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Notes and Comments

Fees Paid Hong Kong Commission Read Like Fairy Tale.

The Royal Commission enquiring into the Hong Kong expedition, which recently made their report to the government have since tendered their bills to Ottawa. It makes interesting reading, and makes us wish that we could all be appointed just once to a Royal Commission. George A. Campbell of Montreal received \$9,568, R. L. Kellock of Toronto, \$7,298, and R. M. Fowler of Toronto \$4,084. Col. George A. Drew, the other member of the Commission, had not sent in a bill.

Why such lucrative pay is handed to Royal Commissions is hard to understand, especially in war time when people are taxed in a really serious way to raise money to carry on the war effort.

Why we are sure that four competent lawyers could have been found in rural Ontario who would have accomplished just as much as the fancy paid Commission, and who would have done the work for less than the amount paid the lowest commissioner. Perhaps we are wrong, what do you think?

Taking Blood Tests from Car Drivers

The Province of Ontario should have a place for taking blood tests from drunken drivers without cost to the town or township who is asked to take the blood from some person in charge of a police officer and who may be suspected of being drunk.

Last week two cars crashed in Stouffville. One driver admitted having a drink or two, but would not admit being drunk. A blood test was ordered by the police, and when the report came back there was a bill for \$10. The blood "doner" was from the U.S.A. and had returned home in the meantime. Why should the village have to pay \$10 for this blood test, remembering that both cars were merely passing through our community? As smaller municipalities get wise to this situation, they will refuse to make a test even though such test should be made.

Tax Arrears were Wisely Saved

Stouffville ratepayers may indeed be congratulated on getting by this year 1942 with a tax rate no higher than that paid two years ago, namely a net rate of 35 mills. It would take two mills to pay for the new sidewalks put down this year, while the school board has increased its levy by \$500 or about three quarters of a mill. Despite these sharp increases, it has all been absorbed and there will be no increase.

Over the past two years several thousands of dollars in tax arrears have been collected by the village and therein lies the answer. Instead of spending this money as it came in, the council wisely conserved much of it as a surplus and now it has been a splendid buffer to keep the rate stable at a time when many other heavy taxes are upon us.

Army Food and Guns

"More food will be wasted in Ontario this year than ever before," said Harry H. Scott, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture following a meeting of the executive last week. One hundred acre farms everywhere are going vacant, and far too many are being only half worked. This is evident to anyone driving through the country with one eye open. To those who could remedy this situation, only a food shortage will bring home the seriousness of the situation. Official Ottawa is convinced that the farmer will produce anyway, short of help or not.

The fight is on as to whether it is to be a big army, plenty of food, or lots of guns. Just now the food end seems to be ignored, and the farmer is kicking hard for recognition.

Too Much "Sweetness" Dangerous

Persons who had a bag of sugar on hand when the sugar rations came into force were very fortunate, but those who in spite of the bag in the pantry, continued to buy more, are finding themselves in trouble. A sugar ration officer is checking up and where he finds that Mrs. Jones has been pulling on the merchant when she had lots of sugar on hand, is seeking to enact the penalty of a \$50 fine. Was there ever a time when innocent folk became more entangled with the law than today?

Sweet-toothed Canadians will certainly have to stretch their sugar supply further than formerly, denying themselves perhaps the crystal cubes that used to sweeten their tea and coffee. But those who have already made this slight sacrifice find it no real hardship.

Describing village life in England of 600 years ago, a historian stated that all salt used for preserving meat was produced by evaporation in pans on the seashore, and that a couple of bushels of salt cost as much as a sheep. While salt was dear and scarce, sugar was unknown except to the very rich. The poor had little to sweeten their lot, apart from the honey enjoyed by those who owned a hive.

Like many other things that were once regarded as luxuries, sugar became a common place necessity but now threatens to recede into the luxury class again.

Our War Effort

A Weekly Review of Developments on the Home Front

1. Proclamation tabled in Commons making all men between the ages of 20 and 40 years inclusive, who were either single or childless widowers on July 15, 1940, subject to compulsory military service.

Scope of compulsory military service to extend to Newfoundland and Labrador.

2. By vote of 158 to 54, House of Commons gives second reading to Bill enabling Government to impose conscription for overseas service.

3. In furtherance of decisions reached at Ottawa Air Training Conference, changes made in capacity and location of many schools operated under British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

4. Aero Timber Products Ltd., a new Crown company, incorporated to develop and increase production of airplane spruce for both Canada and Great Britain.

5. North American continent running so short of raw materials, that many Canadian manufacturers will be unable to obtain enough from the United States to keep going, reveals Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply. New priorities system established at Washington establishing definite quotas for all manufacturers using more than \$5,000 worth of metals in a calendar quarter.

6. Census to be completed within 30 days of all used industrial construction and road maintenance machinery.

7. Use of Petroleum asphalt for roads, roofing and certain other industrial purposes prohibited except under permit. Purpose: to conserve fuel oil for navy.

8. To assist in meeting increasing demand for copper, zinc, lead and other strategic metals and minerals, arrangement made under which Canadian production will be increased and the additional ores or metals supplied to the Metals Reserve Corporation, a wartime company owned by the United States Government.

9. Regional offices of the Oil Controller throughout Canada took over on July 2 handling of all applications and issuing of all gasoline ration books.

10. No person may spend, without licence from Controller of Construction, more than \$2,500 for conversion of his heating or power production facilities from oil or gas to coal or other fuel.

11. Cost of living index advanced from 116.1 at May to 116.7 at June 1. War-time increase: 15.8 per cent.

12. Special stenographic allowances, ranging from \$5 to \$15 a month, according to proficiency, to be granted to qualifying Grade 1 employees of the Ottawa Civil Service. Change made to meet shortage of stenographers and typists available for government employment.

13. Index of physical volume of business on base 1935-1939 was 131.8 in May against 140.4 in April. Standing for May, however, nearly 32 percent above average for base period.

14. Average rate of wages paid to farm laborers, where farmer provides board, \$1.91 per day at

The Editor's Mail

BANDMASTER CALLS FOR ACTIVE SUPPORT

4 Bracebridge Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, 4th July 1942.

Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario.

Sir, This letter is being written in an effort to dispel the unwarranted ideas some people hold in regard to the Stouffville Junior Band.

Let me first explain that the band has not disbanded but that meetings have been discontinued during the hot summer weeks in order that the band members and the bandmaster may have a rest and subsequent recuperation from a strenuous season. Many of the members are holidaying in July and August and some are giving assistance to the farmers who are hard pressed for help. Plans are now being made for an open air concert during the last week in August.

The committee are deeply grateful for a \$100 gift from the town through the council which will help a lot the stringent finances.

The committee hopes that many of the boys and girls who have not yet availed themselves of the opportunity to join the band will do so at that time. The committee also feel that many of the townspeople who have voiced their appreciation and delight in the band will now come forward with their suggestions and support.

In the final analysis this is the Stouffville Band, it is a credit and an inspiration to the community as a whole and the boys and girls who comprise its membership are your boys and girls. After eighteen months association with them I can honestly say that they are of the "salt of the earth" and that their friends as well as their parents have a right to feel proud of them. I have often felt that way and yet they are your children.

In closing let me remind you that man lives not by bread alone and that as this war grows in intensity and demolition becomes more wide spread music will be called upon to play an important part in the moral building of the nation.

Yours very truly,
A. McDowall Ridley,
Bandmaster.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH

The Sabbath is the oldest of our institutions. "On the seventh day God ended His work which He had

made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." Gen. 2: 2, 3. Later, God commanded the children of Israel to "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus. 20:8. After a few hundred years the people ignored the laws of the Sabbath. As punishment for this and other wanderings from the Word of God they were carried into captivity "to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths" 2 Chron. 36:21.

The religionists of Jesus' day had added many burdensome regulations to God's commandment. Jesus by His works of healing on the Sabbath, showed that it was "lawful to do well on the Sabbath day." Matt. 12:12

The Sabbath was not designed as an encumbrance for man but as a benefit and a delight. "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Mark. 2:27. The Sabbath is a symbol of that soul rest which remaineth "to the people of God" Heb. 4:9.

We ought to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy not only because God commands it but because we need it. Physically, mentally and spiritually we need the Sabbath. In these days when we so much need God to interpose in our behalf, as one of the United Nations let us "call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable... then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord." Is. 58:13,14.

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