of the other fellow, learn that he isn't necessarily an enemy because he has a different concept of government.

Ideas, if they are to reach across the seas and the continents, must travel on paper. And the world which sees democracy at work in Canada looks also to the Dominion for a great part of raw material of world understanding paper.

Canada produces a third of the world's supply of newsprint, the stuff on which this newspaper is printed, the stuff on which the smallest and the largest newspapers in the world are printed.

Worth more than Canada's exports of wheat, gold or any other commodity, Canadian pulp and paper sells abroad in a normal year to the value of about \$150,000,000. Most of it is taken by the United States and Britain but as democracy, popular education, a free press and economic progress extend countries throughout the world are bound to make increasing demands on Canadian forests.

Nineteenths of our forests are publicly owned and licensing research, transport and taxation policies have much to do with the way the woods are worked. Farm wood lots are important sources of wood for pulp and paper and of cash to farmers. Public policies which will discover all the main facts about our forests and then encourage the scientific application of these findings in the light of experience in other countries will do much to ensure the leadership of Canada as a paper country.

That leadership is important to all Canadians. Nearly one quarter of all the things we buy abroad—china from England, oranges from California, sugar from the Caribbean and so on—we get in exchange for Canadian forestry products.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

It's right to pull for a good man but far better to pull with him.

Canada is spending 350 million dollars annually on beverage alcohol. Never did so many give so much to so few for so little.

Monday is municipal election day. Get out and vote. Surely you have that much interest in the affairs of your own community.

It's only twenty-six days until Christmas and we wish you all success in your search for gifts. For your own sake try the local stores first.

The weekly newspaper field lost a remarkable figure when death removed from the work Arthur Wesley, editor of the Bruce Herald and Times. He vigorously supported high principles in the social and community life. His originality in writing and his nose for a news story made him an editor remarkable in his day.

Two weeks after being expropriated by the CCF Government—the Prince Albert Box Factory raised prices of some products to consumers. An announcement has been made that kindling and sawn slabs and edgings, by-products of the plant, have been raised 77 and 27 percent, respectively. Kindling formerly sold at \$2.25 a rack delivered, is now \$4.50 a rack. Slabs and edgings, formerly \$4.75 a cord are now \$6 a cord.

### REMEDY FOR HARD TIMES

"Wear out your shoes, not your breeches." This was the advice given by a business leader during the years of the depression. He expressed the thought that energy in seeking business and new outlets for goods, are a great factor in difficult times.

The Canadian people have been doing considerable worrying as to how they are to meet the problems of the postwar period. One reason for feel-

ing that they will solve such problems is the energy which is displayed by business leaders and management. They will not face the postwar problems in any spirit of畏缩; und business comes to them. They will go out to get the business and if it is to be had by persistent search and solicitation, they will get it and provide work for the people.

The Canadian business man is a hustler, and he is not going to let his plant and his work people lie idle. If he can see any way possible to provide employment for them,

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