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EDITORIAL

Parliament Group for Profiteer-Hunting?

Though strategy and organization are not yet complete, the Financial Post says it may be taken for granted that the government has every intention of using its proposed Parliamentary Prices Committee as a means of hitting hard at alleged "profiteering."

Quite likely a Cabinet minister will be chosen to chair the committee with Defence Minister Claxton as probable choice.

There is no immediate urgency in making this choice because of the fact that Parliament will no doubt want to wrangle a long time over the motion to set up this committee. However, Prime Minister King has indicated that Parliament will be permitted to discuss this question even while the committee is sitting.

An Age Limit on Senators?

A majority of Canadians answering a Financial Post questionnaire, favored a compulsory retiring age for Senators, as proposed by Senator A. K. Huggesson of Montreal. The latter has suggested that the age limit should be not lower than 75, and possibly 80. There was greater division of opinion on a proposal that half the Senate be appointed by the provinces; some saw confusion from such a plan. Some favored an elective Senate, whose members might serve an 8 or 10-year term. Others upheld the present system, contending that the Senate as at present constituted, serves as a protection to minorities against hasty legislation enacted by the House of Commons; and that many Senators were still active physically and alert mentally at ages of 80 or over.

Globally Immune

"I thought we'd have to get rid of the trouble-makers in our plant," said a member of the works committee. "But that wasn't necessary. When we helped the rank and file think straight, and talked out with them the things most on their minds and hearts, the trouble makers made no further headway with them."

Immunity to divisive ideas is as important as immunity to disease. And trouble-makers throughout the nations of the world could make little headway if the rank and file of citizens were immunized against them.

We already know that, in feeding hungry Europe, we help to immunize people against ideological attack. Because their stomachs crave food men sometimes accept ideas which their hearts and minds reject. But a still more powerful immunity would be obtained if we filled not only stomachs but hearts and minds as well filled them with the hope of a new life and helped them see clearly the opportunity for building a new world.

Global immunity against war would thus take more than filling arsenals with arms to fight off enemies, more than filling larders with food to fight off bitterness of heart and openness to enemy ideas. It would mean draining off the stagnant breeding pools of human fear and hate and filling up the empty reservoirs of human faith and hope.

This, in turn, would mean sending out men free from self-interest and the "gimmie" spirit, men purged of everything but the clean drive of love for a new world. It would mean sending men whose own change of heart could convince others that a change in human character is possible and that, out of this new character, we can build the new world. Like yeast, this human immunizing influence grows and spreads quickly, once it starts. You and I may be the ones to start it.

48 Big Homebuilding Year?

Before a debating group in Toronto's Hart House, Trade Minister C. D. Howe claimed 78,000 houses were completed in 1947 and suggested that 100,000 might be finished in 1948.

The industry is a bit sceptical. The Financial Post has learned. They're afraid Mr. Howe is

counting his houses before they're built. But they agree more will be built this year. How many more is something else.

This year, construction rate will likely depend more on demand than materials. At the moment, it looks as if demand will hold up and exceed house building capacity.

The second source of illumination, Central Mortgage's publication "Housing in Canada" throws some light on the other factors of materials and labor. This makes it fairly clear that most material bottlenecks and to a lesser degree many labor shortages, have been broken.

Level Crossing Accident Toll

One hundred and sixty persons were killed in level crossing accidents in the Dominion last year as compared with 120 killed in the same type of accidents in 1946, preliminary figures of the Board of Transport Commissioners show.

The figures showed a heavy increase in the number of level crossing accidents, 442 last year as compared with 352 in 1946, while the number of persons injured soared to 637 from 487.

The increase occurred despite improvements in guarding and marking the crossings during the year and the Board of Transport Commissioners did not comment on the figures.

Statistics, still incomplete for 1947, show, however, that a large number of the accidents occurred at crossings where the view was unobstructed, some of them because of panic on the part of drivers after stalling on the crossing; that about 24 per cent. happened when automobiles ran into trains already well across the highway and that most of the others occurred in bad weather or at crossings where the view was obstructed.

Railway authorities said many of the accidents at crossings where the view was not obstructed were caused by drivers attempting to race trains and that carelessness, drunkenness, or worry on the part of automobile drivers caused the cars to run into the sides of the trains.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Might be some doubt as to whether the ground hog saw his shadow on Tuesday but there's little doubt that the next six weeks will be winter weather.

Another January without a thaw. Seems we recall that the January of 1947 stayed frozen up also. Perhaps the trend is now to just skip this mid-winter ease-up.

Just when we were bemoaning the high price of butter last week, we received a letter from a relative in the United States not two hundred miles from the border and telling us butter was \$1.08 per pound there. There's always someone worse off than you are.

It would take just about two weeks for the first oleomargarine to make its appearance on the Canadian market were Ottawa to end present manufacturing restrictions, a Financial Post survey of meat packers and soap manufacturers revealed. Price to the consumer would likely be 40c to 45c a lb.

Few Canadians questioned by The Financial Post believe that prices have yet reached their peak, unless government controls are restored. Several replied with a candid "don't know"; but more definitely predicted higher levels. Not all who took the latter view, agreed on the need, or desirability, of renewing controls; some urged such a step, while others contended that increased production, which would bridge the gap between demand and supply, was the answer.

Consumer or hidden taxes are being stressed and exposed. When a man gets his take home pay, he can take 8 per cent. right off, because that is the percentage the government takes on everything he buys with that pay. In 1945-46, the government took \$12 millions from that hidden source of taxation and at the present rate it will get 200 million more than that for the last fiscal year. For the first 7 months of 1947, the government had a surplus of 541 million. Is there any hope for income tax relief, or will the sales tax be slashed?—St. Catharines Standard.

Editor Harmon E. Rice of the Huntsville Forester, draws attention to something that probably bothers all editors from time to time, and which no doubt causes some dissatisfaction among the readers. It is a common custom and a useful one, to send in a newspaper with some news item of local interest to be copied or commented upon. Occasionally, there is nothing to indicate the name of the sender or the item of interest. More frequently, there is a note written on the front, "See Page Two", but nothing on page two to show which item is intended. That is unfortunate for if the proper item is not discovered, it disappoints the sender and this paper also misses a news item. Please mark the item on the inside page as well as making a note of the page for which we should look.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 6th, 1898

Col. Kerns who has represented the county in the local legislature the past 12 years, is again in the field as the unanimous choice of the Conservatives.

Mr. John R. Barber of Georgetown is the candidate for the Liberals for the county election on Tuesday, March 1.

Messrs. J. A. Spelght and Co. have just manufactured for Messrs. Boardman and Co. for their Bracebridge Tannery a double hair press of large proportions.

Acton hockey team went to Milton Thursday evening and suffered defeat by a score of three to two. The team was as follows: A. Swackhamer, A. Smith, T. McPhail, F. McIntosh, E. Ryder, A. Gurney, F. Ryder (Capt.).

Next Monday evening the Sons of Scotland of Camp Ivanhoe, Acton, will give an entertainment in the Town Hall. The principal attraction will be bayonet competitions between Pte. Stewart and Sergt. Wasson, the champions of the world.

Frozen ears and noses were much in evidence Tuesday morning. The ice cutters are busy on Kennedy's pond. They report a fine quality again this year.

BACK IN 1928

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 9th, 1928

The flag floated at half mast on the Government Building flag pole last week in honor of the late Earl Haig.

Orangeville is installing a sewage disposal plant and sewers at a cost of \$150,000.

Mr. Melbourne C. Overholt left this week to assume a position with the General Motors Co. of Oshawa. The many friends of this esteemed young couple will regret their removal from Acton.

A sudden and greatly lamented loss was sustained on Tuesday when Mr. A. Russell Hewetson of the Brampton and Acton shoe factories of J. W. Hewetson & Son passed away.

Last Friday evening the boys of the Taxis group and the C.G.L.T. girls held a very enjoyable sleighing party to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Johnston on the Second Line.

BORN
SPIRES — In Acton, on Monday, January 30th, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Spires, a son.

MARRIED
BAUER-MAINPRIZE — At Knox Church Manse, on Saturday, February 4th, 1928, by Rev. A. C. Stewart, M.A., George Walter Bauer to Iva Mainprize, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mainprize, all of Acton.

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