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EDITORIAL

Maintaining Acton's Community Spirit

We extend congratulations to both labor and management of the Beardmore Co. in Acton who have made their adjustment on wages, hours, etc. amicably and that Acton will not be in the unhappy position of being a community where the two get further and further apart as a result of using force to attain their requirements.

We're not discussing the agreement or its provisions. That is a matter for the employers and the employees. But we've learned of some of the things that are happening in Hamilton where several strikes are in progress; where folks who were once good neighbors, don't speak to each other any more; and where families are parted with father in one camp of workers and sons in the other group; where the business of the community is steadily declining and where it's not safe to even be a member of the city Council. We've read of these things and we reiterate that as a citizen of Acton we're happy to congratulate local groups who chose a better way to get together and settle differences and maintain the fine community spirit which has always characterized Acton.

Canadian Farm Prices Too Low for Farm Costs

Farmers have been afforded far too little information as to how their prices and costs compare with farmers in the U.S.A. With Canadian wheat prices pegged away below those of other wheat countries on the world market, with ceilings on meats and other products, with bureaucrats still the architects of policy at Ottawa, farmers will be interested in the address of a farmer member, J. A. Ross, M.P. Souris, Man., delivered in the House, July 10th, 1946. He was replying to Minister C. D. Howe, who said: "I believe a bushel of wheat will buy more goods in Canada than a bushel in any other country will buy in that country."

Mr. Ross, who farms near the U.S.A. border and got his figures direct, placed this information on Hansard for the information of the government, for members of the House and for Canadian farmers in general. Here are the facts. They are indeed revealing:

To purchase a Farmall M. Tractor in Canada requires 1225 bushels of wheat. To purchase the same tractor in the U.S.A. requires 669 bushels of wheat. In Canada a 3-furrow International tractor plow, takes 151 bushels of wheat; in the U.S.A. only 83 bushels. A 24-run International double disc drill costs 270 bushels of wheat and only 147 in the U.S.A. A 10-foot International power binder takes 33 bushels of Canadian wheat; in the U.S.A. only 183 bushels. The above tractor would take twelve, 1000 lb. finished Canadian steers compared with only 8 in the U.S.A.—Bowmanville Statesman.

Where Credit Is Due

Britain's fight to regain her place in the forefront of the world's trading nations compels attention and admiration. It has been said that the Briton fights best with his back to the wall and at no time was the statement more true than now.

For six years Britain fought a war that crippled normal industrial life. The German blitz laid waste great areas in her manufacturing cities and seaports, and her lifeline—the merchant navy—suffered tremendous losses. Belts were tightened by a rigid austerity program and they were tightened even more a year after victory when bread rationing became effective.

During those war years millions of men and women changed their occupations, either by entering the fighting forces and munitions plants or by taking up other forms of war work. Their experiences might naturally influence them against a return to pre-war working conditions. In addition, hundreds of thousands of young people entered the forces

straight from school, thus missing the routine entry into working careers.

A switch from war to peace economy is a tremendous task. Since V-E Day nearly 6,000,000 men and women have left the fighting forces and war factories and entered peacetime industry. As a matter of fact, at the end of May, 5,780,000 men and women were working in industries manufacturing for the home and export markets, compared with 5,174,000 recorded in June 1939. Only 24 per cent. of the entire working population of Great Britain is registered as unemployed.

While labor problems and attendant strikes darken the industrial picture on this side of the ocean, Britain by disciplined and carefully-planned effort is slowly, but surely, building up the export trade which is vital to her existence. Her labor force engaged in manufacturing for export totals 1,266,000, a 28 per cent. increase over the number similarly engaged in 1939.

In the First Great War the British "muddled through;" they "finished the job" in the last war although Mr. Churchill offered nothing more than "blood, toil, tears and sweat." And now in the post-war drive for world markets, still with their backs to the wall, they are working with characteristic courage and dogged determination.

Eligibility For Voting

Supposing the voting age were reduced to 18, or even to 16. What proportion of such youngsters would actually go to a polling booth and cast ballots during an election? To us, at least, it would be surprising if as many as one per cent. took time out from their other affairs in order to vote. But would not those few be the very ones most entitled, regardless of their ages, or the immaturity of their opinions, to have a hand in deciding how Canada is to be governed?

On several occasions this paper, in common with many other periodicals, has deplored the fact that at most elections, federal, provincial or municipal, as much as two-thirds of the electorate will refrain from voting. But, when all is said and done, the 30 to 50 per cent. or thereabout who exercise the franchise consists of those who demonstrate their active interest in good government and good social conditions.

They are the ones who, by their thinking, and by fulfilling their obligations of citizenship on election days, earn the right to decide how the affairs of this town, this province, and this dominion shall be conducted. And, by the same token, they merit the privilege of determining who shall conduct those affairs.

All told, the question of a citizen's voting eligibility might better be decided on the basis of his intelligent interest in public affairs, rather than on a mere two or three years difference in his physical age.—Fort Erie Times-Review.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The larger sugar ration this fall is appreciated by everyone and the prospects are that next April will see more sweetness procurable.

Don't want to speed on winter, but the facts facing us are that schools re-open a week from Tuesday and the Fall Fair season will be here in a few weeks.

Kansas has been the butt of many jokes because of its dry laws but there are 54 counties in that State without any insane 54 without any feeble-minded, 96 counties without poor houses, 53 without any person in jail, and 56 counties without any representatives in the State penitentiary.

Despite material and labor shortages, Canadian home builders are still going all out to ease the housing situation and one result is a new record in building permits issued. Nearly 30,000 residential permits have been issued in the first six months of this year, as compared to 12,500 in the same period of 1945.

Enforce the law in regard to strikes, says the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal and the Government and Members of Parliament "will receive the wholehearted support of the vast majority of the people of Canada—including most of those good Canadian trade union members who do not personally approve of violence, intimidation and the rule of the mob instead of the Reign of Law."

The English are indeed a funny people. The other day, a man over there sold his house for \$2,000 to a young couple who needed a home, although he might easily have sold it for \$6,000. "I don't agree with this mad rush for money," he declared. "I've got what I think is a fair price." Now, if we could bring a couple of fellows like that over to Canada, all would be well, remarks the Chesley Enterprise.

The editor of Durez Plastic News thinks the time has come for a definition of the term "plastic." Here is the latest attempt at an all-inclusive definition reported. "A plastic is any one of a large and varied group of materials which consist of, or contains an organic substance of large molecular weight which, while solid in the finished state, at some stage in its manufacture has been or can be formed (cast, calendered, extruded, molded, etc.) into various shapes by flow, usually through application singly or together of heat and pressure." Which leaves us just where we started.

AUSTRALIA NEEDS STUDENT SHEARERS

SYDNEY (CP)—Australian agricultural department experts, and ranchers, have been expressing concern about the lack of learners to take the place of sheep shearers who have retired. It has been widely suggested that shearing schools should be established in conjunction with the Repatriation Department so that ex-servicemen may learn the trade. The Grazier's Association has asked the government to establish schools in conjunction with large shearing contract sheds. It might be necessary to subsidize such a scheme to guarantee the wages of the learner during the training.

RIGHT START

"Don't make it just coffee and toast for breakfast," declares an official of the Department of National Health and Welfare. Health experts agree that a good breakfast is essential for a right start of the day's work or play. They recommend fruit whole-grain cereal and, whenever possible, an egg for the first meal of the day.

DANGEROUS FUEL

Need for care in using makeshift substitutes for recognized types of fuel, is noted by the Department of National Health and Welfare. Commenting on U.S. reports of persons suffering from lead poisoning due to burning discarded battery cases during a coal shortage, the health authorities advise against putting on the fire anything not specifically designed for burning, because of the possible emission of noxious fumes, or even of an explosion.

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CLAM CHOWDER 2 TINS 25c

WAX BEANS 2 TINS 27c, NESCAFE, FLY DOD, SOUP, BABY FOOD, FRESH WHITE CAULIFLOWER 20c, JUICY CALIFORNIA LEMONS 39c, NO. 1-CANADIAN POTATOES 35c, NO. 1 CHOICE PEACHES Special Week-end Price

Business Directory

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

STANDARD TIME Going East Daily except Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 9:48 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Sunday only: 6:19 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown: 10:11 p.m. Going West Daily except Monday: 1:17 a.m.; Monday only: 12:08 a.m.; Daily except Sunday: 9:01 a.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:25 p.m.; Saturday only: 1:36 p.m.; Flyer Coastal daily except Saturday and Sunday: 6:12 p.m.

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