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THE CONDUCTOR



This drawing by Grant Macdonald, noted Canadian Artist, shows Ben Carr, Canadian National Railway's conductor, checking his watch with the master clock in one of the National System's large terminals. Mr. Carr is one of the many conductors who are in charge of the trains transporting members of the armed forces and war supplies across the country daily. During 1943 the freight traffic carried on the lines of the C.N.R. reported in ton miles (one ton of freight carried one mile) increased by approximately 213 per cent over 1933 while passenger miles operated showed an increase of 446 per cent over the figures for ten years ago.

The Editor's Corner

NEW UNIFORM HYDRO RATES BENEFIT 97% RURAL USERS

The new uniform rate inaugurated on January 1, 1944, by the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, to all consumers served direct by the Commission in the rural areas of Ontario, has many advantages and provides a saving to most Farm and Hamlet users.

Under the new system all Rural Power Districts are now co-ordinated into one Rural Provincial Power System with a uniform meter rate applying throughout. The estimated saving to Rural Ontario per year is an amount exceeding \$500,000, which is equivalent to 10 per cent of the Commission's total revenue from Rural consumers in 1943. Farm users have welcomed the elimination of the service charge, and the hamlet consumers have had their service charge cut in half.

It is estimated 97 per cent of all Rural customers are benefited by the rate change and only a small number (approximately 3%) are adversely affected to a small extent.

Georgetown and Glen Williams are not affected by this particular change but the other surrounding villages such as Limehouse, Stewarttown, etc., will come under the new system.

HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS ARE HIGH

The Dominion Government is proposing to set up in Canada a system of national health insurance under which every citizen, when overtaken by sickness, will be given free of charge, every kind of medical, surgical, nursing, hospital and prescription service deemed necessary by the physician of his or her choice. The Ontario Provincial Government is also giving this plan serious thought these days but as yet no definite course of action has been plotted.

Tentative figures have been released, however to show just how much we will be required to pay into the government for such protection. To people in the "moderate income" bracket they look pretty steep, and we feel sure these will have to be pared down somewhat before the plan meets with general approval.

The amount contributed by the individual will vary according to income. The basic rate will be the same for all, \$12 a year, but an assessment of three per cent on income over \$660 a year will be made on single persons and five per cent on married persons with income of \$1,500 a year and over. The assessment on income of single persons will not exceed \$30 a year and the highest for married individuals will be \$50. Thus a single person with an income of \$1,000 a year will pay a total of \$22.20 for health insurance (\$12.00 for the basic fee and \$10.20 for income levy.) Those having \$1,660 and more a year will pay \$12 a year basic fee and \$30 income levy. A married man with an income of \$1,500 a year will pay a total of \$39 for health insurance; \$24 for basic fee for himself and wife, plus \$15 income levy. Those with incomes ranging from \$2,200 a year and over will contribute a total of \$74 a year to the health insurance fund; \$24 a year for basic fee for two persons and \$50 income levy.

Compulsory state health insurance will be an entirely new experience in Canada. In legislating it, costly errors can easily be made, and fortunately can be almost as easily avoided, depending on the care taken to anticipate and provide against every possible trouble. Haste should have no part in the framing of such a measure.

BUREAUCRATS

Recently a creamery in Erin was robbed, and among the loot were the owner's gas ration coupons, which were used for the trucks in connection with the dairy end of the business. Writing about the difficulties which had to be overcome by the proprietor before replacement coupons could be obtained. Editor Hulls, in the Erin Advocate makes a few pertinent comments with which anyone who has had to transact similar business, will agree:

"The fact that these vehicles (the dairy trucks) were being used for most essential purposes and that the books had been stolen failed to remove much of the usual red tape one must go through to satisfy government officials. It took two days of valuable time and the necessary expense, a trip to Hamilton — to parliament buildings, Toronto, and back to Hamilton, before the book for one truck was secured.

It is true that a close check up must be kept on the ration system, but legitimate, absolutely essential cases should be treated with a semblance of regard for the circumstances.

From what we learn considerate, courteous reception was accorded the two gentlemen by the top officials in the offices, but the snobbery of the insignificant

front-desk clerks was disgusting and ridiculous. What a relief it will be to send a lot of these small-town squirts back to the plow or factory—they forget they are servants, not masters".

A certain amount of bureaucracy is unavoidable in war time when a country must be more or less organized into one vast complex unit with a single purpose in view. But certainly, we hope that once the war is won and our men and women come back to enjoy their well-earned liberty, they will not have to be hemmed in and restrained on every side by petty government officials who "feel their position". As the two Erin creamery men pointed out, it is not the officials at the top who are at fault, as a rule. However one sure way to eliminate these "little bureaucrats" is to dispense with their bureaus, and we strongly recommend dissolving as many of these nests of red tape as possible, after the war.

"MRS. ONTARIO"

Among women in war industries count the farm wife. It is she who has much to do with furnishing the food which sustains other women at their labors in ordnance or munitions plants, in addition to providing sustenance for men on the fighting fronts.

While she may not spend long, well-paying hours in airplane factories, she is vastly concerned in turning out an equally important variety of "wings", —poultry, which, by taking the place of meats, enables hundreds of housewives to conserve precious ration points, and eggs, which in addition to furnishing war workers' breakfasts, when dehydrated and sent abroad, provide a welcome change of menu for Canadian Armed Forces and the civilian populations of embattled nations.

In these doubly busy times she is held at home. Her hands nonetheless reach across the sea to offer, under lend-lease agreements, steaks, bacon and other meats. Many ruralists, busy from dawn to dusk overcoming the farm labor shortage, are leaving the care and feeding of livestock largely to their wives. And the wives are meeting the emergency with entire success.

She has not donned slacks to build General Grants, but she has more than a nodding acquaintance with the tank's younger brother, the tractor, and can put it through its paces before plow or harrow. Many a seeded field bears witness to the farm wife's determination and adaptability. While women war workers use their pay checks to buy bonds, she dips deep into her "butter and egg" money for a like purpose. Her bond buying has enabled many a rural community to meet its quota.

Farm wives are serving their country well in 1944. They may be likened to those "high privates in the rear ranks" whose names are seldom mentioned in dispatches. But they win battles.—Monitor.

SPECIAL VOUCHER FORM FOR MAIL SYRUP ORDERS

For the convenience of persons who wish to purchase maple syrup by mail direct from producers the Ration Administration has issued a special purchase voucher form for use until the end of May, 1944. Local Ration Boards are authorized to issue one purchase voucher for every four valid "D" (pre-emption) coupons surrendered by the consumer and these vouchers must accompany consumers' mail orders to producers. Each voucher will be one imperial gallon of syrup. Producers are required to turn in, before the 10th of each month, all vouchers and preserves coupons received from his sales, to the local ration board with which they are registered.

Maximum retail prices for maple syrup as announced by the W.P.T.B. are: Canada light, \$3.15 per gallon, Canada medium, \$2.90 per gallon, Canada dark, 2.65 per gallon, ungraded,

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 Daylight Saving Time
 GOING EAST
 Passenger 7.01 a.m.
 Passenger and Mail 10.10 a.m.
 Passenger and Mail 7.02 p.m.
 Passenger, Sunday only 8.31 p.m.
 Passenger, daily 9.26 p.m.
 This train was formerly the
 flyer but now stops.

GOING WEST
 Passenger and Mail 8.40 a.m.
 Passenger, Sat. only 2.23 p.m.
 Passenger daily except
 Saturday and Sunday 6.35 p.m.
 Daily except Sunday 7.33 p.m.
 Passenger, Sundays
 only 11.53 p.m.
 Daily Except Sunday 12.56 a.m.

GOING NORTH
 Passenger and Mail 8.50 a.m.

GOING SOUTH
 Passenger and Mail 7.08 p.m.
 Depot Ticket Office—Phone 29w

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TIME TABLE
 NOW IN EFFECT
 Daylight Saving Time
 LEAVE GEORGETOWN

FOR TORONTO
 7.04 a.m. 6.44 p.m.
 9.34 a.m. 8.34 p.m.
 2.24 p.m. 8.10.09 p.m.

FOR LONDON
 7.10.35 a.m. 7.15 p.m.
 7.20 p.m. 8.30 p.m.
 4.50 p.m. 8.11.10 p.m.

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NORVAL JUNIORS MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Norval Junior Institute and Junior Farmers was held at the home of Bruce and Craig Reid, on Tuesday evening, March 14th.

The theme of the Junior Institute meeting was Home Nursing and the roll call was answered by a first aid emergency for the home. President Charlotte McOullough introduced the speaker, Mrs. T. Orrieve, superintendent of the Georgetown Branch of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. She gave many interesting and useful first-aid hints and in a very efficient manner demonstrated various types of bandages.

At the meeting of the Junior Farmers, President Jim Carney was in

charge. Mr. W. E. Brecken spoke on Farm Management and afterwards led a very interesting discussion on the same topic.

At the joint meeting, Dr. Graham of Burlington was the speaker. Mr. John Bird, on behalf of the Juniors, moved a vote of thanks to the speakers and to Mr. and Mrs. Reid for their kindness in opening their home for the evening. At the conclusion of the meeting, delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held on April 11 at the home of Marion, Isabel and Douglas Currie.

COST OF LIVING

Since price control was adopted in Canada the cost of living has advanced little more than 8 per cent, as against 28 per cent during the corresponding period of the Great War.