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EDITORIAL

Freeze Them Out

The daily press has now taken up the "stock-ateer" scandal which is damaging legitimate Ontario investments and sound institutions so much with the American investing public. The Financial Post has been sounding a similar warning for many months and when officials come out now with innocent looking faces and claim this is the first intimation of wrong doing, it makes one wonder where they have been.

We like many others have wondered why no action has been taken by Governments of Ontario in view of the common knowledge of wrong doing. The note of warning we want to sound now is to our own people at home. True we are like many others ashamed of our lip-preaching of good neighbor policy and our purse snatching that appears to be condoned by those in charge of administration of justice in Ontario.

Folks in Ontario can rest assured that if these "stockateers" are stopped from peddling their useless certificates across the border and in neighboring provinces, they will press for more business at home. Our advice is don't expect protection from security commissions etc., but be your own security and hang onto the government and municipal bonds you have or may secure and shun those who offer you abnormal returns on your savings. The province's good name may some day be re-established in the matter of fair dealing in mining issues and speculative investments, but in the meantime don't let anyone talk you into parting with the safe investments you already hold. Hang on to your Victory Bonds for the things that are useful and for which you planned.

Champions Smaller Communities

Speaking before the Canadian Manufacturers Association in Toronto recently, President H. H. Hannam of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture raised a point which will be applauded by rural communities throughout the province and perhaps in many other provinces.

"There is one other point I would like to raise here, because members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association are directly concerned with it. It is that while recognizing and appreciating the benefits made possible through mass production, we do not believe that the concentration of industry in large centres is, generally speaking, in the best interests of the people or the nation. We believe a movement towards decentralization of our factory system and the encouragement of town and village industries would be a desirable feature of post-war life. This would provide part-time or seasonal employment for farmers' sons and farm workers, to the benefit of both industry and agriculture. It would have a tendency to improve farm markets close at hand where the minimum of middleman services are involved and where as a result the proportion of the consumers' dollar received by the farmer would be greater. Anything which can be done to improve the purchasing power of the town and small city will help the farming community and vice versa. And a program to revitalize both the rural centre and surrounding countryside will be helpful in the reconstruction period."

Folks who live in small communities know all about these advantages, but manufacturers who get massed production so directly in front of their eyes to obscure all else would do well to ponder this part of Mr. Hannam's address. Production and the making of money are not the only factors necessary to make a people happy and contented.

Somewhere in the Pacific

For almost six years, Canada has read of the exploits of her fighting sons under varying datelines.

"Somewhere in Britain" was the dateline when the 1st Canadian Division sailed up the Clyde in the morning mist of a mid-December day in 1939. "Somewhere in Southern England" marked the dateline on a story of invading Canadians—for no dispatch came from the continent when heroic assault brigades were thrown back at bloody Dieppe in 1942. On through 1943 came other datelines of progress from "Somewhere in Italy."

A year ago began the end of the Canadian Army's job and the advance of the datelines rolled

—"Somewhere in Normandy," "Somewhere in Belgium," "Somewhere in Germany." Then came victory in Europe and names of censored cities once again made the datelines.

But the Canadian army's war is not over. By September, the Canadian Far East Force will start its training somewhere in the United States. And before 1946 has gone far, Canadian ground forces will be in battle again—"Somewhere in the Pacific."

For the young Canadians who wear the hexagonal, multi-colored battle flash of the Far East Force, it will be a different war. No more snow and sleet, no more canals and flooded polders. But there will be crushing heat, deadly jungle diseases, even more fanatical foes.

It will be a different war—but just as deadly. The army's war is not over—nor is the Canadian people's. In this lull between two great battles, while the boys come marching home, the country must prepare to support its fighting sons to the utmost as they put the finishing touch to their wartime job "Somewhere in the Pacific."

Local Community Shows Progress

Gradually the compilation of statistics made in 1941 when the census of Canada was taken is being put out and gives some interesting and helpful information. Latest to come to our attention is the volume "Merchandising and services". It is a book of over 600 pages with many comparative tables.

But let us look at our own community through some of these figures.

Halton's population in 1931 was 26,558 and ten years later was 28,515. In the same period sales in stores and merchandising establishments in the county rose from \$5,757,100 in 1931 to \$8,071,500 in 1941—a change of 40.2 per cent. In Milton the population is given in 1941 as 1964 and total sales in 1941 were \$847,600. There were 44 stores with 58 full-time employees and total salaries were \$43,500.

Of course there are many changes in this picture of rural trade in the past four years, but the 1941 are the latest statistics available and certainly they do not show that the small communities in this district are going back, but are definitely showing progress in trade and growth of the smaller towns.

Veterans Beware

Posing as business brokers certain individuals in the larger cities of Canada have been attempting to separate the returned serviceman from the nest egg he has accumulated during war service. Their racket is not new, except to the victims.

By various means some smooth talking crook gets in touch with a returned man contemplating starting up in some modest business. An appointment is made and later the potential buyer is shown some "doctored" boarding house, restaurant or cigar business. An exorbitant price is asked for furnishing and goodwill but if he falls for the racket, the victim soon finds that he is the owner of a lot of high priced shoddy equipment and little or no patronage.

Veterans' Affairs officials are asking the co-operation of the public in stamping out this thievery and they should have it. Ex-servicemen and others contemplating the purchase of a small business should realize that regular safeguards are available and in the case of the veteran usually at no charge. Above all thorough investigation of physical assets and potential patronage is essential, and also the services of a lawyer. Otherwise the victim is liable to find himself saddled with some costly white elephant and perhaps with no legal title whatsoever.—Financial Post.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Well the cool wet weather has been easy on the fires anyway. Get some of those hot summer days and there'll be plenty of popping along the highways.

A few new homes are under construction, but it's going to take a lot more buildings before the population of the community, as it stands now, is adequately sheltered.

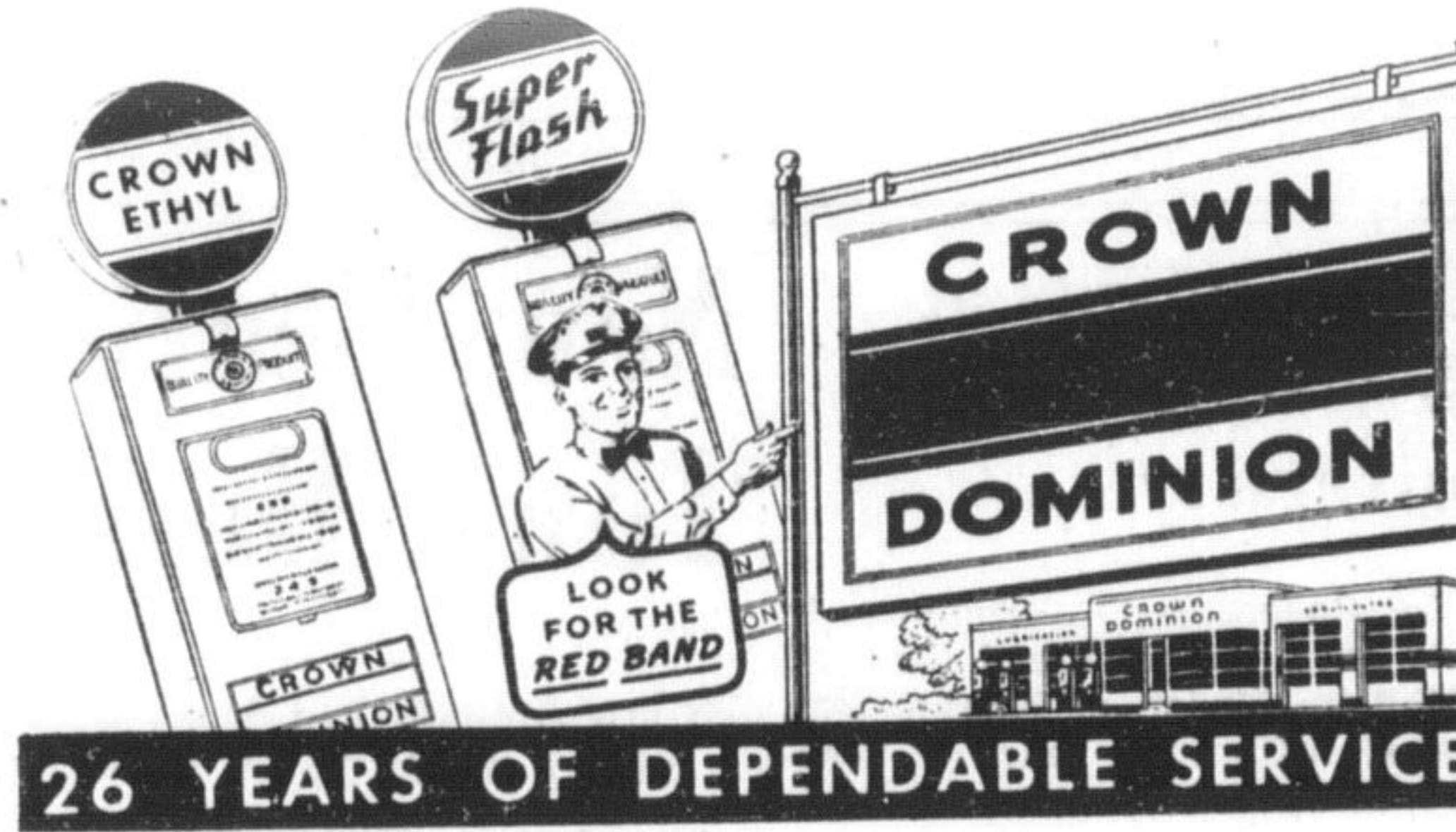
Homecomings of the boys from overseas and those from distant points bring more joys and indicate a brighter future than the partings of the past few years that were more numerous.

"I am the man who gave beverage rooms to Ontario," boasted ex-Premier Mitchell Hepburn the other day. He got his answer as to what the people of Ontario think of him on that account, observes the Midland Free Press.

Someone has said that it is a strange thing to see women complaining that they cannot have sugar to have tea parties to raise money to buy wool to knit sweaters for the poor sailors whose lives they risk in bringing the sugar and the tea—Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune.

We join with a host of other newspaper friends across Canada in extending to J. A. MacLaren congratulations on observing his 50th anniversary as editor and publisher of a newspaper. And what a half century of unselfishness Mr. MacLaren has packed into those years. Not only is the Barrie Examiner the finest of weekly newspapers, but its editor has rendered a community service to Barrie that is hard to equal. May he be spared many more years to carry on this work in which he also found joy.

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