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Notes and Comments

The Fatal Bedroom

The bedroom is the scene of more fatal accidents among adults than any other room or area in the home, according to the statistics of an American life insurance company. They find that "contrary to a widespread impression, a relatively small proportion of the fatal injuries in the home are suffered in the bathroom—two per cent. among men and four per cent. among women."

The figures show that approximately one-half of the bedroom fatalities resulted from asphyxiation by gas or by conflagration, and quite often these causes had their origin in other parts of the house. Also contributing to the toll of fatalities in the bedroom are falls on floors, out of windows, or simply out of bed.

Of the men and women fatally injured in bedrooms as the result of burns other than from general conflagration, one-half in each sex had been smoking in bed which is one of the best ways of inviting disaster. All too frequently this dangerous habit results in giving a drowsy nod to death.

Salvation Army Appeal

The Salvation Army Red Cross Shield drive is to be held in Stouffville on Nov. 30. Last year the citizens through voluntary subscription donated \$500 which was collected through a door-to-door canvass made by the Lions Club. Across Canada the Army is asking \$250,000 to finance their Home Front, and it's going to be subscribed. Most of it is now in hand. Stouffville, however, is yet to be heard from.

The Salvation Army conducts in Canada 10 maternity hospitals, three general hospitals, 17 men's hostels, 15 rescue homes, 17 industrial stores, seven homes for aged people, three children's homes, three receiving homes for transient people, and conducts personalized social service in prisons and police courts in 10 cities in the Dominion. For over sixty years, this humanitarian body has been alleviating distress and bringing comfort to many unfortunates.

The appeal, now is for funds with which to maintain services for an increasing number of persons to whom the post-war period will bring difficulties. The Army has opened war and rehabilitation departments in 14 centres in the city of Toronto. Its women's auxiliaries and young people's department carry on a variety of activities to help and prevent disease. More than two-thirds of the contributed fund will be spent on relief, rehabilitation, social readjustment of families including veterans and their families, homeless children, sick and infirm persons, unfortunate girls, first offenders, prisoners and their dependants. Personal services aimed at building character and preventing delinquency require to be maintained.

Friday's Nomination Meeting

On Friday evening, of this week the ratepayers of Stouffville will be called into consultation by way of a nomination meeting to sponsor a choice for the reeveship and councillors for 1946. Usually such meetings are poorly attended, indicating that the ratepayers are not unduly worried about the choice that will be made.

The situation may seem a bit peculiar. Few take any active interest at nomination time, but later they are disturbed about what their councillors are doing, especially should it entail any increase in taxation.

It is becoming difficult to interest capable men in these public offices, but if ratepayers turned out and gave more encouragement, and added more honor to the position, perhaps men would be more willing to offer their services. To be reeve of a village like Stouffville, at times is more difficult than it is to be reeve of Forest Hill Village or some other larger place. In the smaller community, the reeve lacks the help of plenty of paid officials to do his bidding, consequently he has to go out and do much work that should be carried out by others.

Friday night's meeting ought to be representative of the ratepayers. The reeve and members of council are

expected to give an insight into their activities of the past year, and what might be expected in the immediate future. Policies should be outlined for the approval of the electors, and endorsed or disapproved.

A Place for The Senate

A timely and what to us seems a wise suggestion comes from the current issue of Saturday Night when that paper suggests that the Ford dispute at Windsor should be investigated by the Senate of Canada, a body immune from the politician.

There is no doubt but that the workers at Ford's are being exploited for the benefit of the Communists and others who reap big profits from the Unions. We are told that a large share of the thousands of dollars weekly pouring into the Union treasury is passed over to the big body in the United States and it never comes back. Anyway, the spectacle of a strike, and the strikers calling for the city to hand them a dole, is something to think about. Where are the hundreds of thousands of dollars the Union collected in "peace" time, when it is not available for keeping the strikers. Many of our readers will think that union dues are saved up for the day a strike might be called.

However, Saturday Night strikes a sound note when it suggests the whole matter should be investigated by the Senate, and legislation enacted on those findings. The Saturday Night says:

"Even if the Ford dispute should come to an end before these lines are read, we have not the slightest doubt that the United Electrical Workers and their ultra-left colleagues in other unions will be busy preparing for another attempt to deliver a body blow to the free enterprise system in some other industry. It may as well be realized that the aggressive element in the leadership at Windsor is convinced communistic, and is much more concerned with making free enterprise unworkable than with improving the lot of the Ford workers—which would have to be improved a great deal to make up for the loss of nearly three months' earnings.

In these circumstances there is a magnificent opportunity for the Senate to perform some of the functions for which it was created and endowed with very extensive powers. The Canadian public needs all the light it can obtain on the real significance of the demands of the various union organizations, the character and internal management of the unions which are presenting them, the different attitudes, and the reasons for them, of different employers, and the effect on the consuming public and the nation of the granting of what the unions ask for. Strikes are no longer a test of strength between an employer and a group of employees; they are an endeavour to influence the policies of government, and the policies of governments should not be influenced without the voters having some idea of what is going on.

We therefore suggest, rather urgently, that the Senate should set up a special committee, with power to sit when the House is adjourned, to investigate the whole subject of labor relations in Canada, and to do so in the fullest publicity. Such a committee would have full power to compel attendance and production of documents by all persons concerned, both labor and capital. It should not be so much a matter of getting a report with recommendations, either by the committee or by the Senate as a whole, as bringing to light the relevant facts so that the public could draw its own conclusions. The evidence, not the report, would be the important thing.

The House of Commons could not set up such a committee without engaging the responsibility of the Government, and its members would be handicapped by having to watch their party interests and their chances of re-election. The Senate is a life-term body, and no political party can be held responsible for what its members do. As a whole it is far too heavily weighed on the side of capital, but it contains enough veteran labor men and good friends of labor to make possible a thoroughly well balanced committee. If these men did their job in the committee well there would be no ground for complaint that evidence favorable to the side of labor was not adequately brought forward and explained.

The most revolutionary labor leaders would doubtless complain that this was just a device of the capitalists to rob the wage earner of the secrecy of his organization's workings. But serious labor men are perfectly aware that secrecy is no longer possible or desirable, more than irresponsibility, for organizations claiming the immense powers and privileges now sought by the unions. These labor men would welcome an inquiry which would enable them to put their case intelligently and coherently before the public, instead of having it always cluttered up by disputes about pickets."

coming year, including \$2,700,000,000 to be used in war expenditures and demobilization alone. "We will not cease to spend until we have completed the task of repatriation of our troops and have reestablished them in civilian life," said in part this spokesman. Moreover, he pointed out that "inflation was still a danger facing the people of Canada and it would persist in being a danger for some time on account of the vast amount of money in circulation. "Canada must continue to control prices until complete conversion from wartime economy has taken place," he put forth his belief.

Canada now has a mission to look after not only of her military but her civil interests in Germany since this task, it is indicated in Ottawa, has been given Major-Gen. Maurice Pope who has been given the acting rank of Lieutenant-General and who has been appointed to head this important mission to conquer Germany. Major-Gen. Pope was well-known in this capital throughout World War II not merely as a good administrator but as the military adviser to the head of the Canadian Government.

On two occasions on the same day motions were made by members in Parliament for the production, in one case, of all communications between T.L. Daniels, Chief Investigator of the Corporation Limited, and a retired investigator during a certain period, and in another case, for the production of all correspondence between the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation Limited and the enforcement administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from August 1, 1944 to the present time. However, in both cases, it was made clear on behalf of the Government that "the communications asked for were inter-departmental correspondence, confidential, privileged and not producible in the House" with the

insisting that it was not in the public interest to produce such materials. In the first case, it was explained that "it would be impossible to get satisfactory reports from government officials if their communications with their superior officers were subject to production in Parliament," adding that "official reports would lose a large part of their value if such were the case." In the second case, it was indicated that "the corporation has been regarded as an agency of the WPTB and of the government so that intra-departmental correspondence could not be produced."

In view of the nation-wide shortages in merchandise, the government has been asked if any steps have been taken or are being taken to prevent manufacturers from holding goods off the Canadian market until January 1 when the 40 per cent. reduction in the excess profits tax takes place. In answer, the Minister of Finance, Hon. J. L. Isley has declared: "Under the provisions of Order-in-Council P.C. 8528 of November 1, 1941, as amended, establishing the Wartime Prices and Trade Board regulations, it is an offence against the regulations for any person to withhold from sale any goods beyond an amount which is reasonably required for the ordinary purposes of his business. Through regular investigations and enforcement procedure, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board takes all reasonable steps to enforce the regulations." Then again, he stated with strong emphasis that, "in any specific instances of the withholding from sale of goods in Canada beyond the amount reasonably required for the ordinary purposes of business were reported either to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board or himself, these would be thoroughly investigated."

Because of the great war potential of uranium pitchblende deposits, the government concerned do not consider it to be in the public interest to give any informa-

tion on the location of such deposits in Canada," said in part Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction, in telling a member about this subject during the course of an explanation, though the Minister insisted that such information might be given to the member privately, if he wished. A hint of things to come in Ottawa has been dropped with the disclosure that the possible future replacement of married women in the government's services by returned service personnel may be near since a questionnaire has been circulated in this capital seeking information indirectly. Also a story has been circulating in Ottawa that professional, scientific and technical personnel in the public service may be offered more money in order to prevent any wholesale loss of such personnel to private industry in Canada or United States as it is known that many of these personnel in this country are not contented with their present earnings here.

W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—In rural areas do W.P.T.B. rental regulations apply? Is the length of notice to vacate the same in the country as for the city tenants? I am a tenant of the house only and do not rent the farm. Recently the owner sold the farm complete and wants us to vacate so the new owner can take over.
A.—Properties solely used for agricultural purposes do not come under W.P.T.B. rental regulations. But other housing accommodation does. In your case, as you rent the house separately from the complete farm, you would come under the general freezing order and therefore cannot be given notice to vacate.
Q.—I bought a two-pound cardboard carton of honey and the dealer took two coupons. Was

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he right?
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Q.—Would you please tell me the ceiling price on spy apples? And do these prices hold for the farmer selling apples on the Hamilton market?
A.—Retail ceiling price for No. 1 grade spies, closely packed is \$3.46 bushel, \$3.28 for loose packed. Top price for 6 quart basket is 82c and by the pound, 9c. These same retail ceilings would apply on a farmers' market.

work?
A.—Yes; there is a ceiling on such work. The photographer should not have charged you any more than he charged for the same job in 1941. As you live in Peterborough, we have referred the matter to the nearest W.P.T.B. representative in Peterborough who will look into the matter.

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OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean Wilson.

It is no secret on Parliament Hill that there has been considerable concern in various quarters at the extremely slow progress of the present session so that it has been no surprise to well-informed observers that strenuous efforts have been made lately to speed up its progress, with a report in Ottawa indicating that the Acting Prime Minister Isley, to gether with Hon. John Bracken, M.J. Coldwell, and Solon Low, have discussed the ways and means to speed up the current session's work. Moves in this direction have consisted of sittings on mornings and Wednesday nights; there have been careful surveys of the twenty-odd legislation pieces on the order paper or in preparation so that an examination may reveal what may be postponed for the session in 1946; some sort of "rationing" of speech-making has been hinted behind the scenes. Meanwhile, it is to be noted that the Government placed a motion on the order paper for the creation of a special committee of eleven members, including Speaker Fautoux of the House of Commons; to review the rules and standing orders of Parliament in order to simplify, to accelerate and to expedite the business of the House of Commons.

A spokesman for the Federal Government disclosed in this capital that a vast sum of money has been spent and sums almost as great may be still necessary, with this Minister drawing attention to the \$5,495,000,000 set out in the recent Budget as essential for the immediate future and emphasizing that about \$3,900,000,000 of the amount would be spent in the first few months of the