

EDITORIAL

A Canadian For Canada

Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey will take office as Governor General and the fact that a Canadian has been appointed to the post has been severely criticized in some quarters and supported in others. The basis of the opposition is that it breaks tradition since the post has hitherto been filled by a Briton from Britain. No one has yet come out to say Mr. Massey is not qualified, indeed, opposition to the move is quick to point out that he is, beyond a doubt, the best qualified Canadian for the job.

Someone once said that the old gives way to the new. Canada was once a colony in the New World. That status has changed and Canada is a country with an important place in the world. We can, personally, see no ominous foreboding in the appointment of a well-qualified Canadian gentleman to the post of Governor General of Canada just because it has never been done before.

George Drew has objected to the change being made without consultation with Parliament. Perhaps we can point out that the question of a distinctly Canadian flag, either a new design or an old, has been before Parliament for a far too lengthy time now for consideration. It is quite possible that Mr. Massey's term of office will be over by the time Parliament ever reaches a definite decision on whether the appointment was justified.

"We some day have to grow up", one daily newspaper quoted Mr. St. Laurent as saying and that seems to be a healthy conclusion.

It's quite possible that the official opposition in the Federal house is having trouble opposing government measures and has turned to insignificant details to smoke screen the situation.

Friendliness Lasts?

Toronto's street car strike is over but it's still a topic of general conversation like a critical operation or illness is with many folks. We found this out on a recent week-end in the city when we did more than the usual amount of street car riding. We found too that the friendliness of Toronto folk is remaining after the strike. Many conductors are now calling out the names of streets in a language that is quite understandable and clear. A citizen came up to us as we stood at an intersection which appeared to be a car stop and advised that the car stop was in the next block.

At a busy transfer spot downtown a waiting passenger was critical of the city streets and started a conversation. When we boarded the car and took a single seat, he stood in the aisle beside us and carried on conversation until he reached his destination in spite of the fact that there were seats available. He was all out for Labor Minister Daley and Mayor Lampert. These public men had stood up for the average citizen. The strikers had little sympathy for him. They were well paid and had good jobs.

We gathered quite a bit of his slant before the inevitable question of our attitude came up. Then, of course, we told him that we lived outside the city and were not greatly inconvenienced by the street cars not running. Then came the questions - where and what business were we engaged in? Rather broadly we answered we were in the "paper business" and then his narrow rowing down counter question, "Waste paper business?" Without even a smile we explained our business was printing newspapers and commercial printing and his enlightenment was evident as he said, "like the Globe and the Star?". It took some further explanation on our part to explain the difference in the weekly and daily newspaper field and that there was news of a purely local nature that was found interesting in each town and village and was not found in the daily press.

Finally he grasped the solution by asking us if we knew one of the North Toronto suburban weeklies and did we listen to Kate Aitken. We never did quite find out the connection because he hopped off the car with a parting greeting of, "So long, hope I'll see you soon". This was Toronto after the street car strike?

Local Barriers

The other day we received a circular from Montreal and we were intrigued by a notation on it that purchasers who resided outside the Province of Quebec were not required to pay a tax which was levied on all residents of that province. We in other parts of the country may make light of such restrictions but we would do well to guard our own borders—even municipal barriers which are often set up.

Many trades in all the municipalities are attempting to instal regulations which would confine trade only to those established in the town. Many of them have been successful in setting up barriers that keep mechanics from other centres from doing work in other cities and large towns. The licensing business has gone to absurd lengths. Pretty soon, a man won't be able to do his own painting, or handy man's jobs about his own house.

There are too many barriers in the world today and if we are to keep costs down and efficiency at a high standard these barriers within our own country should be discouraged. The monopoly-minded groups are not in the best interests and municipal councils would do well to restrict their powers and refrain from adding to by-laws and local barriers which are now overcrowded.

In a Growing Country

Recent news items indicate the growth Canada is making these days. Over 175,000 immigrants have come to Canada this year. It is estimated that between 700 and 750 million dollars in capital has flowed into Canada in 1951. These are but a few indications of the place this country holds in the estimation of those outside our borders.

To those who may object to the influx of new people or who may lament that other than Canadian capital will develop and reap a rich reward from our national resources, it might well be pointed out that the development of the United States was largely by those in the early days who realized it was a land of opportunity and a place with a great future. We agree that those coming from other countries should be carefully screened. We also contend that we, as Canadians have a duty to perform in setting an example of the Canadian way of life and helping them in understanding our aims and helping them forget the politics and customs of the lands from which they have come. Making good Canadians of all in this land is not only a task for the newcomers but for we who have always lived in Canada.

Easier Prices

There's good price news for consumers, for manufacturers, shaping up, writes W. L. Dack in The Financial Post.

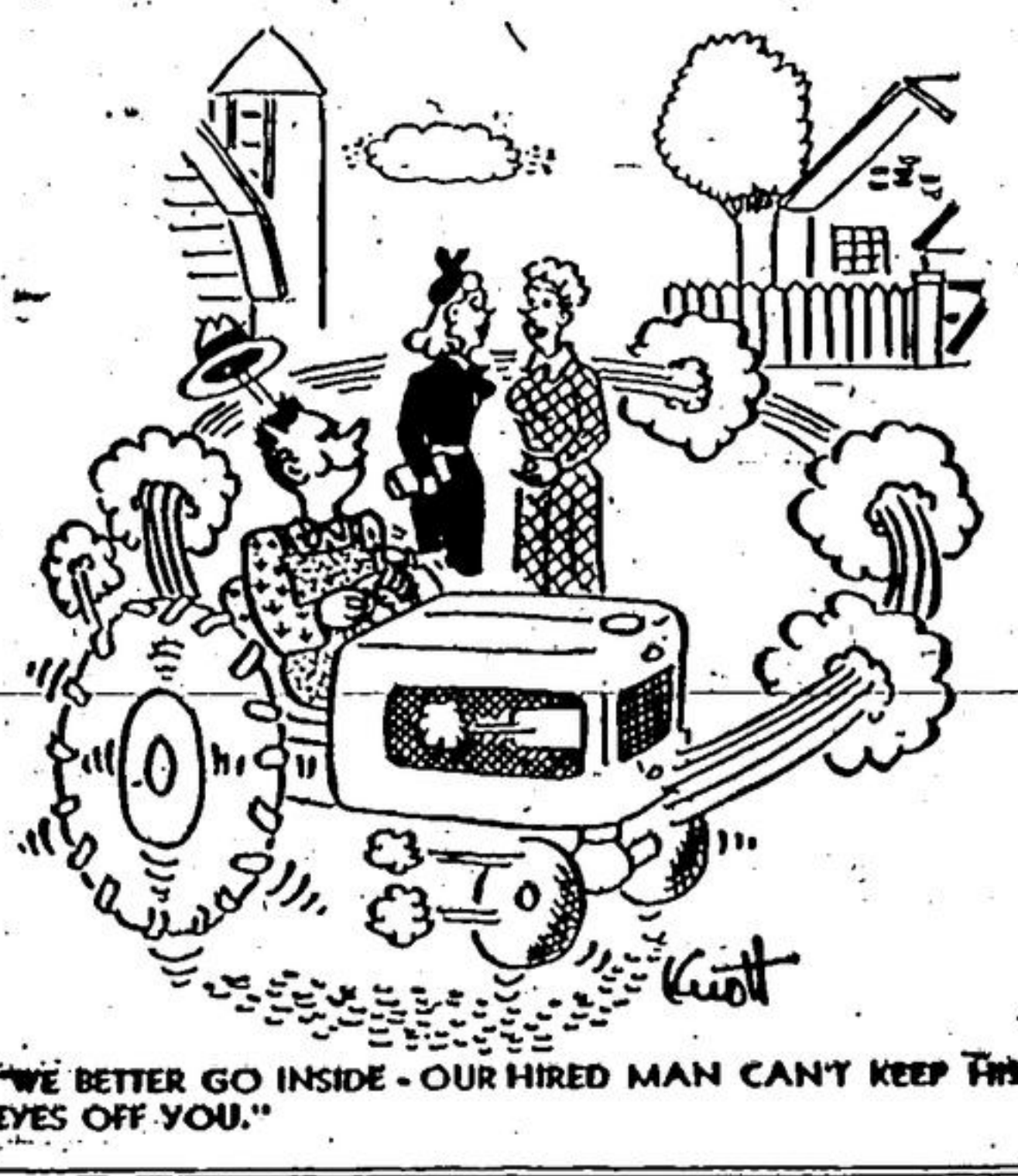
For manufacturers: your dollar is going to buy you more in a wide range of raw materials. For consumers (if the manufacturer is able to pass the saving along): prices at least to hold the line and perhaps to go down in the months ahead in many lines of finished goods.

One by one, in recent weeks, key commodities used by a broad cross-section of Canadian industry and entering into manufacture of thousands of products have been reversing the 1951 price trend and either flattening out or turning downward.

Editorial Notes

Seems hard to realize that we are now entering February and that winter is on the wane. The hours of daylight are noticeably longer and in a few months daylight saving will again be to the fore.

Want something for nothing? It is possible when you buy a farm with buildings on it, declares the Cornwall Standard-Freeholder. "It is possible to buy a parcel of land ready equipped with everything needed in the housing line, both for the stock and the people, for a great deal less than the cost of purchasing a similar tract and putting up new buildings. In other words a large portion of the worth of the buildings on the first farm can be obtained for nothing."



Tops Ontario

Last week, when Acton public library was the subject of an article in the Free Press, the Oakville Record-Star also featured their library. Oakville claims to have the library circulating more books than any other in Ontario with a book stock of less than 10,000 books. (Acton has about 6500 books). Last year Oakville readers took out 40,207 books, an editorial says; about 16,000 were borrowed here. Acton added more books to its shelves last year than Oakville though.

Their library is in terribly overcrowded conditions, and the editorial recommends the purchase of a house, if possible, to house it.

Grandma Moses Surprised

Anyone in Toronto would be interested, even if not completely entranced—by the original paintings of Grandma Moses which are on display at the Art Gallery there. A room is hung with the paintings which are familiar to most since Christmas, when reproductions of her paintings were so popular on Christmas cards.

The paintings certainly do have a charm of their own. With limited perspective and faulty figures, the pictures of everyday life on a farm are sparkling and alive with action. Grandma Moses has had a good time, and is evidently quite surprised at all the acclaim. Some of the pictures are for sale, but for most of us who like the paintings, framed Christmas card reproductions will have to do. Prices were from quite a few hundreds to a few thousands.

On the Verge

An English couple, recently arrived in Oakville, were interviewed in Oakville-Trafalgar Journal columns last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. J. Wood thought Canada a land of lavish abundance, a pleasant, friendly land where people enjoy comfort and the future is full of promise. They said, "Here in Canada we feel we're on the verge of real living!"

Any Robins?

A small bow to Oakville, where the first robin of the county to be seen this year is reported in print. We think surely there has been one hardy robin 'bobbin' around here, but it hasn't been mentioned to the newspaper. That one's probably not too clever a robin anyway, thinking it was all the way south when it was only in Oakville.

New Industry

Georgetown has a new industry, an ad in last week's Herald says. "Need a Baby Sitter? Phone the Baby Sitting Bureau..."

Conspiratorial Competition

Milton Co-Ops and Georgetown Raiders combined forces last Saturday even though the two teams were playing against each other. Cause for the conspiratorial competition was the fact that the two teams had but a single thought—it was a benefit game for Pete Ward Georgetown defenceman from Three Rivers, Quebec, who came to G'town this season, via Simcoe.

Early this month at a hockey practice, Pete suffered a broken jaw and lost four teeth. He was just released from Toronto General Hospital last week, but the jaw is still just convalescing and is by no means all better.

For anyone interested in the score as well as the purpose of the game—it was 5-3 for Milton. Milton and Georgetown have tangled four times now this season—three were wins and one a tie.

Handicrafters Ahoj

The annual report of the Georgetown Arts and Crafts group summarized a year with most interesting highlights for those interested in crafts, as many ladies here are. The group heard lectures on flower arrangement by a man from Dale's, on the fundamentals of design by Dorothy Stone, and on the history of pottery by Eugenie Berling of the Royal Ontario Museum staff.

Among the courses were one in leather work taught by Mrs. Cyril Bradford, in sewing by a representative of Singer's and in spinning and wool dyeing by Mrs. Parker of King.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Subject: The Missionary Effort Justifiable
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship (G.I.T. Service, Speaker, the Rev. E. A. Currey, B.A., Onton)

Thought for the Week
And this is the mission of the Church—not evasion, but salvation—not better laws, purer legislation, social elevation, human equality and liberty, but first the "Kingdom of God and His righteousness"; regenerated hearts, and all other things will follow.
(A. E. Kitzredge)

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Supply Minister, Archdeacon McIntosh of Hamilton

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
Annual Vestry Meeting, Monday, February 4th at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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REV. ROBERT H. AMINSTER, M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1952
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
At the morning service, Miss M. E. Anderson will address the congregation on her work in British Guiana. All are welcome.

Baptist Church
ACTON
Douglas B. Shuter, Pastor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1952
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:30 a.m.—"Faith with a Reason" followed by Communion and reception of members.
7:00 p.m.—"The Christian Approach to Social Problems"

Friday, February 1-4 p.m. Mission Band; 7 p.m. Jr. B.Y.P.U.; 8 p.m. Sr. B.Y.P.U.
Thursday, February 7 — "Church Night" 8 p.m.—Prayer; 8:30 p.m.—9:10 Study of Paul's Romans; 9:10 p.m.—9:50, Discussion Group.
Welcome to All

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 30, 1902

In 1870 there were 88 tavern licenses in Halton County. Of these Esqueving had 28; Trafalgar 27; Nelson 21 and Nassagaweya 12. Today there are but 21 distributed as follows: Ballinfad 1, Glen Williams 1, Georgetown 3, Norval 1, Acton 3, Stewarttown 1, Postville 1, Oakville 3, Milton 3, Burlington 3, Campbellville 1. This reduction of over 75 per cent, in the past thirty-two years is surely an encouraging result of the agitation and educational influences of the county's temperance workers.

Storey's hockey team will play their first match for the championship of Esqueving in Georgetown on Friday night. A goodly number of supporters will accompany them to cheer them on to victory.

The annual report of the Acton fire brigade showed that the "brigade" has 25 officers and men in good fire fighting trim. We held 15 meetings during the year and had five practices. The fire engine was taken out and tested 10 times. The brigade has on hand the following apparatus for fire protection: the general fire alarm at the town hall, and three electrical alarms, one of each of the caretaker's house, the house of the driver of the fire engine and the house of Mrs. H. Bauer. We have one Ronald Steam engine and coal cart, two hose reels, and 1200 feet of rubber hose, 28 rubber hats, 20 lanterns, 18 pair of rubber boots, 65 buckets and hook and ladder complete, all of which are in good repair and ready for immediate use.

There was but one call to fire during the year. That was on June 6th when James Brown's saw and planing mill were burned.

Coasting superseded skating almost entirely in town last Friday and Saturday. Scores of young people and children had fun and frolic in this healthful pastime.

during the sunny afternoons and the bright moonlight nights. The favourite course was on Agnes St., between Frederick and John, some of the best slides covering the entire two blocks with one trip.

Back in 1932

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 8, 1932

There is quite an epidemic of measles among the children at present.

This is Onion Week. It will scarcely need announcement if it is loyally observed.

There are 372,000 miles of telegraph wire in Canada over which in 1930, 17,500,000 messages were transmitted.

A large barn on the farm of Newton Ruddell, Stewarttown, was completely destroyed by a fire of unknown origin on Monday.

Miss Stephenson, president of the Young Peoples' Society of the United Church, gave a talk illustrated with lantern slides on a trip to the British Isles and the continent at the meeting on Monday evening.

During the past summer a very interesting demonstration has been conducted on the farm of Mr. Thos. Bird, Georgetown, by the Department of Chemistry, O.A.C. They chose Mr. Bird's location on account of the excellent corn which he usually grows. The crop increase was very favourable.

County Council held the inaugural meeting at Milton on Tuesday and Reeve Headford, of Nelson, was chosen Warden for 1932.

The last week in January and not a local hockey game yet.

DIED

RYDER—At the home of her son-in-law, Mr. W. Cheyne, lot 25, concession 4, Erin Township, on Sunday, January 24, 1932, Frances Sophia Martin, widow of the late James Ryder, in her 82nd year.

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Eastbound
6:30 a.m., 8:50 a.m., 11:21 a.m., 2:08 p.m., 5:03 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:32 p.m., 10:50 p.m.
Westbound
10:17 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:57 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:32 p.m., 1:12 a.m. (Save to Kitchener only)
Daily except Sunday and holidays
Saturday, Sunday and holidays

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:45 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, 2:04 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12:38 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m., 6:50 p.m., flag stop; 7:44 p.m. Daily except Saturday, 6:10 p.m.; Saturday only 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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