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## Notes and Comments

#### Coin to Jingle

The Royal Mint makes more money than anybody. Since 1939 there has been more money coined at Ottawa than ever before in Canadian history. During the five war years, 550 million coins flowed from the mint — 350 million of them pennies. The pennies, if laid end to end would reach from Halifax to Dawson City in the Yukon... if there were any point to it.

Happy hoarding is the main reason for this mass production, and everybody in Canada—including Twin City citizens—have played a part. Consider the factors: There have been more coins jingling in pockets than before, there have been more nickels dropped in juke boxes and pin-ball machines and telephone coin boxes, more dimes in dime banks, more pennies in piggy banks. During the war there was the loose change dropped in the bottles for the "Milk to Britain" fund.

May the mint keep busy! With vacations coming up, the change is as good as a rest.

#### What Do People Read

(Picton Gazette)

A survey made in the United States for the Book Manufacturers Institute reveals that while the Bible is still the most read book, it is currently being pressed in popularity by the novel "Forever Amber." Ninety-five per cent of those polled said they read the Bible, and 84 per cent read "Forever Amber."

While the majority may have read the Bible, or parts of it sometime in their life, it is questionable that they are habitual readers. A large percentage of Bible readers read only a few verses in church on Sunday. We doubt if 30 per cent of the people make a practice of studying the Bible daily, or even once a week, judging from the knowledge of Biblical events shown by most people. It used to be that much more emphasis was placed on Bible reading than nowadays. No Christian-home was without a Bible, displayed in a prominent place in the household. Often it was the large size book, in which was recorded the births, deaths and marriages. Nightly reading of the Bible to the assembled family was more the practice than the exception. It doesn't seem to be the fashion anymore, however.

Even apart from its inspirational value, the Bible presents the finest style in our literature. Its many stories hold an absorbing interest. If you have not read it, we advise you to read a chapter or so daily.

The Book Manufacturer's poll also revealed that fiction accounts for 58 per cent of all books read and 37 per cent deal with non fiction. Adventure type stories are the most popular, while least read is poetry.

#### Budget Misses the Boat

(Daily Commercial News)

"After the obvious build-up of optimism that had been generated in the days preceding the presentation of the Budget by Rt. Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance, the provisions contained in it so far as tax reductions are concerned seem inadequate to provide the incentive to national production that is urgently needed at the present time.

At a time when material supplies are in tremendous demand, and when hardships are being endured by Canadians because of such shortages, many people had expected that there would be some immediate further relief from the burden of excess profits tax. In the Budget, there is a reduction from 40 per cent to 30 per cent in corporation taxes, but this does not take effect until January, 1947. Even when it does become operative, however, it is doubtful if the provision will be sufficient inducement for the production that is necessary to provide nearly full employment. It is unfortunate that more inducement to stimulate the

#### OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Since the heat in this capital has been excessive lately and the session has been lasting quite a long time now, it would be no great surprise to observers on Parliament Hill if more speed would be applied soon to the activities in order that Parliament may move more rapidly towards prorogation. Indeed, if early prorogation is to be accomplished, more sittings of Parliament may be inaugurated, it is hinted, and this may be continued until the session is prorogated. Incidentally, there has been much talk "in the lobbies" about the small number of members present on some occasions recently as revealed in the voting figures, such as in such important measures as the redistribution bill debate when two divisions found the figures to be 129 and 150 votes in a Parliament of 245 members. On other divisions, it was noted, for instance, on the Government's farm prices programme there were only 109 votes; on one occasion and 93 on another; on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation dispute there were only 155 votes; on the Crown companies dispute there were 154 votes; there were somewhat small numbers of members present on other occasions when important statements of policy were made and other significant discussions took place, including topics like atomic energy, international affairs, etc.

According to Order-In-Council, it appears that the regulations on Family Allowances may be tightened up since, under certain circumstances, it is provided the Director may order that the allowance be paid to such other person or agency deemed in the best interests of the child where in his opinion the person receiving the allowance does not apply exclusively same towards the child in respect of whom it is paid.

With an expenditure of no less than \$620,000,000 in the current fiscal year in different payments to

or on behalf of war veterans, including war service gratuities benefits, re-establishment credits, etc., it is disclosed in Ottawa that almost one quarter of all expenditures of the Federal Government this year will be directly for the benefit of veterans and their families.

Reconstruction Minister, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, has informed the Veterans' Committee of the House of Commons in Ottawa that the priority system for veterans on new cars or trucks has "bogged down" and charged that veterans have been re-selling their cars at times to civilians after buying them "on a colossal scale."

A delegation from the North American Indian Brotherhood of Canada and the United States, in colorful dress worn by some of them, marched along Parliament Hill and into the building in order to request consideration of an amendment to the Indian Act to assure the better welfare of Indian tribes throughout this country. In the colorful march could be seen the president of the Association, Andrew Paull, of North Vancouver, and the vice-president, J. Delisle, of Caughnawaga. One Indian, Alex McKinnon, of St. James, B.C., was said to have travelled 96 miles on snowshoes to reach his own tribe as well as to arrange for a delegation to be sent to this meeting.

"Canada has carried one-fifth of the entire burden of supplying food to the famine-stricken nations of the world," said in Ottawa the former president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, during his visit to this city in order to talk things over on food matters. "Just because a child grows to manhood, there is no reason for it to lose its affection for its parents," said in an address here Canada's Fisheries Minister Bridges. "So with our nation and its growth. I like that word 'Commonwealth' it means that we, Britain, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand are united together for the 'common wealth' of all of us."

Members of Parliament have emphasized the need for more

required production is not contained in the Budget.

The reductions in personal taxes that are offered will prove inadequate and will be so delayed that they will not be reflected in returns until April, 1948.

The failure to reduce these taxes to a greater extent will be a disappointment to many wage-earners and will indirectly, add fuel to the fires of labor troubles which have been plaguing the country.

#### Auditing Costs on the Jump

Twenty-five years ago municipalities like Markham, Pickering and Whitchurch townships got their books audited for \$100 and even less. Stouffville paid only \$40. All that is changed now with the increasing demands by higher authority for a more careful and exhaustive audit.

This year Markham Township is paying its firm of auditors \$650, which is \$200 more than they paid prior to the new regulation requiring the township auditors to audit the school books for all the township sections. Stouffville is paying \$200 for a chartered accountant services.

The present method of auditing by professionals is so complicated that not five per cent of the ratepayers in any of the municipalities mentioned, could gain the slightest information from the reports submitted.

However, this does not mean that the reports are not well done, and provide a safe-guard for the ratepayers against monies going astray. The auditing must be done in such a manner that government auditors are satisfied with the reports because the province is participating more and more in contributing to local taxation, and they demand to know that the money is spent according to the formula prescribed.

The Dept. of Highways pays half the township road expenditures and the Dept. of Education meets half the rural school costs or more, consequently they have a right to demand properly audited statements.

#### Domestic Heating

Faced with an unprecedented shortage of fuel many Canadian authorities who should be taking some action have been debating costs and ways and means while the nation is on the threshold of a shivering winter. Apart from the current coal strikes, it may be said that coal as a means of domestic heating will shortly be a thing of the past. Within the last ten years oil has replaced coal in a large number of homes. But oil is not the ultimate answer because the supply is limited. What future developments of atomic energy may be used to solve the heating problem is not at all known. Then there is electricity. For some obscure reason, many authorities keep insisting that it would be too expensive and altogether impractical. True the present supply is woefully inadequate but potential electric power developments are limitless.

On the word of a very brilliant engineer The Times-Gazette of Oshawa is told that even at present rates, hydro heating of a well-insulated home is possible. And, as the war demonstrated, cost is no object in a national emergency.

A few years before the war, Ontario was said to be saddled with more power than it could possibly use. That picture changed overnight. If the coal situation is as bad as we have been led to believe, many folks will turn to the electric heater to help out in mild weather. There is plenty of evidence that hydro heating is practical though possibly expensive. Costly heat is better than no heat at all.

#### "Holland and the Canadians"

Canadian troops who fought through Holland when that country was liberated by the First Canadian Army, are soon to receive copies of a fine souvenir book, "Holland and the Canadians," published in Amsterdam by the Canada-Netherlands Committee.

Designed as a gift from the people of Holland to "their Canadian liberators," the book is an outstanding contribution to the literary and photographic records of the past war. Some 42,000 copies have been allocated by the Committee for distribution in Canada and these have now been shipped from Ottawa to Army Public Relations Officers in each of the nine provinces. Unfortunately there are too few books available to provide copies for every Canadian soldier who saw service in Holland.

Soldiers who served in Holland and who desire a copy should communicate with the Headquarters of their Unit, as a limited number of books have been sent to each Unit, the Active battalion of which served in Holland, for distribution.

crime prevention as well as rehabilitation of prisoners, including the establishment of the Borstal system which has saved many young criminals in the United Kingdom from careers of crime to become useful and better citizens. A two day conference has been held in this capital by about 25 matrons from centres across this country by the Veterans' Affairs Department Nursing Association and it has dealt with future policies as well as plans, with this being the first meeting of its kind. Dr. George Miller, bacon expert of the Federal Department of Agriculture, has been sent to Britain in order to

report on British reception of Canada's improved bacon products. Jacques Greber, the world famous town planner, has returned to Ottawa with his master plan to beautify this nation's capital, claiming that the work on these plans has been proceeding much faster than anticipated initially, including two years work in one year. A distinguished professor of paediatrics, Dr. F. F. Tisdall, O.B.E., has stated in Ottawa that people on a poor milk diet age more rapidly and have considerably less adult vitality that those who get sufficient milk, with the added remark by

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him that all persons should include milk around their diets, it is being a food and not a beverage. Canada's North American Figure Skating Champion, Miss Barbara Ann Scott of Ottawa, has become a great enthusiast for aviation and she has made her first solo flight. The leader of the C.C.F. party, M. J. Coldwell, was shaken up somewhat and his automobile damaged to some extent as a result of an accident between his car and a tram in this capital. Ottawa may have a hinterland such as no capital in the world has" was the statement made before the Senate Tourist Traffic Committee in this capital when a suggestion was made that an additional 30,000 to 40,000 acres should be added to beautiful Gatineau Park near this capital, with the president of the Federal Woodlands Preservation League, R. Percy Sparks, proposing plans to extend this park from its present area of 16,000 to 50,000 acres. (Reproduction Prohibited, 1946, Federal Features Syndicate).

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