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EDITORIAL

Canadian Flag and Unity

Coming back from a holiday trip in the United States where Old Glory seem to float from every hot dog stand and certainly on public buildings, one cannot help but note the absence of flags in Canadian towns. We wonder many times if the adoption of a distinctive Canadian flag would likely do much to make Canadians do a little more flag waving and a great deal more conscious of our status as a nation among the nations of the world and incidentally make more toward Canadian unity.

We note that India, the latest of the British Empire to obtain dominion status, has already adopted a distinctive flag and not waited eighty years to take the step. There is nothing disloyal to the Motherland in such a step and we would expect to see the Union Jack displayed along with the new flag when adopted. But surely through peace and war Canada has shown loyalty and devotion to prove that a flag of our own would not be disloyalty but merely a sign of a nation growing up.

We've had designs submitted. The point has been argued long enough and political parties have made an issue and display that is tiresome. For the sake of Canadian unity Canada needs a distinctive Canadian flag. The design is a matter to be chosen by parliament, not eighty years from now, but within the next year. Adoption of a distinctive Canadian flag would certainly be a first step in promoting Canadian unity.

Tourist Business Is Immense Source of Revenue

According to the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity which comes under the direction of Hon. G. A. Welsh, the tourist business of Ontario has already increased 25 per cent more than last year and at the rate of entry of United States tourists it is estimated that they will spend 25,000,000 in American dollars here before this season closes. As a source of cash wealth the tourist traffic now stands second only to newsprint. Thus this tourist item alone offsets about one-third of the unfavorable balance of trade between Canada and the U.S.A. The average citizen accepts this peaceful invasion as a matter of course without doing much about it.

The fact is that the budgets laid down by both Ottawa and provincial governments to attract the tourists are insignificant as measured against the returns. Staffs of tourists bureaus are overwhelmed with enquiries from the U.S.A. right through the year. They are given little time to organize widely on the basis of educating Canadians on how best to encourage and accommodate the millions of motor tourists who come into this country. In every small town the passing of U.S.A. cars is accepted as a matter of course with little pains taken to make the visitors welcome and to greet them as guests.

A breakdown in the spending of the quarter billion of tourist dollars is given as follows: Retail stores, 75 millions; restaurants and sleeping accommodation, 97 millions; gasoline, 30; theatres, etc. 22; with various items making up the balance. Almost every Canadian handles American dollars daily during the season. Almost everyone profits and with a vast indifference. Sound asleep Sundays, we let tourists drift through town with no breakfast. They see a cafe sign, "Not open till 11 a.m." and pass on through, wondering what kind of people we are. That's not good enough for any town. We withhold friendship and remain simply dollar grabbers at our leisure. Bowmanville Statesman.

Tourists and Roads

In another article on this page the extent of the tourist business is shown and the effect such trade has on Canada generally. Canada has a grand share of tourist attractions and chief among them are its lakes and rivers. Most of our tourists come from the neighboring republic to the south. The license plates of every state in the Union can be seen on our highways at this time of year.

Ontario could do more in the matter of better roads to attract these tourists. Last week we saw some of the scenic drives in New York state and more especially in the state of Pennsylvania among the Alleghany Mountains where the roads twist and turn

and traverse peaks and dales and in many cases are built along the face of mountains and are difficult to construct and maintain. Yet all these roads, often leading only to small hamlets are black surfaced with a good thickness of asphalt. We saw none of this so-called road building where oil is sprayed on the road and a layer of sand is put over it such as has been done just now at the Burlington Beach road.

Ontario has a grand tourist country, attractive to American visitors but if it is to be held, the Ontario government will have to take more of the eleven cent tax collected on every gallon of gasoline and some of the license and driver's fees collected from motorists and spend it on better and more permanent highway construction. Roads are not as difficult in Ontario to maintain and construct as in many other places. American tourists have them in their own country and they expect them when they come to Ontario.

Less attention to overseas travel and more attention to Ontario highways and more expenditure on them from the money collected should certainly be the duty of the Ontario government these days.

Do Not Hoard U.S. Currency

At the request of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, the R.C.M.P. have commenced a country-wide check on the way in which storekeepers, service stations, hotels and others are handling U.S. currency received from tourists.

The U.S. dollar expenditures of tourists in Canada are one of the main sources of the foreign exchange needed to pay for Canadian imports and other normal expenditures in the United States. So that the U.S. dollars spent by tourists will be available for these purposes, the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations require that Canadian merchants and others turn the U.S. currency they receive into their banks.

Under the Regulations a merchant, hotelkeeper or other person engaged in a business serving tourists may accept U.S. currency at par and may make change in U.S. currency for a non-resident tourist who tenders U.S. currency in payment for purchases. For this purpose a merchant may keep on hand a reasonable amount of U.S. currency but, with this one exception, is required to turn in to his bank all U.S. currency he receives.

In no circumstances is a merchant, hotelkeeper, etc. entitled under the Regulations to pay out U.S. currency in exchange for Canadian currency or in change to a Canadian resident, even though the latter may have tendered U.S. currency in payment for a purchase.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The worst part of a holiday is getting back to work again.

Next big events will be the Canadian National Exhibition to be followed by the local fall fairs.

No we haven't been able to present any pictures yet of activity on wartime houses and the next move is up to Wartime Housing.

A new machine has been invented to tenderize steaks but it is evidently not yet in general use throughout even the country of its origin.

Seldom does August come around with the grass and trees so green and fresh. The regular rains have made growth splendid even if they have hampered the harvesting.

Each year at this time the need for a swimming pool becomes so urgent that it appears something "concrete" will be done about it, but then in the winter the urgency seems to cool off.

Dividend paid and declared by Canadian companies for the first eight months of 1947 total \$215,404,181, an increase of 7.3% from the corresponding period of last year. August dividends, at \$12,221,890 are slightly off from the same month of 1946.

J. H. Cranston, widely known editor of the Midland Free Press Herald has disposed of his business to his son William Cranston. We imagine he will still lend a helping and able hand to the new proprietor on many an occasion and fortunate indeed is such an arrangement where the benefit and experience can be passed on to the son and successor.

Higher freight rates will be sought immediately by Canada's motor freight carriers to offset tremendously increased operating costs topped this week by new wage increases of 20 to 25% which spokesmen for the industry claim will put every carrier in the red. The exact amount of the freight rate increase to be asked is being studied by the Canadian Automotive Transport Association in light of immediate needs and future policy.

Killer's chance of escape in Ontario is almost 50-50, says the Windsor Star, commenting that of the 102 murders committed since February 1, 1940, no fewer than 45 remain unsolved. The Star says that 17 of the cases were written off after suspects had been tried and acquitted. "More than 40 of the persons who have snuffed out human lives in the past seven and a half years are walking about today. There cannot have been that many 'perfect crimes'."

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