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**EDITORIAL**

**Looking Back on the Past Season**

The ice on the arena is an uncertainty—the boys have reached the end of the 1946-47 hockey season and perhaps we should make some editorial comment. First, let us say we were proud of the showing made by Acton players this year. It didn't turn out to be a championship year but the Intermediates went well along the way and in elimination they were certainly not disgraced.

We are pleased, too, that in the season when a choice had to be made regarding resident or non-resident players that the management chose to go the route with the boys who are resident of Acton and the district. It does seem that if hockey is to survive in communities such as this without becoming a financial burden, some group will have to be set up by the O.H.A. that will offer a championship to an all-resident team. We don't believe communities such as ours have reached the stage where financial returns are sufficient to use a professional scale of payment to participants in the game such as is used in Maple Leaf Gardens. We feel there has been too much trend already in that direction and a new change of outlook is necessary if the sport is to survive in the smaller towns. We hope this will be taken into consideration seriously before another season rolls around.

**Every Visitor a Salesman**

Every Canadian who visits the United States is a salesman for Canada—whether he realizes it or not. One who does realize his responsibilities and opportunity is H. G. Colebrook, a director and merchandise manager of the Robert Simpson Co.

While on a holiday in North Carolina he noticed that an editorial in one of the local newspapers declared that "only in America is enterprise still free." In a prompt but friendly letter to the editor Mr. Colebrook pointed out that "in Canada free enterprise prevails just as much as in America." Only a Canadian on the spot could handle a situation such as this and it is fortunate in this case that there was one to do so.

Canadian visitors to the United States can do a great deal in building up further good will, trade and tourist traffic. Wherever they go they are asked questions that range anywhere from the condition of the road between some small lake and the nearest highway, to momentous problems of Empire relations. On the answers given may often depend whether or not some new American capital will seek investment here.—Financial Post.

**Spring and Taxes**

With the tax levies set for the municipality and the province, folks can concentrate and speculate on what the Federal budget has in store for them. There was a time that many of us can remember when the average man and woman was not deeply concerned on the Dominion levy. It affected a small group. But we've had two wars since those days and while the levies from the first one were found excellent means for governments to raise money, the second World War used all the tactics and found some new methods which extracted something from everyone.

So that everyone now has a personal interest in the Dominion budget and the news it contains. We're sort of broadening our interests these days. At the time of writing this article there is no indication of when the budget will be presented. Evidently Ontario's Premier does not expect it soon since the Legislature is to have a holiday and re-assemble when the Dominion's plans are known.

And so it's spring, with an air of expectancy about it. Its a hopeful air and while there hasn't been much sunshine in the tax levies handed down this year by other bodies, hope always springs in the human breast and it can do no harm to hope for a better trend when the Dominion government announces its tax plans for the year.

**The Spirit of the Thing**

It is said the Nazis lost the war when their plan produced no landing barges at a time when they had England at their mercy. It would be truer to say they lost before that—when they produced a brutal philosophy that turned the world against them.

Today we are in a world war of conflicting ideas. America's plan is the return to free enterprise. Russia's plan is totalitarian control. Britain is experimenting with a half-way plan of socialism. Which plan will dominate? Again it may be a question less of plan than of philosophy.

Free enterprise is a philosophy of materialism—a philosophy of everybody get for himself as much as he can—always overreaches itself.

The socialist plan in a philosophy of materialism fails to go far enough. Cutting off self-interest, it does not call forth enough self-giving to serve the common interest, except through moving further on to totalitarian dictatorship.

Totalitarianism in a philosophy of materialism tries to smother the materialism but smother's effort as well and has to resort once more to the old lures of selfishness.

Each plan is self-defeating though not because of defects in the plan so much as defects in philosophy. It is not a new plan we need but a new philosophy—not a new system but a new spirit. Only the Spirit speaks to the spirit. Nations which would win the world war of ideas must pioneer the spiritual way of life to replace incentives of materialism. Then what they plan will work.

**Year Round Prevention Needed**

Canada's estimated fire losses aggregated nearly \$13,000,000 in December of last year and January of this, a figure which is causing fire-preventing authorities much concern, according to an announcement by the Canadian Underwriters' Association.

Despite appeals to the public during last "Fire Prevention Week", for greater precautions against fire, December 1946 losses reached \$6,750,000, an increase of \$2,250,000 over December 1945.

In January 1947, losses exceeding \$6,000,000 were suffered; a jump of 33 per cent. over the January 1945 figure of \$4,500,000!

Fatalities from fire since August last total 40, and it is feared that much higher death and loss figures will be recorded, unless the country awakes to the seriousness of the fire menace and make a stern effort to combat it.

"Fires will occur, it is realized, regardless of precautions, but human memories are short-lived and the warnings and appeals of "Fire Prevention Week" seem soon to be forgotten," the Board statement said. "People do not remember that "Fire Prevention Week" exists in reality 365 days of the year. Precaution against fire—the first line of defence against the menace—should be taken 24 hours of every day from one "Fire Prevention Week" to the next."

"Statistics show the appeals for vigilance and care made during "Fire Prevention Week" actually seem to strike home in the public's mind, although as the months pass the effect appears to wear off," it continued. "For instance, last October, when "Fire Prevention Week" was last observed, fire losses dropped \$250,000 below the figure of \$3,750,000 for October 1945, while in November total losses were \$3,750,000, identical with those of November 1945."

In the 20 years prior to and including 1945, fire destroyed almost \$662,000,000 worth of Canadian property and took 5,968 lives.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

To-morrow is Good Friday and Sunday is Easter Sunday, really a wonderful week for everyone.

Purchase of Easter seals will not only improve your correspondence but they'll help in bringing joy to many crippled children.

March has gone but the 1947 variety has left behind it a remembrance that will linger for many years and be placed in the record breaking class for winter severity.

Roads are breaking up badly on all those except the hard surfaced ones and there'll be some more weeks of driving with consideration before all the repairs of winter damage can be fixed.

A notice in another column brings the reminder that there are still many goods and services which are still under price control. True, the controls are gradually being lifted but it's no run away program and we suggest that readers retain a copy of the list of goods still under price control. It may save you some money.

Every cloud has a silver lining and ours cropped up this week. Last week we told you of the difficulties encountered in receiving two shipments of newspaper almost together. This week we received notice that the price has increased by six dollars a ton and here we are with stock piled to the roof at the old price. All of which means that subscribers won't be affected here for the next six months by an increase in the cost of their local paper and perhaps by that time the upward trend will have stopped.

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