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EDITORIAL

Top Heavy Plans

It is generally conceded that in these days, individuals and municipalities have too many permits, restrictions, numbers, etc. to make the progress that is required to meet conditions. We are quite agreed that some regulation over municipalities and individuals is necessary to keep an orderly plan properly functioning, but anyone who has listened to Council problems over the years will agree that the centralized control has now gone too far the other way and that the central boards set up are bogged down with problems or indifference to their jobs and retarding progress by failure to give interpretation and leadership on centralized rulings.

Much of the indifference to building of homes might be traced to an overdose of permits that usually convey nothing but an added inspector to make one more worry for the home builder. Actually it appears to-day that small municipalities can make no move without being confronted by a regulation from some centralized body. Too often the centralized authority shows no desire to view the question from a local viewpoint but adhere strictly to the book.

We heard of cases the other day of builders of houses adjacent to provincial highways who found out after erection was well underway that they must secure a permit from the Highway Department to make such construction. None of the property owners were aware of the ruling until visited by one of the army of inspectors. Most of the builders then had more permits than material. To get water and services to new building sites, approval of a couple of centralized boards has to be secured. Most of these matters could be handled better locally where the conditions are known. It may be that our post-war plans have become so gigantic that they are discouraging.

Housing is only one of these centralized deterrents. Every business man knows the multitude of inspectors for whom he is obliged to maintain records and contribute a tax. Two wars have seen a lot of centralized authority. If Canada is to build and grow these days of peace should see decentralization of authority and more encouragement to individual effort.

How Canadians Voted in 1945

The detailed report on the voting in the General Federal Election of last year (Canada's 20th such event), just issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, makes interesting reading, and will settle many an argument also the distribution of the ballots cast.

Of almost seventy million electors on the lists, over 76 per cent. went to the polls. Forty-five per cent. of Canada's electors are on the rural voting lists.

A study of the details of the report reveals the fact that the Liberal Party is strongest numerically in Ontario, where it received over 747 thousand votes, Quebec coming second with 722 supporting Liberalism. The Maritime Provinces cast 274 thousand Liberal votes and the four western provinces 429 thousand.

The Progressive Conservative Party also received its largest support in Ontario—757 thousand—but ran second to the Liberals in Ontario outside the Toronto district and, in all other areas.

The CCF Party had substantial support in the 4 western provinces, 458 thousand and made a poor showing elsewhere. Independents scored 283 thousand votes, mostly in Quebec.

A Dollar is a Dollar

Canadians stand to gain in many respects from the quick move of the Dominion government in placing the Canadian dollar on a par with the United States dollar. It means that coal and many items imported from the States will be lowered by ten per cent. and that the price rises that have recently occurred in the republic will be offset by this amount.

It will mean an equal bid for Canadian buyers of our own products with buyers from the United States. It will mean a saving when we want to visit our relatives and friends to the south.

The good effects of the move will more than offset any bad effects. To the average Canadian or citizen of the United States a dollar is a dollar and most will welcome this day when it's the same no matter on which side of the border you spend it.

The Veterans Come Back

Men and women who have doffed the uniforms of Canada's fighting forces are showing in peaceful pursuits the same initiative and resourcefulness that won them world-wide acclaim during the war years.

Without belittling in any way the enormous benefits they have derived from war gratuities and government rehabilitation schemes and the sympathetic consideration given to their problems by a grateful public, it is true that, in the main, veterans have pulled themselves up by their own bootstraps.

Throughout the country we find these men and women buckling down with a strong determination to succeed with civilian jobs. It is natural that some should find the problem of readjustment unusually difficult, but they are widely outnumbered by those who have taken obstacles in their stride and whose plans for the future are fairly concrete.

The dignity of honest toil is no longer a slogan but a fact. Versatility and ingenuity is being manifested on all sides by both men and women as they seek to carve new careers. Whether boys operating a messenger service, prospecting for gold or occupying an executive position with a construction company the veteran is drawing on lessons—inventive and disciplinary—learned in the war.

Youth is no deterrent. Instances are legion of young men and women, who went into the services from the classroom, starting in the business world with a degree of self-confidence virtually unheard of before the war.

In the less tangible field of education there is the statement of Dr. A. E. Kerr, president of Dalhousie University, that the general average of achievement of veterans returned to university work is "considerably higher" than that of non-veterans. The statement, assuming it to be true of the Dominion, speaks volumes.

A Place for Government Saving

When Hon. Mr. Hsley made the important announcement in the House of Commons the other day regarding the rate of exchange on American and British funds the news despatch stated there were only a handful of members in the House and yet we have the proposal to increase the representatives by another six members.

The United States Congress, which corresponds to the Canadian House of Commons in legislative functions, is made up of 436 members. This is one representative roughly, for every 312,000 people. Here in Canada, the House of Commons has 215 representatives, approximately one for every 4,500 persons.

If Canada's per capita representation in the House of Commons was based on the proportionate American figure, our popular Chamber would be reduced to about 38 members. It may be readily admitted that this sparsely settled and widely expanded country could not accept as a representation basis the American per capita, but few among the average citizens of Canada will concede that an increase in our number of Commons members over 245 is more required than the proverbial fifth wheel to a coach. Members of the House of Commons are now receiving a total sessional indemnity of \$6,000 of which amount \$2,000 is tax free.

If only a handful of the 245 are required to be present in the House when such important announcements are made possibly the handful would do at other time. Certainly Canada needs no more members in the House of Commons to become a further burden on taxpayers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sort of gives an added lift to our importance to have our Canadian dollar on a par with the United States bill. We feel equal with the neighbors again.

The Canadian Weekly Newspaper field last week lost an outstanding editor and citizen, when Lorne Eddy of the St. Mary's Journal-Argus passed away very suddenly at his summer home, at Tobermory. Mr. Eddy held many prominent positions, not only in the newspaper field but in church and community. He served well his day and generation.

In support of its contention that the real value of income can be measured only by the amount of goods the money will buy, the Ottawa Citizen points out that the increases in prices since 1939 in various countries has been: in Canada wholesale prices 43 per cent., retail prices 10 per cent.; in Great Britain wholesale prices 73 per cent., retail 31 per cent.; in Australia wholesale 39 per cent., retail 23 per cent.; in Sweden, wholesale 71 per cent., retail 43 per cent. In other countries price rises have been much greater. Since these figures were issued Canada's wholesale price level has risen 2 per cent. and that of Great Britain and United States over 3 per cent. If continued pressure on wages and prices are allowed to break our present structure, the result will be a lower real income and a lower standard of living, states the Citizen.

CANNED TOMATOES

Canners of tomatoes and tomato juice will be required to hold a part of their 1946 pack for essential purposes according to a recent announcement of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Since July 2 tomato and tomato juice canners whose 1945 pack amounted to more than 10,000 cases of tomatoes, or more than 20,000 cases of tomato juice, must retain 15 per cent. of their total 1946 pack of canned tomatoes and canned tomato juice for allocation by the Board to priority users.

TO KILL POISON IVY

Sodium chlorate, sodium chloride, furnace fuel oil, and a water white kerosene were investigated as herbicides for the eradication of poison ivy by the Division of Botany and Plant Pathology, Science Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture. Poison ivy can be eradicated by sodium chlorate if treatment is persistent and thorough. Common salt and furnace oil were not considered satisfactory. Water white kerosene when applied as a spray to the foliage proved of no value in eradicating poison ivy.

Business Directory

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8:31 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.;
11:51 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 5:26 p.m.; 6:26
p.m.; 9:06 p.m.; 11:11 p.m.

Westbound
10:38 a.m.; 11:43 a.m.; 2:20 p.m.;
5:13 p.m.; 7:35 p.m.; 8:35 p.m.;
9:23 p.m.; 11:28 p.m.

x—To Stratford.
a—To London.
b—Sundays and Holidays only.
x—Daily except Sundays and Holidays.
y—To Kitchener.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

STANDARD TIME
Going East
Daily except Sunday: 6:00 a.m.,
9:48 a.m., 6:50 p.m.; Sunday only: 2:18
p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown: 10:11
p.m.

Going West
Daily except Monday: 1:17 a.m.;
Monday only: 12:09 a.m.; Daily except
Sunday: 9:01 a.m., 6:50 p.m., 12:5 p.m.;
Saturday only: 1:36 p.m.; Flyer Guelph
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