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EDITORIAL

Another Halton Championship

Halton has another Champion during the past week. With butter as scarce as it is the record attained by Patsy Kaleigh Zana, a Jersey cow owned by Jack and Bill Featherstone in Trafalgar Township, is something to boast over. Her total life time production is 146,810 lbs. of milk, the equivalent of 9,975 lbs. of butter worth at present prices nearly \$7,000. The record beaten by this sixteen year old cow had stood for ten years until "Zana", under the capable management of Featherstone Brothers broke the record.

It was fitting that tribute was paid last week in a complimentary banquet to Featherstone Brothers. Such production is certainly worthy of recognition. It really has more significance than many of the sport championships which we often herald as very important.

So We're Going to Have an Election

Announcement is made that Ontario is to have an election in June. There's nothing unusual about that because it has become the practice to call the dates for such things with regard to political expediency rather than public need.

The strange part lies in the announcement that the issue will be the change-over of power in southern Ontario from 25 to 60 cycle, a subject upon which all parties for once are agreed. What a funny election it will be with all parties taking the same side on the one question. What is a voter expected to decide by casting a ballot in such an election?

It isn't a question that there aren't any public welfare subjects about which to have an election. For instance, there's the question of sale of intoxicating beverages, the lowering of all-time high taxes, the High School districts, mother's allowances, old age pensions, health measures, hospital assistance and twenty or twenty-two other points that might be discussed on political platforms throughout the province with assurance of opposition and debating and public interest in them.

It will be interesting to see if any of the parties have the courage to tackle any of these problems on the public platform and give a clear cut stand on their position or the position of their party. Do all the parties favor continued extension of the sale of intoxicating beverages? Do all parties and candidates believe that the function of government is to simply raise taxes without adequate service? Or are they all agreed on these questions as with the cycle change of Hydro power.

If this is the state of the government of Ontario, it is indeed very anaemic and requires a transfusion with individuals who will have courage to stand up to their convictions, the interest of their constituency and give public service priority over party expediency and the retention of office for another term.

Why We Don't Work Harder

Only through more production of goods and foods is there any hope of getting prices down and removing the threat of inflation. To accomplish that means greater output for every worker. One doesn't have to be an economist to realize that simple lesson and yet in practically all industries output per worker is not increasing, but in many cases it has diminished. Why?

Robert P. Jellett, President of the Royal Trust Co., in a national radio address recently, answered that question bluntly. Taxes, he said, are too high.

A workman in any occupation, pointed out Mr. Jellett, is working Monday and Tuesday of every week for the government. Directly and indirectly taxes absorb up to a third of his weekly pay cheque. True, for this money the government collects, it gives us many services, but the average human being does not relish

the prospect of someone else spending such a large portion of the money he earns. Mr. Jellett put it this way:

"High taxes, more than anything else, depress incentives; and if production is to be stimulated, the extra effort must receive the extra award. To expect people to work harder, and be practically penalized for doing so, is not to deal in the realities of human nature in a free society.

"For this reason, it would seem more realistic, and therefore more effective, if taxation upon earnings were lowered, so that the greater impetus might be given to the added effort."

Anyone with the slightest practical experience in the working of human nature must agree with that forthright statement. But getting taxes substantially reduced is not going to be easy. It will require the real co-operation of every citizen. Above all there must be a drastic change in the all-too-prevalent practice of looking to the government to provide security and services the individual should and could supply himself.—The Financial Post.

Filling Our Institutions

Alcohol is a factor in the history of 33.7 per cent. of all insanity cases throughout the country. This was revealed in a Dominion Bureau of Statistics survey of the 60 mental institutions across the country, conducted over the 15 years ending Dec. 31, 1946.

The survey lists 24.6 per cent. of all mental cases as mild-alcoholics and another 9.1 per cent. as true alcoholics. Total abstainers made up the remaining 66.3.

Eleven men for every ten women become mentally deranged. Of the female admissions 41.5 per cent. were single and 43.9 per cent. married. The remainder were widowed, divorced and separated. The male figures list 53.6 per cent. single and 37.2 per cent. married.

In 1930 only 29 out of every 10,000 persons were confined to mental hospitals. By December, 1946, that figure had climbed to 40 out of the same number and is still rising steadily.

Government psychiatrists, however, explain that much of this increase can be put down to improved health services detecting many of the mentally unbalanced who used to walk around free. Latest figures show 49,163 mental hospital inmates across Canada. Counting another 3,780 on parole, there are 52,943 registered with the 60 institutions.

Stop This Pay Cheque Nibbling

British Columbia's compulsory contributory hospitalization program will bring another reduction from many pay cheques already sagging from the weight of similar subtractions.

Most of us feel it high time to serve notice on Victoria and Ottawa that we won't welcome more legislation that involves operations on our pay envelopes before we even see them.

During the war we became accustomed to every kind of pay-cheque deduction and we were half hoping we would see the day when our pay would come to us mostly intact.

This, of course, is more human nature than arithmetic.

A man may know he has to spend his money soon after he gets it, but he still likes to look at it as it goes past.

If there are too many little nibbles at our pay cheque before we get it, all the fun will go out of pay day. It will become a mere record; a book-keeping transaction. And we shall begin to feel we are never really paid at all.—Vancouver Province.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There's some excuse for a fellow to have to go fishing on May 1st now, when the results of April 30th and income tax are dispatched. There's usually a need for a good catch too.

There are some folks who won't even need to be reminded that a week from Saturday is May 1st and the opening of the trout fishing season.

"Canada 1948" is the title of a concise and well illustrated booklet that has been mailed this week and gives a wealth of facts concerning Canada. It is published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Daylight Saving becomes effective on Sunday. To save confusion it will be well to advance the clocks by one hour. A week's readjustment will soon pass if everyone conforms to the same time.

A racket that's been exposed so many times that it would seem to have been killed is still being tried to-day. The letters come from Mexico by air mail and are very confidential. The writer is in jail for bankruptcy and is willing to share \$285,000 with whoever will help him salvage this amount he has hidden. We've seen a copy of the letter received last week. The mailing list, incidentally for this swindle, is apparently selected from an up-to-date list of executives.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of April 21st, 1898

Mr. R. D. Graham is adding another story to the house he recently purchased on Willow Street. Messrs. Kenney Bros. have improved the interior of their boot and shoe store. It is very bright and attractive.

Mr. Willie Lowry, son of Dr. Lowry of Guelph, late of Acton has passed successfully his first year examinations at Trinity Medical College.

The township council has appointed the following pollmasters for the Divisions 4 and 5.

No. 4—Robert Brown, James Boucher, S. J. McKenzie, David Curly, Alex. Waddle, Thomas Cameron, Benjamin Watkins, Henry Sayers, David Cox, Peter Gibbons, Duncan McDougall, William Mullin, Nell Gilles, Cameron L. McMillan, Charles Davidson, William A. Stewart, John McDonald. No. 5—William Dobbie, Joseph Lasby, A. Lawson, John A. Gordon, Brock Swackhamer, Robert L. Henderson, John Shaw, Albert Meredith, Jas. Nickell, Samuel Lindsay, Albert Kestener, Ira Hills, Levi Cole, Thomas Mitchell.

Posters are out for the Halton Spring Show which will be held in Milton. The farmers are well advanced with their spring seeding operations.

DIED

LEPAGE: At 25 Cunningham Ave. Toronto, on Thursday 14 April, Herbert Moore, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Lepage, aged seven years.

BACK IN 1928

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 26, 1928.

It's time to organize the baseball club if Acton is going to have a team this year.

The snowstorm of Saturday night and Sunday morning left a covering of about three inches in depth.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Evans and family, formerly of Streetsville, have moved to their farm on the fifth line.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Swackhamer removed to Toronto. Mr. Swackhamer has sold his residence to Mr. Wm. Cole who will shortly move to town.

A wedding of local interest took place in Toronto on Wednesday afternoon last when Miss Pearl MacDonald R.N. of Guelph, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. MacDonald of Acton, became the bride of Inspector Edward Donald Hammond of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Provincial Police, Toronto.

DIED

MASON—At his home, John St., Acton, on Monday April 23, 1928, William Mason in his 78 year.

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