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EDITORIAL

Not Future Wishing but Present Facts

Glancing over the recent report of manufacturing industries in the Province of Ontario, we can find no community of 2500 inhabitants that comes close to Acton as a manufacturing centre. In fact, we find many larger towns, some of them four times the population of Acton and some small cities who go far behind Acton as a manufacturing centre. We believe many of our readers are not aware of the place Acton occupies in this respect because few people will bother to send the twenty-five cents to the Department of Trade and Commerce to get a book of statistics and untangle the figures for comparative purposes.

It is also worth noting that Halton County towns are as a whole manufacturing centres. We have listed the towns of Halton first in the table below and picked at random communities in the list which our readers would be interested in. If there are other communities readers would like to know about we'll be glad to supply the figures for you. Column two is the total of salaries and wages paid in industries and column three is the total of all male and female salaried folk and wage earners in each centre listed.

Table with 4 columns: Place, No. Salaries & No. Est., Wages, Gross Value of Products. Lists towns like Acton, Oakville, Georgetown, Burlington, Milton, Barrie, Brampton, Erin, Lindsay, North Bay, Orangeville, Paris, Renfrew, St. Thomas, St. Mary's, Smith's Falls, Stratfordville, Collingwood, Amherstburg, Dundas.

It might be added that these are figures for 1944 but in view of the fact that Acton had no industries making war materials the comparison to-day might be even better. With these figures in mind and the continued expansion of Acton industries, we wonder if the fifty wartime houses in the present plan are going to be felt and the municipality should in all branches, housing extension, schools, water extension and public services make provision for a village of 2500 in the immediate future. This is not idle wishing but substantiated by figures and comparisons as shown above. By comparison maybe we ought to build a High School of our own without the district, not ten years hence, but now.

A New Economy — Why Not?

Since everybody longs for a new world why not work deliberately for an economy where we frankly recognize there's not enough for everybody's greed but enough and to spare for everybody's need? Where God provides from a great store of plenty so that men and nations who obey Him need never improvise from scarcity? Where resulting freedom from demand in men and nations makes the wealth and work of the world available to all, exploiting none?

Why not realize that an economy is possible where everybody cares enough, and everybody shares enough, so everybody has enough? Where government no longer needs to control supply because individuals themselves are disciplined enough to control demand? Where people come before profits, national interests ahead of private interests? Where business becomes a matter of give and receive rather than buy and sell, or trade and barter?

Where work becomes a joyful service rather than a fearful way of avoiding hunger or a selfish way of satisfying greed? Where teamwork becomes the most important product of industry? Where the way is thus opened for peak production and a higher peak than ever was or will be possible under the

merely hired labor of commercialism, the directed labor of socialism, or the slave labor of totalitarianism?

Where the boss voluntarily does more for his workers than the most radical government would ask? And the worker does more than the strictest task master expects?

Where this idea of teamwork, exported abroad sets a pace for teamwork between nations, opening the way for the exchange of goods, services and money? Where nations, thus enjoying the respect and friendship of their neighbors, find—for the first time in history—that they are really economically secure?

Another War to Fight!

Canada is fighting again... fighting a war against a grim killer that takes the lives of 14,000 Canadians every year... men, women and children.

The killer is cancer. During World War II, 40,000 Canadians gave their lives in the cause of freedom, and yet, over the same period, 83,000 Canadians died of cancer! Cancer is no respecter of persons, of age or sex. It invades the homes of wealthy and poor alike. Striking down the breadwinner, the mother, the child. Young and old are victims. Cancer kills 39 Canadians every day.

Let us face the facts: One out of every three persons with cancer may be saved if treated in time. Fear keeps many people away from their doctor until it is too late; ignorance plays its vicious part too, in the mounting toll of cancer victims.

The Ontario Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is fighting ignorance and fear of cancer by conducting a membership drive from April 1st to 30th inclusive. Memberships are a dollar each. The Society, 280 Bloor St. West, Toronto and a membership fee. Send your dollar to the Canadian Cancer Society, 280 Bloor St. West, Toronto and a membership card will be mailed to you directly. It will entitle you to receive up-to-date information about treatments for cancer, with instructions about symptoms of the dread disease.

Some Faces Should be Red

When an increase in the sessional indemnity for Members of Parliament was being discussed in the House of Commons last year, there was much talk about the arduous duties imposed on our elected representatives at Ottawa. After letting loose a flood of oratory, the members voted themselves an additional \$2,000 a year which, it should be remembered, is not taxable. So, to-day they are paid a \$4,000 of which is sub-total of \$6,000 a year, only subject to income tax.

Perhaps that cannot be considered as overly generous for high-grade legislative talent, but neither is it exactly stingy. At any rate, by ordinary commercial standards it is enough to entitle the taxpayers of the country to demand the utmost effort and regular attendance by their MPs.

But it does not seem to have worked out that way, at least in the matter of attendance. Recently a ruling of the Speaker was put to a vote in the House, and was upheld by a vote of 86 to 76 because 27 of the 67 Progressive Conservative members were not present. Later it was reported from Ottawa that John Bracken, leader of the opposition, was on the warpath, and did some plain speaking to individual members of his party.

In some quarters the view is taken that the opposition missed a rare opportunity to embarrass the government and its supporters in the House; because if only 11 of the absent PC members had been present, the vote would have gone against the speaker's ruling. From a political or partisan angle, that may be important; but in our judgment the significance of the situation is the reflection it casts on the attitude of the absentees towards their parliamentary duties. And that applies not only to Progressive Conservatives, because more than 30 Liberal members were absent from the House when the vote was called that day.

It was readily understandable that, after sitting in the House for the first four days of the week, members who live within two or three hundred miles from Ottawa are tempted to get away on Friday afternoon so they can spend the week-end at home. No doubt most of their constituents would enjoy being able to do likewise, but have to stay with their jobs despite the fact that not many of them are paid as much as \$6,000 a year for their work. And those few who are, have to pay income tax on the whole amount; there is no special exemption for them. Fort, Erie Times-Review.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Just two weeks and income tax worries will be over, the streams will have plenty of water and we can go fishing.

You're right when you say there ought to be something done about that highway between Acton and Milton. Maybe we could have the engineers report on the camping ground provided for the last two summers.

Motorists hope that the end of rubber control April 1 would mean a speedy return of natural rubber tires were dashed this week when it was learned that Canadian rubber manufacturers have agreed to continue a voluntary form of allocation control for an indefinite period. The control will be administered through the Rubber Association of Canada.

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