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EDITORIAL

Halton's Industrial Progress Menaced

The importance of Halton as an industrial centre has been emphasized on other occasions and when there is a serious menace to that important phase of our life, it is well to face it and do something to correct it before it is too late. Perhaps it is well to back up that statement regarding industry in Halton County, and we find that in the latest statistics of industry for Ontario published by the Dominion government there is plenty of foundation.

According to these statistics there are 76 industrial establishments in Halton County with 3,234 persons employed in them. They were paid, in the year, \$4,700,925 in wages and salaries and in the five towns of the County, the gross value of production was \$23,891,493. Manufacturing is a big part of our life in Halton County.

If we are to retain and expand this industrial picture we must keep our attractions for industry comparable to that to be found in other provinces in the Dominion and in other countries. At the present time it is easily realized that our power situation is not a happy one and Ontario is losing out by not meeting the opportunity for expansion. There is little that can be done about the situation, however, until new developments are brought into use.

There is, however, a menace to industry in Halton County that is not too late to correct and we refer to the basis, as we understand it, regarding the County assessment on industry. We were among those who believed that a County assessor and uniform assessment would be in the best interests at the time it was promoted. We felt that it would provide equality in the County and that equality in other counties and provinces would be a basis for establishing values. Some time ago we heard of assessments under the proposed new system in comparison with the former assessments. The new figures will not be any inducement for new industries in Halton County. We hope they will not be the means of any industries already established here seeking locations in more favorable locations. Four and three-quarter million dollars in wages each year in Halton County is a lot of money circulated.

That is the situation and now what can be done about it. Just two things that we know can help. Those who are making the manuals might make a re-study of industry and actual industrial assessments in other places outside Ontario before adopting the rules. They might well study the effect that their present figures will have on this province if they are put into force. Failing to make a better approach to industrial assessments than has been shown, Halton County would do well to abandon the new assessment until more uniformity in the province and in other provinces can be secured. Halton cannot afford to close the door in the face of over twenty-three million dollars worth of manufactured products. Already one large industry is leaving the County for a location better suited to its needs. It's time for action by the Provincial Department and Halton County Council before we have another unfavorable situation to add to our power dilemma. Wage earners and those employed in factories in the County would do well to make some inquiry and urge immediate action, if they consider job security of importance in Halton County towns.

Canada's Huge Liquor Bill

The Temperance Advocate has compiled from official figures of government receipts from the sale of alcohol an estimate of the amount spent by consumers in Canada in the fiscal year 1946. What the public pays is larger than the amount which government commissions receive where there are such items as beverage room profit to add to the government's sale price.

The estimate is an alarming one—a liquor bill of \$485,237,662 for sales through legitimate channels, in addition to an estimated \$20,000,000 for bootleggers' sales; say \$505,000,000 altogether.

It is a sum not easily comprehended except by comparison with some other outlay. A startling way to put it is that it is almost as large as the total governmental expenditures of Canada were 1937 and 1938, when they approximated \$533,000,000. It substantially exceeds the 1947 interest bill of \$461,000,000 on Canada's public debt. It approaches the \$575,000,000 of personal income tax estimated to be collected in the present year. It is more than half a billion dollars.

The Situation Must Be Faced

It doesn't matter what we think of the power shortage or whether we place the blame on government or Commission, lack of rain, etc., the fact remains that there isn't sufficient electric power in Ontario to meet the present demands and the only thing that can be done is to cut the load and not try to take more than our share.

It may seem foolish to be building more lines and equipping more radio stations, when there isn't sufficient for the lines already in operation, but the problem that faces everyone this winter and for two or three years to come is the even distribution of the power available.

Without a doubt the restrictions being imposed are going to create hardships. No one likes the night work and the disrupted work week now necessary. Housewives will not enjoy the heating and ironing restrictions, but if pay envelopes are to be maintained, there seems to be no other alternative than a distribution of the load over the seven days and twenty-four hours of each day.

Hydro to-day is a necessity of every day life in the home, in the factory and on the farm. Its use will continue to expand as the province develops but in the meantime we'll have to slow down a little until Hydro development catches up.

The Burden of Office

The announcement this week of Prime Minister MacKenzie King's ill-health is received with regret by all Canadians. At seventy-three and as head of the Dominion government since 1935, through the word's most difficult period, it is easy to understand that any man would feel the strain. No man in the history of Canada has given more of himself to the welfare and service of his country than has Mr. King, who has stepped down from his leadership of the Liberal Party and will probably relinquish his high office this year.

All will hope that the Prime Minister is soon restored to good health and that a rest will restore his health again. His experience and guidance is still needed in these times if Canada is to pursue a sound course.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Will be quite in order, now, to plan the Christmas shopping, so it can be done early.

Thanksgiving Day weather, while not enjoyable for out-of-doors, brought rains for which all could be truly thankful.

With fall fairs over, the season of the plowing matches is here and more opportunity for gathering before winter comes.

Might as well get the habit of saving electricity, because the shortage will be with us all this winter—more serious than at present.

Another summer has gone and the pre-election hints of continued work on No. 25 Highway have "gone with the wind". All that remains are the signs that still read "Road Under Construction".

Never before in history have Ontario's wheels of industry and commerce been turning at so rapid a pace as today. Ontario leads all provinces of the Dominion in gross production, mineral output, forest wealth, postwar capital investment and in other fields.

Remember when, asks Napier Moore in The Financial Post, farmers used to burn their straw? Last week, 30,000 tons of oat and rye straw were delivered to the Trenton, Ont., factory of Hinde & Dauch Paper Company to emerge as corrugated paper for the box-making industry.

Portland cement shipments by Canadian manufacturers totalled 1,417,767 barrels in July (up 13% from July 1947's 1,249,723 barrels). During first eight months of 1948 shipments totalled 7,768,570 barrels (6,507,885 in same period of 1947). The fellow who would like to do a bit of building often wonders where it was all shipped.

Milton Recollections

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, October 13, 1893.

The Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company has decided to extend its line from Burlington to Port Nelson.

Raspberry bushes on the farm of W. H. Kerr, Esquering, are in bloom and have several berries on them.

The Toronto Terra Cotta Co.'s works on the C.P.R. just west of Milton, which has been closed for some time are being put into working order and will resume operations shortly under the efficient management of Mr. Lewis who is well known here.

At the meeting of the Synod of Niagara at Hamilton last Thursday E. W. Boyd of Milton was appointed a member of the standing committee of the diocese.

MARRIED — At the residence of the bride's parents, on September 28th, by Rev. H. A. McPherson, James Symons, eldest son of the late Charles Symon to Eliza, eldest daughter of Arch. McPherson, Esquering.

DIED — At Milton, on October 10th, Mrs. Marie Griffin, in her 63rd year.

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, October 11, 1928.

This is fire prevention week. A number of Miltonians attended the fair at Caledonia on Saturday.

Harry Watson of Vancouver, B. C. visited a number of his old friends here on Thursday last.

Lt. Col. Geo. Brown of Stewarttown, recently appointed successor to the late Dr. Samuel Webster, Sheriff of the County of Halton took oath of office before his honor Judge Elliott here on Tuesday morning last. Sheriff Brown, who is forty years of age is believed to be the youngest sheriff in Canada.

In the 2.22 class, purse \$300 at Caledonia Fair on Saturday last, Dr. Heslop's fast pacer, Irene Private, won first prize.

A number of members of Milton and Campbellville lodges paid a fraternal visit to Gler. Williams Lodge on Monday evening. After the officers of Milton L.O.L. No. 2385 put on the orange degree refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all.

MARRIED — In Toronto, on Saturday, September 22, 1928, by the Rev. B. W. Thompson of Parkdale United Church, Caroline Thelma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Briseois of Mimico, to Stuart Edmund Peacock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Peacock, Milton.

DIED — In Milton on Thursday, October 4th, 1928, Joseph Merrett in his 69th year.

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