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EDITORIAL

An Opportunity to Say Thank You

This year at election time Acton ratepayers will have the opportunity to vote on what is known as the Band Tax By-law. If this receives the assent of the voters provision will have been given for a half mill of the tax rate each year to be devoted to the maintenance of a band in Acton.

Since 1972 Acton has had a band. But in that time no band has brought the honors to the community that the Boys' and Girls' Band have piled up in 1947. They won first place at the two major competitions of the year. It is fitting, therefore, that citizens should be given the opportunity in 1947 to make a recognition to the band that will make some guarantee that in the years to come Acton will have a band.

Acton has been fortunate that down through these many years there have been unselfish citizens who gave leadership and service without any stint or hope of remuneration to develop band and orchestral music. Often funds were provided privately that the work might not suffer and the community has had a band.

There is no need for an argument to be presented of the advantage a band is to any town. Bands in Acton for over sixty years have provided leadership in community events, and given freely of time and talent to assure success of most every event that goes on in the town or district. There has been no finer group in citizen service than the present organization under Mr. Charles W. Mason.

A vote for the band by-law at the municipal elections is a vote for the young people, the community and the personal enjoyment of every individual. A vote is your recognition. Your opportunity to say thank you to the champion band of 1947. A vote for the band by-law is a vote for the future of band music and for youth training in Acton. The by-law should carry without a dissenting vote but it's an opportunity for every ratepayer to show appreciation and the best way is to roll up a majority that leaves no doubt that community service is appreciation.

Does the Public Always Pay?

In a recent broadcast the Minister of Finance, Hon. D. C. Abbott, explained why the Canadian Government had decided to cut out price control. It should need no explanation. Price control was adopted during the war as a war measure. It is, as Mr. Abbott says, not even constitutional for the Dominion Government to enforce this sort of regimentation in time of peace.

Mr. Abbott pointed out that, as a direct result of abolishing price control, there is a saving of hundreds of millions dollars a year in subsidies. The removal of price control on bread saved \$35,000,000 a year in subsidies on wheat.

Mr. Abbott tied up this removal of subsidies with a reduction in taxation, so the Canadian people will now assume that, whatever else happens, the next Budget will include a tax reduction at least equal to the savings in subsidies as a result of the removing of price control.

Mr. Abbott is the Minister responsible for framing the Budget. His recent statement must be regarded as entirely official.—Bowmanville Statesman.

How to Fight Ideas

We have reached an advanced state in the war of ideas. Ideas divide not only nations but the people in them. Unless we win this idea war, and win it now, the next global war will be not only international but civil.

Civil war—an internal fight for or against freedom—is already raging in plenty of countries. In others freedom seems about to fall through political intrigue and even through free elections. All of Europe and Asia are close to the black-out of liberty. We have seen that black-out abroad soon reflect on our own shores. This will happen again unless we fight the idea war with everything we have.

Some, however, still do not know this war is going on. Others know it but think it hopeless. Still others want to fight but don't know how.

To fight the war of ideas means fighting to make

the idea of freedom workable. "You fight for everything that unites for only unity can save our liberty. You fight for higher moral standards in all people, beginning with yourself. Men with morals cannot hate each other—do not divide.

You fight to find the way that you and your wife—you and your workers or your boss—you and your competitors in politics, in business and in love—can work together instead of splitting up in strikes, deadlocks and divorce. You fight to conquer your own pride and self-sufficiency, admitting that men and nations cannot build and strengthen their moral relations until, in humility, they seek strength from God.

Against the background of lost liberty, all petty human divisions pale into insignificance. And moral and spiritual re-arming becomes an absolute priority for every man and nation in the world.

Housewife Rules Again

For the first time in five long years the Canadian housewife can go into a store and buy whatever she likes from the goods on display there. End of sugar rationing this week restores her pre-war prerogative of making her own buying decisions. And few will dispute that the housewife is the most capable authority for making these decisions. After all she is the only one who knows her own family needs, likes and dislikes, what it can or cannot afford.

We are a nation of individuals, with individual needs and preferences. No bureaucrat, no matter how wise or efficient can devise blanket regulations that will satisfy or fit perfectly our individual requirements.

In sugar, the first to be rationed and the last to be freed, there was waste even during the periods of greatest scarcity. Those people with some fruit of their own could not obtain the necessary extra sugar to preserve it and were forced to compete with the others later on for the minimum amount of commercial packs of jams and preserves. To a certain extent the same thing occurred with all other rationed foods. In a dire emergency, when supplies are desperately short and no substitutes are in sight, rationing has a place, but we should be thankful that we no longer need it.—Financial Post.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Municipal nominations are close. Time to renew interest in your town and activity for the next year.

Christmas is just six weeks from to-day. Don't take our word for it but consult the calendar if in doubt.

It's safe to prophecy now that the fall of 1947 was very moderate and that we'll likely have winter set in soon.

Won't be long until there'll be a clamoring for ice in the arena. The first part of any season seems the most important.

First snowfall of the autumn of 1947 came over the week-end and it was a reminder of what is to come.

For the first time Acton will have two members on County Council in 1948. Wonder who the first deputy-reeve of Acton will be?

Even with the hundred new homes soon to be ready in Acton the housing shortage will not be nearly met this year. New homes are going up in every section of town.

Attention should be drawn to an amendment to the Municipal Act enacted in 1947, wherein it is provided a Returning Officer may not accept the nomination of a proposed candidate who is not present at the Nomination Meeting, unless the proposed candidate consents to be so nominated. That ought to help make a bigger interest in nomination night meetings.

Couple of comments that we noted stated that the United States spent \$9 billion on liquor, which is three times as much as was spent on education and that the average Englishman spends half as much on alcoholic drinks as he does for food and almost twice as much as he does for rent. No figure on Canada but here's one respect where the Dominion won't be lagging.

Three gangsters stole \$13,600 in a holdup in Chicago five years ago. Three were captured and two were killed. Rather than waste any more money on court costs the people who were robbed agreed to settle for \$9500. A court has now ordered that the remaining \$4000 should be divided between the three living robbers now in penitentiary, and the estates of the two unfortunate gangsters who were killed.

In these days of municipal expansion and new improvements ratepayers will require to give serious consideration to those who will serve them in 1948. Nomination meetings are due this month. It's your town and those who you put in office will spend your money and look after the welfare of municipal events. Nomination day and election day are citizens' days. They are important and all engagements made so that they will have your attendance and attention.

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