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**EDITORIAL**

**Why Fireworks are Restricted**

Spring time, Victoria Day and firecrackers seem to go hand in hand and sometimes lead into a bit of trouble. There's not much trouble with the fun if firecrackers are used sensibly. Unfortunately there is also the funny fellow who wants to hold onto the explosion and has to learn the hot way. Then there are the ones who throw these explosives wide regardless of where they light and there's always the smart alec who may be quite an old boy who likes to playfully throw them on people's feet or in doorways.

These fellows should not be allowed to have firecrackers, whether they are five or fifty years old. This use should be restricted to those who will use them as any explosive should be handled—at a safe distance from people or property. It's this foolish use of firecrackers and bad handling of fireworks that have made it necessary for many municipalities to pass laws restricting their use.

**More Members to Elect This Time**

Newfoundland's entry into Confederation and the Redistribution Act of 1947 means a 17-seat expansion in the House of Commons in the June 27th federal election and boosts Senate representation by six.

Newfoundland is entitled to seven Commons seats. The Redistribution Act adds 10 others, raising membership from 245 to 262. Newfoundland is entitled to six Senate seats, raising membership there from 96 to 102.

Prior to the 1947 act, Quebec was used as the basis for fixing representation in the Commons. The quotient was reached by dividing Quebec's 65 seats into the Province's population.

Under the 1947 act the quotient was arrived at by dividing 250 into the country's 1949 population of 11,391,599. The 250 figure represented the number of seats in all areas except Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and the Yukon.

The quotient arrived at by dividing 250 into 11,391,599 is 45,566. Divided into Ontario's population of 3,787,855 it shows that province is entitled to 83 members, one more than it has at present. Quebec is entitled to an additional seat. British Columbia gets two more seats and Nova Scotia one. Saskatchewan and Manitoba each lost a seat. The other provinces remain unchanged.

Redistribution of Commons seats is supposed to take place every 10 years following the decennial census. The new redistribution will be due in 1952, based on the census taken in 1951.

**An Important Community**

Too often people limit their interests in things national to hockey playoffs, hot stove politics, and Hollywood histrionics. This is quite a normal tendency on the part of the ordinary men and women, who believe, modestly, that outside of politics they do well to run their own affairs and worry about their own work and finance.

Too few realize just how important a role they and their work play in the Canadian economy. Take the textile industry for example. There is a mill here in our community. We know it and the people who work in it as part of our town. But it is also part of one of the busiest industries in Canada. The primary textile field presents some figures that are rather startling in their importance to Canada.

For instance, this industry employs 96,200 men and women, making it the largest employer of manufacturing labor in the country, with the biggest payroll in Canada. Every year it produces goods with a gross value of approximately \$70,000,000, highest of any Canadian manufacturing industry.

The mill in this community is therefore, a part of one of the strongest bulwarks in Can-

ada's economic development. That's one side of the picture, but the other is equally indicative of the importance of a community such as ours in national affairs.

Still using textiles as an example, it must be realized that since the market is almost entirely limited to Canada, the buying habits of people in communities such as this assume very broad proportions when added together. The textile industry depends on Canadians for its support and maintenance, just as employees in the local mill and thousands of other textile works depend on the primary textile industry for their well being.

Looking at Canada in this way, it's not hard to realize that this community, and its citizens are concerned with national affairs on a large scale.

**Revolution on the Prairies**

A technological revolution is taking place on the prairies. That fact clearly emerges from The Financial Post's economic survey of the region. The greatest change, both actual and potential, is in the increasing exploitation of the mineral wealth of the three provinces. The Prairies possess "the richest variety of mineral wealth enjoyed by any section of the Dominion." And the two resources on which attention is now focused—oil and uranium—are the two most critical raw materials of our time.

The importance of wheat to the economy of the prairies, and of Canada, persists. The wartime trend into livestock rather than wheat has been reversed, and there seems no reason now or in the future why an area so ideally suited by nature for what production should get out of it.

The only cause of anxiety has been in the West's undue dependence on a one-crop economy. But there are signs that that is changing.

**Where Changes are Necessary**

In Orangeville and Chesley where the High Schools were recently destroyed by fire the question of district High Schools must be considered before any move is made in new building. We naturally find the topic a live one in the Orangeville Banner and the Chesley Enterprise and the following is a comment from the Orangeville Banner which might find interest here.

"The advantages of district High Schools are so important in this era of high costs that they warrant the careful study of every person who is interested in more efficient education. Mr. Duffin, who spoke in Orangeville a few weeks ago, visited Chesley recently to speak on larger schools. While his address was similar in some respects to what he said in Orangeville there were other arguments advanced in favor of larger schools. Apart from that the subject is so important that the salient points of his address will bear restatement. The ideal size for a district High School, he told his Chesley audience, is 400 pupils. Seventy per cent. of the counties of Southern Ontario have already been organized into High School districts. Small schools are too costly to operate. Special courses are beyond the financial resources of the Boards of such schools. Provincial grants to the district schools are paid up to a ceiling of \$200 a pupil and there is also provincial assistance for transportation. In northern counties such as Bruce provincial grants amount to about 70 per cent. of the cost of operation and transportation. The average length of transportation routes in Ontario is 23 miles and the average cost 50 cents per day per pupil. Ten years ago 700 pupils were being transported to High Schools. Last year the number had increased to 15,000. A large district is safer from the viewpoint of the taxpayer because of the higher assessment and the larger enrolment, which means a higher ceiling. District High Schools average 25 pupils per teacher, high schools generally 20 and continuation schools only 15. This is an important consideration for the taxpayer now that salaries of secondary school teachers have increased to an average of about \$3000. A high school district with an enrolment of 400 pupils or over should make it possible to have a high school comparable in efficiency with city schools or collegiates of similar size. These are all important points that merit careful study and consideration."

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

No we haven't been fishing yet, but on some of these warm days, we sure could have enjoyed it.

Federal elections in seven weeks. -We'll hear plenty of issues and arguments in the days that are just ahead.

Gardening and farm operations are well advanced this spring and the warm days certainly brought out the spring foliage.

Saturday night closing is not popular in the smaller communities and Orangeville finds it's advantageous to have stores remain open until eleven o'clock during the summer months.

**GEORGETOWN**

Re. Ex. Comp. E. V. MacCormack, Georgetown druggist was elected Grand Superintendent of Wellington District of the 91st Convocation of the Royal Arch Masonic Grand Chapter of Canada, which was held in Ottawa last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marchmont of Guelph Street, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Monday when members of their family gathered at their home to honour them on this happy occasion.

Construction has started on the new bandstand which Georgetown Lions Club is erecting in the park. McNally and Lane are handling the job, and the old judge's stand has been wrecked. The new bandstand will stand on this site. It will stand about four feet high, with a solid platform mounted on posts, with lattice work to the ground, and when completed will be painted. On Saturday morning April 30th at 10:30 a.m. at Dixie Hwy. Father Healy solemnized the marriage of Geraldine Augusta Tyrin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tyrin, of Georgetown and Edward William McNelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McNelly of Orangeville. *Herald*

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