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**PRICE INCREASES HAVE BEEN WITHIN REASON**

It is impossible to prevent a rise in living cost during a war, and Canadians are beginning to experience some of the inevitable effects when the entire resources of the country are being mobilized for military effort. However, the rise in the prices of commodities so far have not been such as to create fear that the situation will get out of hand. In the case of dairy products and eggs the price to date has not been more than the seasonally advance of the past few years. In primary products such as wheat, bacon, beef and potatoes, the increases do not put the prices of these commodities into wartime brackets. They were low to begin with and it might be expected that they would go up with any advance in the normal standard. Indeed, producers fear that they will not keep pace with the enhanced prices of consumer goods.

Some increases relate to articles on which war taxes have been levied, tea, coffee, cigarettes and domestic lighting and heating. The extension of the eight per cent. sales tax to such commodities as smoked meats, salmon and other canned fish and pickled meats, which previously were exempt from that levy, will tend to make the householder's bills more formidable. Then there is the wartime increase in maritime insurance the arbitrary discount on Canadian money in the United States which will contribute something to produce higher prices for goods to consumers.

There is widespread confidence that increases in living costs cannot become so disconcerting as they proved in the Great War. At that time, profiteers seemed to have the upper hand and were not timid about taking advantage of conditions. Exposures of the kind of impositions that the public suffered on that occasion gave enlightenment that will prove an advantage now. People will not submit to exorbitant prices for necessities unless they have good reason to believe that they are justified by a legitimate situation. There undoubtedly will be plenty of unprincipled individuals and concerns who will attempt to profit unduly because of war, but they will meet with more intelligent resistance this time. Public opinion can be readily roused today against unjustified increases in living costs. This is a war in which everybody is expected to make sacrifices for the general welfare and anyone taking advantage of the occasion to charge excessive prices is going to encounter critical investigation of motives.

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**AN OPPORTUNITY TO CO-OPERATE**

In connection with the marketing of the 1939 crop of Canadian Apples the following statement has been made by Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture:

"We have been notified that as a result of conditions brought about by the war, the normal quantity of apples will not be imported into Great Britain from Canada this year. Of a crop of not more than 15,000,000 bushels about 50 per cent. is usually exported. It is now proposed to dispose of half of the usual export in Canada as fresh fruit and to dry and can the remainder.

"The Government of Canada has already announced its plan to purchase and process a substantial portion of the apple crop, and also proposes through the Dominion Department of Agriculture to carry on a national merchandising and advertising campaign for the purpose of informing the public regarding the availability of this excellent fruit and of stimulating home consumption. The grading regulations have been so amended that only the better quality apples will be available as fresh fruit.

"In this connection, it is believed that everyone in Canada, and particularly the housewife, will be willing to co-operate to bring about a larger consumption of this excellent Canadian fruit during the next few months. This would solve the problem.

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**MUNICIPAL ELECTION MORATORIUM NOT POPULAR**

Premier Hepburn's proposal to have a moratorium on municipal election after January 1st until the duration of the war does not appear to be very popular in York County. While a few people endorse the proposal the majority see danger in the move and do not think conditions here warrant such a step. In view of the widespread opposition to the proposal we hope Premier Hepburn will change his mind and not introduce the measure at the coming session of the Legislature. The idea has enlisted little support throughout the province if we are to judge from comment in newspapers which reach our desk.

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**CARS AND CHURCH**

"One difference between the buggy and the motor car," observes Owen Sound Sun-Times, "is that while the buggy enabled people to go quite a distance to church on Sundays the car enables people to go quite a distance from church on Sundays."

One reason this little quip brings a smile is that everyone knows there is a good deal of truth in the statement here humorously expressed. The automobile and the road surfaces built for it have extended many times the radius which once was the measure of feasible distance for a day's journey. Whether the journey is for visiting or a sightseeing drive, it is likely to be confined to such purposes and not curtailed as to time by turning aside for church service. In private homes, hosts often neglect to give their guests an opportunity to attend service, and guests do not feel that they should suggest it.

There is really no valid reason why the motor car should be responsible for adversely affecting church attendance. Certainly in bad weather it enables people to get out who otherwise could not do so. It may take people past the nearest place of worship to another, and that is something which has affected certain rural churches. But it ought to and probably does enable surviving churches to draw from a larger constituency.

**Views of Others on Timely Topics**

**HOME TOWN LOYALTY**

Remember that no outsider is going to help you build your town. Every time you give business to an outsider that can be advantageously placed with your home town firms, you are making the community poorer. It is the local business houses who pay wages to local people, who pay the heaviest taxes, who are called on to subscribe to the various organizations and appeals for help. We admire the customer who gives the home town an even break. There are many little services and accommodations given that no outsider can or will give. Be loyal to your own community—for one good turn deserves another. — Dundalk Herald.

**FLAT ON ITS BACK**

"Germany will never be brought to its knees again."—Hitler. If that's the way he looks at it, then we suppose this time the Reich will have to be laid out flat on the canvas.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

**BUSTED BUBBLE**

Miss Sally Rand filed a voluntary bankruptcy at San Francisco, listing debts of \$64,631 and assets of only \$8,067. This news comes as a great surprise. We had supposed that Miss Rand, with her fan and bubble dances and her "Nude Ranch" at the Golden Gate Exposition, was simply coining money. And now it turns out that she hasn't even been making a bare living.—New York World-Telegram.

**THANKS TO NAVY**

A handsome new rose window has been dedicated in a New York church. This causes the Detroit Free Press to comment: "The United States is where rose windows don't have to be taken down and packed in sand to preserve them." Not as long as the British Navy rules the sea.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

**LEAVE IT TO THEM**

Instead of becoming impatient for an offensive at the present time, British people everywhere could do no better than study the reasons for the Allied strategy. Such a study would open their eyes to the fact that the Allied military chieftains know exactly what they are doing, and that it is the best thing possible to do if a successful outcome of the war, without unnecessary sacrifice of lives, is desired. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

**WHY ABUSE THEM?**

"An experience of many years, and the opportunity of judging the matter from all angles, in actual service and as a spectator, has convinced us that a large proportion of the public are for the most part hasty and unfair in their appraisal of men who take an active part in public life.

For a man to become prominent at all, whether it be business or politics, he must be possessed of a fair measure of ability and energy. He must bring himself out by activity and an evidence of qualities of leadership. Such a man, in business and social life, is looked upon with favor, and he commands the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

But should such a man enter politics—no matter whether it be municipal, provincial or federal—he seems in the public estimate, to immediately grow horns and acquire cloven hoofs. There seems to be no conception of honor or honesty in political activities. Some people can not conceive of any man devoting his time and efforts to duties of this nature unless there be some "graft" in it. There must be ulterior motives, and some scheme to "get something out of it."

It seems strange, therefore, that in the eyes of many there can be no honest form of politics. They seem to be able to detect an immediate indication of chameleonzation of a formerly honest man into a deliberate grafter.

There may be in politics, as in business and professional groups, a certain proportion of men who may lend themselves to transactions of a questionable nature. They will content themselves with acting "within the law," if they respect even those limitations. And it is they who are probably the cause of the general condemnation of the political system. But, as stated, the public should hesitate to make such general disparaging remarks concerning people in public life. Just as some men gravitate to fraternal societies; others to educational matters, and still others to service clubs and social contacts, so do many favor poli-

tics and public affairs. And this fact, and this preference, does not necessarily imply wrong motives. It is merely the outlet for a natural inclination.

All public service must be undertaken by someone; and all such service is commendable. Therefore all consideration and support should be extended to public-spirited men, until such time as they prove themselves unworthy, by unethical acts of their own. They should not be unfairly condemned." — Port Hope Guide.

**Today's Parent**

By ELLEN McLOUGHLIN  
Director, Children's Institute

**SHOULD CHILDREN SKIP GRADES?**

That question bothers a good many fathers and mothers. It is estimated that six per cent of the children in the United States today are intellectually gifted, able to do school work two or more grades in advance of their years. In most of the larger cities there are special classes for students who, because of an unusually keen interest in learning, or through superior mental endowment, are able to progress faster than the average. In the special classes the gifted boys and girls follow enriched courses of instruction, but for all too many bright boys and girls the choice is between skipping grades and staying in a class where the studies are so simple as to be boring. A little boy of my acquaintance refused to take the trouble to write he answers to arithmetic problems because, he said, they were "baby questions." Yet his mother hesitated to allow him to be promoted lest he miss necessary groundwork. She herself had been promoted as a child, and had missed the lessons on long division and for years felt that her foundation knowledge in arithmetic was inadequate.

What, then, is the answer? Consultation with the teacher should be the first step. She will tell you what essential knowledge should be imparted through independent home study or with perhaps half a dozen lessons with a private tutor, if your child is to skip a grade. A good juvenile reference work like The Book of Knowledge will supply, in leisure hours in the form of entertainment, much of the cultural and informational background that is required. Remember, however, that your child is "moving up" in order that school may offer a pleasing challenge to his ability, and not for any other reason—not to minister to your pride in his accomplishment or to become the youngest in the class or to graduate from high school at fifteen or sixteen. Many a mother has wisely kept her girl from entering high school too young. During high school years, young folks are growing up very rapidly and the sympathy gap between a girl of twelve (who may still secretly enjoy playing with dolls) and one of fifteen (who is craving a black evening dress) is very wide, though they are studying Algebra and History side by side. For this reason particular care should be exercised by the parents of a mentally superior child, to provide playmates of the right age.

**Radio in Child's Room**

Mrs. C. D. O.: Should a child have a radio in his room?

Radio can render a plus service if it develops community spirit in the family. Surely young children do not require a separate radio unless there is a chronic illness in the home which makes their preferred programs a source of distress to someone else. It is unobjectionable for boys and girls of high school age to have their own radios, as a great many items of value may be heard which may not suit the mood of the elders. It should be understood that the radio will not be run after a certain hour at night, or to the interference of daily outdoor activity, and such other reasonable controls as suggest themselves.

Ellen McLoughlin will answer questions of readers pertaining to parent-child relationships—no medical or legal advice. Address her in care of this newspaper, enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope for a personal reply.

Fire destroyed the barn of John W. Abrams, three miles north of Palgrave, at midnight on Tuesday. Twelve pigs perished, almost all implements were burned and 700 bushels of grain are reported lost.

**WEDDING**

**WATKINS-LOVICK**

All Saints Anglican Church, King, was the scene of a wedding on Saturday, October 28th, when Margaret Lovick, of Aurora, became the bride of Edward (Ted) Watkins, of Beeton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. W. G. Worrall.

**EDWARDS-ELMER**

Eva Pearl Elmer, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ned Elmer, became the bride of William Lyle Edwards, son of John Edwards and the late Mrs. Edwards, in a ceremony performed at the Baptist Church, Schomberg. The Rev. John Gallo-way, of King City, officiated. Wedding music was played by Mrs. Robert Irwin, flower girls were Lenore Elmer, niece of the bride, and Verna Hamilton, cousin of the bride, and the ushers were Hugh Hamilton and Ward Cook. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, John Atkinson. Following a wedding trip to Detroit the couple will live in Schomberg.

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**TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM**

**TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES**

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Markham dated the 17th day of August 1939 and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the Ontario Gazette under the date of September 2nd, 1939, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 7th day of December 1939 proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Township Hall, Unionville.

The adjourned sale, if one is necessary, will be held on Thursday, 21st day of December, 1939, at the same hour and the same place.

Copies of said list may be had at my office.

**CHARLES HOOVER,**

Township Treasurer.

Dated at Unionville,  
August 24th, 1939.

**VILLAGE OF RICHMOND HILL**

**TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES**

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Village of Richmond Hill dated the 1st day of August 1939 and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the Ontario Gazette under the date of September 3rd, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 18th day of December 1939 proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Municipal Hall in the Village of Richmond Hill.

Copies of said list may be had at my office.

**A. J. HUME,**

Village Treasurer.

Dated at Richmond Hill,  
August 10th, 1939.

**TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN**

**TAX SALE NOTICE**

Copies of the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes may be had in the Office of the Treasurer, J. M. McDonald, Maple, Ontario.

The List of lands for sale for arrears of taxes in the Township of Vaughan was published in the Ontario Gazette on the 5th day of August, 1939.

Notice is hereby given that unless the arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, the Treasurer will proceed to sell the lands on the day and at the place named in such List published in the Ontario Gazette. The date of sale named in said List is the 8th day of November, 1939, at 10 a.m. The sale will take place at the Township Hall, Vellore.

Dated at Maple, this 4th day of August, 1939.

**J. M. McDONALD,**  
Treasurer.

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