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EDITORIAL

Better Road Prospects

With the purchase of a road grader for use of the town, citizens can anticipate better repair of the roadways. This town has outgrown the former arrangement whereby the County grader could be secured when time permitted. Naturally, work on county roads had preference and present equipment is kept busy most of the year on county roads.

With the grader for town use only, streets will not be allowed to get in bad condition and can be constantly maintained. Since the equipment will not be in full time use, it was therefore best to purchase equipment which had been used and was not expensive. Citizens generally are pleased to see the new equipment at work and the prospect of better road conditions throughout town and the clean-up after sewer construction.

Cost of Living Index

The cost-of-living index is reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to have reached a new high in February at 163.7, states The Fort Letter-Review. This means that the Canadian dollar was roughly worth 61 cents in terms of the dollar of 1935-39.

To be expected, as an automatic consequence of the rise in the index, are further demands from organized labour for wage increases, with strikes and threats of strikes if demands are not met. Labour leaders probably see quite clearly that they have a large part of the responsibility for shoving the index up to the new level, but they are unlikely to resist their followers if new wage increases are to be demanded as the spring fashion.

Share of responsibility for rising index and shrinking dollar must also be taken by federal government, with its overloaded payroll and schemes of social insecurity. Every Baby Bonus cheque, every civil service pay cheque is a charge on the national production, but they represent no equivalent output of goods or services that would balance the account.

Bothersome, But —

On Sunday, Daylight Saving time comes into effect again and, since most of the district will operate on this time for the summer, it is best to advance the clocks and forget about any other kind of time until next September. That plan will be the least confusing.

As a matter of fact the greatest stand-out against uniformity of summer time are the railways who manage to maintain the confusion and do not conform to the summertime with their clocks or schedules. Perhaps there is good reason for this railway stand but it is one of the most bothersome throughout the entire period of daylight saving and many would be glad to learn of the reason. That's another one for Donald Gordon to deal with.

Any change, whether it be in time or custom, brings its upheaval and disagreement. While daylight saving time has been operative in this district for many years, its approval or adoption is far from unanimous. Each spring seems to bring about the pros and cons with the regularity of all other things pertaining to spring. Like housecleaning, it may be bothersome, but since every housewife does spring cleaning so it naturally follows that to get along smoothly daylight saving be adopted in an orderly fashion to keep in step with the neighbours.

What Pension Can We Afford?

Pensions are fine things and it would be splendid if every citizen could be presented with a substantial one at 65 or even earlier. But, says The Financial Post, like that world cruise we would all like to take, or the country estate we would all like to have, there comes the invariable question: "Can we afford it?"

Most people agree that our present national pension policy is not generous. It only goes to people over 70 and only to those who can prove that they have no other significant source of in-

come. But even this rigidly restricted scheme costs the national treasury approximately \$100 millions a year or about one-sixth of the pre-war budget.

But that scale is far below what is being asked in some quarters. The minimum should be \$60 a month for everyone and at 65, it has been suggested. That would cost \$793 millions a year or just about a third the total of the budget Mr. Abbott announced in the House the other day.

Even that would not satisfy some of the groups which have been wearing a path to Ottawa. These people would retire everybody at 60 which at \$60 a month would take up half our present budget, leaving us a little short for meeting the interest on the national debt, and defense costs not to mention paying the civil service and some other government bills.

Facsimile Creates Canadian Problem

Information of general interest to the public and of particular interest to newspaper publishers comes from below the border. There it is reported that a new process, known as multiplex, has brought the era of facsimile newspapers very much closer. The latter are expected to obtain widespread public use "within a year or two," according to one U.S. authority.

Facsimile is the process by which printed and pictorial matter can be transmitted by radio waves and reproduced in home receivers. Because it is carried over wave lengths in the frequency Modulation band, it has been held back for some time, as those owning FM stations preferred to program them with material being transmitted simultaneously over their AM (standard broadcast) stations. Multiplex has obviated this difficulty by permitting FM stations to transmit regular material, as well as facsimile, at the same time.

It is inevitable that this process will eventually reach Canada. One of two things will then take place. CBC will either make facsimile a virtual state monopoly, as it has done in the case of television, or it will permit limited private enterprise development under rigid control by CBC.

In either event, newspaper publishers face a disturbing situation. A CBC monopoly of facsimile would mean the genesis of a subsidized government newspaper, published directly in people's homes without any possibility of competition on even terms. On the other hand, CBC controlled participation by established newspapers would mean that publishers would have to prostrate themselves before the CBC for an annual renewal of their broadcasting licences. It would also mean that newspapers would be subjected to the same threats of censorship and expropriation that now bedevil the existence of radio stations. Neither alternative would be compatible with freedom of the press.

With Least Squawk

The time-honored fiscal policy of "plucking the most feathers with the least squawk" is held up for critical examination by the Bank of Montreal in its latest Business Review, devoted mainly to the recent federal budget. The review declares that the greater the number of people who make no direct contribution to the costs of government the more widespread may become the illusion that government is a beneficent provider of "costless" services.

The bank finds that "a most significant and thought-provoking feature of this year's budget speech was the intimation that the present level of current expenditures of approximately \$2,400 millions is to all intents and purposes an irreducible minimum."

In its outspoken commentary, the bank points out that the federal budget is balanced by only a "hair's breadth."

"It follows, therefore," the review asserts, "that additional governmental services of any significance can be provided only through increased taxation or by adding to the national debt, not for capital outlays, but for deficits incurred on current account. One cannot but conclude that the outlook for any further worthwhile reduction of taxation in the foreseeable future, is to say the least, rather dim."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The trout fishing season opens on Saturday and surely the weather will be a bit warmer—for the sake of the fishermen.

Just a couple more days to file income tax returns for the year and it seems as if that's one set of regulations that can really be enforced effectively.

Lawyers should use simpler language when questioning witnesses says Mr. Justice I. C. Rand. Says the Windsor Star: "If he can make that one stick, he'll have created another Rand formula even greater than the first. There are lawyers who can put their questions in a few direct and simple words, but they are in the minority. With too many the temptation is to pour out a torrent of jumbled clauses, and expect the witness to make something of them."

Recollections of Acton BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 26, 1900

Councillor Fred S. Near has purchased the Whiteside place from Mr. Geo. Campbell of Hullinford, for \$4,100.

According to Mr. W. D. Leonard's letter in Tuesday's Globe, the weekly wage bill of the tanneries here is about \$1200.

The Canada Glove works is advertising for ten or twelve glove makers.

Word has been received from the boys who went to Sault Ste. Marie last week following the heardmore strike, that they have received good jobs at \$1.50 per day.

At a meeting of the tanners in the town hall on Monday morning, after being out nearly two weeks, a resolution giving every man the liberty to do as he deemed to be best as to returning to work, was carried, and from that hour the strike was virtually off.

At a special meeting of the Municipal Council, after hearing the opinion of the town auditor, it was decided to widen Mill Street at the point where the new block is to be erected. A by-law will be arranged to widen the street upon the line of survey from John to Main Streets. Action will probably be taken with individual properties as present buildings may be removed or new buildings are contemplated.

Mr. Ernest Pearson left yesterday morning for Toronto to take a situation in the electric works of the United Electric Co.

BACK IN 1930

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 24th, 1930

The snowflurries of the week did not last long. A flock of about thirty wild geese assembled at Corporation Pond this morning and formed rather a pretty sight.

At a very representative meeting of those interested in baseball in Acton, the officers of the local club were elected as follows: President, J. M. McDonald, Secretary, Treasurer, H. Chew, Executive Committee, F. McIntosh, C. Leishman, C. Reilly and N. H. Garden, Manager, D. P. W. Pearen.

Well prepared plans made by two prisoners, to escape from Halton County Jail at Milton, on Monday were discovered by Constable Cookman.

The trial balance sheet of Acton Hydro for the year was received from the Provincial Department. It showed a net profit of \$4,630.36 on the operations of the local plant.

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 Red Kidney Beans 15-OZ. TIN 14c

GLOBE CHOICE DESSERT PEARS 2 15-OZ. TINS 25c

Kel APPLE JUICE 2 20-OZ. TINS 15c
 AYLMEY MARMALADE 2 20-OZ. JARS 31c
 Christie's PANTRY COOKIES 12-OZ. PKG 23c
 LAING'S MARSHMALLOWS 8-OZ. PKG 21c
 Romar Peanut Butter 16-OZ. JAR 37c

LYNN VALLEY GOLDEN CREAM CORN 3 15-OZ. TINS 25c

NIBLETS CORN 14-OZ. TIN 17c
 Green Giant WAX BEANS 2 15-OZ. TINS 29c
 LIBBY'S TOMATO JUICE 2 20-OZ. TINS 21c
 DICED BEETS or CARROTS 3 15-OZ. TINS 25c
 HEINZ BABY or JUNIOR FOODS 3 TINS 25c
 NEW LINES — STRAINED PEAS and BACON JUNIOR VEGETABLES WITH FIBRE

THERE'S NO ADVANCE IN PRICE ON CARROLL'S DANDEE TEA 1/2-LB. PKG. 38c, 1-LB. PKG. 75c

DOMESTIC SHORTENING 1-LB. PKG. 31c
 NUCOA MARGARINE 1-LB. PKG. 35c
 Aunt Jemima CAKE MIXES PKG. 35c
 McLarens PANCAKE SYRUP 16-OZ. BTL. 31c
 White HONEY 1-LB. CTN. 19c, 2-LB. CTN. 37c

Romar Coffee 1/2-LB. BAG 42c, 1-LB. BAG 83c

PEP DOG FOOD 14-OZ. TIN 10c
 Ross-Miller DOG BISCUITS 1-LB. BAG 16c
 NO RUB AEROWAX 17-TIN 39c, 34-TIN 69c
 JAVEX 14-OZ. BTL. 15c, 32-OZ. BTL. 24c, 64-OZ. BTL. 47c

TOMATOES ALLOUETTE BRAND 2 28-OZ. TINS 25c

California Large White POTATOES 3 Lb. 25c
 California Navel, 288's ORANGES, Dozen 39c
 Size 96's GRAPEFRUIT 3 29c
 Large Size CELERY HEARTS, Bundle 19c
 FRESH DAILY—Leaf Lettuce, Radishes, Mushrooms, Pineapples, Salads, Spinach, Bananas

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

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 Eastbound
 6:38 a.m., 8:58 a.m., 11:48 a.m., 2:08 p.m., 4:43 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 9:28 p.m., 10:58 p.m.
 Westbound
 10:42 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:32 p.m.
 a—Daily except Sunday and holidays
 b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays

RAILWAYS CANADIAN NATIONAL

Eastbound
 Daily 6:44 a.m.; Daily except Sunday, 9:52 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only, 8:19 p.m.; Daily except Sunday, Flyer at Georgetown 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
 Westbound
 Daily except Sunday and Monday, 1:56 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 1:18 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:44 p.m.; Saturday only, 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. flagstop; Flyer at Guelph except Saturday and Sunday, 6:36 p.m.

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