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EDITORIAL

More Manufacturing Figures

Following our editorial of last week regarding industrial figures a reader writes us saying: "The figures you quote have aroused my curiosity as to why Acton should trail in the percentage of gross value of production going for salaries and wages." The reader has worked out these percentages and since he has shown interest so keenly we will be glad to give him the figures he requires from the same source from which we secured the other information.

Under cost of materials here are the figures for the same municipalities which we quoted last week: Acton \$7,133,720; Milton \$1,099,240; Georgetown \$3,007,697; Oakville \$2,768,918; Burlington \$2,043,917; Brampton \$2,894,357; Barrie \$4,890,554; Bracebridge \$306,083; Elmira \$2,878,097; Dundas \$1,007,024; Collingwood \$1,693,356; Hanover \$2,441,910; Orangeville \$1,106,226; Paris \$3,331,354; St. Thomas \$4,017,285.

We trust these figures will enable our readers to make the study of percentages that found interest for our correspondent. The only other column heading in the booklet which we have not supplied is that headed: "Cost of fuel and electricity," which can readily be given if it is of interest to readers. We are glad to learn that we are not alone in our interest in such statistics and that others find enjoyment in working on such tabulations.

We Must Answer Communism

Recently, powerful Canadian and U. S. business groups have launched a nation-wide campaign to advertise the advantages of free enterprise over Communism. "We have the highest standard of living in the world, higher wages, shorter hours, lower prices," run the slogans. This is all true and to our credit, but Communism doesn't challenge the fact that we have doubled production since 1910 or have cut 18 hours from our average work week. Instead, the Communists exploit the inequalities that remain in our system. Wealth can demoralize just as poverty embitters. Inequalities can breed mistrust and division at any income level. Red tactics work just as successfully if our standard of living were ten times as high as it is. Inequalities might be ten times as great.

Everyone can think of someone else who is to blame. Why not face our own faults for a change? Nothing impresses the other fellow more than change in us.

Business needs not an "anti" but a bigger idea to answer Communism, and in so doing business will insure the future security of free enterprise.

A Sure Failure

During our reading of the other day we came across this item that gave ten rules on "How to Make a Failure of Your Town." They are credited to Mr. Archie McCormack of Montreal and they apply to every town.

1. Do not go to meetings. If you do, go late.
2. Always find fault with the officers and active members.
3. Never accept office, much easier to criticize.
4. Get sore if not appointed to committee. Don't attend if you are.
5. Don't give opinions if asked, tell every one after meeting what should have been done.
6. Do nothing more than necessary. When others roll up their sleeves and unselfishly use their ability, squawk about cliques.
7. Hold fees as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
8. Make no effort to live up to the rules and regulations.
9. Be unsociable inside and outside of the organization.
10. Smother your ideas whenever they

threaten to stir you up. Follow these rules explicitly and see what progress will be made. If all citizens follow these rules diligently every community organization will fail and the town will be a real good failure.

The Parable of the Hot Dog

There was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspapers. But he sold good hot dogs. He was a firm believer in advertising, so he put up signs along the highway advertising the merits of his hot dogs, and he stood by the side of the road and cried, "Buy a hot dog, Mister!" and people bought.

He increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger store to take care of his trade. Finally, business became so good that he brought his son home from the city to help him. Then something happened. His son said "Father, haven't you been reading the newspapers? There is a big depression on and the European situation is terrible. The domestic situation is worse. Everything is going to pot."

Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son has been to college. He has lived in the city with big business men. He reads the papers and listens to the radio. He ought to know." So the father cut down on the meat and bun orders, curtailing his advertising and no longer bothered to stand by the highway and call out his wares. His sales fell off almost overnight. He said to his boy, "You were right, son. We certainly are in the middle of a great depression."

Personal Savings

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has announced that after paying for consumer goods, services and taxes, the Canadian people had left, as personal savings, \$605,000,000 for the year 1947.

This figure is of considerable interest in relation to the more than \$345,000,000 paid by life insurance companies operating in Canada.

In the previous year, 1946, personal savings amounted to \$661,000,000. Premium payments for life insurance in the same period were nearly \$325,000,000.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Looks as if the day may soon be here again when one can try out a new car before making a definite decision on which particular model to purchase.

We agree with those folks who say this is the finest and most unusual winter they have ever experienced in this part of Ontario. It's certainly been a mild winter and January and most of February are gone.

Since the opening of the new Bracebridge recreation centre the hockey club receipts are reported to be \$1200. It will be the wish of all that such returns will always be secured, but generally the first three years are the best.

The Barrie Examiner starts next week to publish twice a week, on Monday and Thursday afternoons. It seems only natural that the Examiner should keep pace and the largest weekly paper become a bi-weekly journal.

Important to everyone will be the budget information from Ottawa due very shortly. Taxes and imposts affect everyone these days as the governments take a bigger hand in conducting everyone's business.

Margarine is now procurable in various brands in most local stores and it's being received with and without enthusiasm. Certainly the substitute resemblance to butter is good, but we doubt if tastes will change so rapidly that good butter will be threatened seriously.

If you drive a car, remember that it takes 12 times the distance to stop on snow and ice as it does to stop on dry concrete. When the roads and streets are slippery, there is no substitute for driving slowly, watching carefully and allowing plenty of extra space and time for stopping.

Australian car manufacturers are turning out a car which sells for \$1,200, plus sales tax, will do up to 60 miles an hour, with 45 miles to the gallon, and will weigh only 980 pounds, being largely of aluminium. There is a growing feeling that Canadian manufacturers are "missing the boat" in popular demand for a car that is cheap to buy and cheap to operate.

Boy Scout week is being deferred in Acton for a very good reason. The local organization plans to observe this week at a later date when the new home has sufficient work done on it to hold the observance there. Acton Scouts have found during the building of the new home that there are a lot of good scouts here who aren't boys and girls any more but they know how to do a good turn on many days.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1899

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 18th, 1899

Mr. Adam Cook has purchased the new dwelling in Cook's survey recently vacated by Mr. John Keen, consideration \$800.

Mr. Hugh Mann, Jr., son of Hugh Mann, Esq., one of our esteemed citizens paid a visit to his native town on Saturday after an absence of twenty years in Manitoba and British Columbia. The visit was evidently agreed with him both physically and materially.

The marriage took place on Wednesday evening of last week of Mr. James Clayton, Freeman, to Miss I. May Fernley, sister of Mr. J. M. Fernley, of Toronto.

While engaged at his work in the yard of Acton Tanning Co on Monday morning Mr. Jas. E. Cobban was suddenly stricken with paralysis on the right side. His speedy recovery is sincerely hoped for by all.

DEED

FORBES—At the home of his parents, Church St., Acton, on Thursday, 16th February, 1899, Allen Elmer, infant son of William Forbes, aged 10 months.

BACK IN 1929

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 21st, 1929

Two provincial highway snow plows got the highway in good condition through here Monday.

The hockey play-offs at Georgetown have been attracting the fans from here in great numbers.

After operating for about nine years the Acton Co-operative store is closing this week. The store was operated by Messrs Beardmore and Co. who have sold the stock to Mr. J. W. Jones of the Red and White Stores.

The private bill for the rink by-law was passed by the Legislature without opposition and now the Council can proceed with the erection of the rink.

The announcement is made this week of the opening of a new Ford agency and service station in Acton by Mr. W. B. Norton of Toronto and will be known as Norton Motors. The premises formerly occupied at Kenner's Garage will be the headquarters for the present.

BORN

AGNEW To Mr and Mrs Robert Gordon Agnew, of the Women's Hospital, Changtu, China, on February 16, 1929, a daughter.

DIED

ALLAN At her home, Ballinacraig, on Sunday, February 17, 1929, Mary C. Kenner, beloved wife of Joseph Allan in her 71st year.

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DALTON'S COCOANUT 2 LBS 29c
CAMPELL'S TOMATO SOUP 2 TINS 21c
SWEET PICKLED WHITE ONIONS 4-OZ. 23c

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