

EDITORIAL

Easter Bonnets

Saturday in Toronto we waited for a few minutes as the throngs went passing by in one of the large department stores. Right across the aisle was the men's hat department. We have always had a notion that selecting the Easter bonnet was a matter for only the ladies to ponder over. All the songs written, are about Easter bonnets and all the fashion notes seem to emphasize that the women hold high the new spring bonnet.

It may seem in the best Easter theme to write about women's spring hats but on Saturday we saw plenty of evidence that men put in some time and thought on the purchase of their Easter bonnet. The clerks were all busy and we never before realized how particular and vain men were in the purchase of headwear. Some of them tried on most every color and shape in the hat racks. The triple mirrors were used to get the right effect from every angle. Combing of the hair after each try-on was important with one man. Many of them left this counter to go elsewhere before making the decision on an Easter bonnet.

We wouldn't be surprised any time to see floral and feather creations for the men before next spring. Certainly it's time we quit making light of the feminine shopping for Easter bonnets.

Holiday from Controls

It's so easy these days to ask governments to make up shortages, give subsidies or make up differences. Where it will end no one knows. For instance we had the federal gasoline tax dropped by government in Ottawa only, to be taken up by the Ontario government. Shortly, we are likely to witness rent controls being dropped by Ottawa and taken up by Toronto.

We see governments dabbling in wheat, bacon, railways and other lines, and making up deficits out of more taxes. What has been done as war measures, become permanent resolutions. The government interference in housing has not helped provide more homes. Builders have simply let the responsibility go. Unknown to most Canadians is the fact that they paid a cash subsidy of about \$11,000,000 last year to give their sugar business to commonwealth countries.

The trouble seems to be that we don't see the cost of subsidies in the articles we buy. But in spite of the subsidies prices have risen in nearly every instance. Latest tax suggested is a retail tax by the various provinces which will also be hidden.

One clear conclusion can be drawn from the conspicuously unfortunate wheat deal with Britain, points out the Calgary Herald. "This deal was achieved by two governments which had invaded the precincts of private trade and insisted that they knew better than private citizens how trade should be conducted. The result is plain for all to see; we hope the farmers and the farm organizations will perceive the moral."

Let's have a holiday from government wartime controls and a holiday from wars that appear now to be a necessary threat to bolster retention of control.

City Inconveniences

Some way or other the city inconveniences are losing any glamour they may have had and the city inconveniences are becoming more prominent. Sometimes we wonder if our advancement and great organizations have made life more vulnerable to attack from many sides.

Take, for instance, the city milk strike. Such a thing is not likely in the smaller towns where the dairy owners are the drivers and have full control of their own industry. Back in the days fifty years ago the only milk strike was when the family cow "went dry" and then you got your supply from the neighbour and you supplied him when his dairy was temporarily closed.

In these days of thoughtlessness of our neighbour we may have a curtailment of any service. In fact, in the cities it seems the folks just emerge from one strike to meet up with another inconvenience. Maybe it's the garbage that's threatened or the car fares raised. But the concentration of people just doesn't appear to be working for the peace of mind of city dwellers. Perhaps we should view with alarm any growth of our own communities which will require such a complex and extensive organization as that in the cities where each group considers its problems only in the light of its own interests and without regard to a neighbour.

We don't say it can't happen here, but we do say that Board and regulations of city minded folks are not giving a good example. The sooner we get away from government control of products the better it will be for all. The Milk Board has proved its uselessness in the city and towns would be better off if freed from its regulations. Dissolution of so many government agencies would release a lot of manpower for practical needs.

Unnecessary Delay

Continued dissatisfaction is evident at the unnecessary delay in completing the county assessment. This was evident again last week in the appeal of Esqueving Township against its levy for high school purposes and what the township appeal brought out is an underlying sentiment throughout the county.

Some relief was given the townships last year in high school levy, but according to a ruling given by the Municipal Board in a similar case it is pointed out that the only basis for High School District levies is on the equalized assessment figures of the county.

We believe Esqueving and Nassagaweya are justified in their complaint on the levy, but the only way in which it can be settled is by completion of the county assessment. Certainly Acton and Milton are not retarding this work as their new assessment has been in use for two years. There is no excuse for other municipalities delaying the work further and provoking the contentious question. To be big municipalities have to show their greatness in many ways besides population figures. If the work cannot be completed throughout the county by those presently in charge, it's certainly time for a change.

Effort, Not Magic

No one will dispute the fact that industries in small towns give a measure of stability to the community. They provide employment for boys and girls who have received their education in the district; they support families who, in turn, pay taxes and support local business enterprise.

Our town has already several industries which have been so successful in helping develop the community and provide employment that it is apparent that more are needed here.

People of this community, however, cannot sit back and expect industries to spring up of their own accord as if by magic. Nor can they expect governments or outside firms to do what must be done if more industries are to be located in our town.

We must be prepared to help ourselves to industries. It should not be left to Chambers of Commerce or Councils alone. It's the job of every citizen.

A good example of community effort in developing local industry is the achievement of Altona, a small town in Manitoba. There, through co-operative effort, has been established a vegetable oil refinery which last year produced oil and other products valued at well over a million dollars. The oil is used in margarine and shortening and in a cooking and salad oil which is now being marketed nationally. It is produced from sunflower seeds grown by the farmers in an extensive surrounding district.

This industry puts a good deal of cash into the pockets of the farmers of the community; it maintains a large payroll. It was established because a few farmers and business men had vision and the necessary enthusiasm and foresight to put their vision into action. They saw the opportunity and did something about it. The plant at Altona, we understand, is the only one of its kind in Western Canada and it would appear that there is room for other similar plants in Canada's economy.

There has been much talk of the need for new industries but, as Mark Twain said about the weather, "no one does anything about it". If we are to have new industries, there is no use waiting for outsiders to come in and establish them for us. If that is what we want, we may have a long, long wait.

Rejected Blondes

The forward march of science has caught up with blondes. Blonde hair was, until recently, much sought after for use in humidity control devices to moisture changes. But researchers have now discovered that they can control humidity much better with electronics than with human hair.

All Fool's Day next Monday.

Editorial Notes

Maple syrup time is at hand and while the winter weather may linger there are other signs of spring.

Chesley has set a 64 mill rate for the year. Only decreased items in the budget are the High School rates and the County rates.

"When one gets old enough to realize that he ought to kick himself his joints are too stiff to do it properly."—From the Rural Scene.

Women seem to be thrilled at the prospect of being given the privilege of serving on juries. Seems to us like a mean trick. Most men don't consider it any privilege to be called for jury duty. As usual, there's a way out for the women. The service on juries for them is not compulsory.

There will be many new car models for next year, unless something drastic happens to upset the apple cart. The Financial Post hears. Most of the leading makers are planning changes some of which promise to be more extensive than anything seen since the beginning of the postwar models.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS
MAY HAVE SEEMED
BETTER

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 28, 1901

After several months of patient suffering Mrs. Daniel Smith peacefully passed away yesterday morning at her home on Main St. She was the daughter of the late James Kirkwood, Sr., Erin and sister of Mr. James Kirkwood, ex-M.P.P. and was married to her bereaved husband thirty years ago. For a time they resided in Chinguacousy, then in Kilbride, and removed to Acton from Stewarttown.

There are several dogs in town which are creating havoc among the domestic fowl. Rev. J. K. Godden lost two chickens on Sunday morning and Mr. S. Laird had a similar experience.

The idea of a board of trade for Acton has taken root among a number of our business men. The matter is now freely discussed and it is hoped that it will take definite shape at an early date.

The sad news of the death at her home in Lowell, Mich., of Mrs. Robert J. Flanagan, nee Miss Hattie A. Lasby, reached the friends here on the 14th inst., and Mr. Joseph Lasby, who was over to the funeral, brought particulars of her death on his return last Friday.

Mrs. Flanagan was a daughter of the late Oliver Lasby, Sr., and was born at Acton on April 17, 1854.

Interest in the organization of a lacrosse club for the coming season is very dull. Base ball seems to be more in favor here.

This is the last week for the morning service of electric light. Electrician Mallitz will appreciate the respite.

Robins have been plentiful hereabouts the past week.

Mr. W. P. Campbell returned to Sault Ste. Marie on Monday. He is building dwellings in that stirring western town.

Mr. Asa Hall is rapidly regaining his old time vigour. He has been absent the past week to walk out and visit neighbouring friends.

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BACK IN 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 26, 1931

Sap's running and the activities of the maple sugar bush are in full swing.

Judge Moore spoke to the Girl Guides on one of their ten laws, courtesy, at their regular meeting last week.

Mr. George T. Woods received serious head injuries while at work at the plant of Beardmore Leathers Limited yesterday morning. On Tuesday morning James Sangster had his right hand caught in a machine and badly bruised at the same plant.

At a meeting of the executive of the Acton Branch No. 107 Canadian Legion, Mr. J. M. McDonald, manager of Beardmore Leathers Limited, kindly donated for the use of the Legion, the clubrooms at the old rink.

At a meeting that was well attended, the Cemetery Board outlined plans for beautifying Fairview Cemetery over a period of years and drew up a schedule of rates for the upkeep of plots which plan was one that would have a trial during 1931.

CARRIES FROZEN FOOD

Lightweight, collapsible food carriers are helping to solve the problem of shipping frozen foods, reports The Financial Post. Bag keeps 100-120 lbs. of food frozen for more than 24 hours with no dry ice or refrigerants necessary. Inside the bag is a vapor-barrier of vinyl plastic film between two layers of one inch Fiberglass Aeracore; outside covering is flexible Neoprene-impregnated fabric. The base of the carrier is plywood and a thick core of rubber insulation. Zipper fasteners and straps make filling and carrying easy.

RED LIGHT

Crossing the street one morning I was nearly run down by an antiquated car literally overflowing with about a dozen children. Since the red light had been against the woman driver, as she came to a halt I shouted: "Lady, don't you know when to stop?" Glancing back at the moppets, she answered icily: "They aren't all mine."—The Reader's Digest.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1st, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship, W. M.S. Annual Service. Speaker the Rev. Norman MacKenzie, M.A., recently returned from China—and now at O.A.C. Guelph.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Willowdale Male Quartette. Speaker Mr. Earl Leslie, McMaster University and Minister. Topic "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."
8.30 p.m.—Inter-congregational Fireside. Gospel hymns. Music. Pictures.

Monday, April 2 at 7.30 p.m.—Mission Band Thank Offering meeting in Sunday School Room.
Thought for the Week "To those who fully admit the immortality of the human soul, the destruction of our world will not appear so dreadful." (Charles Darwin)

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Lupton, B.A.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1st, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginners' Class.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
8.30 p.m.—Fireside Hour at the United Church.
A Welcome Awaits You

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Friday, 8 p.m.—Preparatory Service.
SUNDAY, APRIL 1st, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sabbath School and Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Communion Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
Visitors welcome

Baptist Church
ACTON

Thursday, March 29, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting and B.Y.P.U. combined.
Friday, March 30, 8 p.m.—Mission Band Thank Offering.
SUNDAY, APRIL 1st, 1951
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11.30 a.m.—Mr. Alfred Barker, McMaster University.
8.30 p.m.—Fireside in United Church S. S. Room, sponsored by the local branch of the Bible Society.

HOLSTEINS FOR BRITAIN

In an attempt to improve the butter-fat content of their herds, the British Friesian Cattle Society recently imported 32 head of the famed black and white breed from the Netherlands for a reported price of about \$59 thousand, one bull calf bringing \$394 thousand.

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6:30 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:58 p.m.
Westbound
9:17 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.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)
Daily except Sunday and holidays
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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Eastbound
Daily 6:44 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:54 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday, 1:58 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12:38 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m.; 8:50 p.m.; 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 8:10 p.m. (flagstop); Saturday only 2:38 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 1:58 p.m.

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