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#### **Experience Teaches**

Fourteen years of experience has shown the folk of New Zealand that the promises of a labor party and socialism are not the answer to their problems. Last week the electors voted to end the regulations and restrictions imposed by the socialist regime and get back to the free enterprise system. It is to be hoped that other nations will profit by experience but often the only way to gain knowledge is by tough experience and the even tougher method of the road back to recovery.

The sooner we learn to do things for our selves and stop depending on governments to work magic with the people's money, the sooner will return an era of progress and expansion.

#### Reflecting Progress

There have been many fine anniversary editions reach our desk but in the weekly newspaper field we believe the Brampton Conservator's seventy-fifth anniversary number recently published was the tops. From a paper that has been a winner in its class on many occasions excellence is to be expected and the Charters' have done it again.

A cover section in four colours is a work of art and something which will be preserved for its historical and production value. The anniversary number has seven sections making a total of 92 pages-the largest weekly we have ever seen. It covers Brampton and Peel County, historically, in a very thorough way, and illustrates the social and industrial progress of the town and community, with much interesting text matter, as well as a profuse array of individual

It is also worthy of note that in the seventyfive year history of the Brampton Conservator, the Charters family have guided it successfully for all but 16 years. For over fifty years the late Samuel Charters was at the helm. He was not only a Community leader but was member for Peel for many years. His example has been followed and expanded by his sons and Messrs. C. V. Charters and R. M. Charters have focussed in this seventy-fifth anniversary number, the progress that the newspaper has helped establish in the community. Our belated congratulations on the issue and the success of the years are sincere and appreciative of the work involved in such an undertaking.

# Sensible Proposal

After their experience this year, most people will say, "it's about time," when they hear of a bill now before the Senate. This would have daylight saving start and end on the same day and hour throughout the country and also have the railways conform to the general practice established. If one had set out deliberately to create the most confusion, says The Financial Post he would have to be pretty smart to give us something more complicated than the present arrangement. Some parts of the country did not have daylight saving at all, some started much earlier than others. When it came to ending the measure there was the same lack of uniformity.

During the war, daylight saving came into effect all over Canada at the same time and it also ended on a uniform date. Surely whatever authorities are necessary can get together and work out a similar arrangement for peacetime.

## Practical Education

. We were much interested to receive copies of the Oshawa Daily Times-Gazette last week noting that students from the Ryerson Institute had been given practical experience in writing something of the difficulty the newspaper staff | reports that some eight million trees are expected such experimentation is undoubtedly due the management and personnel in Oshawa, but that was probably attended to by the group.

. The part that pleases us is the fact that practical courses have been introduced into our educational system which takes pupils beyond the rechnical or high school level. We hope the academic side of education will not suffer, but without a doubt many years were lost by young people in practical training who had neither the desire or ability to pursue the academic studies in College. The Ryerson Institute of Technology is opening new opportunities for these young people. The school is new and in the years to come will undoubtedly fill a long-felt need in industry.

We like the practical outlook and were de lighted to see such plants as in Oshawa cooperating with the Institute in putting into practice the theories that the students have been !ludying.

It's a phase of our educational system which has been neglected too long. Ryerson Institute has made a start not only in printing and journalism but in a wide range of practical courses which will have a far reaching effect in the development of skills and making more efficient Canadian craftsmen.

#### -----Unequal Legislation

Canada's seven hundred weekly newspapers represent all shades of political and editorial cpinion. They are an example of the working of free speech and of free, competitive enterprise Unlike their daily sisters, they boast no "chains", deserve it no would be barons of the press. It is therefore, on only very rare occasions that they agree on a particular policy or procedure. And when such egreement is reached, Canada's governmental authorities have always given them a considerate

That is the case now, as the 564 member papers of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association ask the federal government to revise its sales tax policy. The weekly newspapers of Canada, collectively, are big business, the biggest single influence on opinion in the Dominion. Individually, however, they are small businesses, owned and operated in the main by small

Lusinessmen. They live by advertising and consider publications financed by private advertising the surest safeguards of the freedom of the press. Yet, with their relatively small circulations, they are faced with very strong competition for the advertising dollars. The government's own child, the C.B.C. now shares a portion of the weeklies' former revenue and is expanding on funds derived from tax receipts. Magazines, of general or farm content, regularly undercut town and village newspaper subscription prices, in the hope of building giant circulations and thus attracting advertising dollars which might find their way to the rural press Week-end newspapers, not a few of whom feed on sensation in their drive for mass circulations, also boast to advertisers that they cover rural Canada and there is no need "to use the

weeklies." The weekly press is not afraid of this type of competition. Weekly newspapers play a vital role in the life of the smaller communities. They George Hall, Mrs. B. M. Wilson and ere better read than their big competitiors and the advertisements which they carry are also better read and thus bring better results.

But weekly newspaper publishers do object to-taxes which neither the C.B.C., nor the magazines, nor the week-end newspapers have to pay.

On every ton of paper used by the weekly papers of Canada there is an 8 per cent sales tax payable to the federal government. There is no similar tax, however, charged on paper used in Canadian magazines or American magazines sold in this country. There is no similar tax payable on paper used in the production of most weekend papers. There is no similar tax payable on paper used in comic books or pulp fiction magazines. Yet all these media are advertising

competitors of Canada's weekly newspapers. That this situation doesn't make sense is chvious. It is equally obvious that the members of Canada's federal legislature will realize the need for equity in sales tax application. This discriminatory legislation must go!

## EDITORIAL NOTES

It may seem difficult to realize that Christmas is at hand but two weeks from Sunday will be Gecember 25th.

The elections are over and we can settle cown to enjoying the Christmas season without any diversion of local attention.

Christmas shopping can best be done now, although some of us can recall when it used to be all done on Christmas Eve. That was before the days of shortages and big shopping lists and when families were the boundaries of Christmas remembering.

There's one export that's setting new records and putting out an issue of that daily. We know just now-Christmas Trees. The Financial Post would have with so many students in printing to "cross the line" for this Yuletide season and of and journalism. A word of praise for permitting- this total New Brunswick and Nova Scotia alone will contribute about three million. The balance will come largely from Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

# Recollections of Acton

#### **BACK IN 1899**

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Dec. 7th, 1860

Kinnard's swamp, Lot 22, 3rd Con. Esquesing, was sold on Tuesday to Mr Wm Newton, Lime-

Mark it down that Friday, 1st December, 1899 was a warm bright fall-like day, and that the mercury registered 54 degrees at noot Mr Alex Waldle had a letter last week from his sons Messrs Alex and William who have been in Manitoha the past two years They are doing very well in the west and have taken up a quarter section. They have a considerable acreage ready for crop, a stable end stock of hay, span of horses, wagon and binder and are in good position for future success

The removal of the fence sur rounding the garden at the GTH station has made quite an improvement The next change should be the replacing of the old depot with a fine new one Agent Holmes and his staff and the travelling public

The facade of the new leather warehouse being erected by Messi-Beardmore and Co at the GTR station presents quite an imposing appearance

Acton loses one of her best citizens this week in the removal of Mr James Clark, miller, For two years he has occupied a sent in the municipal Council

Mr A J Currie, Ospringe, who was injured at Erin show by a horse hurting him while the hurdle races were going on, has had a relapse and is not improving very

## **BACK IN 1929**

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Dec. 5, 1929

Everything has a real wintery appearance and the sleigh bells are Jingling

A Boy Scout bockey league of the district is being formed and in

ludes a team from Acton Mr. C. R. Knapp who has been accountant in the Bank of Montreal here for the past five years has been transferred to a branch in Toronto During their residence in Acton both Mr and Mrs Knapp have proved themselves valuable citizens. Their removal is regret-

ted in many circles The municipal elections on Monday did not bring out a very large vote with only the school board being contested

The members elected for next year were Messrs J M McDonald, E Beswick and Mrs A F. Havid Other members on the board are E. W Masters.

Judge and Mrs H P Moore received scores of relatives, friends and neighbours on Tuesday their golden wedding day.

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