

EDITORIAL

Great To Be Canadian

In the House of Commons two years ago, Prime Minister St. Laurent, with the concurrence of all the provincial premiers, urged that on May 23 suitable exercises "be observed, both in schools and by public-spirited organizations, in order that we may become more deeply conscious of our own citizenship and all that it implies."

WHAT IS A CANADIAN?

"We are citizens of Canada, either by birth or by adoption and naturalization.

We are citizens of the Commonwealth.

Our skins may be brown, or yellow, or black or white, but we are Canadians.

Our name may be Podolski, Fraser, Wong, Sperranti, Dubois, Schmidt or Jones.

Our forefathers may have come from Glasgow, Prague, Tokyo, from Dublin, Bordeaux, Rotterdam or Newcastle.

We may be laborer, student, doctor, merchant or machinist.

Whatever we are, whatever our occupation, whatever our background, if we accept Canada as our country, and with it the democratic way of life, we are Canadians.

We have the right to speak freely, to worship freely, but with these rights we must learn our duties - to speak wisely, to worship wisely, to choose our leaders wisely.

We inherit, along with 14,000,000 other Canadians, a vast half continent, abounding in resources and opportunities for a good, healthy, and a happy life.

We inherit two great cultures - the Anglo-Saxon and the French - and more than thirty others as well. We are creating out of these a new and growing Canadian culture.

We are at the dawn of great things, for us and our country.

We are the builders of a great and free nation, of a great and free people.

It's great to be a Canadian."

(From the Kiwanis International Magazine)

Some Big Meals

Did you ever get up from the table unable to finish all that had been put before you? Probably at some time or another you have. There is a limit to everyone's capacity and when that limit is reached, it's the end, or should be.

This newspaper is, in that respect, something of a human. Every week it is fed on news. Some weeks more is put before it than can be eaten and consequently, as when you get full, some is left on the plate.

What is left on the plate is the important thing and is always your decision. If you like vegetables you eat them and leave something else unfinished. If you like dessert then you possibly leave the vegetables. Again it is the same with the newspaper to a certain extent. The newspaper, just as you, hates to leave anything out but there is a capacity and when that capacity is being neared the newspaper must start making choices on what to "eat" and what to leave out.

There are many different "cooks" for this meal of news that is fed weekly to this paper and naturally no "cook" likes to have their tasty morsel ignored or left on the plate.

But when a capacity has been reached, there is no alternative but to disappoint some "cook" and leave that item on the plate so it will be stored away until the next feeding and eaten early in the meal.

Some weeks it is impossible to get all the news in the paper and items must be left out. Naturally the author of that article is disappointed in having spent time preparing it to see no immediate result. If advertising warrants it, extra pages are added to the paper and all the items are included but this condition depends on advertising.

Please understand the situation if your news items should be held over some week. Try as we might it just could not be fitted into the paper and it will quite probably appear the following week.

We would ask, however, that news items be sent to the office as soon after the event as possible. An item arriving at the office Saturday or Monday has a much better chance of being included in that week's issue.

Honoring a Queen

Queen Victoria's birthday is marked each year by the holiday on May 24. She was a beloved Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India who lived from 1819 until 1901. She was the only child of Edward, Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III, and was born at Kensington Palace.

The Duke died when Victoria was only eight-months old, and she was brought up by her mother with exceptional prudence and care. Upon the death of her uncle, William IV, June 20, 1837, she ascended the throne and was crowned at Westminster June 28, 1838.

The English people knew little of their young queen, who had been brought up in seclusion, but she soon proved herself possessed of the clear judgment and moderation which a sovereign needs, and of a thorough goodness which won the hearts of her subjects.

In February, 1840, Victoria married her cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and the marriage proved a happy one. Four sons and five daughters were born to the royal couple. In 1861 the Prince Consort died and Victoria withdrew from social life.

During the reign of Queen Victoria, Great Britain enjoyed a long era of uninterrupted prosperity. In length her reign was unprecedented in the world's history. In 1887 the people of Great Britain and the colonies celebrated the golden jubilee of the 50th year of Queen Victoria's reign. In 1897 they celebrated the diamond jubilee with ceremonies more imposing than had ever attended any similar event. Victoria died January 22, 1901.

And each year on May 24 some celebration of her birthday is held. Starting next year it will be always on the Monday prior to the 24th.

Hot Potato

While restrictions are irksome and we often complain loudly when they are imposed, it's remarkable how soon we become used to them and how tenacious many are when the opportune time comes for their removal. Just recently we have had the credit restrictions removed and we haven't heard much complaint from buyers or sellers on this score.

But rent controls were first imposed by the federal authorities and when this field of control was abandoned, the job was left with provincial governments, who while complaining loudly have never made much success at establishing adequate controls or copying even the set-up left by the federal government. Now it has been hinted several times that they would gladly relinquish the task of controlling rents to the municipalities.

While we have every sympathy for the young folks of today who are endeavoring to secure suitable housing and we deplore the greediness of some landlords in the preposterous rents that are being demanded, we think the municipalities would be well advised to have nothing to do with rent control. Provincial governments have already passed their hot potatoes on to municipal governments too often and any municipality would be unwise to accept this one.

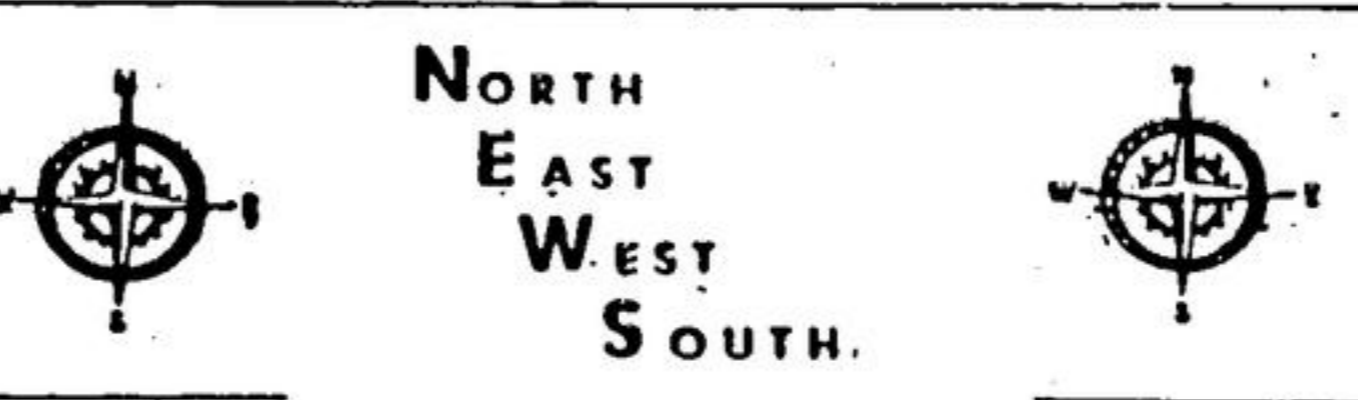
Local municipal councils and boards already have sufficient items to handle without dealing with rent controls. It all takes time and some expenditure of public funds. It must be remembered, too, that municipal officials serve with either no remuneration or with just enough to meet out of pocket expenses incurred in their positions. Provincial government in Ontario is only too willing to toss hot potatoes about to whoever is willing to catch them. Most citizens feel that educational costs and responsibilities are not being borne adequately by the province, but that is another of the many items that require more leadership and assistance from provincial authorities.

Editorial Notes

A four dollar bill turned up in one of our newspapers editor's offices and he commented that they were now about as rare as an income tax return. The report also told that the bill was bigger than present day paper money which all goes to show that everything has been cut down in size, including chocolate bars.



"Is this what you call being subtle?"



More Jobs

The National Employment officer in Oakville has announced, via one of the Oakville papers, that employment is definitely picking up. The employment office is now remaining open five days a week. "I notice greatly increased demands for help," he said, "both from factories and from the building trades."

Hobby to Business

Another industry for Halton - wooden games and toys will soon be turned out in Nelson Township. The whole industry which will employ 40 to begin with and sixty more later, grew from a hobby. Four acres on Fairview Ave., outside Burlington, will house the future factory.

Zip for Zimmerman

Zimmerman needs pepping up! A letter to the editor in the Burlington Gazette last week expressed this firm belief. The bees and the Twelve and the rascal of leaves are all that are to be heard during the summer, the writer mousies. What he'd like is "a factory on every hilltop" and a juke-box in every poolroom. The smell of gasoline and soft coal will perfume the air. Then Zimmerman will really be on the map.

We'll guarantee - when a peaceful Zimmerman has a factory on every hilltop, we'll put a vivid red circle round it on our map of Halton!

Moral: Education

Education is a good thing - even helps thieves get ahead. Burglars, who evidently couldn't read, broke into an Erin office, and smashed the safe door, although a sign notified all that the door was open, and that the safe was empty. Damage to the safe door amounted to \$100. The trip wasn't in vain - they got some petty cash.

Low Bass Note

Fishing's been pretty good in Halton, but game warden Dudley Hitchcox has had to curb some over-enthusiastic anglers. A coop-

le of boys who had caught bass were reminded the season doesn't start until the first of July.

But trout? That's different! Trafalgar Drive-Ins? Trafalgar seemed like a good spot for drive-in theatres - but Trafalgar Township doesn't agree with the theatre operators! A trio of outdoor theatres would like to set up shop in the south of the county, but, said Trafalgar Reeve Wickson, "We've put them off."

Deputy Reeve Emerson Ford mentioned the traffic problem during a debate on the matter, but Councillor Frank Stark was intrigued. "I've never been to one of them," he mused.

Art in Milton

Summer art classes will be held in Milton public school this year (Acton artists have concluded their classes to put artistic talents to work in gardens. - Van arts and crafts exhibit held last week-end in Oakville will likely rate a mention in next week's NEWS column, with Acton's exhibit coming up. As for the literary side of art, the Milton Canadian Champion now is running a series of book reviews similar to Acton's.

Arch Mason

J. A. M. Taylor of Hornby was one of the prominent delegates at a convention of Royal Arch Masons at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto recently. With the representatives of Ontario chapters were many from other provinces. Mr. Taylor was elected Grand Second Principal.

CLAUDE-STROPHOBIA

Little Claude's mother had reluctantly permitted her precious child to attend public school. She took him there in person, with a long list of instructions for the teacher. "My Claude is so sensitive," she explained. "Don't ever punish him. If you think that he needs punishment," she conceded graciously, "just slap the boy next to him. That will frighten Claude."

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1952
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School For good citizenship
11:00 a.m. - Morning worship W.M.S. annual service. Speaker, Mrs. Kilpatrick of India. Offering for W.M.S. work
7:00 p.m. - Evening worship. Sermonette: The Mountains Stand Aside. Bible fact: The Jews and Unleavened Bread.
Thought for the Week: Intolerance. "It were better to be of no church, than to be bitter for any."

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

(Anglican)
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D. Rector

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1952
9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Matins and Sermon. Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m. - Evensong and Sermon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1952
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
"They that wait upon the Lord shall receive their strength"
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

BAPTIST CHURCH

ACTON
Mr. Dwight Patterson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, May 22, 8:30 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible study.
SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1952
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Bible class
11:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
8:15 p.m. - B.Y.P.U.
Tuesday, May 27 - 8:00 Women's Mission Circle Birthday Party at home of Mrs. Lorne Garner, 110 Mill St.
Wednesday - 4:00 p.m. - Mission Band

Sunday Evening Gospel Service

ACTON TOWN HALL
7:30 p.m.

PASTOR JOHN JONES SPEAKS ON
The grace that was sufficient for Paul,
The same grace is sufficient for all.

EVERYONE WELCOME

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 22nd, 1902

It is thought at Brussels, says the Times correspondent, that the announcement in Amsterdam of the breakdown of the South African peace negotiations is devoid of serious foundation. The Patriote publishes extracts from a Transvaal correspondent. It says peace will be declared on May 25, and that the final conditions include limited autonomy under British protectorate, and amnesty for prisoners except Cape rebels.

Victoria Day will be observed in Acton, but not on the 24th. The merchants have mutually agreed to observe Monday rather than Saturday. The stores will be closed and the day observed as a general public holiday.

The suggestion of the Free Press relative to the procuring of a new flag and flagstaff for the public school is very likely to be carried out into successful effect. The Coronation program has not been definitely outlined but will include the dedication and unfurling of the new flag with appropriate ceremonies, and the singing of patriotic choruses by the 300 pupils of the school.

The beautiful garments of spring have been donned by the trees generally, and Canada's beauties are in this respect fully manifested.

The Acton baseball team journeyed to Hillsburg on Saturday and played a game there with the local nine, winning by a score of 10 to 3.

Mr. William Whitley of Nassagaweyn will raise a fine bank barn this afternoon.

When Mr. John Williams came to Acton from Erin fourteen years ago, he brought among his possessions the well-known stallion "Swallow". Ever since Swallow's headquarters have been here and with each season he has grown in popularity with farmers and stockmen. On Monday Mr. John Kananavin of Caledon became his owner. Swallow has had a very considerate and kind owner in Mr. Williams. The faithful old favorite will continue to make his headquarters here during the season.

The evangelistic services conducted in Knox Church by Messrs. Bethune and Whyte were concluded on Sunday. Nothing was done to violate the finest feelings. Considerable awakening has resulted. Elections next Thursday. Let every man who has a vote cast it.

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