

# EDITORIAL

## We Make Our Own Conditions

Just came back from a holiday visit in the neighbouring republic to the south and find war talk much more in the press and the public conversation there than in this part of Canada. With it is the attendant panic buying which played such havoc a few years ago and led to controls. We were not surprised to hear therefore that the President had been granted the power to place controls to keep orderly marketing.

There's a warning in this for Canadians. A good way to bring about government control is to start hoarding but it is well to remember that once controls are put on, they are very difficult to get off. There's always a tendency to keep controls long after the need for them has expired. When you buy do not hoard these days but buy only for present needs. There's no denying that world conditions are unsettled but the reason for their unsettled condition is the attitude of all the people for purely selfish purposes. They are not going to be righted until confidence is re-established.

## Vacation From War

Blaring headlines and excited radio commentators just weren't on our holiday agenda. For some reason or another we eliminated them particularly but the Korean and World hostilities took no rest.

On the desk this morning we find a copy of the Porcupine Advance which is currently ceasing publication. Its main feature in the editorial is one headed "So Far Away". The editor's comments deal with the part Canada is playing in the recent conflict and decry the fact that the "Americans alone and on foot, and with the Aussies in the air are dying in mud and blood and bombs every day".

That seems to be a little strange when one has to go back only a few years to remember when, in the last conflict, the Americans waited until they were attacked before they had any of their Americans die in mud and blood and bombs. Suddenly in a few weeks of conflict they can't understand why the Canadians do not leap to the breach and back them up.

Perhaps it would be fair to assume that the Canadians want a vacation from war as do many other nations. It's a nice thing to get away from but the right people don't realize it. When a country steps to the battlefield a myriad of other home front measures become necessary. The president of the United States was granted the privilege of applying ration controls. In some sections of the U.S.A. it is almost impossible to buy a pound of sugar because of the frenzied buying of home fronters.

War is a good thing to take a holiday from but the right people just don't realize it. Perhaps someone should tell Joe Stalin and some of the other leaders.

## Beauty or Beast

Country roads are quite popular for summer driving and provide many fine examples of natural beauty. They are, however, not for the speeding motorist. Their treacherous curves, sliding gravel and rolling knolls hide danger for too long to stop a speeding car.

Recently there have been several reports of accidents on country roads and usually it was a small knoll that obstructed the vision of the oncoming motorists and the sliding gravel prevented a speedy stop.

Intersections bear special watching on country roads because quite often the view is obstructed and the roads unmarked. Again it is impossible to stop if the speed is not suited to the loose gravel.

A current program is sponsored in an attempt to cut down on the accident rate. What effect this will have is unknown but the more people that drive carefully, the less accidents there will be. Behind the wheel of a car you are supreme commander of giant power that can snuff a life or seriously injure. You are in command of all the lives that are carried in your vehicle as well as your own. Even though the first law of nature is self preservation many men, women and young people account for the taking of their own and others lives during the summer season when traffic reaches its peak.

Country roads, highways, and speedways, all contribute to the toll of lives that mounts with appalling speed each year. Never before in history have so many cars travelled on the roads and the increase has consequently increased the possibility of accidents.

It cannot be repeated too often, it can never penetrate too deeply, nor be sounded too loud. Drive Carefully.

## No Excuse

"I didn't know what I was doing. I didn't really intend to hurt him" "to crash into the car" "to commit murder" "to leave my child" "to hit that policeman" "You see Your Honor, I was a little high!"

"I was intoxicated."

"I was under the influence of liquor..."

"I didn't mean to..." "The act was not premeditated..."

Intoxication as an excuse, twisted and turned this way and that, but still an excuse.

Something to lean on when common sense has gone.

An appeal to the court on the ground that all men have this common failing, and you, Your Honor, know that a man is not quite all there when he is drunk and shouldn't, therefore, be held responsible for what he does.

When is all this nonsense in our courts going to stop?

Drunkenness is no excuse and never can or should be held as such.

Drunkenness is a cause.

A man or woman who, when intoxicated, damages, injures or kills, is and should be just as liable as the man or woman who, when sober, damages, injures or kills.

To the dead child it makes no difference whether its killer was sober or intoxicated.

If anything a sober killer is more likely to have taken precaution to avoid the death. The drunk killer is a killer whether in a car or with a gun or knife in hand.

## Passing Great

Public life at a glance seems to be a wonderful thing. Children aspire to the office of Prime Minister or other distant honors because they know as much as a great many Canadians, about that field.

From the Village Councillor to the Prime Minister seemingly attractive positions are filled by good citizens. The recent deaths of Mackenzie King and Humphrey Mitchell are evidence of the time that must be spent to achieve even partial success in their lifetime.

In no other place or position is a person more widely criticized than he is in public office. Because he is blamed for partiality, unguarded spending, and a multitude of other offences many men would not consider the positions offered in councils and cabinets.

This is an unfortunate situation in a town or nation. It eliminates many worthy men from the much criticized positions.

It seems so easy to criticize the doings of others but a complete understanding of the things behind the actions make them more reasonable. This complete understanding is the thing that the critical citizen lacks.

## Editorial Notes

Preparations are being speeded up for the annual fairs which will soon be the attractions for this district.

Yes, we had a splendid vacation, and hope you all enjoy your period of relaxation from routine business also.

Apparently this district has been in the wet belt for the past week and had a little more than its share of moisture.

The holiday accident record was again a record of highway slaughter. When will we learn to cut speed and use care when we drive motor cars.

The last war to settle wars did not bring a settlement as long as the 1914-1918 war. It's only five years since the close of the war and there's enough agitation again to start another. Might be nice to know who wants these conflicts.

A visitor asked a local councillor: "How are the local roads?"

"Fine," he replied. "We've abolished bad roads."

"Big job, wasn't it?" said the visitor.

"Not at all," the councillor said. "Wherever the going is particularly hard, we don't call it a road. We call it a detour."

James Syme Hastings, who worked on the Cincinnati Enquirer in the early 1900's, contributed many famous sayings which are still used by current wits. Among them are the lines: "Every baby resembles the relative who has the most money." "Do right and fear no man; don't write and fear no woman" was another. Again, "Most husbands develop into pretty decent animals, considering the material their wives have to work with."

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1900

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 9, 1950

The prize in the May and June contest for the best picture of wild animals or birds, a set of Nehring's amphipods, was won by C. C. Speight, Acton, Canada. "The Young Photographer", St. Albans, Vermont. Good for Charlie. The prize is worth \$500.

Warden Bros barber shop is very generally transformed. Two fine new tilting and revolving chairs have been put in a new quarter oak show case, and the mirror frame and front cases are being neatly grained in oak.

The most important meetings of the year were held by the Council on Monday and Tuesday evenings when the estimates for the current year were carefully considered and the rate finally fixed at twenty mills on the dollar.

Owing to the change in the architect plans the post of the Warren Block have been cut down six inches.

Some of the boys who bathe in Henderson's pond during daylight will have to get bathing trunks or suits or they may get into trouble.

Threshers say that 40 bushels to the acre is a common yield for fall wheat this harvest.

The hottest spell this summer was experienced during the week. The mercury registered 96 degrees in the shade on Monday.

### Potent Life Saver Drowning Victims

Artificial respiration has been known to be successful on an apparently drowned person who had been under water for as long as half an hour, says an editorial in the current issue of Health, official magazine of the Health League of Canada.

The editorial stresses the importance of widespread knowledge of artificial respiration, and comments that in this connection "apparently people forget very easily."

It is emphasized that "some years ago Health called attention to the supreme importance of a widespread knowledge of artificial respiration if death by drowning is to be prevented. Nine hundred deaths in a single year is a tragic fact because drowning is unnecessary." Some of these deaths might have been prevented if people generally had known what to do when a person appeared to be drowned.

Properly applied artificial respiration might save some lives this summer, states Health which then goes on to explain that artificial respiration should be started "immediately the apparently drowned person is taken from the water. It should be kept up continuously for a minimum of four hours unless the victim had recovered consciousness or rigor mortis had set in."

"That these facts have been forgotten," says Health, "is shown by the fact that from time to time reports appear in the newspapers to the effect that artificial respiration has been discontinued in 20 minutes or half an hour in cases which resuscitation may have been possible. This applies to both drowning and electrical shock."

"The possibility of a laryngeal spasm which, unless released, might render artificial respiration ineffective, should be stressed," Health says. "Many people who drown don't drown but suffocate. These are shown at autopsy to have no water in their lungs. It is therefore important to call attention to the need for seeing that the air passages are clear and the tongue held out during artificial respiration."

### BACK IN 1930

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 7, 1930

The bathing beach at Fairy Lake was a very popular place over the week-end.

The Elders and Managers of Knox Church and their wives and families held an enjoyable picnic at Blue Springs Park last Thursday.

Mr. R. L. Johnston has purchased the residence of Mr. M. C. Overholt on Willow St.

On Civic Holiday about ninety members of the McKeown Moore family gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McKeown, second line Mrs. for a picnic. Friends were present from as far as Regina, Sask. as well as many Ontario towns.

### BORN

CHRISTOPHER To Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cripps on Saturday, July 26, 1930 a daughter.

### MARRIED

ANDERSON COLLIER At the home of the bride, Brock Ave. Acton on Tuesday August 5, 1930 by Rev. H. L. Henne, M.A. An only child of Mrs. C. Collier and the late W. H. Collier, to William Frederick Anderson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Acton.

### DIED

BROWN At the family home, lot 20 1/2 1/2 line Esplanade, on Thursday, July 31, 1930 Robert L. Brown in his 75th year.

### HANDLING U.S. CURRENCY

To help in the establishment of a uniform method of handling U.S. currency and making change for American visitors the Foreign Exchange Board has issued a special display card for distribution to hotels, restaurant owners, retail merchants, service station operators and others engaged in the tourist business.

The card carries a simple statement "U.S. Funds Accepted at the Official Rate \$100 U.S. \$110 Canadian." On the reverse are two simple tables for calculating the amount of change which should be given when American currency is tendered in payment of an account. One shows the simplest way to calculate change making in Canadian dollars, the other when U.S. dollars are requested in change.

In announcing distribution of the cards, Graham Towers, Chairman of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, said they had been designed to accomplish two things: the first was to assure American visitors that they would receive the official rate of exchange on any American currency spent at the point where the card was displayed. The second was to avoid misunderstanding which otherwise might arise by providing business men with clear, concise information for the making of change in either Canadian or U.S. funds as desired by the customer.

Mr. Towers emphasized that although there is no compulsion on Canadians to accept U.S. dollars when they are offered, those who do so are required by the Foreign Exchange Control Act and Regulations to allow the full official rate of exchange.

Change-making illustrations on the back of the card show two methods for calculating exchange on U.S. funds.

### COMBINATION SPRAY

New combination lawn spray and fertilizer or insecticide spreader by Indiana maker is reported in The Financial Post. It has a quart-size receptacle attached to otherwise normal water spray. Water flows through spray from hose, revolving twin arms to water lawn, but draws out liquid fertilizer or insecticide from receptacle, scattering it over lawn with water. A control device regulates strength of solution sprayed, has plastic stand.

## Watch for Polio

The polio season is here, and Canadians everywhere must be on the lookout for the first ravages of the dread crippler. The origin of polio is unknown, as is its method of transmission. There is no known cure.

The best defense against polio today is careful attention to attendants. Call the doctor when you or your children show signs of sore throat, headaches, upset stomach, sore muscles or fever. Persons coming down with polio may also feel irritable. Often there is a stiff neck or back. To help guard against polio, keep your children away from crowds, keep them well rested, clean and dry at all times.

When polio strikes in your community, don't panic. Remember more than half of those stricken with polio make a complete recovery without any after-effects. The Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis (Canadian March of Dimes) stands ready to assist wherever possible. Write the Foundation at 410 Bloor Street, E. Toronto 5.

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