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Notes and Comments

Save Your Money

Hon. Leslie Blackwell sounded a timely note of warning when he spoke at the Warden's banquet, attended by numerous municipal people of Stouffville. He visualized two and perhaps three years of bustling business in order to fill the back-log of orders in Canada and the United States. Then he warned that things could really become tough for lack of world markets.

Our best customers, the British Isles went into the war a credit nation, but she came out a debit nation. When other nations owed her billions of money she took goods as interest, but now that she owes great sums of money Britain cannot buy those goods as she once did. She must manufacture her own—indeed, she will compete with us for world markets.

Mr. Blackwell said it was little wonder that the responsible men at Ottawa looked to the future with certain apprehension but if we keep our heads and save our money we could come through.

Persons who hold bonds should never sell them without a real need arises. Further never trade Government bonds without consulting your banker. Stock brokers or others who will not wait for this investigation will be looked on with suspicion.

That Strike at Windsor (The Farmers' Advocate)

The strike at the Ford Plant in Windsor, Ontario, has revealed a type of labour leadership definitely not wanted in Canada. Closing the power plant was of no advantage whatever to the strikers and could mean nothing but damage to and loss of property. The lawless element revealed their purpose and type of mind when automobiles were forcefully commandeered and the owners violently ejected from their cars.

Strikes have been legalized in Canada, and so has picketing, but public opinion in this country will never condone lawlessness, sabotage, violence, intimidation, and disregard of property rights that so often characterize C.I.O. leadership here and in United States.

This journal does not presume to sit in judgment and decide the merits of the case as between employer and workers. The Farmers' Advocate and Home Magazine recognizes the moral right of workers to a fair wage, reasonable working conditions and a good standard of living. It is easy to take this stand because it is also sound economics. Organized agriculture argues that when prices

for farm products are maintained on a reasonable level, good times prevail because a large section of the population is endowed with buying power. The same is true with labor. When their pay envelope permits, they too will be purchasers of the goods they produce in mills and factories, and better buyers of the product grown on the land.

It is, therefore, in no spirit of antagonism that this journal suggests to labour that their progress will be more rapid if they remain within the limits of law and reason. No good reason can be seen why a financial statement should not be published, showing the source and disposition of funds. If it is true that fees collected here are sent out of the country never to return, that certainly is a situation requiring immediate correction. Canadian laws provide protection for unions operating in Canada. Canadian laws should go further and provide protection for Canadian workers.

Organized agriculture sometimes expresses the pious hope that farm and labour groups may get together, as they should get together, in a common cause. Certainly that is a noble purpose, but organized agriculture would never be happy bedfellows with labor groups who employ gangster tactics, use force, defy the law and resort to intimidation.

Public opinion should demand that labour-employer differences be settled by arbitration without cessation of work, without destruction of property and without interruption in the production of goods. The strike is a primitive practice and in the past has served a good purpose; but as a modern method of settling differences and reaching new agreements it is antiquated and out-moded.

Electrical Rates

Rates for electrical service would be increased and Ontario's position as an economically attractive centre for new industries would be jeopardized if additional taxation were imposed on Hydro which now pays \$3,500,000 in annual taxes.

These are among a number of points emphasized in a brief submitted to the Ontario Government by the Ontario Municipal Electric Association.

The brief states that any move along the line of additional taxation would not be in the interests of the people of Ontario. It also contends that, in many cases, arguments favouring further taxation "have been initiated by individuals or groups who are seeking to undermine Hydro in order to promote their own selfish interests."

The submission goes on to point out that additional taxation would increase costs to rural consumers and adversely affect the interest of 900 municipalities co-operating in the development of power on a low cost basis.

"The Hydro organization throughout the Province has no function save the development and distribution of electric energy at cost," the brief states. "It is not competing with private industry. It is continually doing its very best to lower the cost of power to industry and to commercial and domestic consumers so that they in turn will have more funds to meet their obligations. Hydro does not function for any particular class or group in the Province nor for any specific area. It has as its objective the providing of electric energy as it is required in all parts of the Province at as low a cost as province-wide distribution system can do it on a reasonably stable financial basis."

since Premier King told the Parliament that some measures, such as the Citizenship Act, the proposed Extradition Treaty and Protocol with the United States, etc., would have to wait the 1946 session. Other matters, such as the Exports Credit Act and the Bretton Woods Financial Arrangements, etc., would be handled in this session. Then again, another story has been circulating now that, when the Parliament will meet in 1946, a somewhat similar effort may be made to bring about all-party co-operation in "streamlining" proceedings so that it may be possible to end the new session before it runs into the intense heat of the capital next summer. If conditions will warrant and allow such a conclusion.

In view of the removal of meat rationing in the United States and its continuation in Canada, there is considerable interest in Ottawa about the likely effects of this situation since both countries are committed to help relieve the shortages of meat abroad, especially since meat rationing went back into effect in this country only last September, admittedly in the midst of furious protests not only from the trade across this nation but from numerous other directions. "The United States, in exporting less than five per cent of its meat supplies, may be able to manage its program through "set-aside" orders without rationing, and still be able to maintain fair distribution and fair prices," said in part Prime Minister

King in explanation. "We are convinced, however, that in Canada we could not, without rationing, export between forty and fifty per cent of our Federally inspected kill and maintain orderly distribution and hold our price ceilings."

While some may order that the majority should or should not agree to set up a divorce court system in Quebec for the convenience of the minority in that province, yet this year, as in others, it is evident that opinions in Ottawa differ sharply on this matter, judging by the reactions in Parliament when it gave thought to 63 divorce bills as approved by the Senate. A spokesman for the Government indicated that the suggestion that Quebec divorces should be handled by the Exchequer Court in Ottawa or elsewhere outside Quebec may not be practicable. Likewise, a French-Canadian Minister of the Cabinet declared that it might be unwise for Parliament to impose a divorce court in Quebec Province since it would be repugnant to the majority of the people of that province because of their well-known views against divorce. Then again, other speakers remarked that, since Quebec alone was without a divorce system in its courts, this was not satisfactory in the manner in which numerous divorces are rushed through the House of Commons after previously being passed by the Senate, though others in Parliament held that the Senate's work in divorces was "very carefully done and very judicially handled by experienced men." Nevertheless, in face of these heated disputes about the origin of numerous divorces in Quebec each year without a distinct court in that province, to handle same, no better method seems to be at hand, with one view being that the problem would be getting worse rather than better in the near future on account of the many hasty marriages contracted during the war.

The only woman member of Parliament has come forth with a request that the Federal Government should make plans to bring refugee children to Canada in order to save these little victims from the terrible chaotic conditions prevalent in Europe this winter. However, Premier King himself rose to answer her, though the woman member, Mrs. Gladys Strum, had asked this question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Hon. Brooke Claxton, with the head of the Government declaring that it is impossible to exaggerate the conditions this winter in Europe due to the lack of food, clothes, shelter, etc. But, stated Premier King, who had used the word "appalling" in referring to European conditions, the Canadian Government would have to consider the problem with great care because it regarded, at the present time, the repatriation of service personnel from overseas as its great task, stressing that the shortage of shipping from Europe was the limiting factor in considering what might be done in the line of carrying out that proposed by the only woman member of the House of Commons, Mrs. Strum.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT
 Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean Wilson

Party leaders and whips in Parliament have been showing some real Christmas spirit this year in their desperate drive to close up for the holidays and it has been no simple nor easy assignment on account of the talkative proceedings as well as a heavy programme, though now it can be told that this drive for more and more speed in Parliament has been relatively successful, especially

STOUFFVILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET and Horse Show
 —on—
Wednesday, Dec. 19th
 —1945—

PRIZE LIST	ENTRY FEE \$1.00
Light Horse Driving Class in Harness	\$12 \$10 \$8 \$5
SPECIAL CLASS	
Best Mare or Gelding	\$10, 5, 3, 2
Heavy Draught Teams 1600 lbs. or over	\$15, 12, 8, 5, 2
Light Draught Teams 1600 lbs. or under	\$15, 12, 8, 5, 2
Amateur Class for Teams	\$20, 18, 15, 12, 10, 5
<small>Donated by Special Friends</small>	
Belgium or Percheron Teams	\$15, 12, 8, 5, 2
4-Horse Team	\$8, 5, 3, 2

Entries must be made with the Secretary, Lloyd Turner by 12 o'clock noon, the day of the show—Entry Fee \$1.00

WELCOME to STOUFFVILLE DEC. 19th

STANLEY THEATRE

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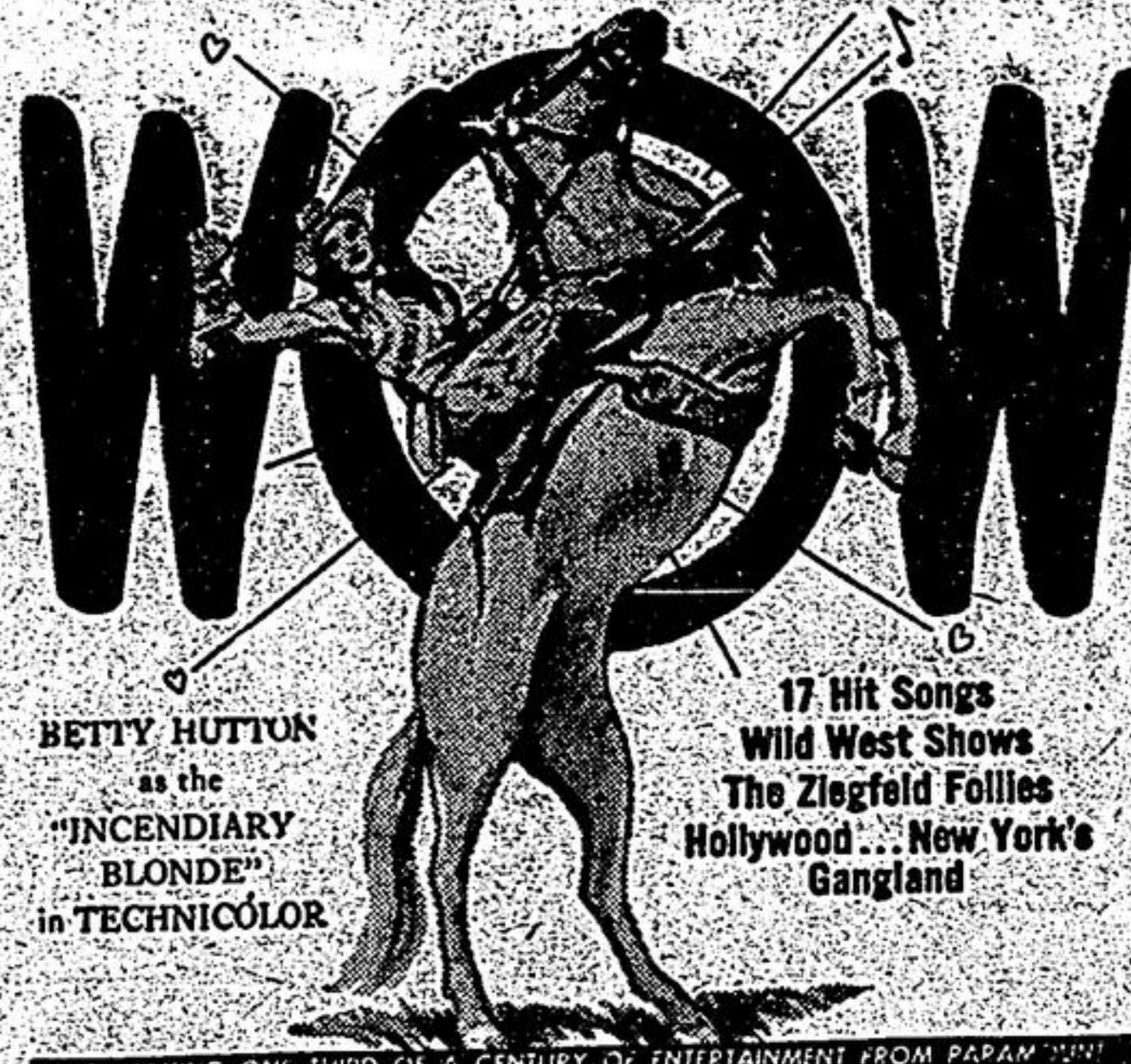
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"A ROYAL SCANDAL"

Here's our Christmas wish

We wish we could guarantee a Long Distance telephone line to everyone who is planning to exchange Christmas greetings with distant friends. We know how eagerly thousands of people look forward to this annual telephone visit. But holiday traffic will be heavier than ever this year. Even with all operators on duty and fullest possible use of equipment, many calls may be uncompleted. We can only say that, as always, we will do everything in our power to disappoint as few as possible.

One thing YOU can do — make your greeting calls as far ahead of Christmas Day as possible