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EDITORIAL

An Emergency Co-operatively Met

We were keenly interested in the co-operative action that met and dealt very effectively with the emergency which arose in Acton on Saturday when the municipal water supply was contaminated. As a result of this fine spirit of all working together the inconvenience was negligible.

We would not dare to attempt to enumerate all the groups that co-operated to meet the emergency because omissions would be innumerable, but we do feel that citizens as a whole owe a vote of thanks to all those who spent long hours on Saturday night and all day Sunday in order that the whole community would have an adequate supply of water for all purposes. If you are tempted to complain at the inconvenience, we suggest you reflect before voicing criticism at anyone and find out the details and undoubtedly your criticism will turn to thankfulness.

We hope we have told the story effectively enough in the news article that all readers may grasp the point of this editorial comment.

An Untried Angle

To many it may seem strange that in all the negotiations, arbitrations, conferences and what-not set up by governments to settle labor differences, there has been no suggestion that lowering the income tax might be helpful. There have been plenty of intimations that workers were interested primarily in the amount of "take-home" pay but the employer (and ultimately the consumer) has been the one from whom the concession was secured. In view of the fact that members of parliament at the last session inaugurated the policy that they required \$2000 of tax-free salary it seems only logical that in this session they would get around to applying the same principle to other Canadians.

The present exemption standards of \$600 and \$1200 are not in keeping with the present wage salary and the cost of living. When the change is made the fair policy should be to pay income only on that portion earned over \$2000. It is rather interesting to note that the members of the Ontario Legislature are considering raising their indemnities too. Figures mentioned in reports are \$1000 and \$100 per month for the calendar year - not just for the months of the session.

Citizens of the province and of the Dominion await with keen interest the actions that elected members will make in the sessions now in progress - whether they will be all inclusive or just "me too." Much has been written about inflation, rationing, controls, etc but as always action speak much louder than words.

As We Felt It

Most of our readers know the regularity of our travel between Acton and Milton and therefore the query is not unusual, "How's the second line?" But of course we all know that's not the proper title but rather "King's Highway No. 25." And of course there's another wording that gives the impression it is cared for by the Department of Highways of the Province of Ontario.

As we bumped along last Friday, gripping the wheel not particularly for steering purposes but more to maintain a proper driving posture, we thought how it might be described and we recall that from Acton to the Fryer farm is all pretty much the same, full of bumps, and requires slow driving. For the next half mile one can accelerate sufficiently to beat Stewart Elliott's dog as it races alongside the car. But there's a bad spot or two before Speyside is reached.

From Speyside around the curves you have only a few jolts, but fairly hearty ones and you can go fairly well down the hill and up to Billy Hampshire's farm. But after passing this farm, slow down be-

cause here are some of the worst frost bolls in the whole twelve miles. From there to No. 5 sideroad there are odd stretches of highway free from bumps but few of them of any length.

From No. 5 sideroad there's a surprise in every moment and a series of jolty bumps. Any dog could have a swell run along this stretch using a car for pacing. Round the corner and the immediate approach to Milton is splendid. That, dear readers is our report." Not unusual for the last thirty years.

Pucks and Pillboxes

Aftermath of total war - marked by suffering in Europe - reached into the lighter side in North America and this winter Canada's national sport felt the effect of the world upheaval of 1939-45.

Paying customers, flushed with wartime prosperity, saw some of their favorites forced to the sidelines, unable to keep pace in a game in which rule makers seem to have sacrificed science for speed.

Vagaries of hockey are strange even under normal conditions, but seldom has the game seen such a decline as that of the world champion Toronto Maple Leafs in the National League.

Using a combination of rookies still young enough for scout leagues and players too old for military call-up the Leafs skated spectacularly to the Stanley Cup just a year ago.

When they assembled at Owen Sound last fall bolstered by returning servicemen, training camp gossip stamped the Leafs as the team to beat in hockey's only major league. But the club was strong on paper only it started poorly and failed to gather steam except in spurts. A glance at the standings now shows the Leafs not even included in the top four teams which will battle to succeed the Toronto team as champion of the world.

But the game, continued in Canada during the war days with government approval to boost civilian morale, has found steady legs in its first peacetime season in six years. There is every indication it may become a leading international sport.

The United Kingdom, sold on the ice game before the war, wants many Canadians next season to play with such clubs as Earlscourt Rangers and Wembley Lions. Hockey is booming in Russia and the Soviet wants Canadians to coach their teams. France is particularly interested in attracting French Canadians to the ice palaces of Paris.

Not many years ago thoughts of scheduled international play between North American teams and the rest of the world would have been branded impractical. But again war may have another effect on hockey, advances in aviation making it feasible for a Moscow team to play in Toronto, New York and London all in the same week.

Are You An Average Canadian?

If you are an average Canadian you could carry your 1945 rate of personal expenditure throughout 1946 without working. Or you could last 21 months at your 1938 rate of spending on your regular income.

If you don't believe it, then you should refer to statistics prepared by the National War Finance Committee and published by the Bank of Canada in its Oct.-Nov. 1945 statistical summary. These show individual holdings of government bonds and savings certificates at the end of May 1941. The Financial Post made certain estimates to bring that picture up to the end of 1945.

The figures show that Canadian individuals today own some \$6.5 billion in government bonds. This means as an average Canadian that you should own \$540 of government bonds and war savings certificates. As an average Canadian family you should have some \$2,050 invested today in government bonds and certificates.

And that figure leaves out the bonds held by banks, insurance companies and other corporations.

As an average Canadian your war record of bond purchases would have been as follows. Of every \$100 in war bonds and stamps you purchased, you would have kept \$40, your total sales would only have averaged \$10.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In tolerating many things we take no stand for anything.

Surely the maple syrup season isn't going to fail us again this year?

We're in the second half of March and the lion-like possibilities of March weather are probable after the lamblike first half of the month.

Indications are that the coming building season will see more progress made in providing more homes for folks living in Acton and a busy year for all builders.

That old saying was particularly appropriate over the week-end "You never miss the water till the well runs dry." Only it didn't run dry this time but only distasteful.

County assessor and county health units will make many changes this year in Halton in regard to many municipal institutions. It is well if conclusions of their effectiveness and soundness are not hastily made in the first year of their operation. They are radical changes and will undoubtedly take a period before they function smoothly.

TOWN PROGRESS

What are the means by which towns make progress and go ahead? Good talk in public places and in the newspapers is watterly helpful. The people are stirred to interest when they hear some public improvement advocated. Yet unless that talk is followed up by organization and active work, it may not make enough lasting impression so people are ready to act to accomplish the proposed development.

Some group of people usually has to do a lot of active work to secure the success of any movement. It usually calls for pulling double shifts, interviewing people, calling many by telephone, appointment of committees and a program of tasks for committees and individuals. It takes work to push a town ahead, but the results mean increased prosperity and better advantages.

FEEDING THE PUBLIC

The increased business of restaurants and luncheons has illustrated the strength of the demand for good food. When a place gets a reputation for serving nice meals, it does not take long for people to find out about it. They pass around the word that specially good food is being served there, and soon the place is likely to be crowded.

The prediction has often been made that a great part of the people would give up the serving of many of their meals in their homes, and would resort to community eating places of various types. The popularity of public eating places suggests that this idea is widely popular. So the preparing of food for the public has become a great business, and it gives a very large number of people the chance to earn a living.

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