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Notes and Comments

New Slot Machine Legislation Proposed

Legislation to wipe out the present slot machine racket in Ontario will be introduced in the Legislature by Attorney-General Leslie Blackwell at the present session. York County police didn't show up any too good in the recent enquiry for Whitchurch township, and a popular demand for an investigation is heard throughout the county. The York County Commission is strangely silent on the matter.

If new legislation is enacted, perhaps it would be a waste of public money to go on with an enquiry. It is understood that the new proposed legislation will declare, "that no person shall have or own a slot machine." This would do away with the necessity of law enforcement officers having to obtain evidence of gambling, and ultimately police officers would not have the machine to smash up with its attendant suspicion that some police or a ring take the cash from the machines and apply it to their own pockets.

Under the Criminal Code certain machines are illegal if played illegally. If played for amusement only they are legal. The problem of obtaining evidence is a major one. Under the proposed legislation the mere ownership of a slot machine will mean it is to be smashed up.

Insulate for Warmth

Insulate for warmth, and if you can't insulate your house take a tip from the past and insulate yourself. A visit to the Royal Museum shows that padded clothes were worn in many parts of the world. In Europe our ancestors made great use of this practical idea. The ladies used to wear quilted petticoats to guard against the cold of their drafty, under-heated houses. An 18th century example made of bright pink silk, elaborately embroidered, is now on exhibition in the costume gallery. At this time men also used quilting, particularly for their waistcoats and dressing gowns. The Museum has recently been given an 18th century man's white satin dressing gown which is exquisitely and very finely quilted by hand.

Fearful of a Crowded Canada

That Canada faces a problem of population as part of its post-war reconstruction is generally admitted, and many interested persons and groups are giving attention to various solutions. Without becoming embroiled in contentious questions, says the Monthly Letter of The Royal Bank of Canada, there is much of interest to be explored.

How many people should there be in Canada for the greatest benefit to all its inhabitants? Is there any limit, and if so what are the limiting factors? If additional population seems desirable, where is it to come from?

Into the answering of these questions there enters the whole world-story of migration and birth rates, of medical science and the emancipation of women, of the struggle for self-sufficiency, and the Atlantic Charter impulse toward international accord.

EDITOR'S MAIL

The Editor, Stouffville Tribune,
 Sir—Your comments in the editorial column of last week dealt with a topic of current events very vital to the physical as well as the intellectual well-being of the future race. "Daylight saving time" in the winter is not suitable for children going to school. One does feel sorry to see a little 8-year-old child on her way to school while our autos still have the lights on to avoid running her down, and to realize that this child, and thousands of others have been aroused from their beds and hastily fed their porridge, with stale milk, because the milk that was pasteurized yesterday and milked the evening before was not delivered until ten minutes after she had to leave for school this morning.

"War Time" is all right during the summer, when schools are closed for holidays. However, we think that a compromise should be made that would meet our children half way during the whole school term—and that is to call the schools in at 9:30 a.m. instead of 9 o'clock; have the noon hour at 12:30, and let the children out at 4:30 p.m. Formerly the children used to get out from school at 5 o'clock of our present time, and could get home long before twilight; and now, to yield to the inclination of— we venture to suggest 90 per cent of the mothers who would prefer to have that extra half hour more in bed in the mornings, would be a really humane act.

Yours sincerely,
 Dr. Arthur L. Hore,
 Markham, Feb. 22, 1944.

Joe Grose advertised a Shorthorn bull for sale last week. It found a new home over near Maple. Another proof of the tremendous advertising spread of this paper.

Red Cross Help Needed Now

Everyone who contributes to the current National Campaign for funds of the Canadian Red Cross can rest assured that it is more than worthwhile. The stories being told by repatriated men of the Forces returning from the "twilight existence" in enemy held territory testify to that.

The rations doled out by the detaining power are meagre, and without the weekly inflow of supplies through the Red Cross, men behind barbed wire would soon weaken and sicken and become unbelievable miserable.

Again and again, the repatriated tell of Russian prisoners denied the life-saving stream of food parcels who died like flies, from malnutrition and lack of proper attention.

Sports equipment and books forwarded by the Red Cross have made a difference between monotony and a livable existence for prisoners of war. British and Allied prisoners who also come under the benefit of Canadian Red Cross parcels have warm praise for their worth. Two of such prisoners are Bruce Lintner and Fred Castle from Stouffville, who appreciate Red Cross parcels.

The "proof of the pudding" is found in this unvarying mass of praise, voiced by those boys. The activities of the Canadian Red Cross Society... the generous contribution of loyal Canadians throughout the Dominion, and the energy and care that has gone into the packing and sending of shipments of supplies, have proven its worth.

This year... with the war reaching its decisive phase... Canadians are being asked to give a little more. The need is great. The Canadian Red Cross is depending on YOU.

The Theory of Taxation (The Alameda Dispatch)

In Britain the government taxes incomes very heavily, but does not impose anything as heavy taxation on corporation profits as we do in Canada.

There is a very important reason for this. The theory of taxation is that it can be used to redistribute the income of the country, by taxing wealthy men at a higher rate than less wealthy men are taxed, which is why personal income tax is only 7 or 8 per cent for small incomes, where it may be nearly 100 per cent for really large incomes.

Now, when we tax corporation profits we get away from this idea.

We tax the corporation profits at the same percentage, so a millionaire who owns a share in a big company pays the same rate of taxation through the corporation on his share of the profits as does the widow who owns a share, and has a very small income.

The proper plan would be to let corporations distribute their profits to their shareholders, and then tax the shareholders in proportion to the size of their incomes.

This is how they do it in Britain, and it is very unfortunate that we do not do the same thing in Canada.

Incidentally, we in the West have an interest in this. As things stand, there is a great deal of criticism because our wheat pools do not pay a corporation tax on profits and it has to be admitted that there is some reason for protest in this case, when all other corporations do pay such taxes. If we were to abolish corporation taxes altogether, then this criticism will vanish, and the profits earned by the wheat pools will be only taxed after they reach the farmers, who clearly would not pay very heavy taxes on them, since not many farmers pay much income tax anyhow.

What we want to do is get away from the idea that corporations, whether factories in Montreal or wheat pools in the West, are independent affairs. They are nothing but associations of individuals, and it is perfectly stupid for us to try to tax them as associations. The owners of these corporations should be taxed on the income which they get out of them.

SOME CHICKEN

How long does a chicken live? We have heard the query, and we have heard arguments over the life span of the domestic birds, but never until the present, have heard satisfying proof as to their longevity. Mrs. Vincent Lesson informs us that she owns a little Barred Rock hen, which if it lives until April, will be 19 yrs. old—surely something of a record! Mrs. Lesson raised the bird from the shell, and during the past several years this little Rock has been retained in the flock, not only for sentimental reasons, but for the utilitarian purpose of hatching and mothering broods of goslings and ducklings. A little over a year ago the wee hen went out and raised her own hatch of little chicks. Mrs. Lesson vouches for the accuracy of her statement as to the age of the hen, and invites skeptics to see for themselves.—Paisley Advocate.

Send The Tribune to absent friends.

Ask for Proof Daylight Time Saving in War

Rural Municipalities Association Favors Return to Standard in Resolution at Annual Meeting.

Unless governmental authorities can definitely prove that the war effort is being furthered by daylight saving time, a return to Standard time is favored by the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities, according to a resolution passed at the organization's annual convention in Toronto. Copies will be sent to Prime Minister King and Premier Drew, among others; it was decided.

The resolution claims that a return to Standard time would not only alleviate general inconvenience in rural areas, but result in a considerable saving of extra power now used for lighting.

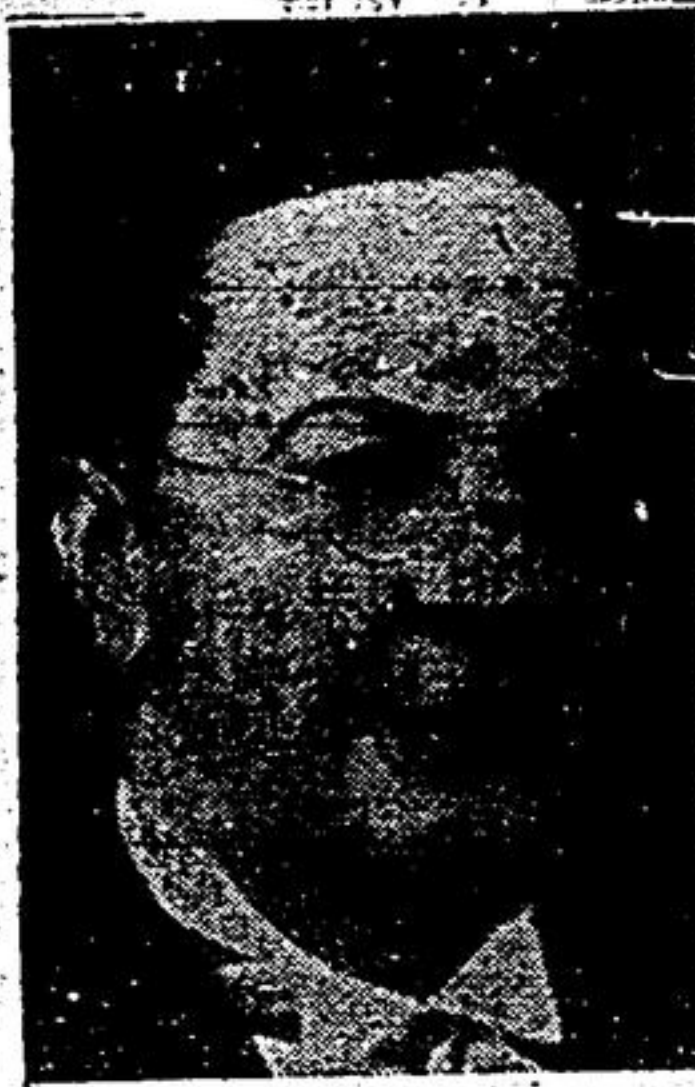
Feeling that the present fuel regulation showed an "unjust discrimination" toward farmers, the association recommended that the \$1-a-cord subsidy allowed to dealers when they retail wood to the consumer be extended to the farmer who "manufactures and distributes" his own wood to consumers.

Another resolution urging reduction in the current rate of interest charged by the chartered banks was passed and the Canadian Bankers' Association will be immediately notified.

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MADE PARTY WHIP



Frank Kelly, M.P.P. for Ontario-Muskoka has been made Liberal whip in the Ontario Legislature. Kelly is the man blamed for the provincial highway through Uxbridge being stopped at Goodwood leaving a five mile gap unfinished between that place and Stouffville. The township of Uxbridge did not give Kelly the normal Liberal vote either that he polled before the road was built to Goodwood. As a result of the former Minister of Highway's short sightedness in leaving five miles of unfinished pavement, Government machinery come long distances (even from Stayner in Simcoe) to do maintenance work because they have no other dirt roads in this locality.

CHURCH HILL

Mr. and Mrs. John Beach and family of Gravenhurst, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McLaughlin had tea with Mr. and Mrs. E. Lager on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacLean spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Pegg and Mr. and Mrs. MacLean.

Miss Ruby and Mildred and Tom Clark had dinner on Sunday at Mr. A. Clark's.

The Red Cross quilting will be held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. Cutler. They wish to acknowledge the gift of material for 1 top from Mrs. Wm. Simpson.

COL. F. H. van NOSTRAND HOME ON LEAVE

Serving overseas since the outbreak of war Col. F. H. vanNostrand, consultant neuro psychiatrist, Office of the Director of Medical Services, Canadian Military Headquarters in London, is spending his furlough with his wife and family at their home in Vandorf, Whitchurch township. At the outbreak of hostilities he went into a Canadian General Field Hospital. But his stay there was short lived for his qualities as a psychiatrist resulted in a further promotion to Lt. Col. in command of a Neurological Hospital for Canadians. His present appointment was received in June 1942 and with the appointment went a further promotion to the rank of Colonel.

Realized of this desire. Many municipalities in Ontario are now planning post-war projects and it was contended that in many cases short-term financing is preferable to the issuing of long-term debentures, as was the case after the First Great War. Experience of many years shows that the risk involved in loaning money to county municipalities is practically nil, it was pointed out.

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