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The British elections are over but issues are far from settled in spite of the fact that a huge vote was cast and a large percentage of the voters exercised their franchise. In view of the trend back to the Conservative party in the old land it is safe to say that the cure-all for all ills all this. has not been found by the Labor party there.

Looking at the elections in Australia and New Zealand and now the results in Britain it can be assumed that people have tried the socialist philosophy and have found it wanting. It is a theory that has been on the market for many years but application of it has not as yet proven successful. There will be a halt in many of the nationalization schemes in Britain. A government with such a slim margin as that of the Labor party cannot undertake any major changes and minion government. will probably be forced to soon call another election when some party will be given a clear mandate.

become involved in the new theories and parties of accepting Mayor Bourque's theory. too'seriously. True, there has been trial given to them in the provinces, but not on a national scale and therefore not as harmful to the national economy. Perhaps the reason is that we Canadians have already some experiences with nationally owned services such as the C.N.R. and have found out that big profits are not available | pay? but rather deficits have to be met regularly from public funds. Public contributions just for the sake of ownership are not popular and it may be well to have had a few local examples to deter us from plunging too deeply.

Elections elsewhere are proving, too, that government control of services is not over efficient and the theory is not at all practical.

Suggests Trade Swap

In a recent speech Mr. St. Laurent made it perfectly clear that it was not only with Europe that there must be more balance in international trade. With Canada, too, there is a similar problem and it must be faced and solved. We have a golden opportunity right now as a result of the oil development in Western Canada, says The Financial Post.

In the fairly near future Canada may be producing sufficient oil for its own requirements. To move this from the point of production to our main consuming centres, however, would require tremendous outlays for transportation. A much more sensible arrangement would be for Western and Central U.S. markets to buy this oil from nearby Western Canada, and Eastern Canada to continue to buy from the Eastern U.S. In other words the oil resources of the continent would be pooled.

And oil is not the only, commodity which could be handled in this sensible fashion. There is also natural gas, possibly coal, base metals and similar products. In this day and age we cannot afford to fritter away, our energy in carrying products half-way across a continent when isn't necessary.

The Value of an Industry to the Town

The industrial bureau of the Atlanta, Georgia, Chamber of Commerce has published some interesting figures about what an industry employing 150 men does for a town in which it is located. According to these figures the payroll of this factory for 150 men will support; 393 occupied homes; 24 additional professional men; 6,600 acres of additional farm produce; an additional 22 room school and 18 teachers; 33 retail stores with a half million dollars in retail sales: 320 cars and the service for same, and two and a half million dollars extra taxable valuation.

Collecting the News

When your newspaper editor or reporter asks questions, he does not seek to satisfy personal curiosity, but to fulfil his duty to the paper, and thereby aid his paper to fulfil its duty to the public ..

The public is entitled to know the news and

it is the newspaper's duty to gather the news, regardless of whom it affects, and when a stumbling block is thrown in the paper's way, it is an ettempt to thwart the rights of the public.

No real newspaperman has a desire to twist or mold the facts to his own taste as some people imagine, for he realizes that truth is stranger than fiction; and when he feels the truth has been given to him, he is satisfied. But some people make a purpose of deceiving reporters. Evidently they forget that the reporter's training has

taught him to sense "the nigger in the woodpile". The public demands facts and depends upon the paper to get the facts and not the gossip and to present them fairly and clearly.

Who Should Pay

Ever since the end of the war there has been keen interest in Canada in the subject of low rental housing. It has been pretty clearly established that, at present prices, a great many Canadians, steadily employed at reasonable wages, cannot pay full rentals for the sort of houses which they feel they should have.

One puzzling question, which has had little pointed local agent for the Nor discussion, is how to decide how good a house anyone should have. Every plan for subsidized housing developments now seems to forsee a standard of housing well above that which the everage fully employed worker is able to provide for himself at present, and seems contented to Wm Watkins in McMillan and

Putting that aside as a really puzzling problem, not yet fully discussed to any extent, there is the next problem of who is going to pay for

Recently, with some signs of unemployment, there has been a tendency to think of housing plans, not only as a method of improving the accommodation of our poorer citizens, but as a source of employment.

Two very different arguments have been offered recently. One comes from the mayor of Ottawa, who insists that that city cannot possibly afford to do anything about low rental subsidized housing. He feels that that belongs to the Do-

Prime Minister St. Laurent, on the other hand, insists that municipalities should take some responsibility for providing public works of any It is fortunate that here in Canada we did not | sort to spread employment. He shows no signs

> Now, before there is any more talk of housing provided by public authorities, at the cost of taxpayers, these two points should be discussed Exactly how good a house are the public authorities supposed to provide for people who cannot pay all their own rentals? And who is going to

Some of these ideas of subsidized housing river had to be dynamited. go pretty far. One M.P. has actually suggested that, whatever else is done, everyone who is furnished with a subsidized house by the public authorities should be given 40 per cent ownership of it to start. That is a pretty attractive idea but does the honorable gentleman in question imagine for a moment that this country can, at present, guarantee everyone a good house at a rental which he can afford to pay, and in addition to that give him a 40 per cent, equity in the house as soon as it is built.

Housing for the less fortunate members of society is something which interests Canadians very much, but it is really a subject to be discussed in pretty realistic terms.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If it's only 19 more days until spring it cer tainly hasn't been a long winter.

_____ Great men forget themselves in serving others. Small men forget others in serving them-

Snow ploughing was taken more seriously after the second week of February weather and roads were ploughed wider on the highways.

This talk of all the different types of bomb that may be used to eliminate the human race is certainly not befitting Christian nations or world that has had such opportunity for enlightenment over the centuries.

Dominion and Provincial parliaments opened last week with nothing radical predicted in the opening speeches. No new taxes and apparently no lowering of taxes can be anticipated from either government source.

. . *-----A buyer's market in new cars is predicted this year since production is now nearly caught up with the demand. Last year 275,000 cars and trucks were sold in Canada. Of the 200,000 passenger cars bought by Canadians ,25,000 were British cars.

It is estimated that most wage earners will receive a refund in income tax this year due to a lower rate which became effective in January, 1949. This-will-be in reverse to former years when as a rule a letter from the Income Tax Department was not usually good news.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1900

Proce of Thursday, March 1, 1980 The business of the Canada Glove Works is booming Orders up-to-

date aggregate \$10,000 more than

this time last year. Special to the Free Press London, England, Thursday morning, March 1st, 1900 The glorious news comes from Gen Buller this morning that he has at last relieved Ladysmith, After 136 days the beleagured city is given its liberty, garrison and citizens are once more free The greatest rejoicings this old city ever knew are now in progress and feelings of thanksgiving alle every breast.

Mr. Wm Hemstreet has been apwich Union Fire Ins. Co., an old and successful English Company

The fourth anniversary services of the present church building will be observed in Knox Church next Sabbath with fitting services Miss Watkins of Acton, sister of

Dunbar's law office, Guelph, on

Saturday entered a course in training at the General Rospital Mr. McDermid of Woostock, has been in Acton and vicinity the past two days investigating with a view to the establishment of a creamery here Such an institution would be of genuine benefit to the farmers

within a radius of five miles

RAWFORD At Zimmerman co Thursday, Feb 15, Rebecca Murray, relict of the late G C Crawford, aged 67 years

BACK IN 1930

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Feb. 27, 1930

The snow disappreared Papidly but more came in even guicker

A meeting of interested citizens was held on Monday evening to plan for a suitable banquet and civic presentation to the hockey eam and officers

The worst flood in 18 years was experienced at Glen Williams on Monday when the water of the Credit reached a point remembered only by the oldest inhabitants, Ice jams in the upper reaches of the

The Men's Club of the United Church held another open meeting when Mr. Thos. McGillicuddy of Toronto, was the entertainer llis talk was 'A Bagful of Folks' At a convention of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Mr. B. G. Arnold, of Acton, was elected to the high office of Grand Superintendent of Wellington District.

HILL. At his home. Mill Street. Acton, early Friday morning, February 21 1930 John Craine Hill in his 82nd year

ONE TIME FATAL HEART AILMENT UNDER CONTROL

The past 50 years have witnessed many great advances in medicine, but none more dramatic than this discovery that penicillin is truly a life-saver where cases of subacute bacterial endocarditis, a heart infection, are concerned, it is stated by the Canadian Heart Association. until 1914, it was rare for a persen suffering from this heart ailment to recover-now, it is just about as rare for one to die.

It was due to Dr. Emmanuel Libman at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York that physicians the world over between 1900 and 1925 learned to recognize the disease in its early stages. However, nothing could make a doctor more depressed than the task of caring for patients suffering from this ailmentthey were usually young and the

disease was invariably fatal. Then came penicillin, but for four years, 1040-1944, it acquired the reputation of being useless in this disease. It was then that one of Dr. Libman's pupils-Dr. Leo Lowe -who was working in the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, announced results of further experiments with penicillin. He demonstrated that by giving larger amounts of penicillin the disease could be stopped.

Since then, many lives have been saved by the combination of early diagnosis and effective treatment with large doses of penicillin.

"And it is very probable that the disease can be prevented," states the Canadian Heart Association release. "We know that people with rheumatic valvular disease who develop an apparently innocent infection such as an abscessed tooth which is extracted, or tonsillitis, may develop subacute bacterial endocarditis as a complication of this innocent infection. By giving penicillin in adequate amounts immediately before and after tooth extraction and by treating all acute infections by modern methods, we must certainly prevent the development of subacute bacterial endo-

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