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EDITORIAL

Back Again

Perhaps we should apologize for the absence of our usual editorial comments the past few weeks. It was just one of physical impossibilities and it did seem there was an abundance of opinion crowding during these weeks so that perhaps readers did not even miss our comment.

In all our newspaper and printing experience, we do not believe we worked as long hours for such a period as during May and early June. Every newspaper and printing plant was experiencing the same situation. Already with a minimum staff, the extra election work and other items made a period that it seemed impossible to cope with. Something had to be dropped from the load and it was our editorial that we dropped.

Holiday Time

There is a growing tendency in industry, wherever possible, to close the plant for the vacation period rather than to keep operating with depleted staffs. Now that some of the strain of war production has eased, it is altogether likely this plan will be further extended.

It might become a very satisfactory arrangement if all the industries that could would declare this vacation period at the same time. By doing this it would give many of the employees of these industries an opportunity to arrange holidays together. The plan would also permit shopkeepers to arrange holidays during the week when local business would be at a low ebb. The week's vacation for everyone is something which has come to stay and it might as well become a local holiday week perhaps termed Civic Holiday Week.

The staff of the Canadian Champion will take the week of August 5th for its annual holiday. There will be no issue of the paper that week and the office will be closed.

Whew!

With one sweeping swish we've cleared our desk. We are accustomed to a steady barrage of opinions of others seeking to reach our readers, but such a deluge as the past few weeks, we never before came through. Then with V-E Day coming, there were many things that could be discarded and were of no further use. But the desk top never got the light of day so closely did two elections follow. "Read this before You Vote" was the screaming caption on some of these books and pamphlets. Like the ordinary voter, we found a bit of confusion.

Now we've got more elbow room and what a relief!

The People Have Spoken

Two elections are over and what different results. A week ago a Progressive Conservative government was elected in Ontario with a strong majority. This week a Liberal government has been endorsed and returned to power in the Dominion. Last week the new CCF party lost heavily in a provincial election and this week gained in the Dominion returns.

The results of both elections demonstrate clearly the desire of the electorate as a whole for stable government. It is noticeable that in both elections, the parties in power were endorsed and this meant a completed reverse on party lines.

The results also indicate that the electors are not appreciative any longer of mud-slinging tactics to gain power for any group. The vast majority realize that we still have a war to win, a peace to negotiate and a period of difficult re-adjustment immediately ahead of us. There may have been a time when sensationalism had a bearing on catching the floating vote, but it is definitely not the present time. It is also shown by the vote that many electors have no strong party ties and vote as the times demand. That trend could be seen locally and in ridings throughout the province.

It is fortunate that the elections have been settled. Now Ontario and Canada can proceed with the plans for the next four or five years with governments of sufficient strength to ensure agreement on definite programs. The opposition in the Dominion field is of sufficient strength and variety to keep the party in power alert and aggressive. In Ontario

the government of the province would have benefited during this period by a large and stronger opposition.

Lost Remembrances

One of the queer tricks of the human mind is that instinctive remembrance we get occasionally of having performed an action in precisely the same circumstances and setting. This vivid sense of recollection, without actual memory, sometimes assaults the mind so strongly that a man will pause in what he is doing to analyze the sensation.

It was never better put into words than by the English poet, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, when he wrote:

"I have been here before

"But when or how I cannot tell.

"I know the grass beyond the door,

"The sweet keen smell,

"The sighing sound, the lights around the
here"

There are those who believe that this sense of having lived a similar experience previously may be due to reincarnation—a soul being worn over and over again in different bodies at various stages of history. They offer the interesting theory that this might explain why we are drawn to some persons on first sight—we may have unconscious recollection of a similar personality in centuries gone by. It's stretching it far, though, to believe we can remember sights and smells from the days of Julius Caesar!

However, if such things could be, it might explain why travellers—such as the Canadian soldiers in this war—can exclaim on seeing parts of a foreign city for the first time: "Why, I know this place—I've seen it before!"

A more modern explanation is offered by those who say the human mind is a vast unconscious storehouse of everything that we have seen, heard, read, tasted, smelled and felt. They reason it would be strange indeed if in the repetitive acts of ordinary living we did not hit upon actions that would act like a short circuit to his unconscious storehouse and present in a flash an intangible memory, replete with all the details the senses can provide.

The Tourist and Sunday Gas

In the current discussion regarding the opening of gasoline service stations on Sundays one important factor has been almost entirely overlooked—the tourist trade. Since early in the war this has been greatly reduced but a sharp increase can be expected this summer.

This trade is vital to Canada, it constitutes a major "invisible" export to the United States. But it cannot develop properly without Sunday selling of gasoline. There will be little incentive for an American motorist to take a trip through Canada if he faces a dry gas tank over the week-end. Even if he were able to fill up Saturday evening, his mileage during the next 24 hours would be strictly limited.

It will not be necessary to keep every gas station open from dawn to dusk but surely the service station operators themselves can get together and make some arrangements whereby Sunday tourists are assured at least a limited service. In many municipalities community drugstores take turns in staying open on Sunday, thus giving the public a necessary service and each store no individual advantage.

Something similar could and should be worked out by gas station operators, in co-operation, if necessary, with municipal and provincial authorities. No part of Canada can risk losing its share in the huge revival in tourist trade which is certain to develop on this continent now that the strongest enemy has been defeated and the other one is facing the final round.—Financial Post.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"What's so rare as a day in June" and for 1945 we might add "without rain."

May and June of 1945 are months to remember. Not only were they exceptionally wet, but there was V-E Day and two elections to wade through.

Gardening weather has been rather scarce and many a local vegetable patch will have to make up by some rapid growth for the short season.

To those who were inquiring, the road between Acton and Milton, known as No. 25 Highway is still rough and having another experiment performed on its surface.

Might seem a bit out of season, but it would certainly please most citizens to see that steps are taken now to have the arena back in use for next winter, and free of wool storage.

An order-in-council has been passed making the relatives of a deceased serviceman eligible to receive the government gratuity he would have received had he lived. This is only fair and just. Already over 100,000 gratuities have been paid to discharged men.



With the lifting of restrictions on the manufacture of many consumer and commercial products, Minister of Finance Ilsley said:—"Consumers must not expect an immediate increase in the available supply of these commodities." And he added, "an increase in civilian goods will depend upon the necessary skilled labour and materials without interfering with continuing war requirements."

Our ability to instal telephones depends not on instruments alone, but also in many cases on obtaining wire, cable and exchange equipment. Even when we can secure necessary manpower and materials, it will take time—it might be months—to instal all the apparatus necessary to serve our waiting applicants.

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