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**Notes and Comments**

**Canada Her Own Sugar Bowl**

Canada could become self-sufficient in sugar supplies through the development of the sugar beet industry, according to John Blackmore, member for Lethbridge in the House of Commons. He spoke on the issue last week, and what he said should be interesting to farmers, and to all others as well.

He suggested that development of the domestic industry would provide Canadians with a stable and cheap supply of this commodity.

Canada could become the "sugar bowl" of the world. At present, Canada was a "poor relation" in the sugar supplies, depending on a world pool to give her a portion of world supplies.

Mr. Blackmore said the beet sugar industry did not need special concessions. All it needed was "plain common sense" management from the Government. The industry would provide employment and enrich the country generally.

He said that the fact the beet sugar industry has been able to compete in a low price market proved that it could be operated on an economically sound basis.

**Family Reunions**

July seems to be the favorite month for family reunions. Maybe it's because the weather is more settled during the seventh month. The weather can make or mar a gathering of the clan as much as a picnic since both are necessarily outdoor events.

Time was when the branches of a family tree would do well to have a hundred or so representatives at a reunion. Now such gatherings frequently run to four figures. This change has been brought about largely by the motorcar which has helped to shrink distance and add to the pleasures of travelling.

Years ago when members of a clan met, the principal pastimes were to indulge in reminiscences and trace back descent to the umpteenth degree. Many of the oldtimers are expert genealogists. Anyone who has tried to study family pedigrees will readily admit that it can present as great difficulties as any problem in geometry. No doubt that is one way in which our forebears developed their thinking power.

Nowadays the young people are more interested in sports than solving genealogical problems. That probably accounts for the sports program having become an essential part of the family reunion. However, the repast, featuring a wide range of tasty food, remains a highlight of any family gathering. People still like to eat.

Family reunions are getting into the "big business" class. They are well organized and follow long-range planning.

**Radio Licence Fee**

A great many Canadians would like to see the radio license fee abolished. Hence it came as a shock to them when the spokesman for the Canadian Association for Adult Education suggested an increase from the present levy of \$2.50 to \$3.

The Montreal Star points out that when the CBC was first formed a limit was placed on the amount of revenue it could obtain from commercial advertising. That limit was \$500,000. Yet in his recent report to the House of Commons Radio Committee the general manager, Dr. Frigon, reported revenue from commercial broadcasting as \$1,692,000 and expressed disappointment at this return because the CBC had budgeted for \$1,800,000. That sum is more than three times the amount to which the CBC was limited when it began operations, and it can hardly be claimed that the improvement of its service to the public has maintained the same.

There is a strong feeling that the collecting of radio license is just providing a job for so many more employees supported by the government. Instances are plenty where the radio car has cruised around places like Stouffville for days, and it must have made a big hold in the receipts for licenses from this district to meet the cost of that car and the well paid officials riding in it.

**Old School Records**

In several parts of Ontario the former boards of trustees for individual rural schools are being abolished and township boards of education inaugurated. Some school sections have histories running back for a century and more, and their old minute books and teachers' registers of pupils are records of historical value. Many of them are in the hands of former trustees, secretaries or teachers and are likely to be lost or destroyed if not assembled in some municipal office. The new township boards should collect and care for the old documents.—Guelph Mercury.

**"Make Hay While the Sun Shines"**

We would like to direct the admonition at the head of this comment to the strikers throughout Ontario. Never had they a better chance to "make money while the opportunity is ripe" than right now, but the chance is being thrown away and thousands are on strike who were well satisfied.

But just now we are dealing with the farmer and his haying. Early July brings the clatter of the mowing machine to the countryside. You cannot drive out of Stouffville in any direction and miss the mowing machine's merry clink. It marks the beginning of the harvest season, and while such devices as the hayfork and the hayloader have helped to lessen the burdens of haying, it is still a prespiring yet nice job. It is hard especially for the man who takes the position in the mow of levelling off the hay. That's a hot spot with the sun beating down on the barn roof, and perhaps little or no breeze in the mow. However, despite this fact, farmers survive it well, for seldom do workers keel over levelling hay. Most accidents arise from falling out of the mow, or because some machine or rope breaks injuring someone with the recoil.

Hay is perhaps the cheapest of all crops to grow and gather into the barns.

The Province of Quebec is the Dominion's biggest hay producer. In 1944, according to the Canada Year Book, the gross value of hay and clover in Canada was \$183,640,000, from an acreage of 10,120,000, and a tonnage of 15,102,000.

*New Playing!* Friday & Saturday, July 19 and 20  
 "Ten Cents a Dance"—Jane Frazee  
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**OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT**

It must be reported that there is no small degree of concern backstage in this capital about the possible length of this session on account of the huge list of tasks still facing the legislators before it can be closed, even eliminating that nothing unexpected may turn up to delay proceedings of the House of Commons, though such an eventuality is possible, of course. In addition to bills or resolutions on the order paper already, the chief item of business is, of course, the budget. But it is only one task and there remains to be passed a considerable volume of estimates. Then there are bills dealing with veterans' affairs, predicted to be twelve, and

other bills arising from reports of committees.

A total of no less than 40,260 wives and children of Canadian service personnel have been brought to this country up to and including July 5 but still awaiting transportation in the United Kingdom are 15,227 wives and 4,357 children, with 2,188 wives and 67 children in Northwest Europe. This has become known in Ottawa where it is pointed out that the population boost would be over 62,000 war brides and children when this is accomplished.

The price of imported American coal to the Canadian consumer will not be affected by the new parity of the Canadian and American dollars, it is indicated in this capital, though Canadian industries will benefit since the price of their imported coal has not been sub-

sided, with the 10 cent benefit on every dollar being eaten up in lessening the subsidies by which the Canadian Government has kept the price to Canadian family consumers within certain ceilings.

Resulting from "rapid deterioration of price control in the United States," the Minister of Finance, Rt. Hon. J. L. Hilsley, has announced that the Canadian Government has taken four steps to "maintain order stability and independence" in this nation's economic and financial affairs, including adjustment to parity of Canada and the American dollar; clear listing of all goods now under "ceilings" which involve all articles really of significance in normal household budget; rigid control of markups (profits) on imports not eligible for price controlling subsidies so that henceforth all imported goods of a certain kind subject to price control, unless dealt with on another basis, will be priced on importer's landed costs plus prescribed maximum markup in each case which will be less than markup normally obtained by distributors of similar domestic goods and subsidies paying policy will continue.

It is held in Ottawa that this practical insulation of Canada's economy against current unfavorable external conditions and easing of present inflationary pressures may bring sweeping implications but officials here refuse opinions on same, though it is evident that Canadian Government has no intention "to move exchange rate with every passing wind."

"We have established a simple and workable pricing principle for imports which, among other things, will enable a continued flow of whatever goods are available from other countries despite fluctuation in foreign prices," said Mr. Hilsley.

According to two bills introduced in Parliament by Justice Minister St. Laurent, it is intended to increase the number of puisne judges of the Exchequer Court from two to three and to raise the salaries paid judges generally by one-third starting next Jan. 1.

"If it isn't listed, it isn't under the ceiling," said in Ottawa Donald Gordon, chairman, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, in referring to new order listing all goods considered to be under price control in Canada. "When all is said and done, the objectives of our national stabilization program are the preservation of real social values, the protection of the value of real wages, of real incomes of primary producers, of the real value of the income of pensioners and teachers and office workers and of the wartime savings of so many millions of Canadians," declared Rt. Hon. J. L. Hilsley in Parliament. "Let us not be unduly dismayed by the trouble and turmoil in the world of to-day," stated Premier Mackenzie King. "What else could be expected as the aftermath of the appalling hatred and strife of recent

years?" "Canadian food products will be in demand for a long time," declared Hon. D. L. Campbell, Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba in an interview in this capital.

While tourist trade may be affected adversely in certain parts of Canada by the parity of the Canadian and American dollar, yet it is stated in Ottawa that buyers from the United States may be plentiful since the price control system is much tighter in this country and prices generally lower for certain commodities. Investigation into irregularities in the handling of food ration coupons in some branches of the Banque Provinciale are continuing, it is learned here. The matter of filling posts of high diplomatic standing in Britain, Australia and South Africa, are dependent in some measure on

transfers in the Canadian diplomatic corps. Canadians who did "underground" work will get veterans' rights and benefits since the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the House of Commons has approved a draft bill to give such benefits and rights to 51 "special operators" who were dropped into Europe to do such dangerous work, with the remark that considerable number of them were killed. Reconstruction Minister Howe has said in Ottawa that "if somebody will give up \$50,000,000 for Polymer Corporation, we will sell it," this referring to the artificial rubber plan owned by the Federal Government. One of the principal features of the bill adopted by the House of Commons to curb monopolies in trade is that it allows the Exchequer Court to cancel the patent and trademark rights of any firm restricting their use to the detriment of the public.

**EDITOR'S MAIL**

Gormley, July 9.

Dear Editor;  
 Many thousands of people are starving in Europe and I am wondering if Christian farmers should use grain to feed chickens, pigs and cattle. Britain's Lord President of the Council, Herbert Morrison, said in Washington, "It must not be said that the hogs' troughs were full while the children's plates were empty."

It takes almost six pounds of grain to produce one pound of edible meat. Grain is not as perishable as meat and is easier to ship. Livestock is competing with humans for the world's food supply. Experts see no improvement for two years. Most of us could eat less meat and feel better for it. I know from experience.

George DeWitt

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Amount paid to plant employees . . . . . DOUBLED  
 Income Tax payments . . . . . INCREASED SIX FOLD  
 Profits paid to shareholders . . . . . NO INCREASE AT ALL

Year's payments by Dominion Textile	Year ended March 31 1939	1946	Increase
To plant employees	\$4,503,785	\$9,297,538	106%
To Income Tax	244,513	1,509,647	617%
To shareholders**	1,485,842	1,485,842	NONE

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