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EDITORIAL

Legislation for All?

The most vicious piece of legislation in many a day is that of the Charitable Gifts Act which as we write on Monday was still before the Legislature. Apart from the effects on its retroactive aspect on a will already made, it gives the impression of an elected government attempting to throttle a newspaper which has given opposition to their course.

This may not be the case, but certainly the thought is in many minds that sale of the Star newspaper is being forced and people throughout the province are wondering if all of Toronto's newspapers are by various means to come under control of one big company. We have every respect for the controlling interest that now have all but one of the newspapers in the city field. But it will be a short and sorry day for any city the size of Toronto when its newspaper interests are controlled by one group of people even if they should publish three different newspapers. The field is too large for such concentration of power.

Weekly newspapers need not worry over establishing of Charitable Foundations for the disposition of their assets. But they do need to have concern over the principles which are violated in the proposed legislation and the bearing it has on freedom of the press.

Changing Ourselves

As a bulwark to the Atlantic Pact, Canada along with her neighbor to the south stands in the world's eyes as the last dyke against an engulfing flood of chaos. Yet while we man the dyke, plug the leaks, and curse the waves, we are missing the one thing that can turn the tide.

Someone said, "No use just swatting mosquitoes. Clean up the swamps that breed them." Also, "We can take the lead in ridding the world of the evils which Stalin expects to turn to the uses of the communist revolution."

The root problem is in human nature. Capitalist and communist agree that the other fellow needs change, but unfortunately neither budges. It is the courageous man who starts to change the world by first starting to change himself.

Overnight Expansion

Canada is now made up of ten provinces instead of nine and on Thursday last, the Dominion added 42,000 square miles of territory and the population increased by about 320,000. This expansion all came about when Newfoundland entered the Dominion.

It is seldom indeed that such growth occurs almost overnight. It is not likely to occur again in the present generation, although it has been but recently suggested that Bermuda become part of the great Dominion of Canada. Growth and expansion are like that and progress seems to acquire momentum, so that Canada may see even greater growth than we now anticipate.

Neglecting Productive Plant

In the recent budget the Dominion Government has given no relief to industry, points out the Financial Post. "Increased spending power for consumers is only one part of the cyclical budgeting theory. If Mr. Abbott were to do something really effective for stimulating our general economy, taxes should have been eased on capital investment because it is upon capital investment that our very jobs depend."

"When a farmer neglects his land, his machinery and his barns, but spends lavishly on his house, pretty soon he will find himself without a job. The same thing could happen to a country which neglects the productive part of its plant. That danger seems to have been completely overlooked by too many of those who send to represent us at Ottawa."

How Long the Housing Boom?

The housing boom will not last forever, warns the Financial Post. It cites a recent survey in the United States which reported 15,000 unsold new houses at the beginning of spring. Says The Post: "While no similar survey is available for Canada there are some indications that we may be facing the same situation here in a few months time. Certainly the background picture in the two countries is almost identical."

"Prices of newly constructed houses in both Canada and United States are two to three times the level of prewar, have jumped about 50% in the last three years. Both countries have been building at a tremendous rate since the end of the war, though on a basis of population, the pace has been faster in Canada. We added 82,000 new housing units last year and 70,000 the year before. For 1949 a total of around 90,000 is expected."

"It is perfectly true that economic conditions in the United States just now are not quite as buoyant as they are in Canada. There are a lot of capital goods, including houses that are not selling as fast as they were a few months ago. Buyers are not as eager or as desperate to take the first thing offered. But that, not unhealthy attitude, might well be duplicated on this side of the line as we move into spring."

Compulsory Insurance Not The Answer

Compulsory auto accident insurance stands no chance of being adopted in Alberta, according to the findings of a legislative committee which for the past year has been studying "all phases of automobile insurance in Alberta." The committee was headed by Hon. A. J. Hooper, minister of economic affairs.

The committee favored going "all out" for safe driving and avoiding the imposition of compulsory accident insurance. It concluded that accident prevention is more dependent upon stricter enforcement of traffic regulations and possibly more severe penalties for violations, than upon insurance coverage purchased under compulsion, "disguised," or otherwise. The committee contended that compulsory insurance was against the right of individual freedom and the principle of free enterprise.

The committee said the Alberta Motor Vehicle Accident Indemnity Act and Saskatchewan's compulsory insurance did not provide the complete answer to the accident liability problem.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Next week is the Eastertide and with the weather such as we have been experiencing it will certainly be most appropriate.

Present weather indications are that farmers will get an early start on the land and building operations will get a good long season.

April and taxes which are due this month include income tax, radio licenses and of course municipal levies come along periodically throughout the spring and summer.

Thanks to the tax changes in the budget, lower prices are available on many articles and pay envelopes have few deductions. There's been quite a lift given to strained household budgets.

Refunds made of compulsory savings by the government are not liable for income tax, but the two per cent interest paid on them is taxable. Now recipients have to figure out how to include that interest in their 1950 tax return.

Even margarine seems to have caught up with demand and is now available at most any time on any of the grocery counters. Its color scheme has now been selected, but there will be undoubtedly new means of meeting this situation.

Traffic accidents are said to be something that depend one tenth on Fate and nine-tenths on human frailty. Department of Highways figures show that most accidents happen in clear weather, on good, dry road surfaces and involve cars and drivers with no apparent mechanical or physical defect.

Shovelling sidewalks clear of snow has never been a very popular occupation, but in Winnipeg a bylaw has been passed to make this job still less attractive. Not only must the snow be shovelled off the walk but no sub-layer of ice may be left, as the by-law requires the sidewalks be left in a safe condition.

Advertising, remarks the Montreal Family Herald and Weekly Star, "is seldom very successful in the hands of those who don't believe in it—or grudge the money for it—or look on it as a necessary evil. Advertising is one of the great constructive forces in our modern economy. It should be used with discipline and intelligent enthusiasm. It should be looked on not as an expense but as an investment certain to bring gratifying returns—if wisely used."

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1899

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, April 6th, 1899

The last day's sleighing last year was on the 8th of March. This year it has lasted nearly a month longer. Mr. William Hemstreet negotiated the sale of the dwelling of Mrs. Thomas Henderson, on Bower Ave., last week, to Mr. William Melvin. Consideration \$250.

Previous to his removal from Nassagaweya to Acton the elders of the Church presented Mr. Jas. Moffat with a handsome (tearable) bible and neighbours presented Mrs. Moffat with a handsome upholstered rocking chair each. Mr. Moffat's son, John, received a writing desk from the local band.

Mr. R. J. McNabb reports the sale of real estate the past week as follows: Thos. C. Moore, two building lots on Lake Avenue to James Brown for \$200. Chris. Manoles has sold his house and lot, corner of Church and John Streets to T. H. Rolston; James Sayers has purchased from Martin Flynn, his farm of 100 acres on the town line for \$1500.

Mr. Robert Wallace has sold his lot on the corner of Mill and Egin Streets opposite the store of Mr. Chas. T. Hill to the congregation of the Baptist Church. This will be the site of the proposed new Baptist Church to be erected the coming summer.

The electric light was first turned on in presence of the congregation at Knox Church in connection with the Easter concert on Monday. The effect was very pleasing and satisfactory. The ecclesiastical electric light and fixtures are very neat of chaste construction and in keeping with the surroundings. They include two large 14-light electric chandeliers in the centre, a 3-light fixture over the choir alcove and a series of 2-light fixtures in the transepts, school rooms and gallery. The Church is brilliantly lighted and the congregation is delighted with the change from the coal-oil lamps.

BACK IN 1929

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, April 4, 1929

March came in with sunshine and warm temperatures, and it went out with a snow storm and chilly weather.

The Central Clothing Store has moved into the store in the Staffman Block, formerly occupied by Mr. A. Reesor and opened a clothing and dry goods store on Thursday last.

Eighteen members of the Women's Missionary Society of the meeting of the Georgetown W.M.S. United Church attended the Easter choral of Knox Church, Acton, gave a cantata entitled, "The Prince of Life." Mr. J. Lewis, of Oshawa, and Mr. Stevenson of Toronto, were assisting artists.

The wind storm on Monday created some damage about Acton. The most serious damage was done at Storey Grove Co. where a large section of the electric sign which runs the entire length of the building was torn from its fastenings and fell to the ground taking some of the brick coping with it.

MARRIED
 McARTNEY-HOLMES — On Saturday, March 23, 1929, by Rev. R. J. McIntyre, Ivy Isabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holmes, of Vancouver, B.C., to Mr. Roydon H. McCartney, of Mission City, B.C.

DIED
 FELL — In the hospital at Timmins, on Thursday, March 28th, 1929, George A. Fell, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fell, of Esquesing Township, in his 24th year.

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