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**EDITORIAL**

**The Citizens Show Appreciation of the Band**

The Vote on Monday on the Band Tax Law, while not a large one was clearly indicative of the light in which Acton citizens appreciate their band and a fine tribute to the performance of Acton Boys' and Girls' Band and Bandmaster Mason. It may be regarded in some respects as an expression of appreciation for their achievements of this year.

We had hoped for a larger vote on a municipal question, but an almost four to one endorsement indicates that had the vote been larger that the trend would have been the same way. We compliment the citizens of Acton with this showing of encouragement of the band's work. We hope it will be an incentive to even greater achievements and that it will be an assurance that Acton will always have a band of high calibre in the community.

We trust that the money provided will make for stability of the band and that the band will regard money not as an objective, but continue as in the past to find the greater achievement in community service and the joy of providing good music and the advancement of musical culture in Acton and district.

**"Austerity"**

Canada has a so-called austerity program. That word austerity seems to have become a familiar one just recently. At any rate it means the same as restrictions, war time measures or a lot of things you can't do that became such favorites during the war and since. It's about two weeks since this program was announced and we must admit we're of that class who do not yet know what it is all about.

We judge there are more in our position of ignorance who will get their enlightenment when the attempt is made to secure some of the things which come under the "austerity" measures. A few items have come down in cost, such as sugar, but on most items it means an increased cost and a lessening of spending money for travel or purchase of goods made in the United States. It appears that the fact was established during the war that Canadians were quite capable of manufacturing a lot of articles not previously made here. Then after the war to get goods quickly we went back to securing United States' products and our neighbor sold us all that could be spared but we didn't have enough to sell back to him.

Reminds us of the time in our childhood when with another lad we set up in the back yard a store and a bake shop. The idea was for the grocer to sell make believe supplies to the baker and the baker to sell his product back to the store. As children we forgot we needed some extra customers but that didn't matter. At any rate the plan was short lived. The baker ran out of money to buy more goods and the store had no other customer so the two lads quit playing that game and tried something else. Of course that was only a kid's venture and has nothing to do with an "austerity" program. There were only a few in the small towns that had ever heard of that word in those days. Measles and whooping cough and the croup were more common and better known than the flu, pneumonia and a lot of classic diseases we have so prevalent to-day.

**Who Wants To Be An Expert**

But while we were trying to get an understanding of this new program we had to make a trip to Toronto last week to see about some printing equipment. We found everybody down in the city busy in making a conjecture on just how their business was going to be effected. One thing emerged quite clearly in our understanding and that was that everything was going to cost more as a result of the new tax imports. We learned that prohibition of things is not always in good taste. What can't be stopped by prohibition is taxed more and more in an effort to stop buying and making us do the thing ourselves. It's the less painful approach to the problem and the slower cure and the final test of just how much business and the buying public can stand without being obliterated.

The experts are at work on the problem now. If this doesn't work we can always try something else that isn't too painful. But believe me, it's

swell to get back to the small town again after a half day in the city where we haven't the colossal task of solving the world problems and have some faith in providence.

**Time to Consider**

Commenting on another reported increase of \$8 to \$10 a ton in the price of newsprint the Financial Post said last week: "It would seem wise for Canadian newsprint producers to consider their position very carefully. They should realize that too high a price would tend to jeopardize much of the goodwill that has been won among their consumers as a result of the reasonable pricing and servicing policy during and since the war."

"Current earnings of newsprint companies certainly do not seem to support the argument for higher prices. Net profits in 1946 showed a satisfactory ratio to invested capital. Net profits for the first six months of 1947 for seven Canadian newsprint companies was equal to 90 per cent. of their net profit for all 1946, indicating a considerably better year for 1947. When the past earnings record and past capital reorganizations are taken into account, present earnings admittedly are not excessive but no one can claim that they are inadequate."

"Newsprint companies had some bitter experience with the boom and collapse after the last war. From a peak of \$112.60 a ton N. Y. in 1920, prices dropped to \$75 a ton N. Y. in 1922 and were down to \$40 a ton in 1934. The excessive production stimulated by the peak prices of 1919-20 accelerated the decline and prevented prompt recovery. The Canadian newsprint industry would not like to see that experience repeated."

**Several Towns Advocating Civic Manager Appointment**

Faced with many pre-war problems arising from industrial expansion, demobilization, scarcity of materials and labor, postponed services and public finance, many municipal corporations are now debating the proposition of hiring brains and experience for the transitional period. The job, generally termed "City Manager" is not a new conception for the scheme had a vogue particularly in Western Canada following over expansion in the boom period. It met with success in many cases and Municipal Acts were amended to permit local councils authority to employ a manager. But there has been much opposition to the scheme.

Essentially the job is one of coordinating the whole structure of municipal administration just as a general manager is employed to direct the affairs of private industry. Both theory and practice are completely sound. That is, a capable executive advocates a program for submission to a board of directors. In municipal procedure the local council acts as the board of directors with complete authority over general policy. The ratepayers are the shareholders in the latter case.

In case of public administration the press acts as liaison in stating the recommendations of the civic manager, a fact of some importance when the council gets down to business in the matter. So as we say, it is not surprising that many towns, having experienced unnecessary financial loss in recent times, are considering the employment of high executive ability to advise the elected representatives. Boards of Trade generally are reported in favor of the plan. —Bowmanville Statesman.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Christmas is just three weeks from to-day and there are just eighteen shopping days and you save yourself a lot of time, trouble and expense if you shop at home.

The two cent increase in the price of milk on Monday had nothing to do with the "austerity" program. That was simply a provincial matter and the Milk Control Board. That word control, whether in connection with liquor or milk seems misleading.

Generalissimo Stalin got up one morning and found that his wrist watch was missing. He called in the Kremlin M.V.D. (Security Policeman) and ordered him to find the culprit and bring him to justice. Later that day, as he changed into another uniform, Stalin reached into a pocket and found the missing watch. He recalled the M.V.D. chief and told him to abandon the investigation. The policeman demurred. Astonished at this unexpected opposition, Stalin repeated: "I, Stalin, order you to abandon the investigation." Stammering, the chief explained his dilemma: "You see, we arrested 21 people suspected of taking your watch and nineteen have already confessed." Newweek.

The Marshall Plan cannot save Europe, asserts the Dartmouth (N. S.) Patriot, what is needed is a new renaissance. "A flood of dollars are not, and never will be an adequate substitute for a flood tide of initiative and inspiration. Governments which do not know the secret of kindling an inspired initiative in their citizens bog down in restrictive controls and materialist inducements. When cabinets learn that secret they will soon secure co-operation through all parties in the government and through the nation. They will give a pattern of teamwork to farm and factory. They will enlist millions of citizens in a whole-hearted endeavor, greater even than the best of wartime efforts."

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