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EDITORIAI

Municipal Recognition

We were pleased to note that at last week's meet- quirements. ing of Milton Council, provision had been made whereby some recognition and out-of-pocket ex- to be freed, there was waste even during the periods penses would be made for Mayor, Reeve and members of greatest scarcity. Those people with some fruit of Council. Our close association with municipal of their own could not obtain the necessary extra councils over many years restrains us from calling sugar to preserve it and were forced to compete the amount paid "remuneration for service."

the encroachment on the time and energy of busy men that accepting public office involves. Many capable men refuse office on the ground that they cannot afford to hold office. Public demand of their time was so heavy that it interfered with their we no longer need it.—Financial Post. livelihood, to say nothing of the bad feeing sometimes engendered by a decision that was against the individual but in favor of the muncipality as a whole.

The allowance set in the proposed recognition for Milton's Mayor, Reeve and Councillors is not large. If it receives approval by 1948 Council, the Mayor will receive \$300 per year and Reeve and Councillors \$5 per meeting attended. We like the way the plan has been offered whereby the retiring Council make the doubt. proposal and leave the fulfilment to the new Council.

We have not always been an advocate of remuneration for municipal service. There have been times when we condemned such payment. In view of circumstances of the past few years-with Council hampered on every side by provincial boards-with many men finding it more and more difficult to serve without an allowance for expense money, we can see the day coming very quickly that without some form of reimbursement, public offices will be begging for applications and no one will be "running for office." icipal service. The difficulty has been to find a means come. of providing for the expenditure without appearing overzealous to come on the municipal payroll. Council of 1947 has apparently solved this delicate point of sewers and storm drains. Be sure to become conin starting the question but leaving decision for 1948 council to concur.

Does the Public Always Pay?

In a recent broadcast the Minister of Finance, Hon. D. C. Abbott, explained why the Canadian Government had decided to cut out price control. It should need no explanation. Price control was adopted during the war as a war measure. It is, as Mr. Abbott says, not even constitutional for the Dominion Government to enforce this sort of regimentation in time of peace.

Mr. Abbott pointed out that, as a direct result of abolishing price control, there is a saving of hundreds of millions dollars a year in subsidies? The removal of price control on bread saved \$35,000,000 year in subsidies on wheat.

Mr. Abbott tied up this removal of subsidies with a reduction in taxation, so the Canadian people will now assume that, whatever else happens, the next Budget will include a tax reduction at least equal to lagging. the savings in subsidies as a result of the removing of price control.

ing the Budget. His recent statement must be re- were killed. Rather than waste any more money on

How to Fight Ideas

We have reached an advanced state in the war of ideas. Ideas divide not only nations but the people in them. Unless we win this idea war, and win it now, the next global war will be not only international but civil.

our own shores. This will happen again unless we so that they will have your attendance and attention. fight the idea war with everything we have.

Some, however, still do not know this war is going on. Others know it but think it hopeless. Still come from the potatos, points out the Saint John

others want to fight but don't know how. hate each other-do not divide.

You fight to find the way that you and your wife—you and your workers or your boss—you and your competitors in politics, in business and in love -can work together instead of splitting up in strikes, deadlocks and divorce. You fight to conquer your own pride and self-sufficiency, admitting that men and nations cannot build and strengthen their moral relations until, in humility, they seek strength from God.

Against the background of lost liberty, all petty human divisions pale into insignificance. And moral and spritual re-armament becomes an absolute priority for every man and nation in the world.

Housewife Rules Again

For the first time in five long years the Canadian housewife can go into a store and buy whatever she likes from the goods on display there. End of sugar rationing this week restores her pre-war perogative of making her own buying decisions. And few will dispute that the housewife is the most capable authority for making these decisions. After all she is the only one who knows her own family needs, likes and dslikes, what it can or cannot afford.

We are a nation of individuals, with individual needs and preferences. No bureaucrat, no matter how wise or efficient can devise blanket regulations that will satisfy or fit perfectly our individual re-

In sugar, the first to be rationed and the last with the others later on for the minimum amount of We have watched with alarm for several years commercial packs of jams and preserves. To a certain extent the same thing occurred with all other rationed foods. In a dire emergency, when supplies are desperately short and no substitutes are in sight, rationing has a place, but we should be thankful that

EDITORIAL NOTES

Municipal nominatons are close. Time to renew interest in your town and activity for the next year.

Christmas is just six weeks from to-day. Don't take our word for it but consult the calendar if in

It's safe to prophecy now that the fall of 1947 was very moderate and that we'll likely have winter set in soon.

Won't be long until there'll be a clamoring for ice in the arena. The first part of any season seems the most important.

First snowfall of the autumn of 1947 came over Most citizens will agree on this recognition for mun- the week-end and it was a reminder of what is to

> Milton will vote this election on the installation versant with the question before election time. The first of a series of enlightening articles appears n this week's issue. Others will follow in the next two weeks.

Attention should be drawn to an amendment to the Municipal Act enacted in 1947, wherein it is provided a Returning Officer may not accept the nomination of a proposed candidate who is not present at the Nomination Meeting, unless the proposed candidate consents to be so nominated. That ought to help make a bigger interest in nomination night meeting.

Couple of comments that we noted stated that the United States spent \$9 billion on liquor, which is three times as much as was spent on education and that the average Englishman spends half as much on alcoholic drinks as he does for food and almost twice as much as he does for rent. No figure on Canada but here's one respect where the Dominion won't be

Three gangsters stole \$13,600 in a holdup in Chi-Mr. Abbott is the Minister responsible for fram- cago five years ago. Three were captured and two garded as entirely official.—Bowmanville Statesman. court costs the people who were robbed agreed to settle for \$9500. A court has now ordered that the remaining \$4000 should be divided between the three living robbers now in penitentiary, and the estates of the two unfortunate gangsters who were killed.

In these days of municipal expansion and new improvements, ratepayers will require to give serious Civil war—an internal fight for or against free consideration to those who will serve them in 1948. dom—is already raging in plenty of countries. In Nomination meetings are due this month. It's your others freedom seems about to fall through political town and those who you put in office will spend your intrigue and even through free elections. All of money and look after the welfare of municipal ev-Europe and Asia are close to the black-out of liberty. ents. Nomination day and election day are citizens' We have seen that black-out abroad soon reflect on days. They are important and all engagements made

Major source of farm income in New Brunswick Times-Globe. "New Brunswick's big potato indust-To fight the war of ideas means fighting to make ry brings our farmers more than any other branch the idea of freedom workable. You fight for every- of agriculture. If prices hold firm and this year's thing that unites for only unity can save our liberty. crop measures up to expectations, it will be worth You fight for higher moral standards in all people, nearly \$20,000,000. And the benefits, it should be beginning with yourself. Men with morals cannot emphasized, spread far beyond the boundaries of the counties where potato growing is concentrated."





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