

EDITORIAL

Profit Drunk?

The other night a wife and husband returned home from a beverage room, quarrelled over the liquor problem. The wife smashed the beer bottles out of the refrigerator and ended the brawl by stabbing and killing her husband.

A whole bunch of houses in the city are to be demolished to make way for a brewery delivery space for one of the brewers. In the Legislature, if memory serves us correctly, a former official of the Liquor Board urged the test for drivers believed to be drunk. In police court the case against a drunken driver was reduced to a lesser charge because only one police officer testified.

A few months ago the Liquor Board announced appointment of a committee to study the problem of drinking alcoholic beverages in many countries. The report, when submitted, will likely go in the slot next the Hope report on education.

Recently Premier Frost felt it unfair that the Dominion Government took a big slice of the taxes on alcoholic beverages. He wanted it all for the provincial government. We haven't noticed that Walter Thompson, Liberal leader or Mr. Joliffe, C.C.F. leader, have announced any objection to more revenue and advocated better law enforcement in regard to our drinking problem.

Perhaps, we're all drunk with profits. Maybe the answer is to do away with a profit from the sale of liquor—we mean profits to brewers, distillers, governments, distributors. But then, who would handle the stuff?

In the meantime, what is happening to the homes, families and citizens of this fair province?

Spring Hope

One of the craziest winters on record will be brought to a close soon. If the weather, which has been acting like a manic depressive for the past months, alternating snow with rain, sleet and clear sunny days, does not pull itself together we may embark on the perilous sea of a zig-zag temperatured spring. And that sea may indeed be perilous as the mental case of 1951 weather could also drive residents here crazy by turning the streets into mud traps.

We can offer no psychological advice to the weather, however, so we might as well lift our eyes from the ground—at the risk of slipping on the ice or mud—and take a long view of what spring will bring.

The employment situation in Canada is bright as the spring sun, at an all-time high, with 75 per cent. more people working in manufacturing plants now than before World War II. In Ontario the amount of business transactions is 19 per cent. above that of last year with retail trade 12 per cent. higher. About 10 per cent. more homes are being built; about 30 per cent. more pulpwood is being produced; electrical power consumption is up 8 per cent.

So a spring summary of the situation in Canada is hopeful. It is when we have to look beyond our own country that a shadow cuts off a great part of the prosperous brightness. The conflict in Korea brings a mid-winter chill into any consideration of the future or the immediate past. While it is imperative that all Canadians keep informed of the actions of the United Nations and form personal opinions of government policy, still a short view of spring is certainly happier.

The first robin has been spotted in the district and the streams are flowing full. Before long shoots will be peeping up above the ground, looking over the situation and deciding to grow anyway. The trees, crops and flowers all symbolize the eternal hopefulness that man, too, should adopt.

Close Contact

Recently Napier Moore spoke at a graduation of a Vancouver University and in his column in The Financial Post makes the comment, "Much of the success of this relatively young university's School of Commerce is due to the close contact it maintains with business and to the active co-operation of Vancouver's business heads in providing the students with access to practical experience and advice. The faculty is composed of men who have had business and financial experience."

There's a suggestion in that comment that might well be considered by all universities—close contact with business.

After all, the young people who graduate from our universities eventually take their places in the business world. There needs to be a close contact at all times if the universities are to achieve greatest results for our day and generation.

Not much point in worrying over the future if you can't enjoy the present.

No New Taxes

No new taxes and no increase in taxes was welcome news from the budget address of Premier Frost on Tuesday. Here are some of the highlights from his summary for Ontario:

Budget for an estimated surplus on ordinary account of \$598,000.

Impose no new taxes and no increase in the rates of present taxes.

In fact, there will be tax reductions: there will be reductions in race track taxes and there will be a reduction from 15 per cent. to 12½ per cent. in the hospitals' tax.

Provide free school books for children in Grades I to VIII; \$2 million is being appropriated for this purpose.

Provide for the increased grants to universities of \$1,345,000.

The Department of Education will spend in 1951-52 the huge sum of \$63.2 million, an increase of more than \$6.0 million over 1950-51.

Provide \$100,000 for the improvement of rural telephone systems.

Provide extensions to rural hydro-electric lines to service at least 30,000 new consumers.

Make grants of \$1,000 a bed to religious and fraternal organizations to assist them in building homes for the care of the aged.

Provide \$2 million for cancer research and treatment.

Continue to pay to general hospitals the special additional grant of \$1½ million towards the cost of indigent care.

Provide assistance to organized out-patient departments of general hospitals. This assistance will amount to approximately \$168,000 annually.

Bear the extra cost of caring for infant indigents.

Pay maintenance grants to isolation hospitals and to isolation units in general hospitals; for this purpose \$100,000 is provided in the Estimates.

Provide assistance for public hospitals in 1951-52 amounting to about \$10¼ million. This is a ten fold increase since 1945.

Provide \$1.5 million for various housing programs.

Shorter Hours?

Shorter hours with longer pay seems to be the ambition of a good many Canadians these days. The 40 hour week, while still not general, is becoming more so every year as increasingly large numbers of workers are demanding and obtaining the short work week.

We think that the 40 hour week is a good idea—but only as an idea.

Canada became the great nation that it is today because the pioneers knew how to work and were satisfied to put in long hours of strenuous labour. Only thus could the country be developed.

Our nation is still a pioneer country with vast stretches of undeveloped territory, with untapped resources, with opportunities that few nations in the world today can offer. Can we continue to develop Canada on a basis of a 40 hour week?

Today we face one of the most serious world crises in history. Canadians must take their place with the other members of the United Nations and through preparedness avert, if possible, the global war that threatens.

Let us forget about demands for a 40 hour week and get on with the job of developing this nation.

Editorial Notes

A headline says, "Mayor of New York is opposed to Seaway". Do we have to get the consent of all the mayors in the United States now?

The all-wool serge suit is soon to become rare in men's clothes. Now materials will be a blend of wool and synthetics.

Oh, what a blamed uncertain thing This pesky weather is: It blew and snowed and then it thawed, And now, by jing, it's friz. —Philander Johnson

Headline announces that the Federal Government has a surplus of \$548 millions in the first few months of the year. It is still expected that you will pay your income tax whether you have a surplus or not.

In considering our needs for civilian defense it will be well if we do not duplicate our present organization. The Red Cross will do a great part in any civilian defense program. Give generously to its appeal so that it may be strong to meet any emergency.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 7, 1901

The Acton hockey team with about 50 supporters went to near-Georgetown last Friday night and played a fast and exciting game with the team there, which resulted in a victory for Georgetown by a score of 4-3. The Acton team lined up as follows: Swackhamer, goal; Smith, point; F. Ryder, cover-point; McIntosh, E. Ryder, Boyd, Holmes, forwards.

A number of young people in town held a sleighing party to the home of Mr. Fye Somerville, Nassagaweya, on Tuesday evening.

There were 81 births, 13 marriages and 47 deaths in the township of Esquesing on 1900.

The fire alarm sounded last Sunday night shortly after nine o'clock for the first time since July. A chimney on the brick building at the corner of Mill and Main Sts. was found to be on fire and with the gale blowing at the time fears were entertained that the sparks would ignite the roof. The flames were subdued, however, without the aid of the Fire Brigade.

The butchering business of C. A. Mason has been purchased by A. W. Johnston.

Joseph Lynd was accepted for a place on Col. Baden Powell's South African Constabulary at Stanley Barracks, Toronto on Tuesday.

A very pretty wedding took place last evening at the home on Main St. of our esteemed citizens, Mr. and Mrs. James McLam. At seven o'clock, Miss Lizzie, the daughter of the home, was joined in the bonds of holy wedlock to Mr. C. E. Akins, who lately removed to Midland, son of Hugh Akins, Esq. of Nassagaweya. Miss Bella Stephenson, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and Mr. William Cooper, the former partner of the groom, acted as groomsmen.

Rev. Mr. Cole of Toronto conducted the services in St. Alban's Church again last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Godden is rapidly improving in health and hopes to be able to take full charge again next Sunday.

MARRIED
REID-NEAR—At the residence of the bride's father on Wednesday, February 20, James Reid, to Miss Annie L., only daughter of F. S. Near, revue of Esquesing.

STARK-GASTLE—At St. George's Church, Lowville, on Tuesday, February 19th, by the Rev. C. P. Sparling, Nellie, second daughter of George Gastle, Nelson to Abraham Stark, Jr. of Esquesing.

BACK IN 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 26th, 1931

Never before were there so many motor cars in town in winter time as were here on Monday. The big Acton-Stratford hockey match was the objective.

Mrs. R. Tait and Mr. David Tait, left for Dome Mines, South Porcupine where they will reside in the future. Mr. Tait left for there a month ago.

Over 1800 spectators at a hockey game, and a gate receipt of well over \$500, at popular prices, sets a new record for the Acton arena.

Acton both lost and won with Stratford, Oh, well! Chatham was quite a long trip anyway and Stratford won't have so far to travel.

When a car driven by Harold Bailey, of Georgetown, was struck by the 2:28 p.m. train on the Main Street crossing of the C.N.R. in Acton yesterday the driver miraculously escaped injury, but the rear end of the car was badly damaged.

A quiet but pretty Valentine wedding was solemnized in St. Alban's Anglican Church, on February 14 when Annie Evelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tubman, of Acton, was united in marriage to Robert Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, of Guelph.

A new legion post was organized for Acton at a meeting of veterans last Saturday afternoon. Comrade Padbury outlined the problems of the ex-servicemen and the work of the Canadian Legion. The election of officers was: President, W. J. Goulet; 1st Vice Pres. J. M. McDonald; 2nd Vice Pres. B. G. Arnold; Secretary-Treasurer, F. W. Wright; Advisory Committee, Rev. H. L. Bonnie, F. Ronney, W. Eccleshall, A. E. Padbury, W. Britton.

BORN
MITCHELL—At the Willett Hospital, Paris, on Monday, February 16, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Mitchell the gift of a daughter.

EARL HELPS SEA SCOUT
Earl Mounthatten of Burma, British Commodore for Sea Scouts, has made available a bursary of 125 Pounds Sterling so that Sea Scout can take part in the Iceland Expedition of the British schools Exploring Society next summer.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 11th, 1951
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Subject "The Theme and Unity of the Scriptures" (Sermon 4 on the Bible in the series: "This is Our Faith")
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Subject "The Epistle to Philimon"

Thought for the Week
Some people think black is the color of Heaven, and that the more they can make their faces look like midnight, the more evidence they have of grace. But God, who made the sun and the flowers, never sent me to proclaim to you such a lie as that. (Becher)

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Lunton, M.A.
SUNDAY, MARCH 11th, 1951
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
Lenten service, Wednesday, at 8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 11th, 1951
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship. "Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."
Visitors will be made welcome.

Baptist Church
ACTON
Mr. Stanley Woodcock, Minister

SUNDAY, MARCH 11th, 1951
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11:30 a.m.—Morning Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Speaker Dr. Hoskins, Toronto, Ont.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting
Friday—4 p.m. Mission Hand; 8 p.m. B.Y.P.U.

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In Ottawa, writes Napier Moore in The Financial Post a colleague of ours, called on an inspector of the R.C.M.P., a man who specializes in communist activities. Entering the office he was rather surprised to see on the inspector's desk a skillfully wrought figurine of Stalin, a most benign, kindly Stalin, with his hands behind his back he stood there, the epitome of peace and good will.
Noticing the visitor's involuntary start, the R.C.M.P. man grinned and turned the figure round. The hands were grasping a bloodied sword. "Made by a Ukrainian now in Winnipeg," said the Inspector.

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