

Sugar Coating Won't Hide Unemployment Problem

Apparently Manpower Minister Robert Andras has come to realize that the unemployed in Canada are not simply statistics to be tossed about by politicians, but are individuals with feelings just like everyone else.

And to show that he realizes this he is going to open up 18 new Unemployment Insurance Offices and expand 90 others at a cost of \$90 million.

Although the cost may seem rather high for this expanded service, the important aspect is that the government has recognized that unemployed are people when only a few months ago it appeared to be willing to live with a rather high statistical rate of unemployment.

Mr. Andras hopes that his expansion scheme will result in claimants feeling they are dealing with an agency which is concerned with their situation rather than with a cold bureaucracy.

Actually we would suggest that most individuals who have to deal with a government department or agency often get the feeling that they are dealing with a cold bureaucracy. It is something that all cabinet ministers should consider and possibly make the staffs of their departments realize that all of us are people and not just statistics to be dealt with on reports.

But possibly Mr. Andras also has a political motive in his desire to have the unemployed feel he is concerned with them as individuals.

Although the jobless total declined last month, there are still

about 608,000 Canadians on the unemployment roll. And that is a lot of voters who could be very important to Mr. Andras and his colleagues in Ottawa.

So it is best to keep the unemployed in as good a mood as possible.

The minister also hopes that the expansion of UIC offices will reduce the number of abuses of the insurance program and this makes a lot of sense as undoubtedly many voters felt last fall, rightly or wrongly, that the government was not tough enough on those who cheated on the UIC.

But does any of this solve the real problem? The fact still remains that more than 600,000 Canadians are seeking work. Many of these represent heads of families who undoubtedly have dreams and hopes for the future but will be unable to do much about their dreams until they are gainfully employed.

To show real concern, Mr. Andras and his colleagues must work to creating much more employment in Canada than exists today.

By increasing the number of jobs and reducing the unemployment rolls, not only will the jobless benefit but they won't have to worry about dealing with any type of bureaucracy and it will not be necessary for the government to spend several million dollars of taxpayers money to sugar-coat a bitter pill.

And that is what unemployment is - a bitter pill - for everyone.

Protecting the Public

There has been a considerable amount of controversy the past few months regarding penitentiaries and jails and whether or not too many prisoners are being released on parole.

This is possibly the reason for Solicitor General Warren Allmand stating last week that there is serious overcrowding in Canada's penitentiaries.

He said that the rise in prison population is mainly attributable to a "tough new" attitude in the courts and the National Parole Board.

One thing he said, that should cause public concern, is that the decline in the number of paroles being granted is causing a feeling of hopelessness among inmates. If the solicitor general is correct, then a situation similar to the Kingston riot could be developing in Canadian penitentiaries and result in a long, hot summer for prison authorities.

It is a simple fact that we will always need some type of prisons or institutions for the protection of society. Whether Canada has to

maintain its position of locking up more people per capita than most other nations is debatable.

A man or woman who commits a crime can be locked behind bars for three or four years and the public is able to lead a different type of life when he or she is released the public will no longer be protected.

Parole is able to do much more in assisting a released inmate lead a normal life than simply releasing him and expecting him to make it having now "learned his lesson".

Much of the public outcry towards parole has been due to inmates on temporary passes committing crimes. And these passes have nothing to do with parole. Mr. Allmand should take a new look at the temporary pass system to make certain that dangerous offenders are not allowed free to prey on innocent citizens.

Rehabilitation is most important, but the public must be protected from those who have no intention of being rehabilitated.



Stephen Brookes' study of an elderly man in the general store at Pioneer Village was

worth second prize in a recent photography contest using Pioneer Village subjects. He is a photography student at Humber College

under former Herald photographer Peter Jones.

WORTH SECOND PRIZE

FORUM FOR READERS

Reclamation

Editor, The Herald.

This is to comment on the letter about glass and tin reclamation in the Herald of April 12. The suggestion by the writer of that letter seems like a good one. If enough homemakers return bottles and tins, perhaps the practice will become "in" and others will follow.

I believe the responsibility for handling materials (glass, metal and plastic) for recycling should be the supermarkets. That's where most of the garbage comes from. They should set up the bins to collect the material.

Another point which so often is overlooked in the matter of reclamation is that many containers should be recycled intact. We now return plastic milk bottles and glass beer and pop bottles, why not re-use plastic vinegar bottles, jam jars, etc.

The energy required to clean and refill these containers is much less than the energy needed to make new containers from reclaimed glass or metal, etc. A return to true refillable containers should be our aim.

-Mrs. R. Hansen, Norval, Ont.

One Tier

Editor, The Herald.

The following letter from the Oakville and District Labor Council, was sent to Reeve Allan Masson, Oakville, and Deputy Reeve Marjorie Powys, Milton.

We, the members of the Oakville District Labor Council, appreciate your

support for the one tier system of regional government. We are especially pleased that it is also supported by other areas who have some experience with regional government.

This Labor Council and the Ontario Federation of Labor have consistently supported the one tier system since its inception and we appreciate any public officials who share our view.

Jack Henry, Municipal Committee Chairman, Oakville

Image of Trucks

Editor, The Herald.

Several months ago the Minister of Transportation and Communications, the Hon. Gordon Cartier, commented in the press on the lack of courtesy on the part of commercial vehicles and their apparent disregard for the convenience of other users of the highways.

He particularly pointed to commercial vehicles driving two and three abreast on hills and bridge approaches there by preventing the passage of faster moving traffic.

At that time, the Minister suggested that unless the transportation industry, as a whole, policed itself and an improvement in the driving habits was noted, he would be compelled to institute legislation to correct the situation.

Such legislation has now been enacted. Effective immediately, trucks are not permitted to use the left-hand lane whenever a freeway has three or more lanes in one direction. On high volume freeways with only two lanes in one

direction, signs advising "Slower Traffic Keep Right" are now being erected.

IMPEDIMENT

While supporting the new legislation, observations of Ontario Safety League staff members indicate that the use of the left-hand lane by trucks on multi-lane highways is actually less of an impediment to the free flow of traffic than is the thoughtless use of the centre lane.

The Ontario Safety League feels that the transportation industry could take a real step in removing some of the tarnish from its image by voluntarily instructing its members to use the right-hand lane exclusively, except when passing.

The ability, safety and courtesy of the commercial driver was once well noted. Here is an opportunity for the industry to regain some of the prestige it has lost with the public.

-Fred H. Ellis, General Manager, Ontario Safety League.

Bible

Today

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again". Luke 6:38

Have you given anything besides money to the Lord's work lately or ever? Contrary to what you think, "you are not your own".

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak". Matthew 26:41

Following this formula may not keep the temptation from coming, but it will keep us from being overcome by them. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man but God will with the temptation also make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it".

Queen's Park

Lasting Resentment Seen from Budget

BY DON O'BRIEN

Queen's Park Bureau of The Herald.

TORONTO—A few last words about this year's budget.

Treasurer John White did a lot of juggling to try and give low income earners a break, or at least to appear to give them a break.

The modified tax credit plan and the payment for sales tax amounting to \$30 million are aimed in this direction.

Still, however, there are \$333 million in new taxes this year, and no matter how these are juggled some of them are going to hit the low earner.

ENERGY TAX

The energy tax will probably be the most unpopular of the new taxes, even more so probably than the increase in sales tax (though this does hit a wider field).

The tax will show an estimated return of \$65 million, a big sum but not all that big in relation to total government revenue.

Analysis are still trying to figure out just why Mr. White went to this field. For the tax will show on every electricity bill, gas bill, coal or oil bill and will breed resentment.

Strictly Personal

By Jim Martyn



About a week and a half ago I completed a 2,100 mile trip and arrived in Georgetown. Although I have not had a great deal of time in which to become very familiar with the community I would like to pass on my first impressions.

I'm not exactly certain what I was expecting but I was pleasantly surprised when I reached the outskirts after the short drive from Brampton. My first reaction was one of surprise due to the apparent growth and size of Georgetown one notes immediately.

My hometown of Prince Albert, Sask. has a population of about 30,000 and although I had been told Georgetown had a population of about 15,000 I was expecting a much smaller community.

I also noted that the community was composed of long established and newer sections which is quite similar to Prince Albert and helped to give me a feeling of home.

FRIENDLINESS

Another thing that I have noted since my arrival is the friendliness of the people. When a westerner refers to

the East, he immediately conjures up all sorts of ideas and visions and one of these is that "no one will have time to talk to you." I haven't found that at all. Although I have had very little time to really get acquainted with many people, I have had some most interesting conversations with several citizens in different walks of life.

I suppose it goes to show that people are people, wherever they are.

Although I come from a prairie province, the area in which I lived is similar to northern Ontario with lakes, rivers and forests and I wasn't certain as to what type of geographical area I was coming to.

And that also was a pleasant surprise.

One thing that I found interesting was my first meeting of town council that I attended with former Herald publisher Walter Biehn.

IMPRESSED

Whether I just happened to hit a good night or not only time will tell, but I was impressed with the calibre of members of council and the fact that they could express views which differed without anyone becoming angry. It is about three or four years since I covered council meetings on a regular basis, but I will never forget the squabbling and ridiculous and time-consuming in-fighting which was always part of the game in Prince Albert.

I hope to be taking an active part in the coverage that The Herald provides of the Georgetown council, and I will admit that I'll require a great deal of co-operation and patience on the part of council members and municipal officials.

Although some of our readers may feel a little concerned that a "stranger" is taking the place of Mr. Biehn who has been a part of this community for 33 years, I ask only for your patience before you pass judgement.

VITAL PART

I feel that The Herald is a vital part of Georgetown and it must always concern itself with that which is in the best interests of the community without ignoring the causes and organizations who may differ with the view of the majority.

While I have some rather strong views on some subjects I feel that I am open-minded enough to be willing to listen and appreciate the view of the other side whether I agree or not.

And I will certainly welcome any suggestions that any of our readers wish to make. I ask that you feel free to give me a call or drop a note in the mail regarding any aspect of Georgetown or The Herald you wish to raise.

Although my heart is still out in the west some place, I feel that on the basis of the past week's experience it is gradually moving eastward and I expect it won't be long before I feel I am an integral part of Georgetown.

You have a great community here and I'm proud to join with you in whatever hopes you have for its future.

Perhaps I'm prejudiced. I grew up during the depression. If we had beef once a week, it was probably hamburger. As a kid, I was sometimes sent to the store for some "dog bones." These were beef bones with some meat on them, and they were free. The butcher knew darn well what they were for - a good pot of soup - but he winked at it.

Many a time our "dinner" was pea soup and homemade bread, with some preserves - wild berries picked by ourselves - for dessert. Nobody suffered malnutrition in that family. Sometimes our "meal" was the ground-up skins of baked potatoes, mixed in with onions and fried potatoes. They gave it the appearance and roughage of meat. If not the flavour. Jolly good stuff.

In prison camp, meat was merely something you thought about, like going to heaven. But a bowl of sweetened barley? Now, that was heaven.

IRKED

I'm afraid it rather irks me to listen to a working-man who will buy a case of beer and a bottle of liquor on Friday night for \$11 whining in the supermarket on Saturday afternoon about the exorbitant price of meat.

And even more disgusting is the executive type. He's just finished regaling you with the details of his \$1,000 holiday in the south, snorkelling, rum punch cocktail parties, the works, when his wife starts howling like a hyena because their food bill is up three bucks a week.

There are some holes in the chain of food prices. But don't blame the farmer. He's the last to benefit when prices go up, the first to suffer when they go down.

Show me a rich farmer and I'll show you a rich weekly editor, or a rich school teacher.

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THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

buildings are venerable and majestic structures representing the finest examples of Gothic architecture in North America. Elaborate stone carvings adorn all doorways and most windows as well as the arched hallways and chambers in all three buildings. The famous Peace Tower provides the focal point of "The Hill" and can be seen and heard for many miles around. The 30 acre site of the centre, east and west blocks, as they are called, is located high on a rock promontory overlooking the Ottawa river.

Queen Victoria chose Ottawa to be the capital in December of 1857 and construction of the first parliament buildings commenced in December of 1859. Skilled stonemasons from Britain, Germany and the U.S. were hired to work with the special stone quarried in the Neplan Township 12 miles away. Originally designed to cost a million dollars, the costs soon soared out of sight and work stopped while a Royal Commission investigated the situation. Sound familiar?

But things are looking up. For the first time the offices of some M.P.'s are located off the Hill - in the Confederation Building about 200 yds. west of the West Block.

DROP IN

To truly appreciate Canada's fine seat of government a personal visit is necessary. When you are in Ottawa drop in to my office and I will be happy to give you a Cook's tour.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism or if you simply wish to get in touch with me please stop by or call my Riding office at 328 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville - 844-0222.

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politics with our very parliament buildings. Tsk, Tsk, Mr. Brown.

On February 3, 1916, the entire centre block except for the library was destroyed by fire. Construction of the larger and more gracious present building commenced immediately after the fire and was completed in 1920. The centre block houses the Commons and Senate chambers as well as over a hundred Senators and Members offices and their staffs.

SPACE PROBLEM

The buildings abound in turrets, five and six-sided rooms, archways, gargoyles, marble walls and staircases, secret passageways and breathtaking views.

However space, or the lack of it, has always been a problem. Originally M.P.'s did not have offices, the position being part time and then for only a few months of every year. Up until 10 years ago two Members shared an office, some of which were hardly larger than broomclosets - the offices that is.

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ECHOES

TEN YEARS AGO

Originally planned to be paid over thirty years, the sewage pumping station for Georgetown's new industrial area will be debentured over the next five years, council learned on Monday, April 15, 1963. \$14,304 in 5% percent debentures will be issued through Central Mortgage and Housing to pay for the pump station. "We'll save \$12,000 over the shorter term," Mayor Hyde said. Reeve Elliott said that if the town had been able to issue debentures in this way when the disposal plant was built, considerable more money could have been saved. "More than \$200,000" said the mayor ruefully.

With three councillors dissenting, council on Monday decided to use only one local newspaper in publishing extracts from the 1962 auditors report in the week coming. A new regulation at Queen's Park made it obligatory for municipalities to publish portions of the report, including the auditor's remarks and the profit and loss comparison with the budget in a newspaper of general circulation.

Georgetown and District YMCA-YWCA had a membership of nearly 200, all of whom were Charter members of the organization in 1963. They ranged from mere infants who were members by virtue of the fact that Mom and Dad had taken out a family membership, to oldsters who, while not expecting to participate in any of the "Y" programs were nevertheless anxious to lend support to the association.

The rare creature, nani tian, half salamander, turned up in the Credit River, Friday April 19, 1963, when a gang of Norval boys hooked it while fishing for chub near the Riviera. The fish-salamander is more commonly known as a Mud Puddle and according to a zoology book at the public library has been found mainly in the eastern states.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Officials of Esqueping Agricultural Society are concerned about vandalism at the park. During this time a large sheet of metal was torn from the building which was erected to house livestock on fair day and as a storage shed during that year, and entry has been

made to the building. The damage adds to the cost of the building which is still not completely paid for, and is a discouragement to society officials who have done a lot of good work in creating a building which is helpful to the fair and an asset to Georgetown's Park. The police have been alerted to keep an eye on the building and parents are warned that further vandalism will lead to charges being laid against the juveniles responsible for the damage.

It was announced that Dick Licata would head a committee to plan for Georgetown's Coronation celebration on Tuesday, June 2, 1963. Tentative plans were made at a meeting in the council chambers on Thursday to which Mayor Armstrong had invited representatives of all men's and ladies' organizations in town. The meeting appointed a committee to serve with Mr. Licata, which includes: Mrs. Alex Taylor and Harold Henry, vice presidents; Garfield McGilvray, treasurer; and Mrs. Trevor Williams, secretary.

No residence can be built in the township which does not have a value of at least \$5,000. Esqueping council amended a 1948 by-law to set this new figure in line with changing conditions. The building inspector cannot issue a permit for a house costing less than this.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

An ad appeared April 21, 1943 from the National War Finance Committee. "This year, hundreds of thousands of Canadians will risk their ALL for victory. This is "at-tack" year. Trained and ready for the sacrifice, our fighting men will pull no punches. How about You? These men going into battle DEMAND nothing of you. But they know how much depends upon those dollars you earned in jobs that have no risks like theirs. Are you going to pull your punches - NOW? Maybe you've bought Victory Bonds (ill it hurts - in preparation for the attack. You did a good job there. But attack is still more costly than preparation. More Canadians buying more Victory Bonds - that is the price asked of those at home for the drive to victory in this year of attack. When so many LIVES are being dedicated to victory, are you preparing to dedicate your DOLLARS to the same end?"