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EDITORIAL

Proof Wanted

We are pleased to note that the Municipal Council has not taken into consideration seriously the engaging of provincial police for the local force. It may eventually prove to be the best course, but for the present there are enough municipalities who have ventured on the scheme and will prove in the course of time which system is best.

Certainly it will be more costly and is a long way from the days that many of us can remember when the town constable was one man and he did almost every service that was given to municipal taxpayers. The name applied to such a man was very aptly, Municipal Officer.

If memory serves us right, crime was not any more prevalent in those one-man police days than it is to-day. We can't say, either that the need for so much protection to-day can be laid at the door of the municipalities, but we often wonder if the laws of province and dominion have been as helpful as they were supposed to be.

We don't believe, either, that the small municipalities will gain greatly by providing a training field for a provincial force that will be jockeyed around by some authority outside the municipality but will be paid for by the local taxpayer. We're not so sure that past experience where provincial police were sent in to quell unusual local disturbances were so capably administered that we want it in our town.

There are a lot of angles to be considered by municipalities before the step is made and it would seem well to let these other centres which have entered upon the plan be the shining examples to make us want this super protection, administered provincially but paid for locally.

We want to make it perfectly clear that this opinion has no reference whatever to the present provincial police who are paid and governed solely by the Provincial Department and for whose work we have nothing but praise. Our reference is entirely to the new plan proposed to all municipalities whereby the municipality pays and the Department rules.

Next Week Scout and Guide Week

The 22nd of February is the anniversary of the birthday of the Founder of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements, the late Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell. This fact forms the keynote of the observance in Canada this year, from February 10th to 23rd inclusive, of Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week, in which some 100,000 Boy Scouts and 60,000 Girl Guides of the Dominion will participate. "This is the Future" is the appropriate slogan for the observance.

To-day the Boy Scouts have an active world membership of 5,000,000 and the Girl Guides of 2,500,000. There is a saying "Once a Scout always a Scout" and the same spirit applies to the Guides. The solemn promise to do their duty to God and country and to help other people at all times, is not easily forgotten and the "Good Turn" habit stays with the majority of people long after they have ceased to wear the uniforms of Scouts or Guides.

Baden-Powell died on January 8, 1941, in Kenya. Memorial services for the founder of Scouting and Guiding are a feature of Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week throughout Canada. It has been given to few men to see the fruits of their labors which Baden-Powell enjoyed. He was 50 years old when the first Scout Camp was held in England in 1907. In the ensuing 34 years he saw the Scout and Guide Movements grow beyond his fondest dreams. To-day, the Scout and Guide uniforms are universally recognized as symbolic of all that is fine in youth training. The organization which Baden-Powell left behind is a rich heritage for Canada and the entire world.

Revenue Up — Grants Down

It will come as a shock to most municipalities to learn that school grants from the province will be lower this year by from eight to ten per cent. In view of increased costs of operating schools all along the line, this drop in grants can only mean passing the cost on to the municipal taxpayer.

It is all the more perplexing to understand the cut when predictions are that provincial revenues are likely to be fifteen per cent. over original estimates and liquor revenues may be forty per cent. above original estimates. According to the Financial Post rough estimates of what profit liquor may show in Ontario is \$12,000,000, compared with \$20,000,000 shown last year.

Citizens may well wonder what has become of the educational program that was to be carried on to curtail the use of intoxicating liquor when revenues are greater and educational grants are lower. It was a foolish conception in the first place to stagger our way to prosperity. Taxpayers will find out this year that the theory is gone. In spite of more revenue the province seems capable of taking them all. There'll likely be another speech by Premier Drew to explain it all and if you can't hear, you'll get a copy through the mail. (Hope it doesn't come in the same mail with your tax bill).

Edison's 100th Birthday

Oil lamps are still fresh enough in the memory of Canadians to make us aware of the blessing of electric lights. And even in sophisticated 1947 there are some, besides the very young, who can still marvel at the phonograph, motion pictures, and the thousand and one applications of electricity to daily living which can be traced to the inventive genius of Thomas Alva Edison.

Because these developments are still so recent it seems incredible that this Feb. 11 should mark the Edison centenary. Yet it was 100 years ago in Milan, Ohio, that the inventor was born. It seems only yesterday that he died yet it was 10 years ago. Between these two dates Edison patented more than a thousand devices; and the principles he developed must have led directly to a million more inventions in his wake.

When we consider how short a time ago men like Edison began their work, we are less inclined to take for granted the life of electrified, mechanized, ease that is ours to-day. We are, perhaps, less likely to believe our present stage the ultimate in human achievement. And this is well, for it breeds hope for a future beyond imagining. — Financial Post.

Labor's Stake in Advertising

Maybe one of these days some labor leader will be smart enough to go to management and demand more aggressive advertising. So says C. B. Larrabee, president and publisher of Printers' Ink, U. S. advertising weekly. He writes:

"By and large the great mass production industries, which are thoroughly unionized, have been built to their present levels with the help of aggressive advertising. In these industries, however, we occasionally find labor men who are definitely antagonistic toward advertising. It ought to be pretty obvious to laborers, as well as labor leaders, that in order to maintain current high wages, a lot of merchandise will have to be sold. It ought to be equally obvious that one of the most economical selling is sound, hard hitting advertising."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Turn over a new leaf, by all means, but keep it firmly bound in the old family album.

More price increases are expected in the spring, according to reports. Well, the weather ought to be settled enough then, so that a change of subject will be interesting.

A note in one of the papers says a well known power and paper company will show earnings of over \$2.50 a common share. Now we know why three price increases were "necessary" last year.

The Dominion-Provincial tax squabble will be solved, predicts the Windsor Star. The Dominion after all, has nothing to lose. By one means or another it will get the money. So will the province, of course, and surely no one needs be told whence it will come.

The Chesley-Enterprise says: "While there are ten counties in Ontario which have adopted the plan of a county assessor, including the neighboring county of Grey, yet Bruce and Wellington continue to shy away from this scheme. One Wellington resident said this system would cost \$40,000, and didn't think it was worth it." Local experience has been one of waiting. Appointed in 1946, it appears little results will be seen from the County system in Halton before 1948.

Compulsory voting may have its disadvantages as well as its advantages, declares the Edmonton Journal, but South American experience suggests that it might offer governments a new aid in balancing their budgets. "A dispatch this week from Brazil reports that 1,750,000 qualified Brazilian voters must pay fines of \$5 to \$15 for failing to vote at city election. That adds up to a source of revenue in the income tax or liquor profits class."

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