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EDITORIAL

Sunday Is Mother's Day

Sunday is Mother's Day the first one in six years when the world is not at war. It's the Mother's Day when most of the sons and daughters of Canada have returned to Canada again and may be able to spend the day with Mother again. It's a day that has been longed for by many of them through those years of separation. It's a day too, when other mothers may be extra lonely for those who did not come home again when the guns ceased fire.

Then, too, there were those who returned and where Mother had gone while they were away. But Mother's Day is a day of remembrance as well as a day of present honor. Sunday is Mother's Day. If you're one of the fortunate ones who have Mother here give her a little special consideration on that day. If you are of the more unfortunate class whose Mother has gone on before you, honor her memory, reflect on the ways in which she tried to guide you.

Bigger Production—More Profits

The statement of F. P. Taylor on Canadian Breweries shows the growth of consumption of alcoholic beverages in Canada and the aims of the industry pretty clearly. It seems to be doing well in these days when grain is needed so badly to save starving Europe.

Earnings of Canadian Breweries Ltd. for the first half of the current fiscal year will reveal substantial improvement, E. P. Taylor, chairman of the board, told the company annual meeting this week.

He outlined a plan to increase Canadian manufacturing capacity by 25 per cent. in each of the years 1946 to 1949. Large additions are now being made at the main O'Keefe plant in Toronto and the main Carling plant at Waterloo. A grain storage and malting plant adjoining Victory Mills at Toronto, was also announced. Capacity of the U. S. subsidiary, Brewing Corporation of America, is now being doubled.

Mr. Taylor doubted if brewing capacity would, despite increases, be sufficient to meet demands for at least three years.

Financial experience of the company, for the past fiscal year, previously reported, showed profits before provision for income taxes and EPT were \$2,668,010 compared with \$4,439,885 for the previous year. The figures are not strictly comparable because last year for the first time accounts of Brewing Corporation of America, which became a subsidiary during the year, were consolidated with those of Canadian Breweries.

Let's Strike

It is rather interesting to note in the Dominion-Provincial grab for tax rates—sometimes called a conference—that Ontario objects to the plan of subsidies by the Dominion government to the provinces as undermining provincial rights. And yet we find the province of Ontario doing that in greater degree every year with the municipalities.

All townships receive grants from the province on road expenditures. All municipalities in Ontario receive a one mill subsidy on the taxes and our educational system throughout the province is subsidized. These items must be shown on the local tax bill so that the taxpayer will know how the province is helping us out and being paternal. The province collects all the liquor revenue and does part of it back to the municipalities. In local police courts the fines are shared as the Ontario department sees fit or not and the municipalities get all the police work to look after. For all this care of the money doled out to the municipalities we have innumerable provincial boards who supervise what the municipalities can or cannot do—the city experts. Our experience with them has been that they seldom give any guidance but more often quote the act which

they seldom understand themselves. Of course the provincial boards and inspectors provide plenty of soft jobs for political heelers while municipal mayors, Reeves, councillors, school trustees and commissioners work for the joy of rendering service.

Incidentally, these folks who work for civic loyalty pay taxes without exemptions and are deprived the power of taking exemptions. It does seem as if it might be a good time to uproot the camouflaged system of taxation and show people who is paying what on every tax notice. The Dominion and provinces have failed to come to agreement. Yet all believe in subsidies when practised on the other government lower down the scale. In the end it is the taxpayer who pays an exorbitant administrative price for the dollar spent in attaining a higher standard of living. Perhaps if we're going to have a war then it might help to start off the conflict on the tax levying bodies who provide such glaring examples of inefficiency, inability to negotiate sensibly and plain selfishness when it comes to helping themselves. The popular thing is to strike these days and it seems about the tax payers turn.

Welcome Visitors

This summer Canadians are in the embarrassing position of having relatives coming to stay with them for the summer without knowing exactly where they're going to put them up. The relatives possibly 3,000,000 of them from south of the border are welcome enough but they'll present housekeeping problems the country has never faced before.

Family conferences are being held to discuss methods of sprucing up the spare bedroom, unused during war years, and plans are being made to have the little children double up in one room to provide a little more living space. There are preparations to give the guests the best available in food and entertainment and to provide them with the warmest possible welcome so that they'll be sure to come again.

Incidentally, they're rather well-to-do relatives, and it is estimated they may spend about \$200,000,000 during the summer.

British Columbia and Ontario have already introduced legislation to organize tourist accommodation and other provinces are planning to follow suit. But this legislation, though timely, will not take effect for a year or more, and tourist bureaux across the country are reporting inquiries in record numbers from United States holidayers.

Those most directly concerned with the tourist traffic—summer hotel owners hunting and fishing guides and restaurateurs—are doing what they can to prepare for the season, but they'll need plenty of help from the rest of Canada in making the visitors' stay a pleasant one.

A great deal of what the country has to offer requires no work from the individual citizen. It won't be necessary to polish up the lakes and rivers, to repaint the trees or to do a landscaping job on the mountains and valleys. And a little effort, perhaps even a little self-sacrifice on the part of Canadians to help our visitors feel at home will benefit the home folks—and send those relatives home happy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Next Sunday is Mother's Day—a time to praise and honor the mothers of the world.

Added to the other popular queries of scarce goods is the one "Did you get some beef this week?"

The war with Germany has been over for a year now and the post-war period we dreamed about for six years is now here but there still seems quite a bit of strife.

We extend congratulations to the Powassan News and its founder and present editor, J. B. Lake on the fortieth anniversary of that northern paper. It's a bit unusual for a man to found and still be its editor after four decades.

Just when we've had assurance that income tax forms have been simplified, along comes Mr. Drew to introduce Algebra in his deductions for arriving at the dominion-provincial solution. What would he do with a provincial income tax form?

A new three-wheeled automobile that goes 65 miles on a gallon of gas and at speeds up to 50 miles per hour is expected to sell in Canada at \$400 to \$500. It's not a family car but a tricycle built for two and there isn't a place for a gear shift in it. Another one of those post-war dreams, we suppose.

Another Ontario daily has upped the sale price to four cents—the Windsor Star. West of the Great Lakes all dailies sell for five cents. Port Arthur, Timmins and Fort William papers all sell for a nickel and Kingston, Peterborough and Stratford are in the four cent class. Increased costs are reflected in increased prices.

Although we sing of the Union Jack as a flag that "for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze," the Goderich Signal-Star reminds us that the flag as we know it is less than two hundred years old and has been changed several times. Thus a national flag for Canada is not likely to be of a nature that will stand forever as a symbol of Canada. It is subject to change.

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