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A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Ottawa Journal, independent Conservative, thus comments on the cancellation of war orders and the consequent labor upheaval in war industries:—

"Reconversion of plants to civilian uses is as imperative now as was conversion to war five years ago, and one process must be stopped before another can be started."

That is a truth some folks are inclined to overlook. No one could foresee the sudden end of the Japanese war, and so little could be done in the way of tapering down the production of war materials. Canadians did convert industrial plants to the tune of about 40 per cent following the cessation of hostilities in Europe, thus making our industrial set-up infinitely better than that in the United States. For this speedy change-over, considering the magnitude of it, high tribute must be paid the Dominion government and the capable technicians in its service.

But, as the Journal says, "there need be no surprise for those who operate war plants, or for those who work for them, at the cancellation of contracts for war goods because if operation is continued after the need for the goods is gone it is a species of bounty for which the people are taxed."

Lay-offs of a temporary character, therefore, cannot be avoided. Nor can transfers of labor to channels wherein war wages cannot be paid. Neither can an over-night solution be found for the problem created by the arrival home of labor from overseas and its competition with war workers for the jobs presently available.

It is a fact, however, acknowledged by even its most outspoken critics, that the government is making almost unbelievable strides in facilitating plant reconversion by co-operation with private enterprise to that end, and, by co-operation with labor, in facilitating transfers of employment so as to avoid any prolonged periods of unemployment.

What is needed most is the team work and spirit of co-operation on the part of everybody that was so conspicuous during the war years. The problem confronted is probably the biggest of the post war problems, but it is insignificant compared with some of the problems solved by the government and people of Canada in the past five years. Peace-time wheels are being put on the country's industrial machinery, and these wheels will be revolving again at full speed in a short time, and with everybody's help they will be revolving in the shortest possible time. We are not facing a setback, but a great opportunity to show the stuff of which Canadians are made.

OUR 1945 HOME BUILDERS

Richmond Hill last Spring felt the housing shortage. It was not as aggravated or grim as in many other communities. But it very definitely existed, and no easy remedy was forthcoming. Building materials were difficult to obtain, skilled labor was scarce, and there were other evidences, too, that the condition might become chronic, that "things might get worse before they got better", as an old saying would describe it.

Now, as Winter approaches, it is becoming clear to everyone that the shortage of houses is not going to become chronic, much less get worse. A few courageous residents of the Hill decided that the obstacles to home building were not, or, rather, need not be unsurmountable, and, thereupon, they proceeded to surmount them. They hunted high and low and they discovered sufficient materials for their purpose. Somehow or another they were able to enlist a little labor, too, but to a large extent their own hammers and saws figured conspicuously in their building programs. And now! Well, now, in different parts of the village are a number of houses, finished or almost finished, that, from the standpoint of durability and attractive appearance, are the equal of anything we already have or of anything available elsewhere.

We must salute these home builders, not only for what they have done, for their courage in overcoming the many obstacles in their way, and for the skill they have displayed, but also for the inspiration they afford others. Building materials and labor will not always be scarce, and folks who propose to build next year will not suffer the handicaps of the Hill's 1945 home builders. But in the light of what the 1945 builders were able to do, those who come after them will take courage and be enabled to do their share in making the larger community of the years to come a village of homes as attractive as any in the Dominion.

There is nothing, and there need be nothing in Richmond Hill, that looks like "the house that Jack built."

FROM OUR READERS

We received a letter from a reader this week that naturally afforded us much pleasure.

"I read with interest what you say about your classified advertising column," he writes, "and I note you would like to know of the experience of people who advertise with you. I don't often write letters to the papers, but I'm glad to let you know that I find your want ads, just as you say. They are good business pullers. I have used them on and off for some years to advertise different things, and I have no complaint to make. I get results every time."

Other readers did not write, but told us personally of their sense of satisfaction in finding goods and markets after investing 25 cents in a Liberal classified ad. A lady told us the classified columns attract her first attention when she gets her copy of The Liberal every week, and a highly successful Richmond Hill business man said:—

"Richmond Hill offers opportunity for several new businesses. "If I opened one I would confine my advertising to The Liberal, and particularly to the classified columns, and I'll bet I would get all the business I could handle."

Perhaps good taste would dictate that we ask the pardon of our readers for calling such a subject to their attention twice within a few weeks, and we do ask their pardon much in the mood and spirit of a man who stops a lady on the street with a "pardon me, but didn't you just drop this?" expression as he hands her the purse she might have otherwise lost.

A MOTHER'S VIEW

A Richmond Hill mother of two teen-age daughters commends our editorial of a week ago with respect to the young women of today confiding their puzzles and problems about courtship and marriage in their mothers rather

than in the conductors of so called "advice to the love lorn" columns in the daily newspapers.

"It is too much, however, to hope for," she says. "The mothers of today are usually on the outside looking in. I know. My daughters have their problems, but I am the last person to whom they would come with them, and so I would rather they would write to someone about them than try to solve them on their own account."

True, girls and boys haven't the experience or ripened judgment necessary to solve correctly some of the problems with which they are confronted. A parent should be their best guide, but parents, of course, should cultivate the art of winning the confidence of their offspring. It is an art and it is not easily learned, but it is one of those very important adjuncts of parenthood that should be acquired at all costs.

THE WHY OF THE BIG NEW LOANS

Export loans represent one of Canada's major post war problems at the moment, a fact which should be considered by income taxpayers and others before concluding they are unjustly treated in not having the taxation they were forced to endure in war years slashed at once to a minimum.

The Dominion government expects to be concerned for quite some time with the expansion of such credits. The present lending power of the country under the Export Credits Act is limited to \$100,000,000, and nearly half of that has been used for Czechoslovakia and Holland. Additional hundreds of millions are needed at once to underwrite loans now pending for France, Belgium, Norway and eventually Russia and China. The loan to France alone is expected to be \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000. So parliament must give the government power to lend even more, much more than has been already loaned.

Our apparent prodigality with the resources of the Dominion might appear to some to be ill advised. As a matter of fact, it is not a show of extravagance. Nor can the loans be side-tracked or neglected in favor of any policy of relieving home tax burdens if the welfare of the residents of Richmond Hill and every other Canadian community is to be considered.

Canada must advance credits to her potential peacetime customers until such time as exchange and currency become freely convertible into dollars or until such time as these customers are in a position themselves to produce goods for export to pay for materials, equipment, food-stuffs and merchandise which they want to import from Canada.

The normal peacetime trade of the Dominion has expanded under Mutual Aid to an export volume of \$3,500,000,000. Now with the end of the war mutual aid disappears, but our need of continuing trade, of keeping the markets we have, does not disappear which is the reason the government must and is doing something about it right away.

Surely Richmond Hill can never be criticized as a village unattractive to youth if everybody does his or her part. Revival of the trumpet band, resurrection of box lacrosse were proposed last week and it would be a comparatively easy matter to do both. Where there's a will there's a way. Then, too, there were several excellent suggestions from a correspondent, C. Mason, having to do with stamp collecting, the making of toys and handicraft generally.

EDGELEY

Well, harvesting is now almost a thing of the past but the sowing of wheat has taken its place. Crops this year should satisfy even the most exacting farmer, something for which everyone must be thankful.

The Edgeley branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Charles Thompson with a splendid attendance. The district president, Miss Hambly, and the district secretary, Mrs. Vanderburgh, were present and lent much to the meeting. The program was in charge of Mrs. Alf. Bagg, agricultural convenor and with her display of weed seeds gathered by her son at the O.A.C., and the talk on the fishing industry of Canada it was truly an agricultural one. Two new members were secured. All in all the meeting was considered highly satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snider and boys of Schenectady, N.Y., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Snider last week.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stong on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortonson and Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pickering and three children of Victoria Square.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Broadbelt and Miss Margaret, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stong, motored to Niagara Falls on Sunday and spent a few hours on the American side.

Mrs. Annie Mortonson has returned to Victoria Square after spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Stong.

Corn roasts are the order of the day now. One is being held this week by the young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Phillips. Old and young are invited.

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 11th day of August, 1945 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 dates of September 4th, October 2nd and November 6th, 1945, and that unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 7th day of December 1945 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 ten 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.

RUSSELL LYNETT, Village Treasurer.

Dated at Richmond Hill September 6, 1945.

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This record was only made possible through your donations of blood. We wish to thank you sincerely for your generous help at a time when the need was so great. Special thanks are also given to the doctors, nurses, transport drivers and all other volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents.

The Volunteer Blood Donor Service is now closed as a war measure. A new challenge is presented, however, for many deaths occur in Canadian hospitals each year for lack of an adequate transfusion service.

To meet this need, the Red Cross is making a survey with a view to providing all Canadian hospitals with blood for transfusion purposes. To our thanks, then, we add an invitation to help us as we continue our humanitarian work. When the time comes, and plans are ready, announcements will be duly made.

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