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**CURBING THE AGITATORS**

Apart altogether from political differences, there can be no disputing the fact that the action of the government in arresting the red agitators who have been causing violence in various municipalities, was a sound move, calculated to create a feeling of confidence in the minds of the taxpayers who have to foot the bills for relief. The plight of those people who are forced to go on relief evokes sympathy among those more fortunately situated, but the average job-holder today is getting more than a little fed up with the abuses of government aid.

Jobless citizens and their families have a right to receive help from the state, but they should realize that the money to pay for it comes from the pockets of people who, in the main, are hard pressed to meet their obligations and maintain a decent standard of life. No one wants to see people suffer through no fault of their own, but when relief recipients, inspired by communist agitators, resort to violence to achieve their ends, it is time to call a halt to government benevolence. If the unemployed continue to listen to the insidious propaganda of the agitators in their midst, they are going to forfeit the sympathy and consideration of those who pay the taxes.

The arrest of the agitators did not come any too soon. The government held its hand, hoping to effect a settlement of the trouble without calling in the law. But violence increased and it was finally decided to show the unemployed and the radicals that law and order must prevail, even though it meant the jailing of scores of men. The Hepburn government is striving manfully to cope with a tremendous problem. It cannot succeed entirely in solving it. No government can do it single-handed, even under more favorable circumstances. But the big point is this; no one is starving in Ontario. There is no malnutrition among children. This is important. True, being on relief is not to be envied, but it is the best governments of today can do for the jobless and their families.

The Hepburn government, after giving careful consideration to the matter, has decided to absorb the 10 per cent relief cut put into effect for the summer months by the Dominion Government. It is realized that municipalities can no longer assume further burdens. Many are at breaking point now. So the government takes up the slack and pays out the additional amount, estimated at \$100,000 a month.

One of these days there will be a rebellion among the taxpayers of Ontario. It will be a peaceful revolt against taxation. Mr. and Mrs. Citizen don't mind paying for the maintenance of the jobless, but they object, and rightly so, to having to foot the bill for more than is needed.

One of the sad effects of a prolonged depression is the breaking down of morale among the unemployed. Many men today are quite content to receive state aid for the rest of their lives and in some cases the desire to work, even when it is available, has disappeared. It is a tragedy no less, and it constitutes a problem that will worry governments for many years to come, long after industry and commerce have achieved an even keel.

**VIMY PILGRIMAGE**

There has never been in history anything just like the Canadian pilgrimage to Vimy. Never before have so many soldiers visited the battlefields on which they fought and travelled so far to do it. It is as brave and romantic an adventure, as was the original idea of an armada of Canadians loaded with soldiers to fight in Flanders Fields. With Vimy is associated many ideas dear to the hearts of Canadian soldiers. It was at Vimy that the Canadian army first fought together as one unit, and first proved their worth as a distinctive force, capturing a height which other troops had failed to scale. Here on Easter Monday morning of 1917, as a single army corps, under their own commander, Lord Byng, backed with their own artillery, they won Vimy Ridge. Here many a young Canadian gave up his life in that gallant struggle. And on Vimy Ridge there will be unveiled the most beautiful war memorial in France. Surmounting the Ridge by 150 feet and over 240 feet long, the magnificent memorial is the masterpiece of the Canadian sculptor, William Seymour Allward.

**RELIEF WORK AND WAGES**

"With 9,000 people on relief in East York, we couldn't recruit six for roadwork on Saturday," stated Hon. David Croll in an interview last week. He attributed the lack of response to the attitude of the municipal authorities, the Reeve having objected to any men working at highway construction for 35 cents an hour.

The Reeve apparently is quite satisfied to let the

taxpayers put up the money to keep the unemployed on relief, if they are not guaranteed union wages. This is but another example of the way relief is being worked as a "racket" in certain sections. Any physically fit man who would refuse a job such as offered by Hon. Mr. Croll and continue to live off the public without giving any return is a mighty poor type of citizen. And things are surely coming to a sorry pass when the head of any municipality encourages men on relief to assume such an attitude.

In this connection the following editorial from the Toronto Saturday Night is very timely:

"The demand of a considerable element among the relief workers in Canada, stimulated no doubt by active enemies of the present economic system, for what they are pleased to term 'union wages' for work which is often of a kind for which no union has ever established a scale, is one which must necessarily be dealt with firmly. There are a considerable number of people in Canada at the present time whose labor as performed in the circumstances which surround a relief project is not worth the monetary equivalent of even a bare subsistence for themselves and their families. The assumption that such labor must be paid for at the full rate which would be paid by a voluntary buyer of labor in the open market is utterly illogical. The utmost that these people can claim from the state is that it should keep them and their dependents alive; and in exchange for doing so the state has an unquestionable right to whatever labor it can extract from them without spending more on the extracting than the labor is worth. There is a limit to the extent to which sentiment can be indulged in with regard to these matters. We feel rather strongly that sympathy should be limited to those who are actuated by a feeling of goodwill towards the community and who are willing to do all that they can in exchange for what the community is doing for them. Those who regard the community merely as a milch-cow for their own nutriment, or even worse, as an enemy to be subjected to the utmost possible damage, have not much claim to kindly consideration. The state does not owe every man a living unless every man owes the state something in return."

**Auto Dangerous We apn If Courtesy Forgotten Bickell Asserts**

ONTARIO'S TOLL HIGH

Toronto, July 20.—The motorist at the wheel of his car seems to forget that he is riding a potential engine of death, and that every pedestrian as well as every other car driver in the vicinity is his potential victim, J. P. Bickell, registrar of motor vehicles for Ontario, declared yesterday when he released the accident statistics compiled by his department for the first five months of 1936.

"Judging by the period from Jan. 1 to May 31, this year bids fair to set a record for auto mishaps," Mr. Bickell declared. "Although there has been an appreciable improvement in relation to the volume of traffic, there are more cars in operation, and people are using them more, resulting in more accidents," he explained. "The fatal accident rate for each 10,000,000 gallons of gasoline consumed, which is an excellent basis of comparison, shows a pronounced drop to 14.1 this year from 19.1 last year, and is the lowest in recent years; yet there were three more fatalities in May, 1936, than in May, 1935," he went on.

"The lesson we have to learn from these figures is unmistakably that as the density of traffic increases, there is need for more and more thoughtful care and courtesy on the part of motorists. The fact that city accidents are increasing faster than country accidents supports this conclusion."

Mr. Bickell remarked that the period covered by his figures ended before the beginning of the current campaign to persuade motorists to "try courtesy" being waged by Hon. T. B. McQueston, Minister of Highways.

"Statistics for the next four or five months will reveal to what extent the people of Ontario have heeded the plea of the minister," Mr. Bickell predicted. "We in the department know that the courteous motorist is the safe motorist. If Ontario's drivers will only 'try courtesy'—for a change, we are compelled to add—they will find that safety and security on the roads will automatically follow."

Figures for the first five months of the year were issued as follows:

	1935	1936
Accidents costing \$50 and up . . . . .	3,187	3,436
Deaths . . . . .	158	140
Persons injured . . . . .	2,800	2,932
Property damage \$293,628	\$343,476	

For the month of May there were increases under every heading. Accidents increased 10 per cent, deaths increased 10 per cent, injuries increased 16 per cent and property damage increased 10 per cent. One quarter of all injured persons were children under 15 years.

"A ton of steel, hurtling through space at 35 or 45 miles an hour, has a terrific capacity for damage, destruction and death," Mr. Bickell summed up. "Motorists must remember that it is just such a weapon they have in their hands when they are driving their car. Let every driver 'Try Courtesy' until courtesy becomes a fixed habit. Then there will be very few accidents indeed."

**MUST MAINTAIN LAW AND QUIET JOBLESS TOLD War Veterans and Other Loyalists Ready to Assist York County Officers of Law**

"British institutions and respect for law and order must and will be maintained at all costs," says a report of the warden and commissioner of the County of York, issued late Friday upon recent disturbances in the county.

"The disregard recently shown for law and constitutional methods has no place in Canada. Bodies of war veterans and many loyal kindred groups in increasing numbers have expressed their desire to volunteer their services to assist in York County, if necessary," stated the report.

"We fear that the body of unemployed are by their choice of leaders and their conduct forfeiting such sympathy as was held by the citizens of the County of York. We will favor any plan proposed that will step and step hard on foreign or British-born Communist agitators

who use the unemployed as a willing prey to promote discord and disension in the County of York.

"The uncontrolled actions of the last week, savoring of mob law, will no doubt prove a boomerang and solidify public opinion. In the meantime, the courts will deal with those cases of alleged kidnapping with respect to which, we understand, the Criminal Code, upon conviction, provides for penalties up to seven years."

Another advantage in going to bed early is that the ash trays don't overflow so badly.

The Democratic idea is to be liberal and sound conservative. The Republican idea is to be conservative and sound liberal.

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