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## The Editor's Column

### A FARMERS' HOLIDAY

According to a press release from the Halton Federation of Agriculture, it has been decided this year to have a Farmer's Holiday on June 21st, when farm folk are invited to gather at Milton Fair Grounds for a grand day of sports and entertainment. Highlighting the afternoon will be an inter-township softball tournament, with teams competing for the Milton District Co-operative Silver Trophy. Another feature is a free lucky draw for a registered bacon sow. There will be inter-township events for rural school children.

Sounds like a good idea for our rural friends to set aside a farm holiday at a more reasonable time than Labor Day, which comes at a bad time of year for them to take a day off.

### WHAT WE CAN GIVE

With the approaching National Clothing Collection from June 17th to 29th, it is timely to remind readers of what type of clothing and bedding can be used. A statement has been issued by Russell T. Kelly, Ontario Minister of Health, who is chairman for the Ontario Division, itemizing types of material desired. These include: suits, overcoats, work clothes for men and boys; infants clothes of all types; coats, dresses, aprons and smocks for girls and women; shoes in pairs (tied securely with string), caps, felt hats, knitted headwear, gloves, woollen socks, underclothing, piece goods, blankets, sheets and linens, draperies and remnants. Navy, army and air force uniforms may be donated if all buttons are removed.

Ontario's quota has been set at six million pounds — an average of a pound and a half for every man, woman and child in the Province. We are sure that Georgetown, which contributed so generously last time under a local committee headed by Mr. Ralph Ross, will again dig deep to help our less fortunate brothers in other lands.

### OUT OF THE OTHER POCKET

Last week's announcement dropping the consumer subsidy on milk paid since 1942 by the government, has boosted milk prices throughout Canada by 2 cents a quart. The subsidy was one of which the average householder was unaware, although it was frequently referred to in news items in the papers. It was paid directly to the dairies on a straight 2 cents a quart basis, and meant a considerable saving to the individual householder. This saving, however, was in fact not a saving at all but actually cost Canada over half a million dollars annually for administration of subsidy payments, and since the government has no source of income other than by taxation, it simply meant robbing Peter to pay Paul.

We assume that the national budget can now be reduced by the twenty-million dollars which WPTB chief, Donald Gordon, said was paid last year in milk subsidies, plus that half-a-million dollar civil service drain. If that is done, we shall actually be getting cheaper milk than we have for these four subsidized years.

### A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

We don't expect that our two-bits worth will make a ripple at 10 a.m., June 17, 1946, in the Board Room, 167 Confederation Building, Ottawa, but we would at least like the august gentlemen to know that we consider a little "public education" in order before further increases in unemployment insurance are made.

The proposed increases are contained in a bulletin issued last week by the Department of Labour, in which a new class of contribution amounting to 42c a week for employee and employer alike is to be introduced for employees earning \$34 or more in a week. The present scale of payments is also being revised, (all upwards, incidentally), so that the employer is contributing more heavily than ever to the fund. We should feel much better about so doing if we didn't hear so many stories of girls who worked in war plants drawing insurance now that the plants have closed, while local firms like Smith & Stone are crying for more female help.

### NEWS AND ADVERTISING

We are pleased to see another neighbouring weekly falling in with our idea of news and advertising, by announcing in a display advertisement that in future all coming events will be considered as advertising and billed as such. It is surprising how many people, who would not dream of asking a merchant to give them a free can of peas, will expect a newspaper to give away



REV. W. W. BRYDEN

A distinguished churchman will be special speaker at the 85th anniversary of Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 16th, in the person of Rev. W. W. Bryden, M.A., D.D. Dr. Bryden is principal of Knox College, Toronto and an outstanding teacher and religious scholar.

their product, which is advertising space. We too must earn our bread and butter and we stick by the old axiom that something that has happened is news and something that is going to happen is advertising.

### THIS FLAG DEBATE

Senator Rupert Davies of Kingston has suggested a "six months hoist" of consideration of a Canadian flag, by the joint committee of Parliament. That would be good — still better would be a hoist of six years.

This committee has wrestled with more than 2,000 flag designs, has whittled them down to five, but in the five as in the two thousand the essential point of difference remains — whether the new flag shall retain the Union Jack.

Apparently there is small chance that the committee will be able to present a unanimous report, and less hope that there would be unanimity in the Commons and Senate for any recommendations which may come out of the committee's deliberations.

It would be a pity to see a formal alignment of Parliament for and against the Union Jack, even if there is little doubt of the eventual decision. Inevitably such a debate and such a division would have an aftermath of bitterness and recrimination capable of doing incalculable harm.

The Government by deliberate policy got us into this mess; the responsibility is wholly the Government's for the whole unpleasant situation. If it is wise it will still find a way of dropping the question or at least putting it on the shelf for the time being. There should be no new flag unless it is approved and welcomed by the overwhelming majority of the Canadian people and we see no prospect at all of any such degree of unanimity.

There is, of course, no urgency in the matter. We still have the Union Jack, until we decide upon something else, and it has given us reasonably good satisfaction.

— Ottawa Journal

### LOST OR STRAYED

In North Platte, Nebraska, last week the Reverend Harold M. Mallett, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church placed an advertisement in the lost and found section of the local newspaper which read: "Lost or Strayed: about two hundred and fifty church attendants who were last seen on Easter Sunday. No questions will be asked if those returned, are willing to have their Easter zeal every Sunday."

The Rev. Mr. Mallett has taken a rather unusual method to draw attention to a problem which not only troubles him, but is the plague of almost every cleric in charge of a church: How to keep up the attendance and interest of the backsliders.

It is amazing the number of people who go to church only on special occasions. The churches are so thronged at the religious festivals of Christmas and Easter that we sometimes wonder if it is not the commercial aspects of the occasion, rather than religious zeal which prompts such large attendances. We doubt if a large number of people who attend could relate the true religious meanings of the festivals.

A full congregation is a pleasing sight at Easter-time, but the many people who attend for the sole purpose of showing off their new finery are not the real supporters of the church. It is the person who attends consistently, Sunday after Sunday, who gives the strength necessary for the maintenance of the church. The community which has a sound church life is a wholesome and effective one, whose members contribute to the advancement of the country as a whole. It is true that church members are not perfect, in fact, the more one is conscious of the true religious meaning, the more he realizes his own impurities. The Bible teaches that no one is without sin. The church, then is a place where a community worships, its members trying to learn and to do the will of God on earth. The more we as citizens attend our churches and support them, the greater will be the moral advancement of our community.

— Picton Gazette

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