

... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Development Plan Has Difficulties

Federal and provincial governments are hitting snags in their plans for assistance to 'depressed' areas — politely termed 'development' areas by the politicians.

The new plan allows tax concessions for industries locating in certain designated parts of the province, which, for one reason or another, have hit hard times.

On paper it is not without merit. And certainly one must agree that cities like Windsor, Cornwall, Brantford are deserving of consideration, where industries on which the communities depended for their livelihood have ceased to exist.

Whether this aid should come in such enduring form as subsidy of industries, however, is a highly debatable point.

One must first establish whether it is economically sensible to continue the existence of a community when its raw materials have disappeared, when it cannot compete with transportation costs, or when industry will not settle there for reasons of its own.

One could argue, in Timmins case, that a city which has been there for a few generations, is worth saving. But there is little argument to advance for an artificial creation like Elliot Lake, built on uranium and desolate when the uranium bubble burst.

Need for Planning

The problem of industrial location is of much more magnitude than saving any one city by any temporary artificial aid such as the development plan.

It is one which must be introduced by a brave senior government with semi-automatic steps.

The present scramble for industry, particularly in the case of our own metro fringe area, is not necessarily in the best interests of the Dominion and the province.

The bigger metro becomes, the bigger a tiger we are.

And the more industry we pile into one small area, the more people come which encourages more industry, which

Certainly one has compassion for men who will take a beating on their houses and stores. But we have not yet achieved a society which guarantees an investment, be it in Georgetown or Timbuctoo, and a man takes his own chances when he invests.

One complication which perhaps has not been studied.

Suppose industry 'A' in an average community, decides that instead of renovating or adding to a present building, will scrap this and move to a development town where it can enjoy tax concessions? When it moves, it could push its present locale into the development class. Present town then entices an industry from another, and a chain reaction could end in a large portion of the Dominion eligible for tax assistance.

We are therefore in the position of agreeing with the theory, and being against the fact.

We live in a democratic country. And, to enjoy the benefits of free enterprise, we must put up with the risks. And while doing all in our power to see that every community is as prosperous as possible, we must avoid building up one and tearing down another at the same time.

brings more people, and industry.

We need a much more comprehensive plan than the spotty one devised in the development legislation. We need an economic survey to plot how best to distribute our population, how big metro areas should be to provide the best living and how to approach the question of locating industry and population for the benefit of the people.

No one can deny that many smaller communities are preferable to a few giants. It takes strong direction and a wise senior authority to head towards this ultimate goal. Surely, we can expect such leadership from our governments.

Craft Talents Bring Reward

Norval's Riviera proved an ideal setting Saturday for the annual display and sale of the Arts & Crafts of Georgetown. And with ideal weather for tea on the patio or inside, the craft ladies were overjoyed with their day.

The event's field as much to display talents as to sell products of the members. And the presence of such noted artisans as Terra Corina's Patricia Sider with her sculpture; Mrs. Lak with rug making; and Clarence Poynton, who makes spinning wheels was particularly noteworthy.

Local people also showed their skills. Dorothy Stone was doing portraits, Mrs. Nancy Maxwell metalcraft, Mrs. Daphne Lingwood creative leather craft, Mrs. Ethel Besmer, leather carving, and Mrs. Tom Beer lino cuts.

The exhibition has had several homes since its inception. Church hall, library, and

lately the home of Mrs. Holey have all had their value in encouraging not only local people to attend, but in drawing many from nearby cities.

Saturday hit, perhaps, a new high point in both attendance and interest, for the Riviera lends itself particularly well to such a display.

The president of the Canadian Handicrafts Guild termed it the best show he has seen this year. High praise from a man whose position takes him to many similar functions.

It was particularly gratifying to present as past members of the group which owes its existence to the pioneering efforts of women like Mrs. M. H. Meyer of Norval who carried through the idea that any community has talents which if harnessed and developed, can be a profitable cultural addition to a town.



"FANCY MEETING YOU HERE"



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

What a difference a few weeks can make in this country! It is no wonder that Canadians carry on a deep lingering tongue-tied, love affair with their native land.

And last do believe me they do, although you'd never know it from casual observation. They may say to Florida and Mexico and Europe but most of them would be sad beyond endurance if they were banished forever from Canada.

About eight weeks ago, we drove out to visit friends at their cottage. It was the lush, bosomy end of summer, and the evening air was tropical. We slowed to cross the bridge, and the ever-present, ever-intent anglers peered with patience at the black little river, and the birds chortled and the frogs krumped.

Along the beach, golden girls walked, and brown urchins padded, and fat ladies slumped in deck chairs and teenagers looked over sophisticated, and dogs ran over sleeping old gentlemen, and people waded and water lapped and motors roared and hot dogs smelled good.

When we arrived, our friends, about a dozen of them, sprawled under a vast, sighing pine tree, drinking chilled seltzers and eating chili pickles. Their children and ours, from toddlers to banlam delinquents, prowled and squabbled and begged bites of pickle and demanded one last swim, and laughed and cried, and wet their diapers and bathed their moms.

Out over the lake, the sun, in almost gone, had a moment of hysteria, slashing colour across, fire, a warm welcome, friendly

the sea with the ferocity of a Van Gogh. And the water, darkening its blue, looked up longingly, and the sun flung it disdainfully, a few scarlet and gold streamers.

And we lounged, in shorts and bare feet, shirtless and wordless, too lazy and content to get up and go in, even when the sun took a deep breath and went down like a bomb, away out at the end of the water.

Lake good Canadians, we accepted the splendour of the evening with decent restraint. Nobody sang a sonnet to the setting sun. Nobody was impelled to see a dirge to dying summer. It was admitted, upon the urging of a couple of the more flamboyant types, that it sure was a swell night, before we gathered the kids and went home.

Just the other night, we went back to the same beach for dinner with some friends at their cottage. The air was fairly cordial. The car heater felt good. When we reached the little bridge, there were no fishermen, but we stopped to look at the late gold sun on the little black river. And high, away up, went over a wavy V of geese, a lovely sight.

Along the beach there was no sign of life. Steely water around green-clumped islands, silver sand, black and blue sky, cottages boarded up and blank faced. It was lonely and bleak and beautiful.

When we came to the cottage, away down the shore road and saw the yellow lights shining, it was a good feeling. In almost gone, had a moment of hysteria, slashing colour across, fire, a warm welcome, friendly

faces and the good, rich smells of rye and turkey and perfumed women.

And again, like decent Canadians, nobody makes any erudite remarks about what a beautiful evening it was, how lucky we were to live in this demi-paradise, or anything as foreboding and sentimental as that. We just stuffed ourselves with the food and drink, and went home.

Maybe we all had too much Bliss Carman, William Wilfred Campbell and Archibald Lampman, when we were in school. Maybe we're just undemonstrative. But surely there is no nation on the face of this earth that loves its country so much and sings about it so little.

That's why I'm going to sing out once in a while, however cracked the voice, or corny the tune, or bored the audience. Maybe I can incite enough people to form at least a quartette.

Albert (Bert) Porter

THE DISTRICT - AT A GLANCE -

OAKVILLE
Police and bank security officials were on constant alert for more than seven hours on Friday night when a downtown bank moved into new premises. Bank officials would not disclose the amount of cash involved in the move, but it was estimated up to \$10 million by one source.

CLARKSON
Four mothers who agreed that there was "nothing for the older girls to do" have banded together and done something about it. As a result a large number of Clarkson teen girls are members of a CGIT group this week and already planning their first project.

BURLINGTON
After Burlington Town Council had given a third reading and passed a by-law covering the issuance of hun-

ting licenses for the Town of Burlington, Deputy Reeve Geo. Gallagher brought to the attention of the councillors a very interesting point. Name: Halton County is the only County in the Province that is still paying bounty on foxes.

STREETSVILLE
A storm broke in Streetsville last week as homeowners received their assessment notices for 1964. Most of the lands in the town have been reassessed. Many residents found that their land assessment had quadrupled. A group is organizing to oppose the wholesale reassessment and demand a public hearing.

ACTON
Which should be done first, Hire a hydro manager or buy a new piece of equipment? Hydro commission members in Acton discussed the pros and cons at their Thursday meeting (for the second time) and adjourned determined to reach a decision at their next meeting.

ORANGEVILLE
The Orangeville police chief has an interesting theory. Police Chief Percy Sneddon reports that in the town all during the World Flowering Match week because it was too congested. He said the traffic moved too slow through town for an accident.

THE MAIL BAG

Says Self Criticism Makes Better Citizens

To the Editor:
This is my first letter to the "Mail Bag" and I believe I can claim another first. I think it's high time we should stop and criticize ourselves.

We berate council for not building sidewalks where needed, but when winter comes only about ten per cent of us keep the snow removed from the sidewalks that have been built.

Of course hockey at our Arena is an interesting sport and beneficial to our young people, but do any more than 1% per cent of us get out to see any games and give the hockey associations inspiration?

Without a doubt no more than ten per cent of us know that Lacrosse is played in our town. Next year's membership cards for our hospital are now on sale, but will any more than ten per cent of us apply for them?

There are lots more examples showing us up to be lackadaisical citizens. So let us not always be ten per centers but this winter let's get out and try to show that we are the "Industrious Town of Georgetown."

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OTTAWA REPORT
BI-MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

The past week in the House of Commons has been occupied with two main subjects — (1) Maritime Transportation Union Trusteeship and (2) a supply motion.

A supply motion is debated for two days. It is a permission for the Speaker to leave the Chair of the House of Commons so that the Committee of the House can consider detailed estimates of Government spending in each Dept. of Government. What this means really is that for two days the Opposition can talk on a subject of their choice and at the end of the two days the government can voice no confidence in the government.

In regard to this and cause a vote to be taken. A second party, in order of their sitting in the House of Commons can move an amendment to this non-confidence motion, thus usually causing two votes rather than one vote, as a separate vote is necessary on both the non-confidence motion and any amendment.

On this occasion the opposition based its motion on a failure to help the eastern farmer, the Social Credit Party amended this to read that this was because the Liberal government had continued the same policies as the previous government. As expected, the Government survived the votes. A loss in a non-confidence motion by the Government would automatically mean another election.

The legislation setting up the Maritime Transportation Union Trusteeship has passed the House of Commons. It will be discussed in the Senate on Wednesday and is liable to receive Royal Assent Wednesday night.

Out of these problems with the STU and the Tongahoreman's Union in Montreal, the Minister of Labour, the Hon. Allan MacEachern, has emerged as a calm, soft-spoken, strong member of the Cabinet. He has shown skill, tact and quiet diplomacy during these disputes. As Canadians we do not appreciate being told by the Am.

should not do. This refers to the statements by Mr. Meany, President of the AFI-CIO and the U.S. Secretary of Labour, Mr. Wirtz. This is unwarranted interference in Canadian affairs. For the legislation to be effective we must have the active cooperation of the union members. As well as shall as respect cooperation with the U.S. when Canadian ships, manned by members of the unions that will be taken over, dock in U.S. ports. A great deal of trouble could be caused if the U.S. unionists tried to obstruct loading of these ships.

As I have mentioned previously, the Post Office Dept. has been investigating, at my request, mail delivery in many areas of the riding. I am pleased that Rancilffe Road and Falgarwood and Castlegreen subdivisions in Oakville will receive door-to-door mail delivery as soon as staff is available and mail receptacles

NEWS ECHOES

- From the Pages of the Herald, 1953 and 1958
- 10 YEARS AGO**
High School students took four individual awards at the 4 School track meet in Erin yesterday. Eileen Oates was Senior Girls Champion, Diane Harrison was Intermediate Girls Champion, Paul Barber won the Tom Watson trophy in the 880, and the GHS relay team won the Hymus Silver Memorial trophy.
 - 25 YEARS AGO**
Annual meeting of Georgetown curlers was held Friday with a large attendance. The following officers were appointed for the season 1938-39: President, E. V. MacCormack, 1st vice president, W. Forgrave, 2nd vice president, C. Brasley, secretary, P. W. Cleave, treasurer, G. W. MacIntosh.
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