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## Notes and Comments

### Strikes May Cause Real Hardship

Nothing could better illustrate the present and precarious position of the nation's 1943-44 coal supply than the strike events of recent days, says the Financial Post.

Until mine workers went on strike in Alberta, B. C. and U. S. fields a few days ago, Canadian officials were beginning to breathe a little more easily and feel that prospects for 1943-44 were not too discouraging.

Now the loss of tonnage in the Canadian west and in the U. S. mines, if it persists long enough, upsets the balance and may cause real hardship.

In short, the coal supply situation hangs this year on a precariously fine balance which may easily be topped one way or another depending on: strikes, severity of the winter, transportation difficulties.

Ottawa officials believe Canada has never entered a winter when there was better co-ordination and organization to meet the exigencies of a mounting wartime emergency demand for fuel. Not only have plans been laid with the greatest care to avoid or remove bottlenecks, but it is thought that the public has been carefully prepared both for conservation and for action which will make the best possible use of what tonnage is available.

### Time to Act on Time

Farm groups in Hans county, N. S., are petitioning the government to revert to standard time again as soon as possible. When you stop to think, isn't it amazing that farm groups in Ontario have remained silent on a question like this which so vitally affects farm life.

Now that winter is approaching there is good reason for resuming standard time until spring again. Shortly we will witness the spectacle of children starting off to school in the gray dawn, and protest has been made both in towns and rural districts against this situation.

Some Boards even put the school on standard time for the winter to overcome the difficulty, and, while this is feasible in school sections where children all take their lunch, it is not workable in places like Stouffville. Dad coming in to dinner at one hour and the children at another just wouldn't suit.

Anyway, what is there to be gained by fast time in the winter? The saving of electric current has pretty well been exploded, so let the farm groups stir the powers at Ottawa to give them back "God's time" for winter seasons.

### Rural Merchant Must Plan Against Robbers

Rural business places in this district are suffering heavily again this fall from robberies committed by strangers who come in cars and carry off the goods. In the immediate district \$2,500 in stolen merchandise has gone in the past few weeks. Fortunately for Stouffville, merchants they have not been singled out for assault yet, but it could happen here, and for that reason it might be well to

give the matter some consideration.

We note that towns with the best police protection are not immune. Night police can be trailed, and the robbery committed when he is in the other part of the town, and so the merchant that is wise will not depend too much on the night patrol.

The surest way to deal with these scoundrels and jackals in addition to maintaining a vigilant watch, is to secure your store premises against entry. Merchants should bear in mind that only the modern stores built in very recent years gave any thought to security against thieves, and improvements therefore must be added to 95 per cent of the stores to make them more burglar proof.

Windows in the rear of stores should be covered with heavy screen the weight of strong guard rail wire. Properly installed it is almost impossible for robbers to get by it unless they carry special tools which take time to work and are not noiseless.

Outer rear doors made from medium gauge sheet or steel with hinges to the inside and strong hooks inside repel the average burglar, for he cannot get by it with any hack saw such as is used on wooden doors. These installations well planned are not expensive and will give the merchant a reasonable sense of security from rear door break-ins which is the place of attack in eight out of ten cases.

Many local stores we know of have improved locks on their front doors. These will do much to retard a front-entrance break-in, and if an electric alarm is attached, the chances of repelling the robber is a great deal better. The merchants cannot afford to sit back like the banks and let the robbers have full fling.

### The Profit Motive; What Shall it Profit?

There is a lot of loose talk in these days about the "profit motive." Socialists speak of it as if it were the original sin — "the fruit of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste brought death into this world and all our woe." They tell us that we will never regain our lost paradise until we get rid of this Satanically inspired "profit motive." Indeed there may be something in that contention, for when one comes to think of it, the motive that prompted our first parents to partake of the forbidden fruit was one of profit. Eve listened to the reptile's sales talk about the big dividends that would accrue from the investment.

But most of the socialists of my acquaintance don't believe the story of the Garden of Eden, and those who do contend that it is a parable, and that the fall of man was in reality a "fall upward." If that be the case, then their argument against the profit motive resolves itself into a plea for mankind's return to primitive conditions. On the same basis the capitalists could argue that the profit motive was the first incentive to man's progress. It has undoubtedly been a powerful motive in the development of industry and the expansion of trade and commerce. There would have been no such development without it.

When Jesus asked, "What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" He acknowledged the profit motive as a vital factor in religion as well as in secular affairs. He was not condemning the profit motive, but rather the abuse of it to the extent of making material gain the sole aim in life. That the profit motive has been and is being abused in business, there is no denying. It has been "the whole world" to some people. But, with most business men, what is called the "profit motive" is chiefly a matter of bookkeeping — of making sure that their profits exceed their losses. Profit is essential to success in business, for without profit the business must close down.

adians and other Allied prisoners and internees still in Jap hands.

The vegetable oil industry in Canada gains in importance as the war goes on. Gross sales last year hit the \$9,481,450 mark. Of ten active plants four are in the Montreal area, two in Ontario, a couple in Manitoba one each in Alberta and B. C. Linseed oil was tops in production, gross sales in 1942 being \$5,252,605 for 7,390,240 gallons. Soy beans are coming along too. Production in Sussex County Ontario, last year was 173,305 bushels selling for a total of \$229,339. Saskatchewan is now experimenting with large scale growing of sunflower.

The return to Canada of a proportion of the Canadian Forestry Corps from lumbering operations in the United Kingdom is announced by National Defence H. Q. The British Government has agreed that the output of timber for the war effort of

the United Nations can be increased by using these stout fellows in the forests throughout Canada where the resources and quality of timber are better than those now available in Great Britain. Lumber is one of the "musts" for the United Kingdom now as always.

A few highlights of the Joint Agricultural Committee meeting recently completed in Washington: Conclusion was reached that an expansion in output of certain products is possible, but increase in over-all production is limited by acreage, manpower, equipment, fertilizer. Particular attention was paid to suggested increase in U. S. wheat acreage from 54 million acres in 1943 to 68 million next year, made imperative by abnormal disappearance of wheat currently for feed and industrial alcohol. Maintenance of dairy production by using grain and protein feeds was stressed, with preservation of total food value in milk best accom-

plished by converting as much as possible into cheese, dried milk etc. Canadian members pointed out needed expansion in this country included special crops such as oil crops, Peas and beans were considered well suited for relief-feeding in liberated areas.

Odds and ends: Good fur catches for the Eskimos have made them fork over income tax; Mounted Police fill out forms, make necessary assessments... Maybe it's the greater purchasing power, but Canadians are biting into plenty of meat, with a moderate increase in 1942 over

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### RATIONING TIME-TABLE

Coffee or Tea  
 Coupons 1 to 19 inclusive now valid.  
 Coupons 20 and 21 valid Nov. 4  
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 Valid until declared void.  
 Each good for 8 oz. coffee OR 2 oz tea.  
 Sugar (Red)  
 Coupons 1 to 18 inclusive now valid.  
 Coupons 19 and 20 valid Nov. 11  
 Valid until declared void.  
 Each good for one pound of sugar  
 Canning sugar coupons valid until declared void.  
 Butter (Purple)  
 Coupons 34 and 35 now valid.  
 Coupons 36 and 37 valid Nov. 11  
 Expire November 30  
 Coupons 38 and 39 valid Nov. 25  
 Expire December 31  
 Each good for 1/2 lb. butter  
 Meat (Buff)  
 Coupons pairs 22 and 23 now valid.  
 Expire November 30  
 Coupon pair 24 valid November 4  
 Coupon pair 25 valid November 11  
 Expire November 30  
 Coupon pair 26 valid November 18  
 Coupon pair 27 valid November 25  
 Expire December 31  
 Each good for 1 to 2 1/2 lbs. meat  
 Preserves (Orange)  
 Coupons D1 to D5 now valid.  
 Coupons D6 and D7 valid Nov. 11  
 Valid until declared void.  
 Good for preserves, sweet spreads or sugar (see chart)

1941. The estimated per capita consumption of all meats (including offals) in 1942 was 135.2 pounds, an up of two pounds over the previous year.

One side of war is a huge business, an announcement by Munitions and Supply shows. Total values of contracts awarded and commitments made on Canadian, United Kingdom and other account has exceeded the \$10,000,000,000 mark, end of September. Just count the zeros. Contracts placed on Canadian account alone totalled over four and a half billion dollars, including contracts executed for plants, plant extension and general purchases.

Consolidation by the Prices Board on three previous orders clarified maximum price regulations for used stoves, ranges or other heating or cooking appliances range from 90 per cent of listed retail price when new or rebuilt, or equivalent appliances a year or under in age, to 60 per cent for those more than four years old. This applies in like extent to coal and wood appliances. Ranges and stoves are about as valuable these days as horses in the good old hoss tradin' days.

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## A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

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Ottogossip: The City of Ottawa is studying a post-war program involving \$900,000 worth of new sewers and 26 1/2 miles of new pavement and sidewalk costing another \$900,000. Construction is starting on a new 80,000 square foot annex to house Ottawa's largest cafeteria which will feed 7,000 civil servants. There is such a demand for conversational Russian that a class is being started by the High School of Commerce. A staff of 400 at national registration headquarters keeps busy, making some 133,000 changes a month in the records of about nine million Canadians.

The Swedish liner Gripsholm which is expected to arrive in New York early in December, will bring a good-sized Canadian party, repatriated—in an exchange with Japanese. The majority of the Canadians are missionaries, members of religious orders, business men and their wives and children. More than half come from occupied China and Hong Kong; some from Japan, Manchoukwo and Korea, and some from the Philippines and French Indo-China. The voyage orient-ward carried medical supplies and vitamins from Canada sufficient to serve 5,000 people six months. With other relief stores these will be made available to Can-

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