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**Notes and Comments**

**No Big Canada?**

Is a peak population of 15 million enough for Canada, asks The Financial Post editorially, in commenting on a recent survey of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics which indicated that maximum for Canada if present trends continue. Comments The Post: "Compared to some of the optimistic boasts made during our greatest expansion period, this maximum growth seems fantastically small. Those optimists, however, completely ignored three vital factors which were to check our increase materially after 1914. These were:

1. Heavy emigration to the United States.
2. Smaller Canadian families
3. Sharp decline in immigration from Europe.

"Whether they were optimistic or not, the fact remains that the builders of this country had much more than a mere 15 millions population peak in mind.

"Transportation, government, and general development were planned on a scale much greater than would be normally carried by a narrow strip of population along the northern edge of the United States.

"But unless we want to do something about it then we must reconcile ourselves to a total growth little better than that already reached. There are some who argue that this is just an inevitable result of geography, climate and economics.

"But that means that those 15 million people will have to carry the overhead of a country more than half as large as Europe, that some day they may have to convince an overcrowded world that we have no room to spare. If we think 15 million people will not be sufficient to bear such a burden then something must be done at once about those three factors which our fathers overlooked."

**Lay That Pistol Down, Babe**

Up at Ottawa, Bill 33 was recently introduced as an Act to amend the Criminal Code. If this Act becomes effective, and we hope it will, magazines must alter their way of doing things, because this is what the proposed Bill says in part:

"Every one is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year, with or without hard labour, who prints, makes, publishes, or who knowingly imports into Canada, any book or magazine on the cover of which appears any picture or drawing depicting the pointing by one person of an offensive weapon at another person, or the shooting by one person of another person with an offensive weapon if such picture or drawing is intended to or does illustrate or represent a hold-up, robbery, murder or other criminal act or intention."

The bill doesn't go far enough, if it fails to curb the showing of murders and gun duels on the screen as well. Here it is probably more damaging to youth than the picture magazine.

**A Deplorable Thing**

When the truth is written (if ever) concerning our treatment of Neisi (Canadian-born Japanese) it will reveal one of the blackest pages of Canadian history. The immortal story of Evangeline sprang from the expulsion of the Acadians. Now on the West Coast of Canada, we have another Evangeline waiting to be written. It is the story of mass deportation to satisfy color prejudice. Perhaps deportation could be excused during a period of war hysteria, but nothing can excuse the disgraceful confiscation of property. Real estate agents had a field-day beyond even boom days. Politicians—local and federal, threatened to resign "if one Jap remains between the Mountains and the Coast."

Why? What crimes had this little handful of people committed? The Premier of Canada admits that there has not been a single act of disloyalty or sabotage. A kind of Spanish Inquisition has been probing into the thoughts of these people without a country. It is pretty well understood

**W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Q.—Last year tickets for Junior O.H.A. Playoffs games were \$1 and 50c this year the price was raised to \$1 for seats which were only 50c last year. Also students were always given a special section of the best seats and this year they were given very poor seats. Does the board allow such price increases and changes?

A.—There is no ceiling on price of admission to hockey games. As far as the students are concerned it would seem that it is up to the management of the arena to allocate whatever section they wish. We are afraid the Board could not undertake to

set regulations controlling the seating arrangement at all the hockey arenas throughout the country. Your letter also mentions the fact that "scalpers" were selling tickets above the regular price. This would be a matter for police investigation and if you noticed such sales being made, it was up to you to notify the nearest police officer.

Q.—On July 10, 1945, I purchased a house and gave the tenants notice to vacate. When the notice was due the Wartime Prices and Trade Board told me I could not put these people out. I have been back several times but they still say the same thing. When can I give notice and how much must I give as I desperately need this

that strong pressure was applied to force the signing of a preference for deportation. To many of the Neisi. Japan will be as alien a country as it would be to you. Some day this inhumane act will rise up against us and smite us or our children with a mighty repercussion.

Just before the war the writer visited Vancouver, and learned first-hand that the Japanese were the best kind of workers, men, women and girls. We heard from the lips of prominent Vancouver citizens how fine the Japanese girls were in Canadian homes as domestic helpers. Testimony after testimony told of their willingness to stay in employment in the evenings, looking after their children faithfully.

**Energy in Lump of Sugar**

Do you know that every time you put a lump of sugar in your cup of tea or coffee you are handling a commodity which, if the whole energy were immediately released in your body, would have a result very similar to that of the atomic bomb. A lump of sugar is pure carbohydrate, and if the energy contained in it were given out at once in the body of the human or animal eating it there would be a conflagration. It would be such a violent outburst of energy that it would literally burn up the consumer's body, so that he and the food would alike be consumed.

That's not the reason that sugar is being rationed, nor the reason that it is going to cost more in the future than it has for the past several years. But it helps to explain why sugar is so important in human diet and why one of the first actions taken by Britain and the nations allied with her in the Second Great War was to create a pool of available sugar supplies. A. L. Bacharach, M.A., F.R.I.C., in a broadcast over the BBC short wave system on "Food Values," explained that the amount of energy available in food or required by the body is always expressed in calories. One calorie is the amount of heat necessary to raise one kilogram of water by one degree Centigrade or about five pounds of water by one degree Fahrenheit.

**Strikes Injure the Nation and Workers Too**

"With strikes breaking out over the body of the nation as measles do over the body of a child, one begins to wonder if there is 'a doctor in the house.'" So said Maurice R. Franks in addressing the United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor recently. Mr. Franks said that, to be sure, labor had a right to strike in order to attain its just objectives that cannot be otherwise achieved. But so far as he could see some of the present strikes were "just foolish manipulation."

Look where you will today, anywhere around Stouffville, and we find shortages in all lines, due to strikes, many of which were just foolhardy pieces of manipulation: Working people suffer most from strikes, as we see it, and the nation is greatly weakened that permits strikes.

One thing that impresses us as strange, is that many who favor these work stoppages, invariably point to Russia as representing the ideal way of life. Well, they don't permit strikes in Russia, and those who attempt to stage one are quickly put out of the way.

One outstanding fact and a fact which should make labor readers think seriously before resorting to the strike weapon, is presented by Mr. Franks as follows: "As a simple example of the tremendous burden upon taxpayers for work stoppages, may I remind you that in the first few short weeks since the recent strikes began, applications for public assistance have increased by approximately 500 per cent!" A strike is thus shown to be an artificial depression which forces workers to go on unemployment relief when they might be fully employed and receiving wages while their grievances are being considered in a spirit of mutual trust and co-operation.

**Bulldozers and DDT Strong Medicine**

Bulldozers and DDT are strong medicine in the opinion of the Farmer's Advocate (London, Ont.) and there is danger in indiscriminate use. "Giant machines are now available to ditch land and drain swamps with no more manual labor than merely pulling a lever or pressing a button. But is all this advisable? One school of thought contends that the country is already over-drained, causing floods and droughts, dry wells and failing streams.

"In the realm of science a new wonder insecticide stands out as a terribly effective weapon in the battle against insect pests. The danger is, it is not selective in its killing. It destroys good and bad alike. Entomologists warn that DDT may further upset natural balances, that insect populations may be so reduced, with unwise use, that crop production will decline because of inadequate pollination of flowers. Agriculture is progressing dangerously fast."

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"The Body Snatcher"

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR DISCHARGED PERSONNEL**

Mr. J. B. Miller, field representative for Canadian Vocational Training for returned soldiers, rendering rehabilitation assistance to all personnel on discharge, was in town Monday. He is anxious to contact any returned man (or girl) who will re-instate him in peace-time pursuit. Help is given to the extent that where the discharged man seeks to learn a trade, say in town, but could not get along on the apprentice pay, financial assistance will be rendered during the apprenticeship years. Mr. Miller pointed out that training on the job is the most desirable. After it has been established that he or she is suited to some trade they seek to learn, then The Vocational Training Dept. steps in and interviews the employer, and completes a deal whereby a reasonable wage is established for the veteran by government assistance. Several of the boys about Stouffville not yet settled are invited to look into this proposition, and Mr. Miller who will be in town from time to time will be glad to assist them in the scheme.

**HYDRO FOREMAN RESCUES DOG FROM THE SCUGOG.**

Attracted by the pitiful howls of a dog in distress, hydro workers accompanied by their foreman, Mr. Thos. Cockrane were led to the banks of the Scugog River, at a point just north of the Wellington St. bridge, early Saturday where they saw a dog battling for his life in the icy waters of the river. He had apparently broken through the ice as he attempted to cross the river at this point and couldn't free himself.

Realizing that the dog was fast exhausting his strength in a futile effort to get out of the water, Mr. Cockrane tied a rope around his waist and eased himself out onto the ice in an attempt to rescue the panic-stricken animal. He was successful in doing so but not before he himself had crashed through the ice and taken a thorough ducking. As he said afterwards, "When the ice gave 'way I just kept on going until I had grabbed the poor devil's paw. I have a dog of my own and have had ever since I was a boy and I wasn't going to let him be snuffed out if it could be avoided."

He didn't know who the dog belonged to but said he thought he belonged in that section and felt sure that he would be a very happy pup when it came to venturing out on ice in the future.

**Pefferlaw Drowning Tragedy Narrowly Averted Monday**

Swept under a 50-foot culvert when he fell into a flood-swollen creek on his way home from school, Keith Hales of Pefferlaw in Georgian Township, was rescued after half an hour of buffeting against blocks of ice in the underground darkness. He was unconscious when removed and revived only after two hours of artificial respiration applied by a doctor and relatives. The lad is 7 years old.

John Hales, uncle of the boy, pulled him through an eight-inch aperture in the rotted timber near one end of the culvert after hearing him by the sound of moans.

Walking home along the C.N.R. track north of Pefferlaw with two schoolmates, the boy jumped in play into a bank of snow near the end of the culvert. The snow was hollow and he fell through into the stream and was carried swiftly under the culvert. Near the far end, a jam of ice blocks had formed against which he lodged.

His playmates ran to the nearby farm of Floyd Break, who hurried to the scene. Another neighbor bicycled to the Hales home, nearly two miles away, where he found Lyle Hales, the father, and John Hales about to go-fishing.

They drove to the culvert to help in the rescue. "Somehow he managed to keep his head above the water; there was a little space between the surface and the top of the culvert," said Mr. Break. "That stream is normally quiet, but just now it is running wild."

Most of the culvert is metal, but near the end is a wooden section where some timbers are rotted, and here the rescuers were attempting to dig through. John Hales found a small opening about eight inches wide. Listening, he could hear moans.

He reached his arm in to the

**FARM PAPER AIDS PLOWING EVENT**

Canada's biggest all-agricultural event is all set to go again. After suspending the International Plowing Match for five years, while there was a more urgent job to be done, the Ontario Plowmen's Association has announced that the big show is to be held this fall, at the Port Albert airport in Huron County, Ontario. As always, the Family Herald and Weekly Star will be on hand with special equipment to supply programs for all the events, so that contestants and visitors will know exactly what is going on all the time, and where.

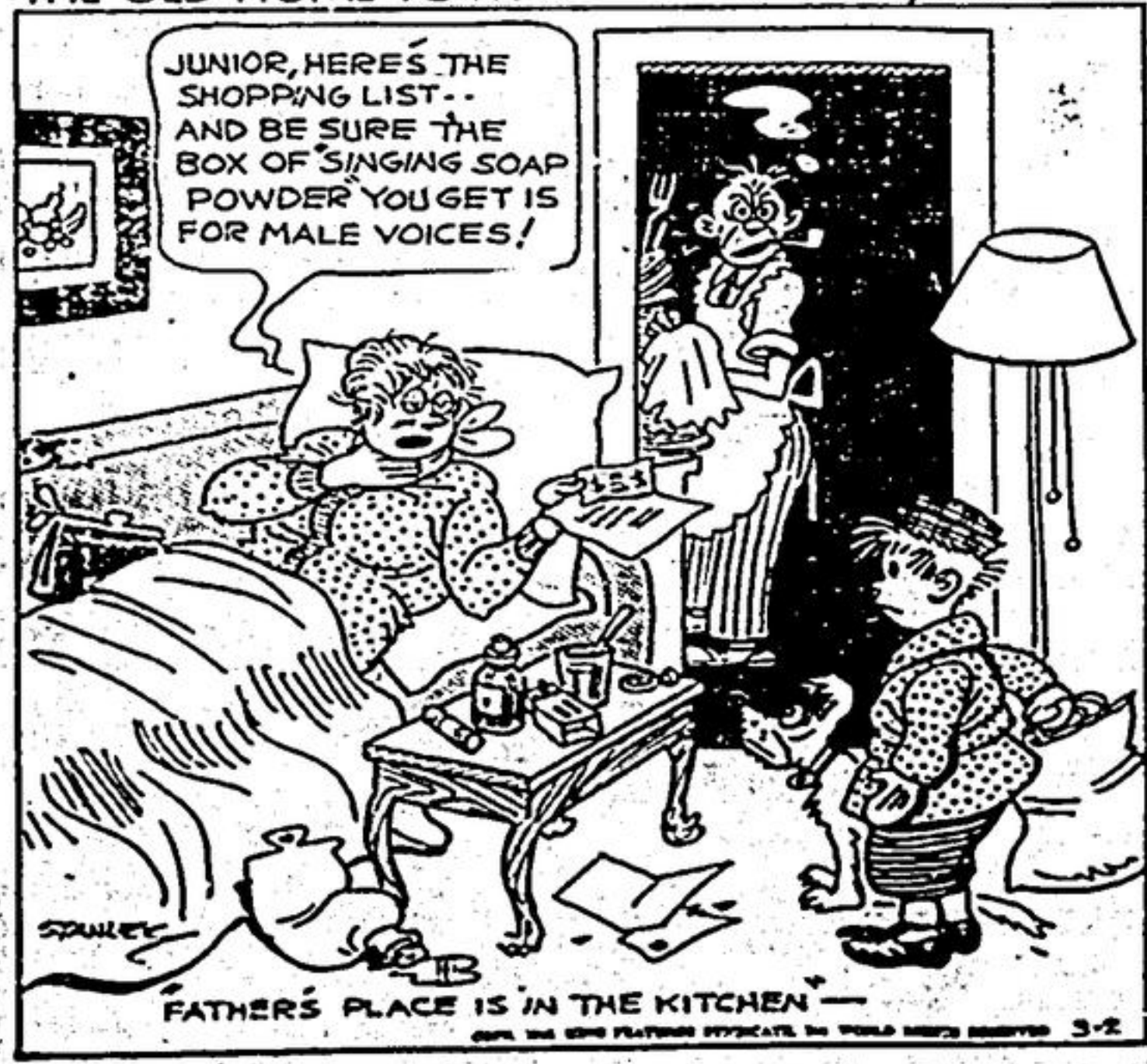
From the far-reaching plans that have been made and the enthusiasm and ability of the men in charge, this should be the best match ever held. The site provides everything needed for the comfort and convenience of contestants, exhibitors and visitors.

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shoulder, caught a part of the boy's clothes, and was able to draw him out. "If he had been six inches farther in I couldn't have reached him," he said.

**THE OLD HOME TOWN** By STANLEY



**THURSDAY NIGHT IS FOTO NITE OFFERS \$200-\$105**

Q.—I bought an expensive dark brown muskrat coat from a reliable firm two years ago. Since then I had my coat processed at a fur plant. Now the fur is falling out. Should a fur coat do this? If not, what should I do?

A.—Sorry, this does not concern WPTB regulations. We would suggest you make a complaint in writing, giving the particulars to the manager of the firm which treated your coat. They may be able to help you. If not, and you still feel the processing firm was at fault, take the matter up at once with your solicitor.

Q.—We never paid more than 55c for a five pound bag of dog food. Now they are charging 59c for it at the same store. I asked the clerk if they could raise the price. She told me that since the price controls had been lifted, they can raise it if they want to. Is this right?

A.—No. Price ceilings were suspended on a list of 300 non-essential articles and others in good supply. Dog food was not among them. Therefore it is still under ceiling price regulations. Thank you for giving us the name of the store. We will refer it to the WPTB investigation office at once for attention.

**VEGETABLE SUBSIDIES DROPPED—NEXT CROP PRICES UP**

No processing subsidies will be paid on the 1946 crop of tomatoes, peas, corn, and green and waxed beans, a joint statement by the Department of Agriculture and Wartime Prices and Trade Board announces. Cannery's maximum price ceilings on the 1946 pack will go up an amount corresponding to the subsidy.

Subsidy payments will cease on products invoiced and shipped after the following dates: peas, May 31; green and waxed beans, June 30; tomatoes and tomato juice, August 31.