

# EDITORIAL

## Gunning and Helping

At the directors' luncheon at the C.N.E. on Press Day the speaker was Frederick I. Ker, publisher of the Hamilton Spectator. "Instead of gunning for our public men we might leave our guns behind and go out to help them safely home," said Mr. Ker and he used as an example the abuse piled on Donald Gordon in the recent railway strike. We might localize Mr. Ker's reasoning to include local bodies of Council and various boards. There local, public minded citizens serve without thought of salary, put in long hours and give freely of their time and talent and are often unjustly criticized by citizens through lack of understanding.

Criticism does serve an important place in the public life of our town or county. A word of praise is of equal importance however, and it might be well if we read often that comment of Mr. Ker quoted above. Public men need help in these days and not just continual sniping.

## Industry in Small Towns

Residents of the larger cities often get out into the countryside and see something of the pleasant life in our smaller towns and villages. Not many of these visitors from the city and other towns really stay long enough to appreciate what makes the small town tick but they do take home vistas of quiet, shaded streets, of spacious lawns and flowering gardens.

But any progressive town will have one or more industries upon which it depends in no small part for its prosperity and to which the people of the town and of the surrounding country can look for steady or seasonal employment. A surprising number of these small town industries manufacture products of such a high quality that they are known and used across Canada.

Possibly the outstanding example of a manufacturing industry in a small town is the primary textile industry, because fully one-third of the textile mills in Canada are located in towns with a population of less than 5,000 people and more than half are in centres of less than 25,000. In this town we have a good example of what the textile industry can contribute to a small community. Our visitors should know about it too.

This is important because small town industry is making a definite contribution to the Canadian way of life in the products it makes and in the payrolls it distributes. The visitor and the passing tourist, we should remember, are examples of the Canadian consumer who may be a year-round buyer or user of the very products of our small-town industries. The more this consumer knows of what small-town industries mean to Canada the more Canadian goods we will sell and the greater prosperity we will have.

## False Representation?

A recent newspaper article reports on the attempt of an air-conditioning engineer to keep members of the British Parliament awake during lengthy debates. His experiment was based on the blasts of fresh air which he thought would keep the representatives wide awake rather than allowing them to doze. As the article continues however we find that the experiment was a failure.

The actions of members of parliament, paid representatives of the people, have often seemed a little odd to the outsider. Skipping sessions, reading funnies during speeches and debates and numerous other acts have made it difficult for us to understand the workings of these groups.

In Britain they are having trouble keeping them awake and are forced to install air-conditioning systems and carry on research to combat the difficulty.

Applying these actions to one's own business they seem to be absolutely foolish. If employees were to be absent continuously or when some seemingly unimportant business was to be conducted, it would be difficult to continue for very long. If time were spent reading newspapers during the business transactions it would not impress a client. Yet parliamentary representatives work like this quite often.

In a recent report of the attendance in the federal house the absent outnumbered the present. This extra session was called to deal with emergency legislation and yet a majority of the people's representatives did not feel their presence necessary.

Parliamentary representatives are servants of the people paid from taxpayers' money to represent those people in the government's business. If these representatives are not in attendance at the place of business how can they be fulfilling their responsibilities to the taxpayers whom they represent and by whom they are paid a handsome annual salary.

## Bigger and Better

One of our readers drew to our attention a splendid method of meeting the rising cost of living. In a town not far from here the newspaper office has been receiving the top products of farm and gardens. The office is full of potatoes right now, each one bigger and better. Latest exhibit was of five potatoes which would fill a six quart basket. Another grower brought in one potato which weighed one pound 14 ounces.

For one week some one will be potato king. We have no desire to compete with local fall fairs. In fact we would like to encourage them. The place to show the best and biggest product is at the fall fair. So for the next week we suggest that farmers and gardeners concentrate their exhibits on these events. After the fairs are over and some big and better products are harvested, we'll be glad to have samples. We have no hope of filling the office with products, but if such a thing should happen, we can follow the example of our contemporary and use the surplus to lower the cost of living. Remember this letter suggestion is not ours but that of a friend who noted the success attained in another community.

## A Costly Way

The new tax raising budget presented to Canadians last week might be termed a luxury curbing measure and as a whole has been acclaimed by Canadians who realize fully that any war will demand extraordinary expenditure. War is the most useless and wasteful of any means of settlement of any dispute. All realize fully that a conflict means new taxes. New taxes mean higher prices on everything we use. The taxes on luxuries therefore are made to confine the increase to those who demand these items and must therefore be able to pay the tax.

While the imposts may not affect everyone they should serve as a reminder that they are but the forerunners of more taxes if wars are to be the means of settlement of disputes. More taxes mean higher living costs, curtailment of pleasure and another cycle toward inflation and lowering of purchasing power of the dollar.

The first tax increases may not have been too bitter. It is to be hoped that before more demands are necessary peace will have been obtained and the present world attitude changed from war to peace and better understanding. The use of force is not the best way to settle our differences whether it be between nations, or labor and management.

## Meeting an Emergency

A special vote of thanks was earned by the post office authorities for the way they moved the first class mail during the railway strike, says the Financial Post.

Normally the great bulk of this mail moves by train, and especially that due for delivery to villages, towns and cities not on the main air-lines. But so speedily were truck and other services mobilized by the postal people, that the average citizen got his letters as promptly as before the trains ceased running.

In planning and carrying out this emergency undertaking Postmaster General Rinfret and his Deputy, Walter Turnbull, did a major job and did it well.

## Editorial Notes

Soon be the period to revert again to standard time and then we will realize fully that the summer has gone.

It may be difficult re-adjustment, but we're beginning to find out that no service or group is indispensable.

The headlines said "Cars, Drunks and Candy Hit," but really it was a report on the budget items that was being given the public.

The C.N.E. has set up new records for 1950. We can anticipate that the local fairs will follow the trend and establish new records also.

It might be well to remember that control and freezing of prices mean "deep freezing" that affects wages and an ever deepening circle.

A century ago the tomato was considered poisonous. Now, says the Cornwall Standard-Freeholder, "Canada has about 60,000 acres, not to mention the patches in backyards. Canning factories buy them by the ton, and there are other tons eaten raw or used for home-made tomato preserves or chili sauce. The spicy odor that accompanies the making of this sauce marks the high point of summer."

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

### BACK IN 1900

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Sept. 13, 1900

Mr. W. R. Kenney has added a neat porch to his pretty residence on Church St.

The Rev. Dr. Strachan preached very acceptably on Sunday last in Knox Church. Rev. H. A. MacPherson took the work of Rev. Mr. Milne, of Ballinacraig, who is very ill.

A caravan of genuine gypsies created quite a furor in town Tuesday morning. Many young fellows in town had their fortunes told to their entire satisfaction. They are soon to be married to pretty girls and will all possess large fortunes.

The golf club spent Friday evening at the home of Ex-Reeve Neil, in Bower Ave. It was a very enjoyable occasion and all present enjoyed the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Neil. Hand discussed sweet music to a large concert of citizens at the town hall band stand on Monday evening. This was one of the best concerts of the summer. A number of new selections giving the programme real interest.

Interesting anniversary services will mark the completion of four years' pastorate by Rev. H. A. MacPherson in Knox Church. On Monday evening an enjoyable social will be held after tea in the basement from six to eight o'clock, an excellent program will be rendered in the auditorium. Rev. W. C. Clark, D.D., of Brampton, a very able and popular speaker will deliver his address on "Things". Other numbers will be given by Mrs. Mabel Grant of Georgetown, Mr. D. M. Henderson, the church choir, and Messrs. Barber and Akins in instrumental selections.

Mr. Arthur Pearson arrived from Sault Ste. Marie on Monday and is sojourning at the home of his father, Reeve Pearson.

### MARRIED

CURRIE McDOWELL, in Equipping on Wednesday, 5th September by Rev. L. Perrin, B.A. Mr. Duncun Currie of Nagsawakeva to Jennie, second daughter of J. McDowell, Esq. 5th line Equipping.

### POST OFFICES

CAN WAIT

Diversion of vital materials as a result of the international situation will call a halt to any plan for new buildings which the federal postal authorities might have had in mind. Postmaster General Rinfret stated in a Victoria interview. The public will be glad to have that assurance says The Financial Post. Other government spokesmen federal provincial and municipal might well follow the admirable example the Postmaster-General says he is going to set.

Decidedly this is not the time to start any substantial projects that are not absolutely necessary. Before Korea and other danger spots have been adequately dealt with we may find that all our available manpower and materials will be needed.

This does not mean that there should be any blanket orders halting all construction. What is called for is a new careful appraisal of work plans.

### BUSINESS HUMS

Department store sales are continuing to make new records in Canada, according to figures published by The Financial Post. For the third week in August, these sales were up 11 per cent over a year ago with Alberta making the biggest gain, 29 per cent, Manitoba and Saskatchewan next and the other provinces scoring much more modestly.

### BACK IN 1930

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 11, 1930

The church services are announced to be held on Standard time on Sunday.

Yes, it is real fall and time to get the coal bin ready for action. In the public school there are three hundred scholars enrolled in the various classes. The high school has eighty-eight pupils.

The Council met a delegation regarding the condition of the old cemetery. Steps will likely be taken to put it in presentable condition and trustees will be appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore are attending the annual convention of the Magistrates' Association, of which Mr. Moore is the President at Brantford.

### MARRIED

O'HARA PATRICK, On Saturday, August 23, 1930 at her home, 5 Cameron Street, Acton, by Rev. H. L. Bennett, M.A. Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Patrick to Robert Stewart O'Hara.

### DIED

CLARK, At Acton on Monday, September 8, 1930, James Campbell Clark, beloved husband of Nellie Hooper, formerly manager of the Bank of Montreal, Strathroy.

GAMBLE, At the home of her sister, Mrs. Bessie Gamble, Willow Street, Acton on Thursday, Sept. 11, 1930, Mary Gamble, widow of the late Thomas Gamble, in her 76th year.

### OAKVILLE

## Woodworkers Veto Conciliation Offer

While members of other unions in town took over picket duty, striking members of the Oakville Woodworkers' union held a court room on a lot on Allan Street. At the same time the executive of the union met to discuss a proposal made by the company. On Sept. 6th, Tim Cooper, president stated the executive had not looked with favor on the company's suggestion and the members on the picket lines at the Dundas St. gate that the company's offer was "trying to pull a fast one." Conciliatory overtures made for over a week and Cooper, the employees' agent, had to wait for an answer. They can't wait any longer for a raise.

Mr. and Mrs. Orla Lane, Doug La Ave. were at home Monday afternoon and evening on the occasion of their 24th wedding anniversary. Nearly 100 friends rallied to the popular couple man from distant points. Miss Marjorie Lang received with her parents.

All rights as to the use of Wallace park, until December 31 were granted the Oakville Baseball Ass'n by the board of parks management, with the understanding that the O.B.A. assume all financial responsibility for operation and maintenance during the period stipulated. Trooping into their school, which with its additions becomes a four room school instead of the former one-room school, pupils in Lambrook area found all classrooms completed, and one of the most modern and bright school units in Ontario awaiting them. Unfortunately owing to the railway strike, not sufficient desks were on hand to seat the 93 pupils who will attend the school this year. But the shipment is expected daily, and until then pupils are sharing the seats available. On hand to greet the pupils were two new teachers, Miss Frances Lush and B. K. Ziegan, B.A. For both this school will be their first venture in the teaching profession.—Journal.

Smallest of the six Great Lakes is Lake St. Clair, 460 square miles in area.

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