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## EDITORIAL

### Half a Century Ago

Noting the interest shown in the recent letters from former citizens and the tricks that memory will do, we feel it would be an appreciated feature if the Free Press contained a collection of items gathered from the files of 1896 and this week such a group of items will be found under the heading of "Recollections of Acton" where the Twenty Years Ago also will be found.

In preparing the items we found them intensely interesting also. To settle the argument on which one of the Smythe boys passed the entrance exams in 1896 we turned to the list of candidates and find it was Arthur Smythe. We hope our readers will enjoy this added feature which is not new but old.

### Still a Bargain Land

Return of the Canadian dollar to parity with its U. S. cousin means that Mr. Smith from Washington will no longer be ten per cent. richer when he tours north for a Canadian vacation. But it certainly doesn't mean that Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews will stop finding bargain vacations here. The U. S. dollar, even at par, can buy a bigger holiday in Canada than it can at home.

Even before OPA toppled last week, it had, since 1943, been lifted so far as rent control in resort areas was concerned. Prices at American play spots this year have gone noticeably haywire. Hotel rooms, normally renting at \$3 to \$5 have been reported up to \$17 and \$20 a day; a seashore apartment that could be had for \$250 the season last year, to-day has its tenant for a cool \$1,400; swimming pools and other routine privileges have suddenly become high priced extras on the resort bill. All this, before the general removal of U. S. price control. Where the top may be is anybody's guess.

But in Canada rental control remains in resort areas as elsewhere, assuring vacationists that a dollar's worth of currency still will buy a dollar's worth of accommodation. So any first-report fear on the part of Canadian tourist businessmen that parity might inhibit travel to Canada is more than offset by a sober second glance.

Canada is still a tourist's bargain land, and Americans, faced with rising prices on every side, know it.—Financial Post.

### Time to Take Stock

Canadians last spring carried on an extensive "paint up, clean up" campaign that did much to improve the appearance of their homes but now, with the tourist season in full swing, the time has come for them to take a good look at their communities with a view to making further improvements this summer and planning changes for next year.

To do so they will probably have to put themselves in the position of a visitor entering the town for the first time and sizing it up as a shopping centre or a place to spend a night or a holiday. Would the approach to the town give a tourist a good first impression—or is it a motley collection of—rubbish heaps, unpainted board fences, tumble-down shacks and weed fields?

Is Main Street itself impressive? Probably the merchants have brightened their store fronts with fresh paint and awnings, but what about the other buildings? Are the sidewalks and roadways in good repair, the street signs trim and legible, the houses and stores numbered correctly and adequately? Do neat signboards make visitors welcome and direct them to beauty spots or historical landmarks in the area?

Has the town capitalized on "local color"—unique and original features of geography, manufacturers or inhabitants—or is it content to be a dull copy of a thousand other communities? It may be the best spot on earth to the homefolk, but has it anything to make a visitor from Pennsylvania, Tennessee or Ohio remember, either its name or its importance?

To make it distinctive requires imagination, vision and often hard work, but it is worth it. Souvenirs may help if they are better than average. So will local food specialties, attractively prepared.

It might be well, too, to glance at the condition of buildings and facilities connected with transportation—railway stations and their waiting rooms and bus terminals.

Candid self-examination may enable a community to see what it lacks and to take steps to supply it. It is never too soon or too late to make changes for the better.

### Which Way is Forward?

Canada saw more of its citizens idle on Monday as steel workers joined the ranks of strikers and the stopping of production on this item will be felt in every household, just as other production has made it impossible to bring in the post-war items which were anticipated.

Over in the United States when the lid blew off price ceilings, workers have been finding that the concessions and wage increases gained by strikes and months of negotiation have lost their value. The dollar isn't worth as much in the purchasing field. The American dollar is for the first time in six years only worth the same amount as the Canadian dollar. If prices continue out of control in the United States the Canadian dollar may shortly be at a premium with the American bill.

Some folks of over fifty or sixty years recall the "good old days" when butter was 15 cents a pound, the best shoes were three or four dollars a pair, warmer hosiery than that worn to-day by the ladies was 15c a pair and wages were \$1.50 to \$2.00 for a ten hour day. We can recollect some of these items but we don't particularly want to return to those days. The average man or woman didn't have the comforts of life that are now considered very ordinary.

Some more folks not so old can recall the spiral of prices that followed the 1914-18 war and the days that inevitably followed a few years later when we tried to sell our goods to folks in other countries where the standard of living was not so high. It was impossible to get rid of our surplus at the prices asked. Inflation was followed by depression. Neither period brought great measures of happiness and contentment. Both of them had fear prevalent during their period.

In the light of past experience, are we pursuing the right course at the present time? Or are the vast majority being led in mob action by smooth orators and blind thinking. It might be well if we paused more often and gave some serious thought to our problems rather than swallowing the glibly put theories of those who talk much. It will be harder to think than listen, but it will profit more, not only as individuals but as a nation for no man lives unto himself.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Those who mistake comfort for civilization could as easily mistake regimentation for democracy.

The world moves ahead, not through men who push themselves forward, but through those who pour themselves out.

Holiday season is in full swing and newspaper reports are a bit confusing whether there's room for more or accommodation is limited.

Week-ends and holidays continue to take their toll of lives. A little more care, and a little less haste will make happier endings to the leisure time.

July has provided some ideal weather and harvesting is well underway. Indications now are that this district will have good crops this year and some of them may be in the bumper class.

May not be a good time to announce it but a new device has been patented to help take autos out of slippery places on their own traction. Most folks would welcome news about more refrigerators just now.

Our financial system is a bit of a problem to us. Every year, it seems, the government budgets for a deficit running into the millions, and nobody seems concerned. Wish we could operate like that, and not be worried.—Perth (Ont.) Courier.

The price of newsprint took another advance the past week—the second one in this year. Hard to tell how long the Canadian dollar will be worth 100 cents to the consumer as the merry-go-round of increases comes to each line of business.

A doctor in a town north of here boasts 56 years practice in the same town and his recollections show that during his stay in — the population has decreased from 2500 to 2000. Not just sure whether there is much to boast about in the record.

In spite of strikes and shortages, Canada's automobile factories turned out in May the largest number of vehicles for any month since June, 1942. Each month since the low point of Nov. 1945 has brought increased output and the May rate of production would be sufficient to replace all the vehicles in Canada within five years.

## SINCE 1939

Amount paid to plant employees . . . . . DOUBLED

Income Tax payments . . . . . INCREASED SIX FOLD

Profits paid to shareholders . . . . . NO INCREASE AT ALL

Year's payments by Dominion Textile	1939	1946	Increase
To plant employees	\$4,501,785	\$9,297,539	108%*
To Income Tax	241,513	1,500,647	617%
To shareholders**	1,485,842	1,485,842	NONE

\*86% out of this wage rate increase, the remaining 18% is due to increased production since 1939.

\*\*As of June 12, 1946 there were 3,765 shareholders.

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11:51 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 5:26 p.m.; 6:36 p.m.; 9:06 p.m.; 11:11 p.m.

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x10:38 a.m.; 11:43 a.m.; 2:20 p.m.;  
x5:13 p.m.; 7:33 p.m.; 8:38 p.m.;  
x9:23 p.m.; 11:28 p.m.

x—To Stratford.  
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