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EDITORIAL

A Need for Careful Weighing

A perusal of weekly newspapers in other parts of Ontario reveals that the larger areas for secondary schools is causing quite a lot of discussion and that many communities find themselves in the same position as the northern part of Halton County. In one section two fair-sized towns are lined up bidding for the location of the school. Like acquiring a new industry, such community aggressiveness is only to be anticipated. The folks that are worthwhile in any community are to be expected to do everything in their power to obtain a new school or new industry for their community. Above all, it is anticipated that there is a desire to retain present institutions and certainly no thought of losing any of them. But perhaps the school buildings that might be closed would fill the community needs as buildings for community centres so popular and needed these days.

In one of the exchanges, we read that a suitable tract of land for a large area school of from 400 to 800 pupils will require an area of 25 acres. This of course eliminates most towns from putting such a new structure within the municipal limits. Or at least the idea of central location in the municipality. We have given some study to the proposals set forth for the North Halton Area. We haven't changed our attitude in the least in regard to over-centralization whether it is education or industry. We haven't altered our opinion regarding regimentation of Canadians.

But we are frank enough to admit that studied from the angle of present school grants, costs to municipalities and greater educational facilities for all children, comparable with that received in the cities, the facts and figures are much in favor of the new plan of larger areas. We have heard from friends in New York state where successful operation of the plan has been in vogue for several years. We learn from other friends that in Northern Ontario larger public school areas are giving better facilities to the residents of districts much larger than that proposed for north Halton.

We are heartily in accord with the plan to move carefully and give careful consideration before making steps to area in northern Halton. Our analysis of figures and facts presented for North Halton bring only a favorable conclusion for the new plan. In these days of fluctuating prices, the estimates may be not entirely accurate, but even a fair measure of inaccuracy might be allowed and the balance found quite satisfactory.

The more careful study we give the plan, the more favorably we are impressed. We hope all may have an opportunity to give careful study to it and a presentation of the facts before a decision is finally made. Prejudices and objections must be placed in the scales and balanced against costs and greater opportunity for the young folks of the district.

A Record of Public Service

On Monday, June 10th, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will have completed his 20th year of office—as Prime Minister. On that date he will have held office for a longer period of time than the head of any other government in the world has held a similar office. On June 8th he will have exceeded by one day the term served by Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald.

To have achieved this record in the most troublesome period of world history and to have successfully led a united Canada through six years of war is something to be proud of and a cause for rejoicing on the part of Canadians that such a statesman has been spared to see the fulfilment of the days of peace again when others fell under the load. Canada has been fortunate that in these times a man with such a broad understanding of Canadians as Rt.

Hon. Mackenzie King was at the head of Canadian affairs.

On August 7th, 1944, Winston Churchill paid the following tribute to Canada's Prime Minister:

"I learn you are to-day celebrating the Silver Jubilee of your assumption to the leadership of your party. In the whole history of free Parliamentary institutions few, if any, can claim to have led a party of state so long and pre-eminently. Throughout these 25 years you and we have watched Canada advance along the road of liberty and progress with admiration and pride. Yet never perhaps has the world held Canada in higher esteem than in these last five years of bitter conflict during which, under your inspiring guidance as Prime Minister, she has played so splendid a part in the now imminent overthrow of the powers of evil."

We join with others in congratulations to Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King on his long record of faithful performance of duty to Canada. We join in the wish he may long be spared to serve Canada and the hope that his life will inspire other Canadians to render such service to country that it will receive like commendation from the public, not in one short period, but over the years that have proven sound judgment and desire for lasting progress not based on immediate advantage.

Small Towns Are Good Bets

A Canadian prospector who had "struck it rich" in the mining country of Northern Quebec went back to his home town of Campbellford, Ont., a year ago with his fortune and decided to settle down. Ernest J. Ayrhart was 45, filled with vigor and vision, and to him settling down meant no retreat to armchair and slippers but rather a campaign to bring prosperity to his community.

Within a few months, he owned a tourist camp, a hardware store, timber interests, a lumber mill and a construction company. He put \$350,000 into capital investments and new life into Campbellford. The town hummed with activity, employees shared profits of the new projects and Ayrhart realized interest on his investments. Real estate values went up 40 per cent. Elected mayor, the man who gave Campbellford a new lease on life recently predicted that within the next five years its population would jump from the present 3,000 to 10,000.

Not everyone has a third of a million dollars to invest, but Ernest Ayrhart's experience is an indication that money wisely spent in Canada's small towns will yield dividends in monetary profits and satisfaction in helping communities to prosper. It costs less to start a business in a small community than in a big city and the odds favor its success.

A business founded with a war veteran's gratuities plus a small loan, or a small company in which several young men pool their resources and their enthusiasm, has an initial advantage in that its proprietor is usually well-known in his home town and enjoys from the outset valuable goodwill which it would take years to accumulate in a big city.

Every thriving business is an asset to a small town, just as every successful small town businessman usually is a staunch supporter of all community projects and a leader in civic life. Many small towns offer opportunities for tourist camps, radio repair shops, laundries, bakeries and small industries. They need more young businessmen who will help build community links, new schools and other public buildings, support the churches and serve on town councils and school boards.

To the young man considering investment of gratuities or warplant earnings and to the older man looking for a way to set up a son or son-in-law in business, small towns offer many of the best opportunities in Canada to-day, together with a way of life that combines city comforts with more leisure and satisfaction than the urban dweller ever can hope to achieve.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Inflation comes when we pay too high a price for living and too small a price for living right.

June the month of roses, strawberries and green peas. It's also popular for brides, too, but then so is every other month.

For headline news, strikes are too common to cause any comment and most of them too foolish to give any credit to grown-up folks.

This is June and the month when butter used to have that brighter color and there was plenty of it. Thanks to storage, it's now not a reasonable commodity.

These are the testing days for school pupils and the time when the year's work counts. But what a forward look to two whole months of holidays. Dear old school days.

The highways see more and more automobiles with United States license plates, as our cousins find Canada a good place in which to spend a holiday. Make them welcome at every opportunity.

The editor plans to spend the next two days at a newspaper conference in London. We leave to-night just after you get your paper and hope, to derive, as usual, some benefits that can be used in giving readers a better community newspaper—as well as a brief holiday.

NATIONAL CLOTHING COLLECTION



European children who have survived the horror of invasion and the squalor of life under enemy occupation are clad in rags. These pathetic victims of war's aftermath are in desperate need of clothing. To relieve their misery an urgent appeal is made to every Canadian family to ransom their attics, wardrobes, and trunks and contribute every serviceable garment that they can spare to the National Clothing Collection. Local depots will be announced shortly.

Carroll's Coffee advertisement featuring a coffee can and a price tag of 19¢. Includes text: 'CARROLL'S COFFEE', 'fresh ground', '19¢', '35¢', 'TEA'.

Carroll's Grocery advertisement listing various products and prices. Includes: 'BABY FOODS', 'MUSTARD', 'COFFEE', 'AMMONIA', 'GRAPES-NUTS', 'SHREDDED WHEAT', 'GRAVY', 'SAVOY CUSTARD', 'WHEAT SPARKLES', 'CATELL'S NOODLES', 'NECTAR', 'MUSTARD', 'DINNER', 'OATMEAL', 'CLEANSER', 'SNACK SACKS', 'BEETS', 'CARROTS'.

Carroll's Grocery advertisement listing various products and prices. Includes: 'SAVOY PECTIN', 'CHOCOLATE', 'BRODIE'S FLOUR', 'FRY'S COCOA', 'STEEL WOOL', 'JELS WAFER', 'SPEED COAT', 'CREAM EYES', 'PARD DOG FOOD', 'NEW POTATOES', 'LEMONS', 'CAULIFLOWER', 'Green Peas, Asparagus, Spinach, Cucumbers, Radishes'.

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Real Estate: CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS STANDARD TIME, Going East, Daily except Sunday, 6:00 a.m., 9:48 a.m., 6:50 p.m., Sunday only: 8:10 p.m.

Real Estate: Foot Ailments TREATED Miss Allan, treats foot ailments for both ladies and gentlemen. Open Mon. Thurs. and Sat. evenings till 9 o'clock. All by appointment. Phone 1881 - 27 Arthur St. GUELPH.