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EDITORIAL

What About the People

The action of Premier Drew in withdrawing his bill known as the Dominion Crown Tenants' Provincial Municipal Services Act is commendable. The bill should never have been presented in the first place. Every municipality in this section of Ontario is in dire need of new homes. We are quite aware that building costs are unreasonable and that full value is not being secured for the dollar invested.

We must, however, recognize the fact that many Canadians spent from one to six years of their lives in the armed services. To come back and find no homes available for these families is a sorry plight. In spite of costs it would have been an ungrateful people and a negligent government which did not put forth some housing plan for the returned soldier.

To have that plan which is bearing fruit and giving homes to many returned soldiers stopped because of a disagreement between Provincial and Federal authority would have been a serious blunder. We commend Premier Drew for withdrawing this Act.

Another withdrawal should be made on the proposed usurping of the amusement tax for hospitals. If Canada is to get down to a decent level of living we need a lopping off of taxes. In these levies of governments is to be found much of our present high cost of living. Canada and Ontario need a government for the people, not government for the government. We need examples of co-operation before we can criticize or adjudicate on Palestine, Hong Kong, China or any other dispute.

Days of Spring

Come a warm spring day or so, no matter whether winter lingers or not, one's thoughts go toward the days of summer time and the things that will be uppermost during this season. They are as varied as our people. The days for the fisherman and the gardener are at hand. For those whose taste longs for spring, there's the water cress and horse radish and rhubarb.

Of course, for the housewife spring means cleaning and changing the house from top to bottom and for the sportsman, the golf course has a call and the ball park, tennis courts and bowling have a lure. In the spring, they used to wash the sheep and it wasn't long thereafter until the venturesome lads tried out the water in the swimmin' hole. These are days of spring and it does seem they hold promise for most every human whim.

Joiners and Speakers

Great joiners are we Canadians, observes the Peterborough Examiner. "Organizations have failed in this country for lack of money, lack of direction and lack of brains, but never for lack of members. Men and women alike, we seem unable to resist joining six or seven clubs or associations as soon as we reach adult life. And every time one of our clubs meet, we demand to be spoken to. A club meeting without a 'speaker' is unthinkable and every week or every month, each club must, by hook or crook, confront its membership with some miserable mammal who will give tongue for 20 minutes or half an hour. It does not much matter what the speech is about or how it is delivered, so long as the ritual is observed."

No Tax Relief This Way

Proposals of Provincial Governments to take over the amusement tax if the Dominion authorities vacate the field comes in for strong criticism of the Financial Post. It states: "If and when the Dominion Government ends its amusement tax, the news will be purely of academic interest to Ontario citizens. They will go on paying just the same on their theatre tickets, only the collector will be the Provincial Government instead of Ottawa. Already

the machinery has been set up for an automatic changeover.

"The same thing happened when the federal wartime levy on gasoline was abolished. It didn't save the consumer anything. In the night, while the Dominion authorities were vacating the field, provincial authorities all over the country were moving in. The motorist went on paying sky-high wartime taxes on his fuel.

"This sort of thing is getting us exactly nowhere in tax reduction. If the provincial and municipal governments are going to grab every bit of special war revenue Ottawa releases, then there is no hope of tax relief.

"Taxes in this country are too high. Too much of our national income is going into government expenditures which creates few if any new jobs; not nearly enough into new industry which creates many jobs.

"Out of the taxpayer all government revenue must come, either directly or indirectly. To him it doesn't make much difference how the levy is divided between municipal, provincial and federal authorities, it is the total that counts. And it is the total that he wants to see reduced. He will only get that reduction when governments start discarding and reducing taxes and the other government let them stay discarded or reduced."

Ideology of Easter

The Eastern bloc took concrete shape before Western European Union formed even in faint outline. But union calls for more than an outline, more than political and economic agreements between governments. It calls for a way of life which most of us have not found yet at home. And which, in consequence, it would be difficult to pass along to Europe.

Pride and precedent must go, for instance, if European countries are to work in full partnership instead of just uneasy proximity. And, unless democratic people find real eagerness to work together, selfish party and national interests can still sabotage their team work. Nations, like men, can overcome pride, precedent and self-interest only when inspired by a great idea in which their governments find common purpose.

Find it ourselves and we can give Europe this great idea, born out of the hearts and minds of millions of ordinary men and women.

It is an idea that can cross Western frontiers and find an echo among millions in Eastern Europe and the Orient. It is an idea big enough to unite the whole of mankind. It is the idea that new nations and a new world can be born out of new men and women. It is the Easter ideology—the truth that when the Cross is planted in the hearts of men and nations, it is the death of selfishness and the source of renaissance.

The fate of Western Europe will not be decided in Parliaments and cabinet rooms. It will be decided day by day in the convictions and actions of ordinary people. Easter can remain just a historic fact and a noble ideal. Or it can become a daily experience for each of us—an idea potent enough to guide the nations and bind them together above class, race and point of view.

A Worth-While Plan

The Huron Expositor, Seaforth, tells of a plan which will be put into effect by the Morris Township Federation of Agriculture in Huron County. The Federation will place a sign at the end of each concession in the township. On the sign will be the name of the township and the number of the concession. Besides that, an attempt will be made to have every farmer in Morris Township print his name clearly on his mail box. The expense of carrying out this plan will be small and those who make it easy to find any farm in the township will earn the gratitude of any traveller. This is a long-awaited improvement that should be generally adopted.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Income taxes and daylight saving come in April. Both of them rather touchy subjects.

That spring treat of maple syrup is again on the menu and a delight to many. Like other things, the price isn't what it used to be.

Time to get the road maintainer at work on the unpaved streets and to clear away the winter's accumulation of sand and refuse.

The dogs are becoming real experts at tipping off the lids of garbage pails and sorting over the contents. Great the way they catch on to modern ways.

Business in most big Canadian department stores is leveling off, reports the Financial Post. Total sales showed a dollar value increase of 2.7 per cent. in February over the same month of 1947; but the bulk of this increase was in food stuffs and was partly accounted for by rising prices. Most other departments reported a drop.

Milton Recollections

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, April 7, 1893

Dr. Wickson and Company have purchased the drug and stationery business of J. H. McCollom and will continue business in the old stand where the doctor is fitting up a surgery in the rear of the store.

J. M. Field has heard from his son Clarence, who is at Golden, a lively British Columbia mining town and is opening a drug store there.

Messrs. John and Charles Lindsay, Fred Dewar and Tom Conway Jr., all employed in Toronto, were in town over Sunday.

George Wooding has sold his residence near the show grounds to a Mr. McEachern for \$1000.

Matt Brush has been elected Captain of the Warton Lacrosse Club.

DIED

KIPPEN—On the 31st at Terra Cotta, near Milton, John D. Kippen, aged 72 years and 4 months.

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, April 5, 1928

The thunderstorms are coming early this year. Two or three in March was rather unusual.

Arthur Farrington returned home last week from an enjoyable three months visit with relatives in England.

The Halton Cream and Butter Company has sold its creamery to Messrs. M. E. Nixon and George H. Dawson, who have taken possession.

George Hilyer of Milton has opened a high class tailoring establishment in the store opposite Little's harness shop.

Mrs. Sarah Armstrong celebrated her 88th birthday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thos. F. Wilson on Monday, when she was the recipient of many beautiful flowers and congratulations.

DIED

AGNEW—At Campbellville, Wednesday, April 4, 1928, Agnes Agnew, in her 75th year.

MACKAY—Suddenly on Saturday, March 21st, 1928, Rev. William Morrison Mackay, beloved husband of Ethel Mary Lytle, in his 68th year.

Temperatures reach 85 degrees in summer in the Arctic.

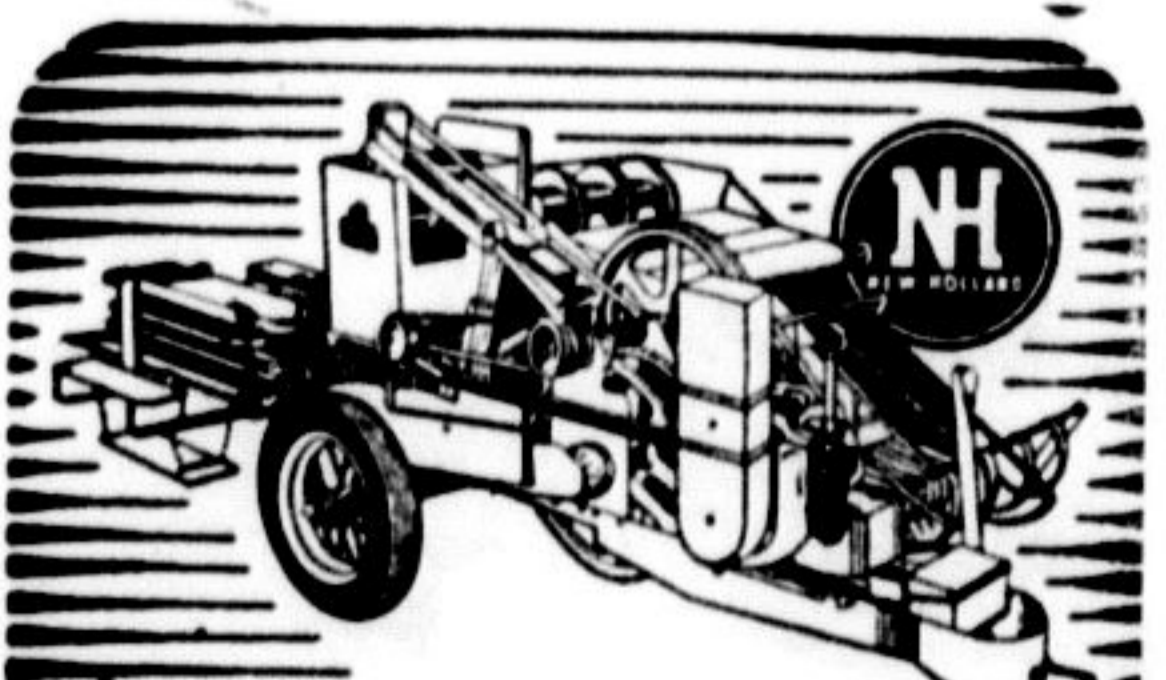
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