

The Financial Post SAYS

UTION TO BUTTER SHORT. — In thousands of angry protests against the margarine ban, the editors in Canada, we imagine, said everything there is to be said about this outrage, declares The Financial Post editorially. They have also spoken sonorously and well about the highly odoriferous action of the House of Commons and the Senate in letting the ban stand. Hereby, both houses have lost in dignity and in decency. But the most devastating comment on the ethics and justification of the margarine ban now comes from a representative of the powerful lobby most interested in maintaining this ban.

"Canada will face the greatest butter shortage in history next winter unless steps are taken immediately to avert it," J. H. Duplan, president of the National Dairy Council of Canada, said at Ottawa.

Mr. Duplan makes some suggestions to ease it.

But not one word about the simplest, most obvious way of fixing this situation: lifting that noisome negation of justice and common sense, the margarine ban.

It's time for Canadians to pin down their MP's on this miserable affair, and ask, Where do you stand on the margarine scandal?

DUBIOUS WAY TO RAISE REVENUE — The motorist already victimized by an excessive load of taxation, is apparently in for an extra trimming, states a Financial Post editorial. Speed traps and general police persecution are again growing rankly. Particularly poisonous is the suburban municipality which sets out to speed-trap tourists and city commuters.

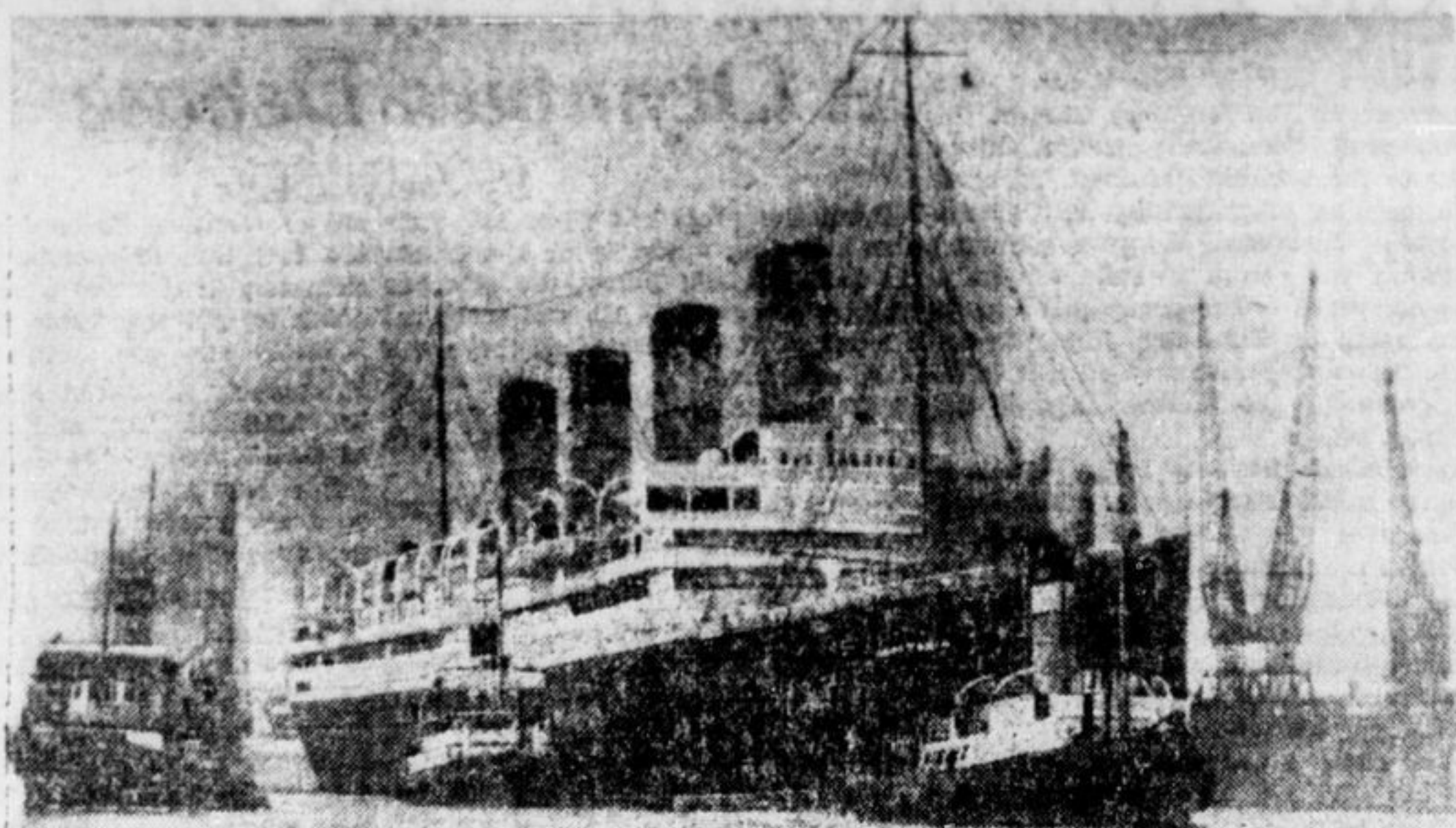
This is not defending excessive speed. It is a complaint against the misuse of authority to impose what amounts to extra taxation by a very dubious method, which is susceptible to many demoralizing abuses.

Properly located and timed traffic lights do a far better job of controlling speed than the speed trap system.

"FIRE-SAFE WOOD" — Flame-resistant frame houses may be a little nearer, reports The Financial Post. Big Pennsylvania maker of cooking equipment, chemicals and construction materials claims an improved chemical pressure-treatment for lumber in framing and finishing buildings; says it will give wood greatly increased ability to check flame decay and termite attack over wood treated by established chemical formulae. Treatment is said odorless and harmless to lumber's color and paintability.

CANADA'S CONSCRIPTION POLICY — In both world wars Canada put off facing the matter of military conscription until years after the fighting had started. As a result we reaped little advantage from such a

"AQUITANIA" INAUGURATES NEW SERVICE



The famous 46,000-ton liner "Aquitania" leaving Southampton for Halifax to inaugurate a new fast service between Britain and Canada under an agreement between Cunard White Star and the Canadian Government.

"Aquitania" carries more than 1,800 passengers, of whom 100 travel in First Class and the balance in Tourist Class. The ship will make a round trip voyage every three weeks, thereby increasing the transatlantic accommodation for business men and visitors as well as providing a greatly increased number of berths for soldiers from the United Kingdom.

Before sailing on her new itinerary, "Aquitania" was visited by Canada's High Commissioner in London and the Agents General for some of the provinces interested in receiving British settlers. From left to right they are: K. A. McMullen, Agent General for Alberta; Norman A. Robertson, Canadian High Commissioner; J. S. P. Armstrong, Agent General for Ontario; and Graham Spay, Agent General for Saskatchewan.



major step but escaped none of the disadvantages. The Financial Post says editorially. Our flow of reinforcements to the fighting fronts was dangerously reduced, our vital national unity was weakened, and there was disturbance to industrial production by the call-up of workers.

In another war that sort of procrastination might prove fatal. In any case it should not be necessary.

It would be far better for the country generally, far better for our military contribution to the common effort, if, before we became involved our official stand on conscription was clarified and made known. Twice we have waited until the very last moment and needlessly distracted ourselves and our Allies when everything should have been concentrated on winning the war.

TEXTILE BUSINESS BOOMS — Officials in the selling end of the textile industry are just about convinced that the honeymoon is over as far as they are concerned. The Financial Post reports in a survey of the industry.

First postwar promotional campaigns are ready for the market. Management, at the same time, is combating through production costs with a new look in its eye.

Not that the industry is faced with a sharp drop in demand — temporary import restrictions against U.S. fabrics and slowness of the U.K. to resume a strong competitive position has helped maintain domestic business at near peak levels. But from here on each company will have to work a lot harder to keep its proportion of the consumer's spending dollar.

Increasing competition among domestic firms and from foreign textile firms and also from an expanding range of consumer goods is the big challenge ahead.

OUR BUSINESS OUTLOOK — Canadian businessmen headed for holiday resorts and golf courses this week with an air of satisfaction and optimism about them. There would be few vacation worries, this year, things looked pretty good for the last half of 1948, reports The Financial Post. Barring major international com-

plications, the last six months of 1948 should see the boom continue.

Here's the way it looks. Production for the last half of the year will rise, in spite of increased costs. Pent-up demand still unfilled at year's end and although continued high prices may in some cases reduce sales volume. Wages and prices varied but the trend is still up. Capital expansion, savings and profits all rising in tune with the economy.

Mrs. F. Menault, Wilcox St., is spending a month's holiday at Gananoque.

Shortage of Labour On Ontario Farms

In a statement late today Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, extended until July 20th the organized movement of workers from the Prairie Provinces to Ontario and made an urgent appeal for volunteers from Western Canada to help harvest the eastern crops.

With bumper crops expected, early harvesting operations are in full swing in the East and during the past week a serious shortage of farm workers has developed. So far, the flow of workers from the western provinces and the Maritimes under Dominion-Provincial Farm Labour Movements has not kept up with the demand.

The anticipated demand stands at about 2,500 outside workers. So far, less than 900 have come forward — 730 from the Prairies and 120 from the Maritimes.

New Garage Opens At Matheson

One of the most up-to-date garages in Northern Ontario opened at Matheson, on the new highway this week. It was built by Mr. Robt. Potter of Matheson. It is a concrete structure 65 ft. by 70 ft., steel girders to eliminate the posts, giving a clear floor space. Automatic heat control above the door height, fluorescent lighting, large side doors to accommodate busses or large vans, two doors in the front. Large showroom with conveniently located stockroom and adjoining office.

The ladies room is finished in Royal blue and black with a touch of deep yellow on the chairs. The ladies room was designed by Mrs. R. S. Potter, and could not be improved upon. The ladies will agree, it is something that has been needed for years in their travels throughout Northern Ontario. The mens room is also up-to-date.

They have the FORD agency for this district and plan to have a large stock of Ford parts. They handle Imperial gasoline and carry oil. Incidentally, the concrete blocks used in this building were made of material from his own pit and the blocks were made at Mr. Potter's Block Factory on Highway no. 11.

The bagpipe is a musical instrument of ancient origin, developed from the primitive reed pipe.

Legion Prizewinners At July 1st Dance

Prizewinners at the Legion Hall dance on July the First have just been announced. The dance floor was so crowded that the dancers couldn't even wiggle when a rumba was called for.

The prizewinners were as follows: \$50.00 Cash - donated by Branch 88 - No. 929 - J. J. Auger, 351 Elm St. So., Timmins, Ontario.

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\$10.00 Taxi Voucher - Victory Taxi - No. 185 - J. Wakeford, 164 Tuke Street, Timmins, Ont.

Vita Ray Kit - Robb Drugstore - No. 516 - A. M. Gauthier, 44 Main St., Timmins, Ontario.

Sport Shirt - Steinberg and Mahn - No. 498 - R. J. Taylor, 175 Spruce St., N., Timmins, Ontario.

50 lb. Fruit Cake - Al Wetmore - won by Mrs. R. P. Hardy, 86 Cameron St. N., Timmins, Ontario.

SELF-MADE MAN

George Washington, first president of the United States was largely self-taught and early in his life was a surveyor.

G Manser from Kent Says Britain Strong

Mr. G. Manser, of Maidstone, Kent, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Briggs of Dome Mine for three months and has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Briggs of 19 Commercial avenue, Timmins.

Mr. Manser said that he had waited 18 months in England for his passage to Canada and was unable to bring any English money with him, but he said, "I find it interesting trying to make do with what I have."

When Mr. Manser left England the meat ration had just been cut and he is enjoying the Canadian abundance of food. He said that a quarter pound of butter for a man and his wife per week was the new ration but this was more severe than appeared on the surface because there was a shortage of cooking fats and other fats to make up for the butter.

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