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CHAPTER TWO

Last week we told the story of the town of St. Marys, which has recently acquired the full-time services of a recreational director. We told how he had sent out questionnaires to the 4,000 folk of that town to learn just what they wanted in way of recreation.

This week we read in the St. Marys Journal-Argus that over 1,000 replies have been received so far — or one out of four of the men women and children of the town. Not bad for a start.

And here is a rough idea of St. Marys' wishes in the recreational line: Some 123 wish to take up photography; 144 are interested in woodworking; 130 in needle work; 94 in nature study, 61 in stamp collecting; 97 in plastics; 42 in coin collecting.

To continue: 316 were interested and wish to participate in the 'teen-age club, which the director plans to start at the end of March; 287 were ready for dancing, 58 for dramatics; 45 wanted a book club and 190 wished seasonal parties.

In sport, 162 wished to take part in baseball, 234 in softball, 59 in track and field, 325 in swimming, 168 in tennis and 78 in lawn bowling. Others were interested in gardening, modeling, hunting, fishing, sketching, ping-pong, golf, volley-ball, etc.

The results are not all in yet. But from those already received, it is obvious that there will be a large increase in the number of "clubs" organized in St. Marys this year; a large increase in the interests in the snarer pleasures of life for the people of St. Marys.

HERE'S HOW IT GOES

Evidently, and as long ago as last September, the Ontario government has had a plan for developing community recreation. According to F. L. Bartlett of the Department of Education, this is how it goes, and we quote the Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin:

"In brief, it is a means of co-ordinating recreation in a municipality for the greater benefit of the largest number. Organizations are encouraged to work together to this end. Where a representative committee has been approved by the local council, a full-time recreational director may be engaged and the Department will pay a percentage of the salary. The program is directed entirely locally and there is no dictation from the government.

"While operating through this committee the various organizations or clubs do not lose their identity but co-ordinate their efforts."

Now we quote the Simcoe Reformer, on the same subject:

"The towns of St. Marys and Smiths Falls are the latest to join the ranks of municipalities employing a full-time director of recreation. The Ontario government has inaugurated a plan whereby the province pays a very substantial part of the cost of such a director's salary providing a program of recreation is mapped out and approved. Organized sports activity and supervised recreation should be integral parts of the program of every progressive town today. The small outlay by the municipality required to provide a full-time director should encourage many towns to enter the plan."

Inasmuch as the town of Timmins is already paying out money for playground directors and a supervisor during the summer months, the council might consider whether this money, together with the money made available by the Ontario government for the purpose, would not do a better job if used for the expense for a full-time recreational director.

We submit the matter is worthy of enquiry and further consideration.

GARDENS FOR PEACE

The news this week shines with the word that Canada is going to tighten its belt, just a little, in order that the less fortunate in other parts of the world may have a better chance for life. There will be a little less food in Canada this year; a little more in Europe. And small as Canada's contribution may be when spread among the many millions who walk hungry this week, it may yet be enough to mean the difference between life and death.

It will mean, too, that Canada has not been altogether unmindful of its responsibility as one of the fortunate nations of the world, that in its awareness of that responsibility Canada is willing to do its part. We can all derive some satisfaction, therefore, from the dominion government's decision to ship more grain abroad, to keep less in Canada.

In the absence of an ampler supply of grain the public is being urged to interest itself in other foods, to eat a little less wheat — a little more of vegetables. Each one of us can do something to make this possible by directing our own individual habits of day-to-day eating. It's not a particularly difficult thing to do in a country whose larder provides such wealth of substitutes for our daily bread.

There's something else which can be done, of course. We can continue the "Victory gardens" which were part of our activity in wartime, and make them serve the needs of peace. Garden space is not so plentiful in the Camp as it is in other places. But there is enough of it to help a lot in providing food which we may enjoyably use as an alternative to the wheat which is so much needed by our friends overseas. And it may be said that among those who eat best in Canada in this coming winter will be those who plant the most vegetables this spring.

NO AXES FOR TAXES THIS YEAR

The writer of this column is no expert in municipal finance. The meanderings of the mill-rate are to him a matter of mystery.

About all he knows of taxes is that it is not the plural for tack. He has, however, the casual interest in the tax-rate which is shared by his fellow-citizens, aggravated by the nasty nosiness which has led him into newspaper work.

So this week we have been making enquires from persons suspected of being a little wiser than we are in the care and raising of tax rates. As a result, we are now betting 5-2 on an increased tax rate for 1946. Here, according to sources best forgotten, are our reasons.

Like many municipalities, Timmins has, because of the shortage of materials and manpower during the war years, left undone much of the improvements, purchases of equipment, etc., which normally she would have done. Now that the situation has eased there remains a considerable back-log of sidewalks and roads un-built, of sewers un-sewed, and machinery un-purchased.

Whether it might have been better to forsee this situation and maintain the tax rate during the war at levels which would have taken care of it, we know not. In any event it wasn't done, and we suspect that the sooner we set an increased tax rate and get caught up in our homework, the better it will be for the future of Timmins. We have the feeling that the necessary jump in the tax rate will cause a few nasty words about town and that these words may grow into quite long-winded paragraphs by the time next election day rolls around.

But if the public desires a proper public works program for the coming year, higher taxes are inevitable — in our amateurish opinion. We have been told this week that it is not difficult to lower taxes — all you have to do is slash the public works estimates for the coming year and leave the work for next year's council to catch up on. If taxes remain the same this year, it will be largely because the council has seen fit to adopt such an attitude.

If, however, the taxes do go up (and there's lots of wise money on it) then you can be assured the council has decided that at least some of those long overdue sidewalks and roads are going to be built; that here and there, long-suffering householders will be given the services they need; and that council has decided to buy machinery with which to do it.

WAGE BOOST NEEDED?

In the light of what happened at the Toronto meeting of gentlemen representing the Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Union, at least the heading of this editorial will get read. But regardless of any injustice from which the miners may or may not be suffering, our eyes are not too blinded by tears to miss the importance of the suggestion contained in the following:

"If the idea of advancing education appeals to the people, then they must be prepared to pay teachers' salaries which compare favourably with industry," says the monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada. "An analysis of teachers' salaries in the Dominion shows that 74.9 per cent received less than \$1,223 per year; 49.9 per cent less than \$782 per year, and 24.9 per cent less than \$537 per year. One Province has 50 per cent of its teachers receiving less than \$482 a year; in five Provinces they receive less than \$750 a year; in three Provinces the median is higher than \$1,000 a year. An 8-hour-day workman at 50 cents an hour would earn more than \$1,000 a year."

In conclusion the letter says: "It seems to be the consensus that only by having a well-educated citizenry can the grave problems of war and peace be solved and the common welfare of the community advanced. To fulfill this service, education cannot be made up of cycles of enthusiasm punctuated with periods of inaction. It cannot consist in opening a child's mind, as one does an oyster, by force. It cannot be a mountain of snobbery, because it will bring forth a very small education mouse."

Before any of us complain too loudly of our own plight, it is sometimes comforting to think of the plight of others. In considering the pay of the average miner, compared with the wages of many others who work equally hard, in other fields, it is sometimes interesting to ponder on who has the prior claim to make demands for better wages at this time.

MODERNIZE BUILDING BY-LAW

In regard to housing there is one job the provinces can and should do, remarks The Financial Post. "The provinces alone have power to influence their own municipalities to take a more reasonable attitude towards new building methods and materials, including prefabricated houses. If provincial premiers do not feel they can properly endorse individual proposals, they can at least inspire a concerted move by municipalities to clean the deadwood out of local building by-laws.

"A thousand and one dissimilar, obsolete and obstructionist municipal building codes today plague mass-house builders and deter adoption of new building materials and methods. Depression, war, machinations of special interest and apathy of local councils have combined to thwart any worth-while program to modernize or even standardize by-laws governing design, erection and equipment of houses and buildings.

"Depression and war no longer are valid excuses. Postwar reconstruction is upon us and the national goal of high and stable level of employment demands construction volume at or near capacity for years to come. We can't achieve such volume if archaic and ill-assorted building by-laws continue to stand in the way."

World News in Review

The Ontario provincial treasurer, presented the legislature with the budget last night. Forecasting a deficit of 21 millions he predicted it would be covered by revenue after the dominion-provincial conference.

A Canadian Congress of Labor spokesman stated in Ottawa last night that at least 200,000 union members will be involved in wage increase campaigns in the next two months.

Of 47,800 tons of rice promised for delivery to China in the first three months of this year, not one grain has arrived, the Chinese delegate told the UNRRA convention in Atlantic City this week, and stated that for the British colony in Hong Kong had received all it had been promised.

The dominion minister of agriculture stated brightly to the house this week, that in his tour of Europe recently he had decided that no one had actually died of starvation there since V-E day.

In Alton, Hants, England, a Winnipeg soldier has been sentenced to a year's detention for being A.W.O.L. for 207 days, and escaping custody. There is yet no mention of sentence

for those who never got into uniform at all.

C.C.F. Leader M. J. Coldwell addressed a meeting of about 20 students of six eastern universities in Ottawa this week, as part of a drive to get the C.C.F. movement into the universities.

A brief presented to the Royal Commission on education this week urged the need for sex education in secondary schools. "The advice to let sleeping dogs lie is frivolous," the brief stated. "There are no sleeping dogs, unless they are the educators."

No reduction in the output of Canadian beer is likely despite the appeal of Prime Minister King to the House of Commons for more bread for Europe, it is stated.

Prime Minister King should go to Moscow, the C.C.F. member from Winnipeg suggested to Commons this week. A number of folk are suggesting he use a one-way ticket.

THAT IRON CURTAIN

BY LEWIS MILLIGAN

The truest and most vitally important statement made by Mr. Winston Churchill in his Missouri speech on "The Sinews of Peace" was when he drew a parallel between the present position of the Soviet Union with that of Germany in 1935 and said: "Germany might have been saved from the awful fate which has overtaken her, and we might all have been spared the miseries Hitler let loose on mankind without a shot being fired."

Mr. Churchill was referring to the indifference with which his repeated warnings of the Nazi menace had been received in the thirties. At that time the people of the United States and most of its leaders were absolutely indifferent to what was going on in Germany, and if Mr. Churchill had dared to address an American audience on the subject he would have been howled down for his pains.

It will be recalled that in the early thirties Mr. Churchill paid a visit to the United States and Canada, and at that time he urged the necessity of a closer co-operation between the United States and the British Commonwealth.

But he was ignored wherever he spoke, and when he came to Toronto there was only a small audience in the Maple Leaf Gardens to listen to him.

He was afterwards knocked down by an automobile in the streets of New York. That may have been a pure accident, but in view of the decisive part that Mr. Churchill has since played in world affairs, there is a possibility that the accident was staged. At least we can say now that it was fortunate for the world that the accident was not fatal.

The tremendous bursts of applause with which Mr. Churchill's speech was punctuated in Missouri would seem to indicate that his proposals for a continuation of the alliance between the United States and the British Commonwealth would be favoured by the American people.

President Truman and the authorities of Westminster College must have been more or less acquainted beforehand with the contents of the speech, and it may be assumed that they were in general agreement with its main points.

It is perhaps too much to expect that the isolationists and the McCormicks will agree, in spite of the awful awakening of Pearl Harbor. But the terrible history of the past six years of war has broadened the minds of the American people and given them a world consciousness. Having emerged victoriously from a Global War, they now realize that they must secure a Global Peace.

The only hope for such a peace is in the closest possible union between the United States and the British Commonwealth. Mr. Churchill did not exaggerate when he said that "an iron curtain has descended across the continent, from Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic. This is not the liberated Europe we fought to build up," he said. "Nor is it one which contains the essentials of permanent peace."

Those are strong and deeply disturbing words, but they are only too true. When one comes to think back on those recent years of war when we regarded Russia as a sincere and faithful ally, to whom we sent at great cost in life and ships enormous quantities of war material, that "iron curtain" looms before us as a mockery and a blot-out of our hopes of peace-time fellowship with the Russian people.

Bernard Shaw is reported to have said that Mr. Churchill's proposal of a British-American alliance would amount to a declaration of war on Soviet Russia. But Mr. Shaw says nothing about the enforcement by the Soviet of alliances with Poland, Czechoslovakia, Roumania, Bulgaria, and the attempts to bring Iran, Turkey and Manchuria into the Russian orbit of power.

In addition to all that the Soviet Government has resumed its underground warfare against the political institutions of the democratic countries. Every advantage is being taken by Russian agents and their accomplices of the freedom within those countries to spread the doctrines of Communism and even to corrupt government offi-

cial. If that is not an undeclared and sinister war by the Soviet upon the British Commonwealth and the United States, then it is for Mr. Shaw and the "Friends of Russia" to tell us just what the Soviet is up to.

"We might all have been spared the miseries Hitler let loose on mankind without a shot being fired," said Mr. Churchill, and we can be spared the annihilation of a third world war by a straightforward acknowledgement of the danger of a division among the forces of freedom.

Timmins Library Lists New Books

The following is a list of some of the new books now to be found on the shelves of the Timmins Public Library:

BIOGRAPHIES
Up The Stream of Time, Viscountess Byng of Vimy: An informal and charming autobiography.

Unforgettable Unforgotten, Anne Buchanan: An interesting family chronicle.
Emily Murphy, Crusader, E. H. Sanders: An entertaining biography of one of Canada's most distinguished daughters.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, A Memorial, An informative summary of F.D.R.'s life, career and death.

Officially Dead, Quentin Reynolds: The story of Commander C.D. Smith, skipper of a Yangtze river steamer, Shanghai Harbor pilot, Captain of the U.S.S. Wake and the prisoner the Japs couldn't hold.

Drums Under The Windows, Sean O'Casey: In this volume we get the third part of the author's experiences in the life of Dublin.

The Ciano Diaries, 1939-1943, Count Ciano: The inside story of the warmakers.

Miscellaneous Subjects America's Place in the World, Nathaniel Peffer; The Great Conspiracy, Michael Sayers and A. E. Kahn; Evolution of The Dutch Nation, B. H. M. Vlekke; Chungking Listening Post, Mark Tenen; Flight From China, E. L. Booker; The Falaise Road, Alan Wood; Men Without Guns, Dewitt Mackenzie; Faith, Reason and Civilization, H. J. Laski; The Christ at The Peace Table, A. F. Gilmore; The Catholic Pattern, T. F. Woodlock; East is West, Ferra Stark; Gamblers With Fate, Doug Allan; Native Peoples of The Pacific World, F. M. Keesing; Spin A Silver Dollar, Alberta Hannum; Electrons In Action, James Stokley; A Second Treasury of The World's Great Letters, Brockway and Winer.

FICTION

The King's General, Daphne du Maurier; Cornwall, 300 years ago, is the background of this thrilling historical novel. Out of England's civil wars Daphne du Maurier has recreated the personal history of a great lady with a secret and her lover, the King's general.

The River Road, F. P. Keyes: A story of the bayou country of Louisiana, whose people and traditions Frances P. Keyes knows so well. The novel is packed with romance, surprise and suspense.

Brideshead Revisited, Evelyn Waugh: Here is a charming novel in which the reader will find an extraordinary love story and an illuminating presentation of the modern conflict between religion and divorce.

Reprieve, Warwick Deeping: The dramatic story of two people who finally found their reward because they had true faith in themselves and in life.

The Stars Incline, C. B. Davis: The story of the right man in love with the wrong girl, and of what this not uncommon situation did to the man.

Before The Sun Goes Down, E. M. Howard; Pool's Errand, F. F. Van de Water; You and I, Myron Brining; I Will Be Good, Hester Chapman; The Unsuspected, Charlotte Armstrong; Dark Sails, H. T. Miller; The Stone in The Rain, Laurette MacDuff; Twilight on The Danube, F. C. Weltschopf; Red Rain, Leslie King; The Lance of Longius, Prince Hubertus zu Loewenstein; Gilded Ladder, Hebe Blana; Desert Episode, G. C. Greenfield; More Lives Than One, H. D. Skidmore; also a number of light romances, mystery and western stories.

Separate Schools Get New Inspector With North Bay Offices

William H. Bulgar, B.A., for the past five years a member of the armed forces, has been appointed by the provincial government as Separate School inspector to succeed C. P. O'Neill, M.A. of North Bay, who has been transferred to the staff of the provincial Normal Schools. Mr. Bulgar's headquarters will be at the School Inspectors' Joint Offices, 10 Fraser Street, North Bay.

From 1932 to 1940 Mr. Bulgar was on the reserve strength of the army, with the rank of lieutenant. In 1940 he obtained leave of absence from Penetang high school, of which he was principal, and was taken on strength as officer instructor at an army base training centre. In 1941 Mr. Bulgar transferred to the Air Force and held the rank of Flying Officer in the R.C.A.F. from 1941 until his retirement in 1945.

Born in Newboro, Leeds County, Ontario, Mr. Bulgar attended the local elementary school, the Athens high school, and the Smith's Falls collegiate institute, obtaining a 1st class interim certificate from the Ottawa normal school in 1925. While teaching he pursued his studies, and after a year of intramural work, graduated from Queen's University in 1932 with honours in English and French. Previous to the principalship of Penetang high school, Mr. Bulgar taught in Mattawa separate school, Schreiber Continuation School and Chatham Collegiate Institute.

Ontario Boosts Road Expenditures; May Have Budget Deficit

Biggest increase in the Ontario government's appropriations for its various departments is the boost of 28 million to raise the total for highways to \$46,837,000, the largest single item in the budget.

Money spent on education comes next, with an increase of almost four million to a total of \$38,171,607. Health also gets a three million boost to \$15,372,390 and welfare a half-million to \$14,157,638.

The department of agriculture will spend \$7,857,349 an increase of \$1,450,000. Department of Municipal Affairs is very slightly increased, to \$3,379,894.

Department of mines is increased by \$106,000 to a total of \$550,000.

All of which adds up to a deficit of some 21 millions, which the government hopes to get back in extra revenue after the conclusion of the dominion-provincial discussions.

Board of Health Meets, Hears Reports

A meeting of the District Board of Health was held in the municipal building, here, on Friday, Mar. 14.

Mr. John Beattie acted as chairman and all members were present. The reports of the Communicable Disease committee, the Venereal Disease committee, the sanitary inspectors' report and the nurses' report were discussed and accepted.

The business at hand for the month was dealt with and the next meeting will be held on April 12 in the town hall at South Porcupine.

New Ration Book To Arrive In Autumn

Canadians will get new ration books early this fall, according to an announcement made recently by Wartime Prices and Trade Board. The new ration book is being prepared now and is required because present ration coupons for meat and sugar will run out later in the year. The new ration book will be No. 66.

Early announcement of the new ration book is being made to help before the public the continuing critical world food shortage and the part Canada must play in helping to feed the starving millions abroad, an official stated.

The same system of distribution used in the past, will be set up to hand out the new books. Staffed by thousands of volunteers, distribution centres will be organized by the 627 Local Ration Boards across Canada.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN CHINA ARE TOO POOR TO BUY NEWS PAPERS

TO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES THEY HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE FREE NEWS PAPERED ON BULLETIN BOARDS

WHAT IS THE GROUND COLOR OF ZEBRA? WHITE

Notes To You

One thing we like about this sheet—we can scribble just about anything we like, this side of label. And we may take a shot at that yet. What we mean to say is that we are free to say what we like about the Conservatives, and we still keep our job. We can hand a jab to the Liberals without having to call around on the Employment Service afterward.

We can give a little write-up to a returned serviceman starting up in business without having to sell him an advertisement first, and sometimes we give a little publicity to some charity affair without worrying whether we got the printing order or not.

We can say what we want about that mealy-mouthed buttonhead who beats his gums on the outer edges of this page, and he has to take it.

Such freedom has its responsibilities, of course, and one of these is printing in the news a number of opinions with which we are entirely in disagreement. Take this week, for instance:

In a write-up of a certain club we report a speaker as saying, "Everybody can sing." Now there is a statement we are unable to support. So far as we can see, or hear, nobody can sing. And nobody better try it round here. Nobody. We've got enough trouble without everybody singing about it.

We admire the courage of a person who would make a statement like "Everybody can sing". That, my friends, takes courage. That also, in our opinion, is just asking for trouble. We would like the speaker to have amended that statement in some way. Or, at least, the speaker might have added, "Yes, anybody can sing, but leave nobody try it round here. We repeat, nobody, d'you hear? It's bad enough now."

But, as we say, whether we disagree with a statement or not, it goes in the paper -- so long as it represents an honest opinion.

Noble, ain't it?

What's really worrying us is our chances of being selected as Queen Esther at the Purim Ball next Wednesday. Our alleged friends have tried to point out that we are the wrong sex--some people are always dragging in the sex angle -- but we can't see it. So long as we've got the personality, we claim, we ought to be selected.

In any event, win or lose, we're going to the Purim Ball, even if it means we got to take the wife with us. Sex of one and half a dozen of another, we always say.

Okay, so you don't get it.

This is the plea of a worried parent. It is addressed to those gentlemen whose apparent duty it is to bring the refuse-removal truck around at some other time of the day. Thursday morning at seven o'clock is not the right time for it, from our point of view.

It's all on account of Terrible Terence, the offspring, being in love with the garbage truck. He is awake half the night waiting for the thing to come down the lane. (We belong to that exclusive set that have lanes, you'll note). He lives through the rest of the week so that he may get one more glimpse of the men putting the trash into that gootit at the back and then, oh, ecstasy! -- to see the gootit rise, in infinite majesty to the top of the truck, turn a somersault and dump the trash into the lovely big bin which forms the body of the truck.

Unfortunately, his favorite window for viewing these wonders is the one by which we shave. And on Thursday morning it's important that we get down to the office on time. We so often publish on that day, and we don't want the Daily Press to go short of material for the following week.

DIAMONDS WATCHES

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AN ENGLISH TAYLOR NAMED PARKINSON MADE THE FIRST KILT

ANDREW JACKSON WAS THE FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT WHO DISTINCTLY MADE PUBLIC OFFICE A REWARD FOR PARTY SERVICE