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EDITORIAL
Family and Individuals

The Dominion and Provinces are (this is written Monday) engaged in division of the spoils. In other words, holding a conference on how the taxes shall be allotted between Dominion and provinces. Former conferences haven't brought forth the unity of all the provinces which we like to hear lauded on Dominion or Canada Day each year. Most Canadians hope that the present conference will see a better family spirit with less attention given to the division and more thought to a lowering of taxes on incomes and cutting funds where they are earned and more efficiently administered in a productive capacity.

There are rumors from Ottawa these days of tax changes. One of the main causes of labor unrest is the present tax structure and its effect on take home pay. With present living costs and in view of the fact that members of parliament enjoy \$2,000 of tax free income whether married or single, it is only fair to anticipate that the new budget will give a similar treatment to all Canadians. Perhaps it was an unwise precedent that was established by members of parliament in their salary increase and tax free indemnity, but having made the step it will seem that knowledge of improvement was such in lessened war expenditure that it could be extended to include all Canadians too, look for clearing of tax duplication between Dominion and provinces in the present conference. It's about time that we gave demonstration of ability to settle our own Canadian affairs amicably when assuming a place in world affairs.

The Only Thing Not Increased

Newsprint has advanced another \$0 per ton and increased 43 per cent, since January 1938. Daily papers are reported raising the price from 3 to 4c per copy, but your local paper still remains at \$2.00 per year for those who pay in advance. Increased costs however, make it imperative that only subscriptions paid in advance will be continued.

Every subscriber receives notice when the subscription is due. Two weeks later a notice is inserted in your paper stating this is the last copy you will receive unless your remittance is forwarded. It means exactly what it says, that your local newspaper has the same plan as other institutions. It doesn't require a long memory to recall the terms that used to go with auction sales. For several years the only terms have been cash or the goods cannot be removed.

Perhaps the weekly newspaper carried the credit limit further than any other institution because we knew most of our subscribers and there was a hesitancy about enforcing the cash on the line. With rising costs there is no alternative but only subscribers paid in advance can be carried.

Your home town newspaper will remain for the present at its \$2.00 subscription rate with \$2.50 to the United States. We hope part of the increased cost will be made up from the former loss of carrying subscribers up to three months in arrears before discontinuing their paper. In the meantime we can take on fifty to sixty new subscriptions since the boys overseas have nearly all returned to Canada.

Present Values

These are days in which a backlog of building and municipal improvements are clamoring to be satisfied and costs are making the venture hazardous for those interested in real estate. Larger grants to municipalities for education have not resulted in lower taxes and the fault is not all that of School Boards. All costs of municipal services have increased along with educational costs until the grants barely take up the difference.

Last week we pointed out the rising costs of sewerage disposal and we frankly feel that municipalities should go very carefully before committing

the community to any expenditure based on such inflated prices. Remember the debenture issue will be for 15 or 20 years.

We are also facing the fact that building costs are much higher. A Toronto contractor claims that a house which cost \$4,200 in 1940 will cost \$7,200 to-day, which is an increase of 71 per cent.

A mortgage company, endeavoring to find out where costs have risen, makes the following comparisons between costs in 1940 and to-day. They relate to a house which cost \$6,250 six years ago and which would cost \$9,950 now, and are as follows:

Common labor	1940	1946
Lumber (materials only)	\$175	\$345
Plumbing (labor and materials)	350	580
Electrical (labor and materials, excluding fixtures)	92	165
Millwork (material only)	180	240
Plaster (labor and materials)	220	360
Masonry (labor only)	190	561

It will be noted that there has been an increase all along the line. Masonry labor shows an advance of 195 per cent. Common labor has increased 97 per cent. Lumber is 84 per cent. higher, part of which is due to higher wages in the lumber industry.

We have always advocated progress in municipal and town building matters. We are fully aware of present local needs in sewerage and housing but feel the public should know these facts before making commitments.

"Now That April's There"

A lot of young Canadians, and a lot of not so young, will have their own degrees of nostalgic reaction these days to those treasured words of Browning: "Oh, to be in England now that April's there."

The warmth of spring will be on England now, on Sussex and Surrey and the Downs and the tangled beauties of Devon. But for the first spring in seven the comings and goings of Canadians will not dominate whole sections of this south.

The Canadians are home again, those that will come home. They will be remembering England now as the calm before the storm of battle. Even those who maintained their professed dislike for all she represented could seldom deny an appreciation of her beauties.

The profound silence of a country, even the ageless charm of ageless buildings, the furrowed perfection of the voluptuous Downs, the wheel of a bicycle against a sunken road, the long haul of the pump that brought beer to the counter of a favorite pub, the draw of London, rain yesterday and probably rain to-morrow.

All these things came to mean England. All these things were life itself in England. And all these things were brightest and best in spring—even the rain—when the dreary winter was done and backened night grew shorter.

Now for thousands, for tens of thousands, they are only memories. For some they were memories that were strong enough to keep them there after the others had come home. They make their homes there, a few thousand of them.

But there were thousands of Canadians who left England without any nostalgia. They learned nostalgia in other places, on the battlefronts. Many changed their minds about England by going to those elsewhere.

Home again now, those Canadians may read Browning's words again and attach to them a far deeper significance than they ever did before. Browning wrote them in Italy. Many a Canadian of lesser literary note penned many a similar theme from Italy from 1943 to 1945.

The essential difference was that the Canadians declined to support Browning's seasonal limitation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Most of us agree something should be done about the mess the world is in—then go about our own business, hoping someone else will do it.

If you are travelling these days by railway, it must be noted that these time tables do not follow the modern trend and adopt daylight saving time.

Daylight saving time slipped along quite smoothly over the week-end and now the evening out-of-door time has been lengthened by an extra hour.

Great the way the hockey season lingers right into the baseball season on the professional circuits, but not so in the smaller centres when the weather makes the decisions.

In spite of the larger grants to municipalities and supposed easing of the burden on municipal taxpayers, we note that taxes in most municipalities are higher this year than last. Maybe the grants have a catch in them in second year application.

The suggestion is made locally that the first four months of the year be placed in the new order of January, February, April, March in order to suit local weather conditions. For the past two years we have been getting our April weather in March, last year we had our March weather in April, and indications are we can expect the same this year.—Digby (N. S.) Courier.

GAINS AND LOSSES

It is customary for business people to take inventories from time to time. They figure their assets and liabilities, and are enabled to tell whether they are making money or losing it.

Cities and towns need to take account of stock from time to time, and determine whether they are gaining or losing. One item in a business inventory is that of depreciation, whether there is a loss caused by the deterioration of buildings or equipment.

So a community should consider that it has to deal with a certain amount of depreciation. Things become less valuable, either through wear and tear, or failure to keep up with the times. A town is in competition with its rivals and neighbors, and it has to keep moving ahead or it is really falling behind.

SEASONAL FORECASTS URGED BY ASTRONOMER

MELBOURNE, Australia (CP)—Season forecasts through solar observations are needed to help combat soil erosion in Australia, claims the leader of the solar section of the Victorian Astronomical Society, W. L. Clapham.

With advance knowledge through seasonal forecasts farmers could plan their sowing for the year.

Such forecasts, he considers, would also benefit banks in making loans to farmers; distribution of firefighting equipment in potential bush fires; public works, so that construction projects would not be begun in periods of excessive rain; and the transfer of stock from potential drought areas.

Parisian Stylists Praise All Modes

Patou, Paquin and Piquet Reach Separate Conclusions

PARIS (CP)—One can say to-day with reasonable certainty that women will wear clothes this spring and summer and the clothes will be good looking.

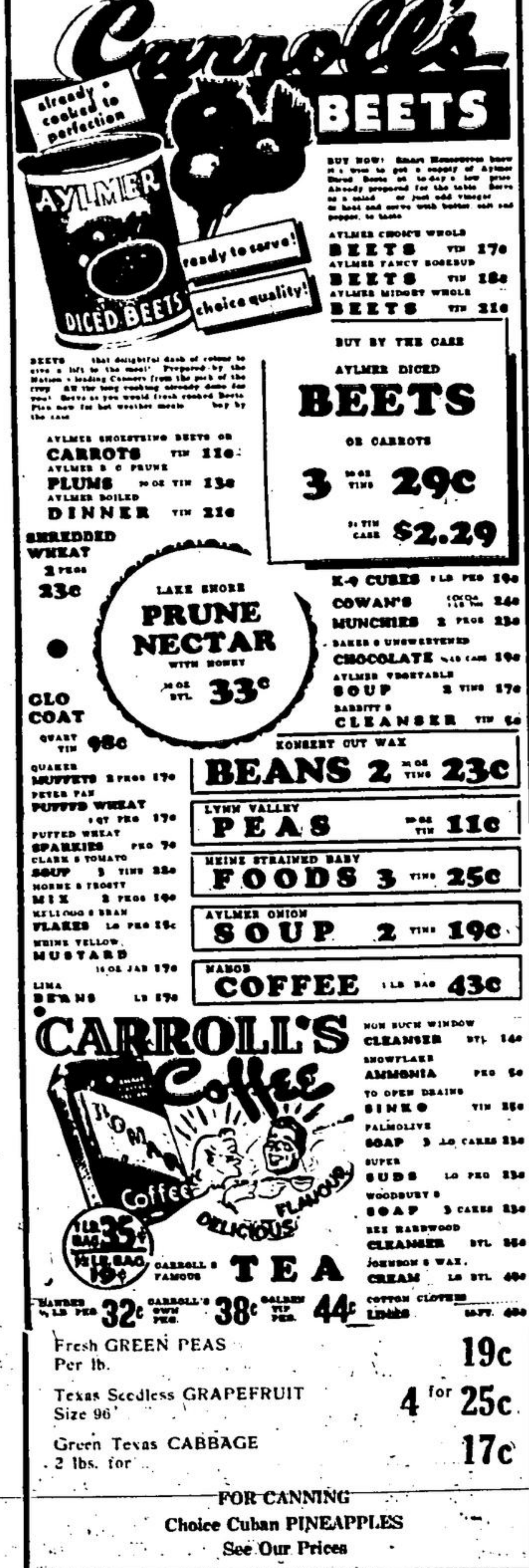
At the moment, a woman wearing anything short of a filigreed barrel can have some degree of assurance that some Paris designer has said it is high style. In the past couple of days, Jean Patou, Paquin and Hubert Piquet have shown their collections each full to brimming with beautifully made clothes which are easily worn. But each has arrived at very different conclusions.

Patou, for instance, sticks firmly by quite short skirts for daytime wear. His skirts are about the shortest of any of the big houses. He still likes exaggerated shoulders, and is accentuating them in some of his dressier clothes with insets and eyelid work. His suits have long jackets and accentuated waistlines.

Paquin has turned out a typically beautiful series of dresses, coats and those famous glittering evening clothes. The house seems particularly fond of very full coats, slim suits and key prints.

And then there is Piquet with padded but round shoulder lines, lots and lots of thin belted with street dresses and evening clothes and a whole line of slim backed dresses with an extremely full grouping of pleats in front.

That continue primarily to be boat-necked. There's not much light fur being shown.



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