

LEADERS OF LOCAL WOMEN'S GROUPS PROTEST SOARING FOOD PRICES



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Moneta Wine-makers Gape at Grape Price

Residents of Moneta opened wide their eyes when they saw what had happened to grapes as the result of recent price increases. However, for most Italian residents who make native wines the price of grapes—\$4 a bunch—was of no concern.

Persons who make their own wine buy their grapes in September and early October. However, if the ban on U.S. fruits and vegetables continues next year, one variety of grape which is used widely here won't appear on the Canadian market. It is a California grape which produces a wine of a light brownish color. Wine-makers will have to stick to the Canadian variety which produces a dark purple wine.

An area of five acres on the North side of Vimy street between Rea and Cameron streets was offered to the town of Timmins at this week's meeting of council by D. V. Killeen. Mr. Killeen asked \$12,000 for the property.

BOTH PUBLIC, GROCERS DENOUNCE INCREASES

Little Money; Gals Make Own Dresses

As the result of the high cost of living brought about by recent price increases in foodstuffs, more and more of the women of the Porcupine are making their dresses and clothing for their families at home, the Advance learned this week.

Ladies wear shops report that business is extremely dull, but on the other hand, dry goods merchants are experiencing a boom.

"Business has jumped hand-over-fist," the proprietor of the town's largest dry goods store said. "When money is scarce women start coming to us in bigger numbers and frankly I'm ashamed at the amount my business has increased lately."

Councillor Quesnel Asks Rewards Given After False Alarms

The town of Timmins should post rewards for information leading to the arrest of persons who ring in false alarms to the fire department, Councillor Fred Quesnel, chairman of the fire and light committee, advised council this week.

Mr. Quesnel stated that false alarms for the fire department had reached serious proportions and that three had already been made this year. Council will decide at its meeting next week whether rewards will be offered.

Overlaps On Street

Another instance of lack of proper surveying before a building was erected in Timmins occurred at this week's meeting of council, when it was learned that a new garage erected at the corner of Second avenue and Balsam street overlapped slightly on town property on both streets.

Mr. Norwood Paukert of Iroquois Falls spent the weekend with friends in town.

More For Children

Timmins town council was asked at its meeting this week to increase its per diem grant for the children who are taken charges in the Children's shelter. In the past the town has paid 75 cents per day toward the upkeep of these youngsters. Due to extra costs today, welfare officials are asking that this amount be boosted to \$1.

Women Ask Control Again On Foodstuffs

Anger and resentment is the keynote in Timmins today as local women attempt to juggle the family budget to allow for the increased cost of living due to the recent manner in which food prices have rocketed upward. So intense is the feeling that a full-fledged and unopposed buyers' strike is in progress, amply reflected in large drops in revenue among town merchants.

And this feeling of resentment does not halt with the women who buy the town's groceries. It is extended to the merchants themselves who are powerless to cut retail prices until wholesale prices recede. In a survey made the Advance, merchants were unanimous in condemning the price increases.

"It is a shameful situation," one grocer said, "and I don't say that simply because business has fallen off. I know as well as everyone else that the average workman cannot pay the prices being asked for food today, and I feel sorry for those who are trying. It is a rotten business, through and through."

As a result of the high prices, most grocers are attempting to get rid of credit trade, for they fear that bills may mount to a point where customers are unable to pay. Already they have had a number of bitter experiences where buyers have got in "over their heads" due to the high prices.

"Credit today is the worst I have ever seen it," a grocer situated in the Hill district said. "Things are at the stage where I don't care if I get any business or not. It is better to do nothing than not get paid. I have nothing but sympathy for the general public who have to pay today's prices, but if I am going to survive myself I am going to have to watch credit like a hawk."

Leaders of the town's women's organizations condemned recent price increases in an outright manner. They charged that racketeering was taking place in foodstuffs and urged that price controls on food be re-imposed.

"It has become a terrible situation," Mrs. Carl Briggs, president of the Gold Star Chapter of the Women's Institute said, "Prices are beyond all

reason. Controls on food prices should be brought back."

"The fact is that average families have reached the stage where they are unable to eat properly," said Mrs. P. B. Nolan, president of the Catholic Women's League. "I can't understand how larger families are getting along. It is a very serious situation."

"We can get along without luxuries, but with foods it is a different matter," said Mrs. Os Carter, president of the Kinettes club. "It seems to me that price controls should be brought back, provided they are properly handled and business generally is not damaged."

Mrs. J. D. Campbell, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Local 241, said that the union has been striving to obtain the return of price controls for some time.

"All of a miner's wages today are going for food and rent," she said. "There is nothing left for anything else. Price ceilings should definitely be returned and as soon as possible. Perhaps even rationing should be brought back if there is not enough to go around."

"The re-imposition of price controls on food is the quickest and best way of bringing down food prices," said Mrs. L. Labow, president of the Princess Alice Club. "Prices are too high for the average family to follow a proper diet."

She said that a Royal Commission to investigate the prices of food would probably be a waste of time, due to the amount of delay in dealing with an urgent situation.

"Prices have become really out of hand," said Mrs. Harry Presley, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, Branch 88. "An average man cannot look after his family properly the way things are at present. I am in favor of the return of price controls."

"All the vital foods, milk, butter, vegetables and meat, have gone up," said Mrs. I. Makynen, chairman of the Ladies Aid of the Finnish Lutheran Church. "Prices are far ahead of wages. It is going to be awfully difficult unless something is done."

Union Declares Timmins To Spearhead Wage-drive

The Porcupine camp will be the focal centre during 1948 of the drive for wage increases in Canada's mining industry, according to speakers at Sunday's public rally of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers. The rally, held in the Empire theatre, featured speeches by the leaders of the mine union from all parts of Canada and was highlighted by the presence of John Clark of Montana, international president.

"You miners of the Porcupine have been given the ball in the wage drive," Julian Bolselle of Malartic told the audience. "The rest of us will all be watching the Timmins camp. The fight is already in the eleventh hour."

His sentiments were repeated by Nels Thibeault of Sudbury who pledged the full support of Sudbury Local 598. Mr. Thibeault compared conditions in the Porcupine to conditions in Sudbury before the union obtained a contract with International Nickel.

declared that the union was the only organization which could cope with present-day living conditions and that it deserved the support of the entire community, including businessmen as well as miners.

"All the town's business people should be interested in the wage drive," Mr. Clark said. "If we don't get higher wages, how can businessmen here survive? It should be the part of the program of every businessman to aid as much as possible, if only for his own benefit."

"We're here and we're here to stay," vice president Reid Robinson stated. "In spite of newspaper articles, editorials and the radio, we're going to stay here till the Porcupine miner gets the wage increase that he's entitled to. We're not Reds, we're just good citizens who want more milk for our kids and less profits for the boss."

Mrs. Sam Cohen has returned to Toronto after spending the last several months visiting relatives and friends in the district.

FOOD PRICES Have Skyrocketed Beyond Reason!

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E. C. LAPALME
Clerk-Treasurer

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NOTICE

The Municipal Council Meetings will be held in the Town Hall, Ansonville on the first and third TUESDAY of each month at 8.15 p.m. for the year 1948.

E. C. LAPALME
Clerk-Treasurer