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EDITORIAL

A Change That Needs Study

The report of the Consultative Committee on Education presented to County Council last week has many proposals which demand careful consideration before judgment is passed on them. For Oakville and Burlington the proposals carry practically no changes but for the northern part of Halton a complete change is required that may not on first thought appeal to many.

We plan to publish an informative article in a week or so. On Wednesday of next week municipal representatives of Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya will meet in Milton to hear a presentation of what the proposal involves. We believe it is a subject which should have the careful and unprejudiced study of every citizen before comment is made. The report published last week gave some details. More will be forthcoming after a study of the proposal.

As Others See Us

In view of the fact that it has become the practice of city newspapers and magazines lately to send a rambling reporter to the smaller communities for a few hours and dash off a story about the community that such a brief visit would supply, it might be appropriate if we who visit the city would, after an afternoon in the metropolis, give a few impressions of the city's side streets that are not big and grand as the highlights which so often receive prominence.

For instance, Toronto is about the most unmanageable place one can visit. Not only in street cars but in places where people should exhibit better the urge to get ahead of the other fellow takes advantage of any opening and the opening for advancement is helped by big elbows. The same is noticed in street traffic of city drivers but here the law does have a deterring effect. The air in Toronto has every smell imaginable, just depending on the location one happens to be in. In the eating places folks spend more time in eating than in eating. True, the main streets have many fine buildings but the side streets will give also examples of dilapidated places that even a back woods place wouldn't be proud to exhibit.

Most every day is a tag day for some sort in the city and as a result many fine charitable institutions are maintained for which the city folks get full credit, but to which the visitors also pay dues. Toronto has many fine folks, most of them went there from the rural communities to help build the city. The trouble seems to be that in the city viewpoint city folk seem to think in the intervening years that only the city has grown and developed. A longer visit in the small communities by city reporters would reveal the development of the towns along with the cities but then that wouldn't appeal perhaps as much to the city reader who still likes to think that all advancement and culture emanates from the city to the country and that the small town grocery still has the old cracker barrel.

We don't suppose city readers will appreciate our views any more than we appreciate their frank and often inaccurate description of our communities.

Challenge of the North

Announcement that the Canadian Army, which recently took over the Alaska Highway from its builders, will employ civilians for maintenance crews represents the latest call for service in Canada's rugged northland.

Those who answer the call will be the type to whom the north ever has held an irresistible lure—the young, adventure-hungry, intrepid men willing anytime to exchange the smoke and din of the city for the pure air of the high forest or the mountains, men born to see what lies back of beyond.

The army men and maintenance crews will work in one of the wildest and most beautiful parts of Canada. To them, such places as Blueberry, Muncho Lake, Summit Lake, Suicide Hill and Steamboat Mountain will become familiar.

Along the highway itself lie resources to be discovered. In the area it serves, thousands of square miles of territory challenge the aerial mapper and the ground surveyor. Farther north, along the rim of the Arctic, vast riches in oil and minerals await the hardy prospector and developer. No one yet has mined the copper Samuel Hearne discovered in the Great Bear Lake area 150 years ago. Canadians have barely started to exploit the commercial possibilities of fishing in the cold northern lakes.

Already the foundation has been laid for a new era of development. The expedition of Exercise Muskox added to Canadians' knowledge of little known sections of the north. The expanding work of the reorganized Dominion Meteorological Service takes more young Canadians into the northland on work which benefits both the north and the rest of Canada. The part aviation and radio, using wartime developments, will play in the future can only be imagined.

The old pioneering spirit that spread civilization and industry over a wilderness of rock and bush lives again in Canada's north country. Young Canada, imbued with the daring and stamina handed down from its ancestors, will answer the new challenge.

Union Leaders' Dissatisfaction

Addressing the Canadian Club at Montreal recently Mr. Pat Conroy spoke of Canadian labor's mounting dissatisfaction with "an economic system which had brought the average man no closer to economic security than he was a century ago." This is surely an exaggeration, and if it were true, then it contradicts the claims of labor unions that they have been instrumental in bringing about all-round improvements in the conditions and economic status of the workers in the past hundred years.

Commenting on Mr. Conroy's address, the Montreal Star points out that the only alternative to our present system of free enterprise is one controlled by the State such as that of Nazi Germany and Communist Russia which hardly support the implied claim that workers are better off under a State-controlled system. In Germany, says the Star, the trade unions became slaves of the Nazi system, in Russia while they retain a nominal identity, for most labor purposes they are non-existent. Wherever the economic system has undergone a radical change the trade union has gone out of existence for all practical purposes. Is that what Mr. Conroy wants?

EDITORIAL NOTES

People like boats, toot loudest when they're in a fog.

The new day will come when the common man begins toward a common goal with a common mind and uncommon energy.

Week-end showers can hardly be described as copious and neither can the month of May this year be classified as a summer month.

This is spring clean-up time and everything done to tidy up the homes and business places adds to the improved appearance of the town as a whole.

The increased price of the daily paper has now struck this district. It may mean that the old habit of borrowing the neighbor's paper will become prevalent again.

Perhaps the radio is to blame for the class of music turned out in a hurry, although one can scarcely explain music getting quite so bad in so big a hurry.—Durham (Ont.) Chronicle.

There are all kinds of predictions now on the results following the failure of agreement of the Dominion-Provincial conference, but none of them hold much encouragement for the taxpayer.

Substantial wage increases in key building trades such as bricklaying, carpentry, plumbing, plastering may average up to 8 per cent. across Canada and send building costs already 50 per cent above the pre-war subnormal, another peg higher. Higher costs this year had already become certain with recent and pending ceiling price hoists to speed scarce materials. Now, virtual certainty of higher wages as well suggests the cost rise may not stop at 60 per cent.

A partial answer to the question "Where is the money coming from to pay all these state services such as health insurance, old age pensions, baby bonuses and others?" comes in a proposed new Social Security Tax to be paid by all gainfully employed Canadians, regardless of their income level. This wouldn't work out long if there were many cases such as given in a press report of a family head drawing $60 a month Unemployment Insurance, $50 a month Baby Bonus for 8 children, while his parents, living with him, draw $50 a month Old Age Pension. With $160 a month income, naturally no one in the household has any intention of working for a living, says the report.

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