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**EDITORIAL**

**Truman and Canada**

Whatever else may be said about the victory of President Truman, states the Financial Post, there are two important things in this event for Canada:

There will be no delay on important international matters such as would have occurred if a new President couldn't get his hands on the helm until after the January inaugural, and until after a widespread changeover of senior officials had been accomplished.

Secondly, there is now much less uncertainty here about U.S. policy on matters of the utmost importance to Canada, particularly mutual trade and defense.

In the past, it was always the Republicans who sponsored higher tariffs and other restrictions which did so much to cripple our flow of exports to the United States. While Governor Dewey made it plain that he was opposed to reinstating that sort of policy, there were many who doubted whether he could control the element of his party which held other views.

At best, with a Dewey win we could hope that there would be no sudden reversal in the Hull-Roosevelt-Truman program of lowering tariffs and other trade barriers.

But that would not be enough if Canada and the United States are to prosper as they might and should. There must be a further removal of these barriers if these two countries are to buy freely of each other's goods, if they are to become full partners in the development of our joint North American economy and defense.

With a Truman win there will be less uneasiness on this and others where Canada and the United States must work together. On mutual defense, on aid to Europe, on a military alliance with those other world democracies which think as we think, we have reason to believe the Truman administration will continue its past policies. Not only is that administration already familiar with the peculiar Canadian problems involved, but now it has the necessary power to go full steam ahead.

**The Current Topic**

During the war and as wartime measures we had rations and shortages of many commodities and people took them in the stride even if there was grumbling. Since the war fuel oil, coal and other shortages have occurred but seemingly have now been overcome.

Now Ontario which boasted the greatest public enterprise and unlimited water power resources has the greatest shortage of either wartime or peacetime with its Hydro power and this shortage has caused more confusion, disruption and dissension than any other of our war time and peace time shortages. Individuals and municipalities are glancing at each other to see that their hardships are being shared on an equal basis. Working hours have been made to endeavor to meet the situation and have caused disruption of family and community life. We couldn't enumerate the various working hours of local plants with any degree of accuracy. Street lighting reminds one of that at the turn of the century.

The Fergus News-Record sums up the situation as it is in that town in this paragraph.

"Such things are enough to make Ontario hang its head down in shame, after the way we boasted of our unlimited cheap power. Our publicly owned system has fallen on evil days. No private company would ever get into such a state as that. Politics and electricity evidently don't mix well."

The Financial Post looking out on Toronto asks: "When is Ontario going to get some honest-to-goodness program for saving power" and continues, "The ordinary citizen is just mad. He's been lectured, put to great inconvenience. He loses money by it. And he's mad—and in no power-saving mood—mainly because of the tact-

less, arbitrary and capricious performance of the men who order the switches pulled. He's mad because everywhere he sees that the very people who are screaming at him for his co-operation are giving little evidence that they themselves are doing anything about a real saving program. So far, the public is far from convinced that any sensible system of power priorities has been established; or an adequate distinction made between essential and less essential uses."

Of course, like the coal shortage there is a big, bad character upon whom the abuse seems to be centred and in this case it seems to be Ontario's late premier who was years late with his program of expansion. We overheard one housewife summing it up. "To think that only last June I voted for 60 cycles and now I can't get even 25 cycles half the time."

Shortage of Hydro these days has backed margarine, the weather, and even high prices out of the field for popular discussion in Ontario. It may affect some of the by-elections coming up and even interfere with Christmas and Santa Claus.

**Living in the Country**

If we ever come to the state where we could afford a summer and winter home, our desire would be to go out in the back concessions, just in Halton or the adjoining counties not more than ten miles distant. We're told that many of the old farms are being picked up for this purpose by city men and streams being made to create small ponds. We're also told that the purchase price is about the price of a summer cottage and the purchaser receives a fine old farm home and barns with the land in on the deal at no cost.

The advantage of such an arrangement is that one has a summer home in the country without too much travel, a home that with a little remodelling is better than anything that can be built to-day and all the back to nature environment and restfulness that one can desire. If the urge to farm or garden is, there the land is available in most any quantity or can be re-forested with accompanying low taxes and let grow into valuable timber.

The disadvantages are that the air isn't as northern as that of Northern Ontario and the artificial-lake won't be as big for boating and the fish will have to be given time to grow.

We don't dare hope for a summer home but one can dream dreams if they never materialize and for many folks these farms on the back concessions not too far from the city are proving enjoyable for many who can afford a town and summer home. Highway congestion and long travel on the week-ends are being avoided and more rest and outdoor recreation are being secured.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

"It's a boy", and most everyone seems pleased that all predictions were astray and the Royal birth will provide a King for Great Britain some time in the distant future.

The Royal Winter Fair this week with its many attractions and fine exhibits of livestock and farm products will be a centre of attraction for this district and from all parts of the Dominion. Indications are that exhibits will fill every bit of available space.

The Chemical Bank and Trust Co. of New York noted that one day last month "turnover on the New York Stock Exchange aggregated \$400,000 representing an investment of \$12,700,000. Money bet on horses (the same day) aggregated an estimated \$65,925,889."

Canada's export trade climbed sharply in September to a new postwar monthly high of \$283 millions (\$224.1 millions in August and \$218.6 millions in Sept. 1947). Shipments to the U.S. advanced to \$162 millions (\$48 millions over August and \$74 millions in advance of September, 1947, total):

A driver's bright if he dims his light. More hours of darkness now mean more danger from blinding headlights, warns the Ontario Department of Highways. Lower your headlight beam for the driver you meet, whether he does or not. Don't pay for stubbornness with a head-on crash—slow down at sun down!

There is far too much negative talk these days about democracy, believes the Winnipeg Free Press. "People are anxious to defend democracy against the challenge of dictatorship and in their zeal, some well-meaning people even demand that Communism be outlawed—as if a subversive idea can be put under lock and key. Of course our freedom must be protected against its enemies. But the strongest protection is to serve democracy positively and affirmatively, and to regard self-government as the highest form of citizenship in which all who believe in freedom must bear a part."

**Recollections of Acton**

**BACK IN 1898**

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 17, 1898

The boys and girls have had a jolly time skating the past week. Saturday was a lively day on Henderson's pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Norrish of Lake Avenue, who were for half a century, esteemed residents of Nassagaweya Township celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Monday evening. Mr. Norrish is the author of a very reliable and interesting history of Nassagaweya.

Ground was broken on Monday for the new power house on the newly-acquired property on Willow and River Streets. The building will be 24x50 with 13 foot walls. The walls will be built of stone 18 inches thick. Stone bats will be laid for the engine and dynamo.

Mr. J. C. Hill has purchased the coal business of John McQueen together with the ten ton set of platform scales and the coal store-house.

Mr. A. T. Brown and Dr. Forster spent Sunday with friends in Georgetown.

**DIED**  
 MANN—At his home, Lot 28, Con. 4, Esquesing, near Acton, on Sunday, 13th November; Peter Mann Sr. aged 83 years and 3 months.

**BACK IN 1928**

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 14, 1928

Indian Summer has surely been delightful and prolonged this fall. The annual meeting of the Liberal Association of Halton County held at Milton last week elected Paul Fisher, Burlington, president. The speaker of the evening was Harry Sifton, of Toronto.

Eramosa Plowmen's Association held a plowing match on the farm of John Alton. The competitions were followed with interest by a large crowd of spectators.

Mr. J. M. Card, of Guelph, gave an illustrated talk on Bermuda at the meeting of the Men's Club of the United Church.

Mrs. Archibald McTavish has sold her shop and residence to Mr. George Benton Jr. and will shortly remove to Seaforth to reside with her sister, Mrs. Park.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin, Nassagaweya, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, November 10th when their daughter, Evelyn Venola, became the bride of Mr. Alexander Sinclair Near, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Near, Nassagaweya.

**DIED**  
 GIVENS—At his home, Lot 6, Con. 9, Esquesing, on Monday, November, 5, 1928, David Givens, aged 67 years.

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